ALA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION 2019

Candidate: ALEXANDRA RIVERA

Current Position: Senior Associate Librarian -

Student Success and Community Engagement Librarian

University of Michigan Library - Ann Arbor, MI

Education: University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI), MSLIS, 2004

Northern Arizona University (Flagstaff, AZ), BS Communications, 1995

ALA Activities: ALA, 2000-present

Councilor at large 2012-present

- Nominating Committee for 2019 election, chair 2017-2018
- Committee on Committees, member 2016-2017
- International Relations Committee, member 2014-2018
- Committee on Diversity, member 2009-2013 chair 2011-2013
- Planning and Budget Assembly, member, 2011-2013
- Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table, 2012present
- Intellectual Freedom Round Table, 2016-present
- International Relations Round Table, 2017-present
- Library Instruction Round Table, 2018-present
- New Member Round Table, 2018-present

ACRL, 2005-present

- ACRL Leadership Recruitment and Nomination Committee, 2018-2020
- ACRL Communities of Practice Assembly, 2017-2018
- ACRL 2017 Conference Roundtable Discussion Committee, 2015-2017
- ACRL 2013 Conference Contributed Papers Committee, 2012-2013

ACRL University Libraries Section (ULS), 2010-present

- ULS Chair 2017-2018, Past Chair 2018-19, Chair-elect 2016-17
- ACRL University Libraries Executive Committee, chair, 2017-2018 and 2010-2012
- ACRL ULS Conference Program Planning New Orleans, 2018 Committee 2016-2018
- ACRL ULS Professional Development Award Committee, chair, 2018-2019 and 2016-2017
- ACRL ULS Academic Outreach Committee: chair, 2010-2012 ACRL Instruction Section
 - Instruction for Diverse Populations: member, 2006-2010, chair, 2008-2010

ALA Affiliate Activities

- Joint Council for Librarians of Color, Inc. Board of Directors, Vice President, 2016 – 2019
- Joint Conference for Librarians of Color, 2006-2013, Executive Steering Committee member-REFORMA rep., 2007-2015
- REFORMA, 2000-present
 Executive Board Member at Large, 2000-2003

Honors and Awards

- ALA Equality Award 2018
- Association of Research Libraries Leadership and Career Development Program Fellowship – 2011-12
- University of Arizona Faculty Fellow 2009 2011
- Minnesota Leadership Institute for Early Career Librarians -August 2006
- ALA Spectrum Scholar 2001

Other Professional/ Activities

Arizona Library Association, 2005-2009 Michigan Library Association, 2013-2014, 2018-present

Statement of Professional Concerns

My 28 year career in libraries was born from a desire to foster equitable access to information. What began as a classified staff job has developed to a fulfilling and impactful career as a librarian. My involvement with ALA since 2000 has helped to foster my personal and professional growth, first as a Spectrum Scholar and most recently as chair of the ALA Nominating Committee, as ACRL ULS chair, and as Vice-President of the Joint Council of Librarians of Color, Inc. which hosted a highly successful 2018 conference. Currently, ALA's leadership is guiding a reorganization process toward greater effectiveness and agility for the 21st century. At this critical juncture, and in appreciation of ALA, I would like to serve as a member of the Executive Board. I offer professional expertise, leadership, passion, and energy to assist ALA's continued evolution of responsibility and responsiveness to our varied needs as ALA members.