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Upcoming Conference News

CPC Update:

Mark your calendars now!

NASIG's 28th Annual Conference

June 6th to June 9th 2013.

Destination City—Buffalo, New York

Next June publishers, vendors, librarians, and other professionals will come to NASIG to explore “The Art of Information and the Architecture of Knowledge.” The conference program will provide numerous opportunities to exchange ideas, discuss current issues, and share innovative approaches to the challenges we face in our dynamic information environments. Count on NASIG’s tradition of creating an environment that fosters networking with new and old colleagues!

The Program

The Program Planning Committee (PPC), with chair, Karen Davidson (Mississippi State University) and vice chair, Kelli Getz (University of Houston), has invited three vision speakers to encourage and challenge our thinking and approaches to information. Megan Oakleaf (associate professor of Library and Information Science, iSchool at Syracuse University) has done research on outcomes assessment, evidence-based decision making, information literacy instruction, and academic library impact and value. Siva Vaidyanathan (Robertson Professor in Media Studies, University of Virginia), a cultural historian and media scholar, has written several books, including one on copyright as a threat to creativity and one many are likely to know, *The Googlization of Everything -- and Why We Should*

Worry. Bryan Alexander (National Institute for Technology in Liberal Education) researches, writes, and speaks about emerging trends in the integration of inquiry, pedagogy, and technology and their potential application to liberal arts contexts.

The PPC has finalized plans for the preconference workshops that will be held on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday morning and Thursday afternoon. Sure to fill up quickly is a program on RDA training (Part 1—Wednesday afternoon, Part 2—Thursday morning) presented by Les Hawkins (coordinator of the CONSER program, Library of Congress), Hien Nguyen (CONSER specialist, Library of Congress), and Valerie Bross (ERM/Continuing Resources Cataloging, section team leader at UCLA). A preconference on copyright and licensing issues (Thursday morning) will be given by Kevin Smith (Duke University’s first director of scholarly communications, and vice chair of the ACRL’s Scholarly Communications Committee). Finally, Timothy S. Deliyannides (director, Office of Scholarly Communication and Publishing, University of Pittsburgh) and Vanessa Gabler (Information Technology, University of Pittsburgh) will conduct a workshop on the library as publisher (Wednesday afternoon). Best to register early if you want to attend any of these!

In addition, the PPC is finalizing plans for the group sessions, poster sessions, and informal discussion group meetings.

The call for proposals has closed, and PPC has started evaluating them. Those who have submitted proposals will be notified in December whether their proposal was accepted.

The Conference

The conference will convene at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel and Conference Center located in downtown Buffalo, just a stone's throw from Lake Erie. (<http://buffalo.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels-buffalo/index.jsp?null>) The guestrooms at the Hyatt have been recently renovated, and the conference room rate for a single or double room is \$129.00. The Conference Planning Committee (CPC), co-chaired by Susan Davis and Cindy Hepfer (both at the University at Buffalo), is working on various local arrangements and events, including breakfast options at the Hyatt, a Thursday evening dessert reception at the jewel-under-renovation Statler Hotel (<http://www.statlercivcity.com/>), and a Saturday night dinner reception at the Buffalo Transportation Pierce-Arrow Museum (<http://www.pierce-arrow.com/>). For the on-your-own Friday night, the CPC is creating a list of activities and restaurants for attendees to consider, including a Buffalo Bisons baseball game.

The City

Come to the conference and plan to stay a few extra days or a week discovering the natural beauty, art and culture, and history of Buffalo and the Niagara Frontier.

Not far from the downtown area is the Buffalo waterfront. There you can enjoy the lakeside parks and harbor and tour one or more of the historical ships, the USS Little Rock, USS Croaker or the USS The Sullivans (<http://www.ci.buffalo.ny.us/Home/OurCity/BuffaloWaterFront>). Do you want to learn more about Buffalo's history? Visit Canalside and take the self-guided walking tour of the recently restored Erie Canal area. To get to Canalside, just hop on the free metro or walk several blocks from the Hyatt hotel.

One of the finest jewels of the city is Delaware Park, created in the late 1880's under the direction of landscape architect and designer of New York City's Central Park, Frederick Law Olmsted. This 350-acre park is home to Hoyt Lake, the Quarry Garden, a Rose garden, and a Japanese garden. The park also has a golf course and tennis courts.

The Delaware Park area is a cultural center as well, with the renowned Albright-Knox Art Gallery (<http://www.albrightknox.org/>) and the Burchfield Penney Art Center (<http://www.burchfieldpenney.org/>) just steps away from Hoyt Lake. Attention conference attendees! The Albright is open until 10:00 pm on the first Friday on each month. During the past ten years, Buffalo has been celebrated for its architectural treasures: the Martin House, one of Frank Lloyd Wright's finest Prairie-style homes (<http://www.darwinmartinhouse.org/>); the Wick's House (<http://www.buffaloring.com/2011/05/my-favorite-buildings-wicks-house.html>), the newly restored Hotel Lafayette (<http://thehotellafayette.com/>), and Our Lady of Victory Basilica (<http://www.ourladyofvictory.org/Basilica/Welcome.html>) to name just a few. Find out more about Buffalo architecture at <http://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/buffalo-architecture/>. Other nearby options to enjoy include the Buffalo Botanical Gardens (<http://www.buffalogardens.com/>) and Tifft Nature Preserve (<http://www.sciencebuff.org/tifft-nature-preserve/>). The annual Allentown Arts and Craft Festival (with over 400 juried exhibitors) will be happening the same weekend as our conference, just a few blocks away from the Hyatt.

Tourists have shuffled off to Buffalo for more than a century to enjoy the city and see the power and majesty of Niagara Falls. The Falls is about 20 miles away—a half an hour drive. If you don't have a car, there is a bus that takes you from downtown Buffalo to the Niagara Falls casino in about 1 hour. From the casino, it is just a few blocks walk to the Falls. You can view the Falls from

the American and Canadian side, but a passport is required to cross over into Canada.

Buffalo is a big sports town—football, hockey, and baseball. On Friday night attendees will have a chance to go to a baseball game at Coca Cola Field (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coca-Cola_Field) and cheer on the Buffalo Bisons, the Triple A affiliate for the Toronto Blue Jays. The ballpark is downtown and within walking distance of the Hyatt. Group tickets will be available for purchase. Over ninety members responded to the recent CPC survey on where to get the block of seats for the Friday night game, so a big gang of attendees will be going. Sit down, enjoy the game, and be sure to have the local favorites—charbroiled hot dogs or a fried baloney and onions sandwich and a Perry’s ice cream cone.

While in Buffalo, sample some of the other local food favorites, like the world-renowned Buffalo chicken wings (BCW), a “beef on weck” sandwich, and chocolates from one or more of the local shops that make their own candy. There are varieties of restaurants to satisfy almost everyone: Merge (vegetarian), Anchor Bar (BCW birthplace), Chef’s (Italian), Nadia’s Taste of Soul, Polish Villa, Pearl Street Grill and Brewery, and Mango’z Jamaican Restaurant.

When someone mentions Buffalo, most folks think of snow. Yes, there is snow during the winter; however, it’s Syracuse, not Buffalo, that has the greatest annual snowfall in the state.

There is so much more to Buffalo than its weather!
http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=JNYue0Os55A