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## Message from the Chair

Jennifer McDaniel

**O**h wow, it's my turn to do this!  
Following a great leader is always a daunting task.

Welcome to 2016! For those of us living in Virginia, January came with a roar with an unexpected bounty of snow to contend with. If you've ever lived in the southern portion of the United States, you understand that an average of 12 inches of snow over a 24 hour period is infrequent and a pain to dig out from. Taking the good-natured jibes of our friends from other parts of the country and continent in stride, we eventually dug out of the snow and slowly returned to our daily routines of work, school and life.

However, as always, the pause enforced by the snow was priceless. There was no choice but to be still and wait until the storm had passed. Some of us are blessed to have a warm place to experience the stillness; others had to rely on the kindness of the community to find a warm place to remain safe. In the end, most of us survived the snow and emerged on the other side, blinking at the bright snow and grateful to be alive.

Last summer in Boston, I experienced something similar as I surveyed the state of our association and wondered if we would survive. Pessimistic sounding, I know, but there were a lot of things to consider. How would we plan the conferences? How would we deal with sponsorship? How much of the DBIO character would be lost as we moved toward a new SLA? All questions swirling like fast falling snow, making it hard to see clearly ahead.

Our association was founded by information professionals who had a new vision for what a library could be. In *The Evolution of the Special Library*, John Cotton Dana presents his thoughts on the ways libraries can and should change to remain vital to their communities and constituents. The same holds true for the association he helped to found. In DBIO, we have a rich history of over 80 years that can never be erased. The last conference may have felt like a huge snowstorm, but it has passed. Now

we are being asked to consider something new as we dig out and clear the pathways so we can move forward.

I have no idea what paths we'll find as we clear away the snow. I expect that we will find new ones we hadn't considered and we will find that some old ones are no longer fit for use. In either case, we will move forward. We are a division of smart, brave, and savvy information professionals who have things to do.

## **Call for DBIO Awards Nominations**

**Howard Fuller and Nancy Dickenson, SLA DBIO Awards Committee**

The Biomedical & Life Sciences Division is accepting nominations for two awards to be presented at this year's Annual meeting:

- The **Distinguished Member Award**: for details see: [http://dbiosla.org/inside/awards/dist\\_member.html](http://dbiosla.org/inside/awards/dist_member.html)
- The **Winifred Sewell Prize**: for details see: <http://dbiosla.org/inside/awards/sewell.html>

Self-nominations are encouraged.

All nomination material should be sent to Howard Fuller at: [hfuller@whatcom.ctc.edu](mailto:hfuller@whatcom.ctc.edu)

Nominations must be received no later than April 6, 2016 to be considered for awards presented at this year's SLA Conference.

Please contact Howard or Nancy if you have any questions.

# Philadelphia PA 2016 Conference Preview

**Ruth Gustafson**

**Saturday, June 11, 2016**

***DBIO Biomedical & Life Sciences Division Board of Directors*, 6-9 p.m.**

The DBIO Board, committee chairs and officers will meet to review 2015 activities and projects undertaken by the division and discuss the plans for the 2016 conference.

**Sunday, June 12, 2016**

***Vaccines in the 21st Century*, 1:30-3 p.m.**

**LEAD:** DBIO

**CO-SPONSOR:** PHT (Pharmaceutical & Health Technology) Division

Vaccine safety has become a 21st-century public health topic rife with inaccurate public information. Future survival from new and emerging diseases depends on the continued development of new technological advances with vaccines. Information professionals who work with the public or in an educational or biomedical setting are better poised to help their clients when they are well informed about vaccines and where to find reliable information about them. Dr. Paul Offit, a leading Philadelphia expert on vaccine safety, and instructor of a MOOC on vaccines, will provide detailed information on vaccine policy and practices, and he and a pharmaceutical/health technology colleague will discuss the latest technologies being used for vaccines in the ever-changing world of diseases most needing vaccine solutions. Offit is the director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, as well as the Maurice R. Hilleman Professor of Vaccinology and a professor of pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

***What Good Is a Museum Library in the 21st Century?* 3:30-5 p.m.**

**LEAD:** DBIO with NHC (Natural History Caucus) planning

**CO-SPONSOR:** MAHD (Museums, Arts & Humanities Division)

Museums are writing transformative grants, including designing projects to invite their public to help expand their digital spaces, and libraries are working right alongside them. The two speakers, Marleene Boyd (The Bill Laxon Maritime Library at the New Zealand Maritime Museum) and Dorothy Barr (chair of SLA's Natural History Caucus and reference librarian at the Ernst Mayr Library at Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology). will discuss museum grants and library projects which complement them, e.g. a grant to create an interactive online game to entice people – all sorts of people – to transcribe old field notes from the 19th and 20th centuries through crowdsourcing. The emphasis of the session will be on the role of libraries in natural history museums (and other museums, for that matter) and how we can enhance our museums. Beyond the large projects such as the Biodiversity Heritage Library, there are the small but integral ones such as cataloging old lantern slides from early expeditions. These may show organism's habitat ranges from a century or more ago and can be compared to recent Google Earth images to assess if there is change or not in the habitat and to go back to the same site to collect the organism and see how it may have changed over time. This can give insights into genetics and the possible impact of climate change.

***Meeting at the Mutter: Annual DBIO Medical Section Reception*, 7-10 p.m.**

**LEAD:** DBIO

May be held at the Mutter Museum as ticketed event, discounted for DBIO members but all SLA members would be invited. The Medical Section will host SLA members and guests at their reception. Join us for a lively and informal conversation. This will provide a great opportunity to network with your colleagues, foster relationships, meet members, and gain new knowledge while exploring the Mutter's unique exhibits and attend-

ing docent-led tours. (Still working with Mutter on the details).

## **Monday, June 13, 2016**

### ***Biomedical & Life Sciences Division Annual Breakfast and Business Meeting***, 8-9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Philadelphia, DBIO members! During the business meeting, all major officers of the division will present their reports to the membership and announce award winners. Reminders about upcoming Philadelphia DBIO programs/co-sponsorships and meetings will be made. Suggestions for next year's conference programs will be taken from the floor, and candidates for next year's officers and committee members will be solicited. As time permits, any issues of DBIO member concern will be discussed.

### ***Natural History Caucus Business Meeting***, 4-5 p.m.

**LEAD:** NHC

Natural history is broadly defined as the scientific study of the natural world. It includes the specific disciplines of anthropology and archaeology, botany, zoology, paleontology, geology, meteorology, and astronomy. It therefore crosses many disciplines. Our mission is to serve as a forum for the cooperative development of library collections, the delivery of information services, and the interpretation of natural science information resources. All interested SLA members are invited to join us for our Annual Business Meeting.

### ***All Sciences Poster Session and Reception***, 5-7 p.m.

**LEAD:** SciTech Division

**CO-SPONSOR:** DBIO

## **Tuesday, June 14, 2016**

### ***Citizen Science: How Communities, Scientists, and Libraries Can Engage Together in Scientific Discovery***, 8-9:30 p.m.

**LEAD:** DERM (Environmental & Resources Management Division)

**CO-SPONSOR:** DBIO with NHC Planning

Learn about how the general public is contributing to professional scientific research in their communities and beyond, as well as what roles are available for libraries and librarians in bringing citizens and scientists together.

### ***Stress Management Laugh: For the Health of It***, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

**LEAD:** DBIO

**CO-SPONSOR:** PHT Division

Humor therapist Elaine Lundberg takes a humorous yet practical approach to wellness and stress management. She educates, motivates and helps anyone learn to effectively incorporate positive humor into their personal and professional lives. Come prepared to lighten up and learn to take your work and life seriously but yourself lightly!

***The Science of Food and Biocultural Evolution: Implications for the Future of Food, 2-3:30 p.m.***

**LEAD:** FAN (Food, Agriculture & Nutrition) Division

**CO-SPONSOR:** DBIO

Learn about the science of food and biocultural evolution from Dr. Solomon H. Katz, director of the Krogman Center for Childhood Growth and Development at the University of Pennsylvania and a leading expert on the anthropology of food. Dr. Katz will share his research on the evolutionary history of several cuisine traditions that, until contemporary times, provided sufficiently balanced diets to support the success of many different food traditions as well as how over time dietary imbalances have been created impacting and challenging the health and welfare of populations throughout the world. This session will be of interest to biomedical and health science information professionals, particularly those who work closely with healthcare professionals and researchers, to gain a better understanding of current research in this area, but also to a broad audience who is interested in the many roles cuisine traditions play in our everyday life.

**Wednesday, June 15, 2016**

***Natural History Tour, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.***

**LEAD:** DBIO with NHC planning

**CO-SPONSOR:** DBIO

Join members of DBIO and the Natural History Caucus for a tour of the Academy of Natural Sciences (<http://www.ansp.org/>)! Discover dinosaurs, dioramas, a butterfly garden and much more. There is also a wonderful Library that is open to the public afternoons and houses, among other treasures, a double-elephant-folio-sized, original copy of John James Audubon's *The Birds of America*. Just outside the Library is an exhibit called "We Wrote the Book," featuring about two hundred books written by men and women with ties to the Academy. It is walking distance from the Convention Hotel; we will walk over in a group from the Conference Hotel or you can meet us there, and we can also join up afterwards for a no-host lunch. You will have an opportunity to network with like-minded colleagues as well as visit one of the nation's oldest and most preeminent natural history museums.





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# Medical Section News

**Danielle Walker**

I am Danielle Walker, the new Chair of the Medical Section. Since 2013, I have been a librarian at the National Library of Medicine, at the National Institutes of Health, located in Bethesda, Maryland. I am a member of the Health Information Products Unit, but we are more commonly known as the MedlinePlus team.

In the next issue, I'll be updating you on the exciting Medical Section program coming up at the conference in Philadelphia. The details are still being worked out but we hope that everyone will be able to attend and participate.

I'm really excited to be able to serve in DBIO this year. We all know that change is happening to the association and we may have to do some things a little differently. If you have any suggestions or comments regarding the Medical Section, I can be contacted at [danielle.walker@nih.gov](mailto:danielle.walker@nih.gov). I look forward to hearing from you.

## Your Job Search Just Got Easier!

Looking for a Library job? The DBIO Job Offerings page lists job openings for academic librarians, medical librarians, and other positions of interest to division members.

Browse recent job posts

<http://dbiosla.org/development/careers/jobofferings.html>

Updated frequently, an average of 40 to 50 open positions are posted every single month.

NEW! Subscribe to our RSS Feed

<http://feeds.feedburner.com/sladbio-jobs>

Our RSS feed keeps you up-to-date when new posts are added.

For help with RSS subscriptions, see *Biofeedback*, v. 39, no. 3, p. 6.

**DBIO is pleased to invite you to submit your abstracts for the All Sciences and Engineering Poster Session and Awards Reception at SLA 2016. This session is a collaborative endeavor sponsored by DBIO, DFAN, DCHE, DPHT, DENG, DPAM, and DST.**

**Please send your submissions to [allsciencespostersession2016@gmail.com](mailto:allsciencespostersession2016@gmail.com) by 11:59 pm on March 15. In your e-mail, please include your name, institution, .e.mail address, division(s) affiliation, poster title, and poster abstract (250 words or less).**

**Any SLA member is welcome to submit an abstract as long as the project has a science/research focus. Your submission must include the objective and methods sections of the structured abstract. The objective section (for which you may substitute the research question) may not exceed 60 words, and the methods section (which may include brief descriptions of the population and expected results) may not exceed 140 words. We do not require results and conclusions at this point, although you must be able to present them on the final poster. Please note that the description must be substantial enough to let the review committee see what your project is about and the expected value of the research.**

**If you have any questions, our DBIO contact for the event is Neyda Gilman at [neyda.gilman@gmail.com](mailto:neyda.gilman@gmail.com)  
Lead Division manager for the session, Beth Thomsett-Scott  
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**Thank you. We look forward to your submissions.**



# DBIO Member News and Publications

## Lori Bronars

Susan Kendall, subject librarian for biological sciences at Michigan State University Libraries, reports on a poster presentation:

Kendall, S.K. and M. Monosoff-Richards. 2015. “*Training a New Librarian in the What, How, Where and Why of Health Sciences Collections Management.*” Poster presentation at the 35th Annual Charleston Conference: Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition. Nov. 4-7.

Ramune Kubilius, Collection Development, Special Projects Librarian & interim Special Collections Librarian at Galter Health Sciences Library, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, along with another SLA member, Cunera Buys, E-Science Librarian at Northwestern University Library), were panelists who presented at the 10th health sciences Lively Lunch at the 35th Annual Charleston Conference in Charleston, SC. The session was titled “*When You Come to a Fork in the Road, Take It*” and featured a scholarly publishing and industry trends update by Ramune. Cunera described work she and a colleague have done in data management planning as part of a university working group.

Ramune also presented a poster:

Kubilius, R. 2015. “*Learning About the World of Special Collections: Stewardship, Inventories, Treasure Hunts, Genealogy.*” Poster presentation at the Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY in October.

Claudia Lascar reported on an interview with Lorri Zipperer, Cybrarian and principal at Zipperer Project Management, also a founding staff member of the National Patient Safety Foundation. Lorri has spoken about the role of librarians in patient safety. The interview, in the 12/2/2015 issue of *PSNet*, can be read or listened to at: <https://psnet.ahrq.gov/perspectives/perspective/185>.

Lorri was also involved with the redesign of the AHRQ Patient Safety Network (PSNet) <https://psnet.ahrq.gov>, which now includes AHRQ WebM&M (Morbidity and Mortality Rounds on the Web) content and Cases, Commentaries, and Perspectives on Safety.

## **Executive Board 2016**

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For a complete list of current board and committee members, see the Division Website at: <http://dbiosla.org/inside/officers/officers.html>

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