

Vice Chair/Chair

Mimi Games

Mimi Games is the Cataloging and Metadata Coordinator at the Pence Law Library and is a graduate of the University of Maryland's iSchool. She has served on the PTPL since 2009, acting as Board chair in 2013-2014.

Secretary

Leigh Ann Martin

Leigh Ann Martin is a cataloging and systems librarian with fifteen years of academic library experience. She currently holds the position of Metadata Librarian at the University of Richmond. Her duties include traditional cataloging of print materials, XML-based metadata creation for digital collections, and system administration for the University's ALMA ILS. She has been on the board of PTPL since 2019 and was previously a recipient of PTPL's yearly scholarship.

Virginia Representative

Jessica Robertson

Jessica Robertson is the Lead Cataloger & Metadata Librarian at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library in Fredericksburg, Virginia. As the former chair of the Virginia Library Association's Collection and Technical Services (VLA CaTS), she understands the need for cataloging librarians across institutions to communicate, ask questions, and share ideas. She believes that professional associations are a great place for this networking to happen, and brings back what she learns to the public librarians that may not have those opportunities to attend.

Maryland Representatives

Aimee Plaisance

Aimee Plaisance is the Catalog Librarian for the Albin O. Kuhn Library and Gallery at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She previously worked as a special collections cataloger at the James Smith Noel Collection in Shreveport, LA, and she earned her MLIS at the University of Washington. Aimee has served on the PTPL Advisory Board for the past four years and is excited for the opportunity to continue working with this group to foster connections and opportunities for technical services librarians in the area.

Nirmal L. Gomes

Nirmal L. Gomes originally from Bangladesh currently a graduate student in Library and Information Science (M.L.I.S.), class of 2022 concentration in Community Service Librarianship and Digital Libraries/Academic Library Specialization at the Catholic University of America (CUA). Mr. Gomes earned

advanced degrees in Master of Science in Management (M.S.M.), with a specialty in Human Resources, Master of Arts (M.A.) in Higher Education, and Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Social Sciences from CUA, Washington, DC. He has an advanced B.A. in Social Sciences degree from Tejgaon College & University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. He has been working in Resource Management (Acquisition and Cataloging) department in Mullen Library, CUA for 24 years.

Beside his studies and work he has been volunteering for 30 years with government and non-government organizations include church, county, schools, and socioeconomic organizations in Bangladesh and United States, such as past President and Vice-President of Association of Graduate Library and Information Science Students (AGLISS) and current Students Ambassador, LIS Department, CUA. He also serves as the Committee Associate Member, Chapter Relations Committee (2021-2023), ALA. Mr. Gomes is the member of professional organizations include American Library Association (ALA); member, Potomac Technical Processing Librarians (PTPL), Washington, DC; International Cultural Representative, Bangladesh Christian Association, Bangladesh; Member of Friends of St. John Paul II Foundation, Washington, DC, and St. Camillus Church, Silver Spring, MD.

As an educator, motivational speaker, and freelance researcher and writer, he is committed to promote library services that serves for all and accessible information for all users, and help in the developing nations in the field of human resource management and education include PreK to higher education-policy, curriculum, research, teachers training and development, community library development, and instruction literacy development.

Mr. Gomes is the award recipient of the 2020 Gordon M. Conable Conference Scholarship, ALA, an International Scholar winner, April 2008, recognized by the Catholic University of America's Center for Global Education. In 2003, he awarded "Archbishop Gangly Literature Award" a national award distributes by the Weekly Pratibeshi (only a Catholic national publication), Bangladesh. His hobby is to play music (Bengali), exercise, sports, reading, researching, and writing articles and poems. He lives in Beltsville, Maryland

DC Representatives

Christine Dulaney

Christine Dulaney serves as the Division Chief for the Germanic and Slavic Division at the Library of Congress. In this position, she leads five sections which acquire and catalog resources for the Library's collections from the Germanic and Slavic countries. Prior to this position, Ms. Dulaney served as the Head of Technical Services at the American University Library in Washington, DC where she worked with the Washington Research Libraries Consortium to implement the Alma Integrated Library System. As a lifelong technical services librarian, Ms. Dulaney has also held positions at the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress as well as at the Catholic University Law Library and George Washington University Law Library. In addition to serving as DC Representative to PTPL since 2019, she is an active member of ALA, IFLA and the OCLC Global Council. Ms. Dulaney has published articles and presented conference papers on various topics related to technical services librarianship.

Brook Darnell

Brook Darnell currently serves as the Head of the History and Military Science Section at the Library of Congress. There she leads a team of librarians and technicians creating bibliographic access and standards for Copyright and Cataloging in Publication materials. Formerly, she was the Head of the Inventory Management and Document Fulfillment Section where she led the Library's circulation program and provided service to Congress, Government Agencies, and other Libraries.

Prior to working at the Library, Ms. Darnell held the position of Integrated Resources Librarian at the House of Representatives Library. In this role, she was the Voyager System Administrator and oversaw the migration to OCLC's WorldShare Management Services (WMS) System. Additionally, she worked with the Library of Congress on the transfer of House inventory and metadata to the Fort Meade Offsite Facility. As Project Manager at the Department of Labor's Library, she initiated and implemented a digitization project to preserve old and rare special collections. At the Patent and Trademark Office, she supervised the cataloging, acquisitions, and electronic services departments.

In her various roles, Ms. Darnell has forged relationships and worked collaboratively with professional and paraprofessional library staff, contractors, information networks, and research groups. She holds a MLIS from the University of Alabama and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Birmingham-Southern College.