



TO: CRL Council of Voting Members

FROM: Virginia Steel, Chair, Nominating Committee

DATE: April 23, 2020

RE: Slate of nominees for CRL Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee was charged to prepare a slate of nominees for election to the Board of Directors of the Center for Research Libraries by the Council of Voting Members. The Nominating Committee presents the following as candidates for three-year terms on the Board of Directors, beginning April 23, 2020.

- (New term) Diane Bruxvoort, Dean of Libraries, University of North Texas
- (New term) Alexia Hudson-Ward, Azariah Smith Root Director of Libraries, Oberlin College
- (New term) Roger Schonfeld, Director of the Ithaka S+R Libraries, Scholarly Communication and Museums Program
- (New term) Carol Shepstone, Chief Librarian, Ryerson University
- (Second term) David Marshall, Executive Vice Chancellor, University of California, Santa Barbara

Biographies of the new nominees follow in this report.

The members of the Nominating Committee are:

- Virginia Steel, University of California - Los Angeles (Chair)
- Gwen Bird, Simon Fraser University
- Janet Bishop, The Claremont Colleges
- Sarah Pritchard, Northwestern University
- Gregory T. Eow, CRL (ex officio)

***New Nominees for Election to the CRL Board of Directors: 2020-2021***

***Diane Bruxvoort***, currently Dean of Libraries at the University of North Texas, Bruxvoort spent the first half of her career in public libraries in the Houston, TX area before moving to academic libraries. She spent ten years at the University of Houston first in Access Services and then as the Associate Dean for Collections. A stint in ARL's Leadership Development program led her to the University of Florida where she served as Senior Associate Dean before accepting the position of University Librarian & Director at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland.

Bruxvoort has been active throughout her career in the Texas Library Association and the American Library Association eventually serving as President of LLAMA. While in the UK she was active in the Scottish Consortia of University Libraries (SCURL) and the Society of College, National, and University Libraries (SCONUL) and served on the Board of Directors of Research Libraries UK. Bruxvoort has published peer-reviewed articles, reviews, and a book chapter, jointly authored two books, and has been a guest at many invited presentations.

***Alexia Hudson-Ward***, is the Azariah Smith Root Director of Libraries for Oberlin College and Conservatory. Her transition into Oberlin follows a career of distinction as a tenured associate librarian at Penn State University, an award winning entertainment editor for *The Philadelphia Tribune* (the nation's oldest continuing African American newspaper), a promotions coordinator for WRTI-FM/Temple University Public Radio, and a marketing manager within The Coca-Cola Company's Foodservice Division.

Alexia is the recipient of several honors including named as one of fifty "Mover and Shakers" by *Library Journal* in 2008 and the "Outstanding Young Alumni" awardee by the University of Pittsburgh's School of Computing and Information in 2013. A former member of the Executive Board of the American Library Association (2012-2015) and the current Chair of ACRL's College Libraries Section, she contributes to the community and the profession through service on various boards and advisory committees.

Alexia holds a MLIS from the University of Pittsburgh and a BA degree in English Literature and African American Studies from Temple University. She is currently a doctoral candidate in the Managerial Leadership in the Information Professions program at Simmons University.

***Roger C. Schonfeld***, is director of the Ithaka S+R Libraries, Scholarly Communication and Museums Program. In this role, he leads Ithaka S+R's studies of academics' and students' attitudes, practices, and needs, as well research on the changing role of the academic library, scholarly publisher, learned society, and museum. He also consults with libraries and library consortia, digital humanities projects, distinctive collections and centers of excellence, and scholarly publishers.

Roger has served on the NSF Blue Ribbon Task Force for Sustainable Digital Preservation and Access and NISO's Open Discovery Initiative. Earlier, he was a research associate at The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, where he worked on projects related to college athletics and scholarly communication. Roger has a degree in English Literature from Yale University.

**Carol Shepstone**, Carol Shepstone is Chief Librarian at Ryerson University, an innovative comprehensive research university located in the heart of Toronto Canada and on the territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee and the Wendat Peoples. Ryerson Library serves a diverse community of faculty and students (appx 40,000) across a range of undergraduate and graduate programs and numerous specialized research institutes and zones.

Carol has over 20 years of experience working in academic libraries and has extensive experience in collaborative partnership building, library building design, and organizational change. She is committed to open scholarship, open education and advancing library leadership and research in these areas. Her research interests include intellectual property, organizational culture, library building design and perceptions of library value. Carol is an active member of, and serves on, many regional, national and provincial boards, associations and consortia including the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL), Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN), Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL), the newly formed National Digital Research Infrastructure Organization (NDRIO). Carol is excited about the potential of joining CRL and having the opportunity to share and expand her expertise in academic libraries as we move forward together in these exceptional times.