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Columns

Checking In

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We have several new members to NASIG:

Jonathan Christensen, a first semester graduate student in the Master of Library and Information Science program in the School of Information at San Jose State University (SJSU), vice president/president-elect for the SJSU iSchool SLA Student Chapter, and student founder/first president of the First Generation Student Group, submitted the following:

My path to NASIG was more cursory than intentional. I found out about the organization from my school, which notified us that students received free memberships. Since I did not know much about NASIG, I decided to look into the organization and found the information on the website to very interesting. I have not decided on what path I will take in my career, so I joined NASIG to see if I could get more information about potential career paths, along with professional development opportunities. Thus far, I have been enjoying the newsletters I have received and look forward to greater participation in the future!

David Fournier came to join NASIG when he first heard about the opportunity to be mentored:

It always seems that I can learn and enhance my knowledge of serials librarianship. I am working part-time for the San Jose Public Library, and I am a member of the Electronic Resources Team.

Celia Gavett is the head of Continuing Resources & Collection Maintenance at Columbia Law School's Arthur W. Diamond Law Library, and is currently pursuing an MLS at the University at Buffalo. As this year's winner of the Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship, she is grateful to NASIG for its generous support and warm welcome.

Sandra Quiatkowski, PhD writes:

I began working in serials at Marian (formerly College) University in Indianapolis, Indiana. My responsibilities included evaluating various subscription vendors and selecting one to work with. In addition, I prepared the periodicals for the bindery. After that, I worked overseas for quite a long time, and it was during that time we made the switch from print to electronic journals. I am the director and sole library staff at the American College of Education in Indianapolis, where I am also responsible for our electronic journal collection. I was thrilled to finally join NASIG, and I look forward to becoming active in the organization!

Melanie Schlosser's short version is that:

I just joined NASIG and am about to attend the conference for the first time because I am the new community facilitator for the Library Publishing

Coalition, and am interested in finding ways for our communities to work together.

Kayla Whitehead writes:

I have a Bachelor in Psychology from Loyola University New Orleans (2004) and a Master in International Relations from Webster University (2008). I've been working in libraries since 2004, mostly in acquisitions. I started working with print serials in 2008 at Loyola University New Orleans. Eventually, I began to work with electronic resources, as well. I left Loyola in 2014 to pursue other opportunities. I am currently the serials coordinator at Brandeis University and am (finally) attending library school at San Jose State University (estimated completion date, Dec. 2018). I probably should have joined NASIG a long time ago, but now that I am working towards the MLIS, I thought now would be a good time.