



Upcoming Conference News

PPC Update

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The Program Planning Committee (PPC) has put together an exciting and diverse program of presentations for the upcoming conference in June in Indianapolis, IN. Program speakers have been confirmed, and, by the time this article sees publication, registration should be open, so you can check out the schedule for yourself!

We are also very excited about our Vision Speakers:

- Michel Dumontier of Maastricht University, who will speak on the cutting edge topic of semantic publishing.
- April Hathcock of New York University, a leading thinker and writer in the area of diversity and inclusion in libraries.
- Carol Tilley of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a renowned scholar in the field of comic books and graphic novels.

We also will have a rich variety of preconference workshops. Topics will include:

- Best practices for managing research data, with Cheryl Thompson of the University of Illinois
- Managing technical services projects, with Maria Collins and Kristen Wilson of North Carolina State University
- Collection assessment, with Genya O’Gara and Madeline Kelly of George Mason University
- Linked data, with Robert Rendall and Amber Billey of Columbia University

- MARCEdit (both basic and advanced), with Terry Reese of Ohio State University and Shana McDanold of Georgetown University

Calls for the Great Ideas Showcase (that is, poster sessions) and the Snapshot Sessions (brief, 5 to 7 minute presentations) should have already gone out by the time this sees publication. In addition, we should have already announced our new Student Showcase Sessions, which will give our LIS student members the chance to give brief 5 to 7 minute presentations in a professional setting. Also, be on the lookout for our Vendor Lightning Talks, which will give our members from the commercial community the chance to discuss their products and services.

See you in Indy!