

SCLA 2021 Slate of Executive Officers

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 and ALA Council. The election will take place virtually at the SCLA fall Annual Conference.

Respectfully,

SCLA Nominating Committee

Amanda Stone, Immediate Past-President/Nominating Committee
Tina Chenoweth, Youth Services Section Chair
Kristina Schwoebe, College and University Section Chair

President

Megan Palmer

Current Position

Assessment Librarian - Clemson University

Work/Leadership Experience

Work experience

- Assessment Librarian, Clemson University, 2019-present
- 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

- University of South Carolina, Professional Development Committee, chair and member, 2016-2019
- University of South Carolina, Assessment Team, chair and member, 2014-2019

SCLA Involvement

- American Library Association Emerging Leader (sponsored by SCLA), 2012
- First Vice-President/Conference Chair, 2019-present

- South Carolina Libraries Journal, co-editor, 2019-present
- College and University Section, chair, 2018-2019
- 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-present
- 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

When I accepted the nomination for First Vice-President last year, I had no idea that our world would be flipped upside down both professionally and personally. This pandemic has changed us. We may be a small organization, but we are fighters and are in this together. We've faced innumerable challenges so far and greater challenges still to face. We've seen (mostly) our library buildings shut, but we still persisted. We continued to provide services and access to our patrons in innovative ways while we sheltered at home. The next few years will be difficult as we face budget cuts, travel restrictions, furloughs, and possibly layoffs. I am ready to lead the South Carolina Library Association through the coming storm so that we are stronger together. I am prepared to advocate for our libraries. I am proud of the work we have accomplished over the years. Our association provides a lot of benefits to our members and library workers in this state through networking, professional development, and scholarships. If I am elected as President, I would like to convene a working group to look at our bylaws. I propose that we hold a low-cost virtual conference every other year in order to provide continuing education to all library workers in this state who may not be able to attend our in-person conference due to budget cuts, travel restrictions, or staffing needs. None of this is possible without your support as a member, volunteer, and participant. Thank you for your consideration.

1st Vice President/Conference Chair

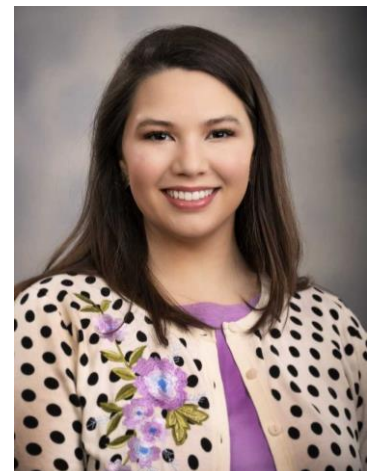
Sara DeSantis

Current Position

- Reference and Research Librarian - University of South Carolina Upstate

Work/Leadership Experience

Work



- Library Assistant III - Greenville County Library System, Five Forks Branch - September 2017 - March 2019
- Part Time Outreach Library Assistant - Furman University, James B. Duke Library - September 2018 - May 2019
- Reference and Research Librarian - University of South Carolina Upstate - April 2019 - Present

Leadership

- ELI Civil Treatment for Employees and Leaders Instructor - 2019 - Present
- University of South Carolina Upstate Library Diversity Council - 2019 - Present
- University of South Carolina Upstate Library, Open Education Resources Committee - 2019 - Present
- University of South Carolina Upstate Library, Library Re-Branding and Website Redesign Committee Chair - 2020
- University of South Carolina Upstate Library, Library Social Media, Marketing, and Outreach Specialist - 2019 - Present

SCLA Involvement

- New Member Round Table - Secretary (2017-2018), Co-Chair (2018-2019), Chair (2019-2020)
- Student Volunteer for Conference Registration table - 2017, 2018
- Registration & Volunteer Committee Chair - 2019-2020
- 1st VP/Membership Chair - 2019-2020
- Advocacy Committee Member - 2017 - present

Other Memberships/Activities

- American Library Association Member - 2017 to Present
- Association of College & Research Librarians Member - 2019 to Present
- ACRL Library Marketing and Outreach Interest Group Incoming Convener - 2019-2020
- ACRL Library Marketing and Outreach Interest Group Current Convener - 2020-2021
- Educational Media Reviews Online - Reviewer - 2020
- ALA National Library Legislation Day - 2017

Personal Statement

It is an honor to be nominated for the First Vice President of the South Carolina Library Association. This role of First Vice-President excites me because of the opportunity to plan a conference that other SCLA members can attend and grow from.

My time at the South Carolina Library Association conferences has been some of the best times I've had. I have made so many friends and have been given so many opportunities to grow as a leader during these conferences. I have gotten to know librarians and paraprofessionals from all over the state with varied backgrounds and experiences. Hearing what amazing things public librarians, school librarians, or academic libraries are doing gives me the energy I need to implement new things at my library. There

are so many voices to be heard in our state and everyone has a story to tell. Listening to these voices and hearing these stories will make us more unified.

While I do not know if the 2021 SCLA Annual Conference will be held in person, I do know that I want to start planning for an in-person and virtual conference as soon as possible. I want each of our voices to be heard in whatever way that will be.

Thank you so much for your consideration and constant support. I look forward to serving and your First Vice-President. If you are interested in helping plan the 2021 Annual Conference please reach out to me! If you have ideas for what should be done differently or what you would like to see, I welcome that feedback.

2nd Vice President/Membership Chair

Sunny Peterson

Current Position

Library Assistant, Richland Library Sandhills

Work/Leadership Experience

- 1999-2002 Department of Defense Schools
- 2000-2002 Family Readiness Group Leader for 173rd Airborne Brigade
- 2005- 2008 Army Family Team Building Instructor
- 2008-2009 Staff Writer for The All State Newspaper Austin Peay State University
- 2010-2013 Department of Defense Schools
- 2014-2016 South Jefferson School District
- 2015-2016 Fuccillo Automotive Group (Guest Relations)

SCLA Involvement

- Paraprofessional Round Table Chair (2018)
- Paraprofessional Round Table Co Chair (2017)
- Member of the ALA and SCLA since 2016

Personal Statement

I believe in lifelong learning, respect and equity for all people and that diversity and inclusion enhance everyone's library experience. Libraries have a responsibility to our communities to support endeavors toward social justice and democracy. We are the stewards for intellectual freedom, serving our public in so many creative ways. I believe in cultivating a love of learning and that literacy is empowering in the hands of adults and children, alike. Organizations like SCLA help those of us in libraries to make connections with one another, share our creativity and advocate to improve library services.



Secretary

Jessica Kohout-Tailor

Current Position

Undergraduate Experience Librarian, Clemson Libraries, 2018-present

Work/Leadership Experience

Work Experience

- School Librarian, Lexington School District One, 2012-2018
- Information Technology Specialist, Richland One School District, 2011-2012

Leadership Experience

- Clemson Libraries, Web Advisory Committee, co-Chair, January-July 2019
- Clemson Libraries, Web Advisory Committee, member, 2019-2020
- Clemson Libraries, Strategic Planning Task Force, chair, 2019-2020
- Clemson Libraries, Peer Evaluation Ad-Hoc Committee, chair, 2019-2020
- Clemson Libraries, Library Curriculum Committee, chair, 2020-2021
- Clemson Libraries, Learning Commons Task Force, member, 2019-present
- Clemson Libraries, Library Fellows Committee, member, 2020-present
- Clemson University, Gen Ed Assessment Team, member, May 2020
- Clemson University, University Academic Council, member, 2020-present
- Clemson University, General Education Committee, member, 2019-present
- Clemson University, Book Store Advisory Committee, member, 2019-2020
- Clemson University, Kick-Off Clemson Committee, member, January 2019-May 2019
- Clemson University, Faculty Senate Ad-Hoc Committee on the Status of Women Faculty at Clemson, member, January 2019-April 2019
- ACRL Standards Committee, member, 2019-present
- ALA Library Instruction Research Round Table (LIRT) Transition to College Committee, member, 2020-present
- ALA Library Research Round Table (LRRT) Research Forum Committee, 2019-2020
- Oconee, Pickens, Anderson Libraries (OPAL) Shared Public Programming Committee, member, 2019-present
- Lexington School District One, Mentor, 2017-2018
- UofSC SLIS, Intern Supervisor, 2015, 2016
- South Carolina Association of School Librarians Pre-Service Committee, member, 2013-2014, 2016-2018

SCLA Involvement

I have been a member of SCLA for the past two years and I am currently volunteering to help with the SCLA Conference Committee this year. I am also a peer reviewer for South Carolina Libraries.



Other Memberships/Activities

- American Library Association, member, 2012-2013, 2017-present
- Association of College and Research Libraries, member, 2018-present
- American Association of School Librarians, member, 2012-2013, 2017-present
- South Carolina Association of School Librarians, member, 2012-present

Personal Statement

Although I've been in libraries since 2011, I am a fairly new member to SCLA. As a previous school librarian, I have been involved and active with the South Carolina Association of School Librarians (SCASL), serving with committee work and participating in conferences. Since joining Clemson Libraries in 2018, I have been able to join SCLA, attend its conferences and workshops, and have become more involved. I have had only positive experiences with SCLA and would like the opportunity to give back to this organization where I have had the chance to grow professionally and meet wonderful people as I further transition to academic libraries.

Treasurer

Danielle Robinson

Current Position

Librarian I, Assistant Manager, Fountain Inn Branch, Greenville County Library System

Work/Leadership Experience

- Librarian I, Assistant Manager, Fountain Inn Branch, Greenville County Library System- August 2020- present
- President, Greenville County Library System Staff Association- January 2019-present
- Librarian I, Five Forks Branch, Greenville County Library System- August 2017-August 2020
- Medical Librarian, USC School of Medicine Greenville- July 2016-July 2017
- Library Assistant, PRN, Greenville Health System- November 2015-June 2016
- Library Assistant IV, Fountain Inn Branch, Greenville County Library System- December 2013-June 2016
- Library Assistant II, Augusta Road Branch, Greenville County Library System- May 2013-December 2013
- Student Circulation Desk Assistant, Clemson University, R. M. Cooper Library- August 2010-May 2013



SCLA Involvement

I joined SCLA when I was getting my MLIS at USC, then re-joined 2 years ago in 2018. I have been a member of the NMRT since 2018. I attended the annual conference when it was held in Greenville in

2018. A colleague and I were selected to present at the (sadly cancelled) Voices of the Upstate Mini-Conference in March 2020.

Other Memberships/Activities

- Member ALA 2014-2016, 2019-present
- Member- ALA Games & Gaming Roundtable, 2019-present
- Member- ALA Graphic Novels & Comics Roundtable, 2019-present
- Member- ALA New Members Roundtable, 2019-present
- Member- ALA Staff Organizations Roundtable, 2019-present
- Member MLA- 2016-2017
- Member SCMLA- 2016-2017 (helped coordinate annual meeting in Greenville, October 2016)

Personal Statement

I joined SCLA for the first time as a student in 2014 when I began my MLIS program at USC. I was taught about the importance of professional development and how state and local organizations could help me to grow as a professional Librarian, and was able to see this firsthand as a student member. More recently, I have seen SCLA has serve as a beacon this year, pivoting to meet the needs of its members and communicating rapidly as the state of our profession has evolved in a difficult time. It has never been more important for SCLA to represent the needs and values of South Carolina libraries and Librarians.

I find the work that SCLA does to be inspiring and know that my membership in this organization has helped me to be a better Librarian for my patrons and community. I am asking to be considered for the role of Treasurer because I am passionate about making sure the organization has what it needs to continue serving our South Carolina libraries. SCLA has provided me with so many opportunities for personal and professional growth and I want to do what I can to help ensure that it continues to do so for others for many years to come.