

ARLIS/NA NW Chapter Gathering Minutes

Online via Zoom

April 29, 2020

Attendees:

1. Suzanne Rackover, University Librarian, Emily Carr University of Art + Design
 2. Ana Diab, Collections, Reference + Instruction Librarian, Emily Carr University of Art + Design
 3. Traci Timmons, Librarian, Seattle Art Museum
 4. Bridget Nowlin, Visual Arts Librarian, Cornish College of the Arts; ARLIS/NA NW Chapter Secretary
 5. Sylvia Roberts, Contemporary Arts Librarian, Simon Fraser University
 6. Jessica McIntyre, Librarian/Archivist, Portland Art Museum Library
 7. Sara Ellis, Art Librarian, University of British Columbia; ARLIS/NA NW Chapter Vice-Chair
 8. Tad Suzuki, Fine Arts and Humanities Librarian, University of Victoria
 9. Danuta Zwierciadlowski, Electronic Resources & Archives Librarian, Emily Carr University of Art + Design; ARLIS/NA NW Chapter Communications Officer
 10. Jane Devine Mejia, Chief Librarian, Vancouver Art Gallery; ARLIS/NA NW Chapter Chair
 11. Kate Cawthorn, University of Alberta
 12. Anna Hurwitz, Gates Archives + Intern at Seattle Art Museum library
 13. Abigail Sebaly, University of British Columbia
 14. Allison Comrie, University of British Columbia
 15. Jane Carlin, Library Director, University of Puget Sound
 16. Guest: Amy Furness, ARLIS Canada Chair
 17. Guest: Stefanie Hilles, Chapter Liaison to the ARLIS Board
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Jane Devine Mejia began with the Indigenous Peoples land acknowledgement

Round robin reports from everyone in how and what they are doing in these times of the pandemic

- Common themes:
 - All organizations are closed and many are working from home
 - Futures of many organizations and individual positions are in question

How can the Chapter support one another?

- Sharing re-opening strategies
 - Perhaps a Google Doc to share ideas
 - ARLIS National is also working on a document on this topic
 - May include opening dates of various institutions
- University of Puget Sound has a Covid19 documenting project - all are invited to participate: [History is Happening NOW!](#)
- Questions to think about (raised by Tad Suzuki):
 - What are we collecting right now?

- What are we losing?
 - Print books, amongst other items

Good news

- Traci Timmons and the Seattle Art Museum were awarded a \$350,000 grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities to digitize and make available historical SAM content
- Bridget Nowlin has been promoted to Director of Library Services at Cornish College of the Arts

Minutes submitted by Bridget Nowlin, ARLIS NW Secretary