

# NASIG Newsletter

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## Upcoming Conference News

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### PPC Update

Kelli Getz & Anna Creech, PPC chair & vice-chair

The Program Planning Committee (PPC) is excited about the program for the upcoming conference in Fort Worth. The Call for Proposals will close on November 15th, and the PPC will begin the evaluation process by the end of November. Presenters will be notified by mid-December.

The PPC will also be holding the second Great Ideas Showcase on Friday afternoon. In the Great Ideas Showcase, presenters will have a tabletop for a poster display, laptop presentation, or handouts to showcase their innovative projects, ideas, and research. The interactive aspect, as well as expansion beyond flat media, allows presenters to connect with attendees and better communicate their Great Ideas. The call for Great Ideas will go out at the beginning of February.

The call for Informal Discussion Groups will go out at the end of February. Informal Discussion Groups are casual lunch discussions where attendees can discuss serials/e-resources topics, convene user group meetings, or continue discussions that were sparked by a session speaker. These will be held during lunchtime on Saturday, and you can either bring lunch from another location or purchase a boxed lunch with your registration (boxed lunches will be available for purchase at a later date if you change your mind).

PPC is pleased to announce the following Vision Speakers for the 29th Annual NASIG Conference!

### Jenica Rogers

Jenica Rogers is the director of libraries for the State University of New York at Potsdam.

She is best known for her public decision not to renew her university's annual subscription to the American Chemical Society's (ACS) online journals package because of the ever-increasing subscription costs. Her current professional interests include interrogating the ways our information economy is breaking down and reforming now that the internet changed everything, figuring out what the role of a library is in a reality in which warehousing books is sort of passé, and informing, mentoring, and supporting new library professionals as they hit the real world face-first and at full speed.

### Katherine Skinner

Dr. Katherine Skinner is the executive director of the Educopia Institute, a not-for-profit educational organization that hosts inter-institutional, collaborative programs for the production, dissemination, and preservation of digital scholarship. She is the founding program director for the MetaArchive Cooperative, a community-owned and community-governed digital preservation network founded in 2004 that now has more than fifty member institutions in four countries. She also serves as the host of the Library Publishing Coalition project, in which forty-seven university libraries currently are designing and implementing a collaborative that addresses and supports an evolving, distributed, and diverse range of library publishing and production practices.

### **Herbert Van de Sompel**

Herbert Van de Sompel is the team leader of the Prototyping Team at the Research Library of the Los Alamos National Laboratory. The Team does research regarding various aspects of scholarly communication in the digital age, including information infrastructure, interoperability, digital preservation, and indicators for the assessment of the quality of units of scholarly communication. Herbert has played a major role in creating the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH), the Open Archives Initiative Object Reuse & Exchange specifications (OAI-ORE), the OpenURL Framework for Context-Sensitive Services, the SFX linking server, the bX scholarly recommender service, and info URI. Currently, he works with his team on the [Open Annotation](#), [Memento](#) (time travel for the Web), and [ResourceSync](#) projects.

Preconference topics will include RDA, e-resources licensing and negotiation, open access, and more. Stay tuned for more information!