



## 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.

Our opening vision speaker is Dr Sören Auer who recently was 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 or the spatial data integration platform LinkedGeoData. He serves as an expert for industry, the European Commission, the W3C and board member of the Open Knowledge Foundation.

Lauren Smith is a 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.

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.

### Pre-Conferences

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

#### Day 1:

A Beginner's Guide to MarcEdit 7 – Speaker: Terry Reese – full day

Released at the end of 2017, MarcEdit 7 represents the most recent version of the MarcEdit software suite. So, whether you are just hearing about MarcEdit, or have used it for years and interested in learning how you might be able to improve your existing workflows and processing – this preconference will endeavor to provide you with the tools that you need to take your MarcEdit skills to the next level. Presented by the software creator, the preconference offers attendees and opportunity to learn using real-world questions address issues like automation, regular expressions, and

common MARC processing questions. Additionally, this presentation will look at new functionality in MarcEdit 7...from new linked data functionality, deeper integrations with OCLC, and new tools related to clustering and accessibility – this preconference will give users the opportunity to see not only what MarcEdit can do today, but where it is going.

Primary Audience: Novice to Power MarcEdit users. What will not be covered is scripting/programming using MarcEdit. Additionally, regular expressions will only be an overview – a deep discussion of regular expressions is out of scope for this session

Introduction to Serials Cataloging with RDA – Speaker: Steven Shadle – full day

Resource Description and Access (RDA) is the cataloging standard that replaced AACR2. This Basic Serials Cataloging Workshop, part of the Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program, will offer an introduction to cataloging serials with RDA. It will cover RDA and CONSER standards, RDA core elements and terminology, transcribed versus recorded elements, new or revised areas of information, and creation of new records and serial maintenance. Attendees will participate in hands-on exercises which will include use of tools and documentation in support of cataloging with RDA. Access to the PowerPoint presentation will be given to participants ahead of the workshop via email.

#### Day 2:

Beyond “Set it and Forget it”: Proactively Managing Your EZproxy Server -Speaker: Jenny Rosenfeld – half day

When was the last time you really took a deep dive into your EZproxy configuration? Many EZproxy administrators are happy that EZproxy “just works,” but they may be missing critical opportunities to provide better access to their e-resources. In this workshop, Jenny Rosenfeld, Senior Implementation Program Manager at OCLC, will share a simple monthly routine to help reduce your patrons’ barriers to access and

identify potential security concerns. We’ll also cover current topics of interest to the EZproxy community, such as how to modify database stanzas to support HTTPS, for both OCLC-hosted and self-hosted customers.

Linked Data for Serials – Speakers: Amber Billey and Robert Rendall – full day

Are you baffled by BIBFRAME? Overwhelmed by ontologies? Or feeling turmoil about Turtle? Then this workshop is for you. Learn the practical foundations of Linked Data with a particular focus on serials in this one-day workshop. The presenters will go beyond just talking about RDF triples and actually break down linked data technology and how its application can be utilized for serials. Topics to be covered:

- Linked Data 101
- Ontology Basics
- Turtle Tutorial
- BIBFRAME
- Other ontologies for libraries
- CONSER Standard Record to BIBFRAME 2.0 Mapping
- Current hot topics in serials and linked data

Attendees are strongly encouraged to bring a laptop. The presenters will be demonstrating online linked data tools that attendees will have the opportunity to use, and the workshop will include hands-on exercises working with ontologies and creating linked data descriptions of serials.

#### **Sessions**

After the call for proposals was closed the PPC spent considerable time reviewing the proposals and thinking of ways to include, by combining, as many of them as possible due to a large number of submissions. At the end the PPC selected 29 proposals for inclusion in the program. The acceptance rate was 45%. In addition we have an invited talk by the Dean of Georgia State

University Library, Jeff Steely, who was a past recipient of the NASIG Student Award in 1998.

### **Call for Great Ideas Showcase and Snapshot Sessions**

The two calls are going to be open on January 31, 2018 and stay open until end of March 2018.

Submit your Great Ideas Showcase proposal here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GISPNASIG2018>

Submit your Snapshot Session proposal here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SSPNASIG2018>

The PPC will be working with other committees to issue a call for Student Snapshot Sessions.