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Checking In

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Welcome, one and all, to the greatest (library) show on earth!

NASIG.

Beginning with a couple of classmates from the University of Alberta:

Robin Chorzempa writes,

As a second year student of the Masters of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) program at the University of Alberta, Canada, I am interested in supporting my community by promoting lifelong learning, communication, and acquiring the tools necessary for finding quality resources. My interests are widespread and I continue to learn new things in my program, but also in my part time work in bibliographic services and at the Bruce Peel Special Collections Library. In bibliographic services, I work alongside the serials team on various projects, as well as being the one responsible for opening their mail! I chose to join NASIG because I would like to learn more about serials and the organization's values.

Lilith Lee writes,

I am currently a student at the University of Alberta's online MLIS program. For the last two years I have experienced a lot of changes, from moving from Spain to Canada, to changing my career from teaching humanities in medicine to librarianship. I have discovered many engaging areas within information studies, and serial librarianship has appealed to me from my interest in twentieth-century serials. Being new to the field, I strive to keep myself well-informed. When I saw NASIG's call for new members on my university mailing list, I decided immediately to join. I am very excited by the opportunities and activities NASIG offers!

Then, University of Maryland grad, **Fiona McNabb**, writes,

I'm really looking forward to getting involved, and I'm pretty sure this is the warmest welcome I've received from a professional organization.

[Your humble editor takes a bow.]

After college, I chose to pursue the Archives and Records Management specialization at University of Maryland's iSchool, and I made it all the way through my MLS (Masters of Library Science) without considering serials librarianship. I applied for a job as a government contractor at an archive under the National Library of Medicine's National Center for Biotechnology Information and a few months later, I was surprised to find myself not in the stacks organizing old books or records, but online, virtually up to my knees in biomedical research journal articles. At the digital archive PubMed Central, I have had the privilege of working on diverse tasks and projects at the convergence of government, archives, publishing, academia, and librarianship. I

find the interplay between the different facets of my work fascinating, and I hope that NASIG will help me connect with others who share my interests as well as providing opportunities for multidisciplinary professional development.

And, current student at San Jose State University,
Megan Ozeran, writes,

I'm a current MLIS student at San Jose State University, expecting to graduate in May 2017. At the moment I'm working in a small community college library where I am one of only two staff members, so I do a little bit of everything. This summer I was an intern at the CSU (California State University) Northridge library where I had the opportunity to explore digital services in three ways: creating records of faculty publications in the institutional repository; digitizing special collections; and managing electronic resources (e.g., analyzing cost/use for vendor databases). I recently joined NASIG because membership is free to students (yay!) and I thought it would be a great way to learn more about the world of scholarly communication. Once I have my MLIS I plan to continue as an academic librarian, and my general goal is to use new technologies to improve access to information and resources.

[Editor's note: I really like this column. We get some good stories. My personal thanks to all who provide them. And, welcome!]