



## Upcoming Conference News

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### PPC Update

Violeta Ilik, PPC Chair

### Vision Speakers

The Program Planning Committee lined up three vision speakers for NASIG 2018 Conference and they include Sören Auer, Lisa Macklin, and Lauren Smith.

Dr. Sören Auer was just recently appointed as Professor for Data Science and Digital Libraries at Leibniz University of Hannover and director of TIB German National Library of Science and Technology. Sören is co-founder of high-impact research and community projects such as the Wikipedia semantification project DBpedia, the OpenCourseWare authoring platform SlideWiki.org, and the spatial data integration platform LinkedGeoData. He serves as an expert for industry, the European Commission, the W3C, and as board member of the Open Knowledge Foundation.

Lisa Macklin, JD, MLS, is the Director of Scholarly Communications Office, Library and Information Technology Services at Emory University. Lisa collaborated with the Library Policy Committee and the Center for Faculty Development and Excellence in Open Access Conversations at Emory. In March 2011, the Faculty Council endorsed an open access policy that led to the creation of OpenEmory, a repository of Emory faculty-authored articles. In addition, an open access publishing fund was launched with OpenEmory, and provides funds to make it easier for Emory authors to publish in eligible open-access (OA) journals and books when no alternative funding is available. Lisa will continue working with faculty advisors as the Libraries implement these and other OA initiatives.

Lauren Smith is the Research Associate at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. She co-founded Voices for the Library, a UK-wide public libraries advocacy organization, and she is involved in the Radical Librarians Collective. Her research focuses on political information behavior, political participation and citizenship; information/news/media/digital literacy; critical approaches to education and librarianship; social justice, access, equity and inclusion in education and information.

### Pre-Conferences

The PPC has arranged for five pre-conferences and they include:

1. Linked Data – Amber Billey (Bard College) and Robert Rendall (Columbia University)
2. A Beginner's Guide to MarcEdit 7 – Terry Reese (Ohio State University)
3. Introduction to Serials Cataloging with RDA – Steve Shadle (University of Washington)
4. EZproxy – Hank Sway (OCLC)
5. Agile-Inspired Project Management for Librarians – Galadriel Chilton (Ivy Plus Libraries)

### Call for Proposals

The call for proposal is open until November 15, 2017 on the following site:

<https://proposalspace.com/calls/d/800>.