



The role of the Nominating Committee is to identify candidates who are the best fit for leadership roles within the association, and to present them to the SCLA membership for a vote. The Committee is proud to present these outstanding qualified candidates for the SCLA Executive Committee. The election will take place at the business meeting at the SCLA Annual Conference in Columbia on October 9, 2019.

Respectfully,

SCLA Nominating Committee

Amanda Stone, President  
Robert Antill, Library Management Chair  
Jessica Lopez, Youth Services Chair  
Kristina Schwoebel, Colleges and Universities Vice-Chair  
David Shay, Technical Services Chair

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**President**

Nathan Flowers

**Current Position:**

Head of Systems - Francis Marion University

**Work/Leadership Experience:**

Head of Systems – FMU, 2013-present  
Head of Reference – FMU, 2010-2013  
Reference Librarian – FMU, 2006-2010  
Head of Systems – Florence County Library, 2004-2006  
Reference Associate – Florence County Library, 2003-2004

**SCLA Involvement:**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and Conference Chair, 2018-2019  
ALA Councilor for SCLA, 2012-2015  
SCLA Constitution and By-Laws Committee, 2009-2012  
National Library Legislative Day, 2007, 2010, 2013-14

**Other Memberships/Activities:**

ALA, LITA, LLAMA



**Personal Statement:**

I am honored to be a candidate for President of the South Carolina Library Association. I have been working in libraries for over 16 years, first as a student worker, then as a support staff member, and finally as a professional librarian since 2005, when I earned my MLIS from the University of South Carolina. I am currently the Head of Systems for Francis Marion University, and have worked in Reference and Systems in both academic and public libraries.

For most of my time in libraries, I have been an active member of SCLA, serving in many different capacities, including on the Executive Board, and on several conference planning committees. As chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, I had the opportunity to lead the revision of the SCLA Handbook to its 7th Edition, and as Parliamentarian for the SCLA, I have advised the Executive Board and Committee on the procedures for numerous successful bylaws changes. I have also represented SCLA in a national capacity by serving as the Chapter Councilor on ALA Council for three years, and by advocating for South Carolina libraries at numerous National Library Legislative Day meetings with congressional representatives. As your President, I will work hard and use the knowledge and experience I have gained from so many of you to help keep SCLA vital, engaging, and effective for all members.

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**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Conference Committee Chair**

Megan Palmer

**Current Position:**

Assessment Librarian - Clemson University

**Work/Leadership Experience:***Work experience:*

Assessment Librarian, University of South Carolina, 2014-2019

Temporary Librarian, University of South Carolina, 2013-2014

Reference and Instruction Librarian, Coker University, 2011-2013

Hillman Reference Intern, University of Pittsburgh, 2009-2010

*Leadership experience:*

Clemson University, Strategic Planning Task Force, member, 2019-present

University of South Carolina, Spaces Planning Team, member, 2016-2019

University of South Carolina, Professional Development Committee, chair and member, 2016-2019

University of South Carolina, Strategic Planning Team, member, 2015-2019

University of South Carolina, Orientation Resource Fair volunteer, 2015-2018

University of South Carolina, University Libraries Faculty Secretary, 2015-2017

University of South Carolina, Move-in Week volunteer, 2015-2017

University of South Carolina, ILS Review Task Force, member, 2015

University of South Carolina, Library Services Council, member, 2014-2019



University of South Carolina, Assessment Team, chair and member, 2014-2019  
Coker University, Dance Professor Search Committee, member, 2012  
Coker University, Student Development Committee, 2011-2013  
Coker University, Institutional Review Board, member, 2011-2013  
Coker University, Celebration of Academics Committee, member, 2011-2012  
Coker University, Assessment Committee, member, 2011-2012  
Coker University, Relay for Life, volunteer, 2011-2012

**SCLA Involvement:**

American Library Association Emerging Leader (sponsored by SCLA), 2012  
South Carolina Libraries Journal, co-editor, 2019-present  
College and University Section, chair, 2018-present  
Continuing Education Committee, co-chair, 2017-present  
SCLA Conference Sessions or Poster Presentations, 2017, 2018, and 2019  
New Members Round Table, vice-chair, 2011-2013

**Other Memberships/Activities:**

American Library Association, member, 2010-2013, 2019  
Library Research Seminar VII, Local Planning Committee, member, 2019  
Northside Baptist Church, AWANA teacher and volunteer, 2016-2019  
Hartman Hall Child Development Center, Storytime Volunteer, 2016-2017  
Southeastern Library Assessment Conference, Moderator, 2015  
Pilot Club of Hartsville, Vice President, 2011-2012  
Association of College & Research Libraries, 2010-2013

**Personal Statement:**

I am thrilled and honored to be nominated for First Vice-President of the South Carolina Library Association. I grew up in Pennsylvania and went to college at the Pennsylvania State University for my bachelor's degree in Psychology and the University of Pittsburgh for my master's degree in Library and Information Science. It was scary to move over 500 miles from what I'd known my whole life to start my career in South Carolina back in 2011. Joining the South Carolina Library Association made me feel like I had a family. Everyone that I met through the association was welcoming and friendly. It was a great opportunity to network and grow. Serving on the New Members Round Table was an amazing experience. I got to meet librarians from all over the state through the get-togethers we planned. Some of the librarians that I had met are now my dearest friends and colleagues.

I took a small break from SCLA when I had my first child in 2013 and my second child shortly thereafter. In 2017, I was ready to start volunteering again. I immediately asked to join the Continuing Education Committee because I am passionate about providing professional development opportunities to librarians across the state. I am very proud of the webinar series that we developed. My passion for professional development then led me to volunteer as co-editor of the South Carolina Libraries Journal. I think it is important for our association to provide a voice to SC librarians and I am excited to follow in Brent Appling's footsteps as founder and outgoing editor.

I am looking forward to serving as your First Vice-President of the South Carolina Library Association. I promise to continue to uphold the standards of the association and represent you to the best of my ability. I want to hear and learn from you. I want to know your experiences as a member of SCLA and as a library employee in the state of South Carolina. I want you to tell me how I can better serve you as an executive committee member. I would appreciate your feedback and ideas as I plan the 2020 conference.

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## **2nd Vice-President and Membership Chair**

Sara DeSantis

### **Current Position:**

Reference and Research Librarian - University of South Carolina  
Upstate

### **Work/Leadership Experience:**

Furman University Library Intern  
Furman University Library Student Outreach Library Assistant  
Greenville County Library System, Five Forks Branch Library  
Assistant III  
Furman University Outreach Library Assistant  
Certified ELI Civil Treatment for Employees and for Leaders  
Instructor



### **SCLA Involvement:**

2019 Registration Chair  
Student Volunteer for Registration Table 2018, 2017  
Secretary of NMRT 2017-2018  
Co-Chair of NMRT 2018-current  
Advocacy Committee 2017-current

### **Other Memberships/Activities:**

ALA member 2017-current  
Co-convener for ACRL Library Marketing and Outreach Interest Group 2019-2021  
ALA National Library Legislation Day 2017

### **Personal Statement:**

I joined SCLA the day I got accepted into library school. I was so excited to become a joint SCLA and ALA member as a student that I didn't tell my family I got into the MLIS program at USC until I paid my membership dues! I knew getting involved with SCLA was important. SCLA had a profound impact on my career. I met my future former boss, Jonathan Newton, and future co-worker, Virginia Connie, through

SCLA. Both of these librarians have been great mentors and friends. Through them, I was given more opportunities to volunteer and get involved with SCLA. I want my experience to be everyone's experience. The connections and friendships you make in this organization are so meaningful and powerful. I hope I can serve SCLA as 2nd VP of Membership. I believe that membership is an important part of SCLA's success and I want to reach out to more young professionals and get them involved!

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**Secretary**

Jade Geary

**Current Position:**

Instructional Design Librarian - University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library

**Work/Leadership Experience:**

*Work*

Part-Time Reference Librarian May 2015- October 2015 Thomas Cooper Library

Instructional Developer October 2015- March 2017 Thomas Cooper Library

Instructional Design Librarian March 2017- Current Thomas Cooper Library

*Leadership*

Thomas Cooper Library Specific

Research & Instruction- Instruction Team March 2018- Current

Professional Development Committee Member June 2018- Current

Social Media Team Fall 2018-Summer 2019

Research Symposium planning committee Fall 2018- Current

Outreach Committee Fall 2018- Current

Library Faculty Secretary July 2019-June 2020



**SCLA Involvement:**

I have been a member of SCLA since I started the SLIS program at USC in 2013. In 2015, I got involved with the Information Literacy Round Table and have served in various leadership roles within this round table. I have also been a part of the Membership Committee since 2018. I was honored to represent SCLA as a 2019 American Library Association Emerging Leader.

**Other Memberships/Activities:**

ALA 2013- Current, ACRL 2013- Current, QQML 2017- current, AECT 2018- current



**Personal Statement:**

Being a part of the South Carolina Library Association the past 5 years has provided me with endless opportunities, professional relationships, and experiences. Through SCLA I have gained knowledge from workshops, conferences, and webinars. I have been able to make friendships and professional relationships across the state and learn from the experience that others have. SCLA has given me a network of other librarians across the state, and thanks to my ALA Emerging Leader sponsorship, across the country. Since 2015 I have worked closely with various committees and round tables of SCLA. I would like to take an even bigger leadership role in SCLA as Secretary to give back to an organization and its members that have provided me with so much. Thank you for your consideration and involvement in SCLA.

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**SELA Representative**

Doris Johnson-Felder

**Current Position:**

Reference and Information Specialist and Government Documents Librarian – Miller F. Whittaker Library, South Carolina State University.

**Work/Leadership Experience:**

I work at the Miller F. Whittaker Library, South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, SC. I started out as a work study student, after graduating I was hired as an LTA.

I attended Clark Atlanta University to receive my MSLS and I've been working for over 30 years at the Miller F. Whittaker Library.

**SCLA Involvement:**

I have been involved in SCLA for over thirty years. I have been Chair of the Awards Committee, Secretary of Round Table of African American Concerns, and a supporter of Scholarship for Diversity.

**Other Memberships/Activities:**

SELA, a Board Member of Family Solutions of the Low Country, and former Board Member of the Orangeburg County Library.

**Personal Statement:**

I would be honored to represent SCLA as the SELA representative. I would keep abreast of what's going on in the other states in order to inform libraries and library personnel of what's going on.