



## Upcoming Conference News

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### PPC Update

Wendy Robertson, PPC Chair

We are very excited to have our two vision speakers for the 2020 conference, Janetta Waterhouse and Amelia Gibson. Please see their bios below. As we did last year, our third all-attendee slot will be a discussion with broad participation. The Equity and Inclusion Committee is working closely with PPC to organize a panel on diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility in open access publishing/publications. We will be asking a few NASIG members to be on a panel and hope to have a lot of audience participation in the discussions.

PPC is still working on the details for the preconferences and postconferences. We expect these to be on the website by the end of the year.

The call for proposals

(<https://proposalspace.com/calls/d/1114>) will close on December 2, and the PPC will begin the evaluation process soon thereafter. Presenters will be notified by early January at the latest.

Calls for the great ideas showcase (posters), snapshot sessions (brief talks), and student spotlight sessions (coordinated by the Mentoring and Student Outreach Committee) will go out later this winter. We will also be holding vendor lightning talks as a benefit of conference sponsorship.



*Photo Courtesy of Janetta Waterhouse*

Janetta Waterhouse is the director of the technical services and library systems division at the University at Albany, which is made up of the acquisitions services, discovery services, metadata services, and library systems departments. Prior to coming to UAlbany, she served in director roles at West Virginia University and University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS), as an implementation manager at OCLC, as a technical analyst in an information consortium, and in other library systems positions.

She received an undergraduate degree in computer science, with a minor in mathematics, and a graduate degree in library and information science from the University of Iowa. She is completing a second master's degree in IT management and leadership from UIS, where she also completed a graduate certificate in human resource management. She holds a Project Management Professional certification and specializes in providing effective management and leadership at the intersection of technology, people, and projects.



*Photo Courtesy of Amelia Gibson*

Amelia Gibson is an assistant professor in the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her primary research interests center on communities and health information behavior, information marginalization, and access among marginalized people. She is the director of the Community Equity Data & Information lab, as well as the Community Engaged Disability Informatics workgroup. Dr. Gibson has an MLIS and a PhD from Florida State University and has experience working in academic libraries. She is the principal investigator for an IMLS-funded early-career grant, “Deconstructing Information Poverty,” which focuses on information seeking and sharing among autistic teens and young adults in North Carolina. Dr. Gibson is also a UNC Thorp Community Engaged scholar, a fellow with the UNC Center for Media Law and Policy and Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, and is affiliated with the Carolina Health Informatics Program.