



**POTOMAC TECHNICAL PROCESSING LIBRARIANS
99th ANNUAL MEETING**

**CONNECT AND REFLECT:
HOW LIBRARY TECHNICAL SERVICES CAN ENGAGE AND
REPRESENT THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE**

Friday, October 13, 2023

10:00am-4:00pm

Leonardtown Library
123630 Hayden Farm Lane
Leonardtown MD 20650

Speakers

Resilient Processes: Centering Communities in Collaborative Digital Collections

Katrina Fenlon, Keynote Speaker
University of Maryland, College Park

The 072 MARC Tag: A Little-known Tag with a Powerful Impact on Search and Discovery

Anita Kazmierczak-Hoffman
Library of Congress

Piloting Reparative Description via the IndigenizeSNAC Project

Diana Marsh & Ia Bull
University of Maryland, College Park

Creating a Reparative Cataloging Community of Practice in the WRLC

Jacqueline Saavedra, Washington Research Library Consortium
Jen Froetschel, George Washington University

For registration and other conference information, visit the PTPL website:

<https://www.potomactechlibrarians.org/event-5386202>

Registration fee includes PTPL membership.

PTPL 99th Annual Meeting Schedule

09:00 - 10:00 Registration and coffee
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10:10 - 11:05 Katrina Fenlon (Keynote Presentation)
11:05 - 11:15 Break
11:15 - 12:00 Anita Kazmierczak-Hoffman
12:00 - 01:00 Lunch
01:00 - 01:30 Business Meeting
01:30 - 02:15 Diana Marsh & la Bull
02:15 - 02:25 Break
02:25 - 03:10 Jen Froetschel & Jackie Saavedra
03:10 - 03:55 Panel discussion
03:55 - 04:00 Closing and Passing of the Gavel

Name Tags

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Lunch

All attendees should have made a box lunch selection when they registered. Please look for the box with your name on it.

**PTPL Advisory Board
Slate of Candidates for 2023/2024 Term**

Chair-Elect, Leigh Ann Martin

Leigh Ann Martin is the Head of Systems and Metadata Services at the University of Richmond. Getting her start as a library paraprofessional, Leigh Ann attended University of Wisconsin Milwaukee remotely while working as a physical materials cataloger. She received her MLIS with concentrations in Information Organization and Library Systems in 2018. Leigh Ann specializes in creating metadata for digital collections and co-teaches the Fundamentals of Metadata course offered by ALA Core several times a year. She currently also serves on the ALA Core Subject Analysis Committee's Devaluation of Cataloging working group. In her non-library life, Leigh Ann enjoys working on whatever craft project strikes her fancy that week and playing tabletop and video games. She volunteers for the Hanover Humane Society and has two extremely loud cats that are Hanover adoption center alumni.

Secretary, Samantha Thomason

Samantha Thomason is Collection Development & Discovery Manager at Central Rappahannock Regional Library in Fredericksburg, Virginia. She began her career there in 1999 and has previously held positions as Web Developer, Community Relations Manager, and Digital Services manager. Currently, she is the adult materials selector and manages cataloging, processing, and ILL. Samantha is also actively involved in ALA and the Virginia Library Association, previously serving as VLA's conference co-chair and on its executive board as ALA Councilor for 3 years. She is a member of ALA and PLA.

DC representative, Andrea Britten (1-year term)

After a career in internet technology, Andrea pivoted to information technology and received her MLIS in 2017. Her favorite classes in graduate school involved metadata and information retrieval, clearly pointing her to a career in technical services. She has experience working in access, ILL, e-resources, cataloging and reference for a university, a special library and a federal government library. She has been on the PTPL advisory board as the Virginia representative for 3 years, and looks forward to being the DC representative for the next year. For the past three years she's been able to see the work that PTPL has done, and the insights and perspectives it's provided in highlighting the role of technical services staff in libraries big and small, as well as the challenges the profession faces.

DC representative, Jessica Robertson (2-year term)

Jessica Robertson works at the Library of Congress, specifically at the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center, as a cataloger of moving images. She has been employed at the Library for almost two years, but before that was the lead cataloger at a public library in Virginia for over a decade. During her time at the public library, she was an active member of the Virginia Library Association and was the chair of the Cataloging and Technical Services Forum (CaTS) for two years, hosting programs throughout the state. Jessica was also the Virginia representative for PTPL for the past two years. Having experience in public libraries, as well as the more recent archival setting, has given Jessica insights into how PTPL can help bridge the gap between different types of institutions.

Maryland representative, Vacant (1-year term)

Maryland representative, Vacant (2-year term)

Virginia representative, Helen McManus (1-year term)

Helen McManus is the Head, Collections Strategy at George Mason University, where they previously served as Public Policy Librarian. Helen has also worked as NOVA Online Librarian at Northern Virginia Community College, and has taught at Mason's Schar School of Policy and Government and The George Washington University's Honors Program. Helen holds a PhD in Political Science and an MLIS, both from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Virginia representative, Polly Khater (2-year term)

Polly Khater is a Cataloger with Alexandria Library in Virginia and works on the original cataloging, world language materials, audiovisual materials, and materials for both the Law and Local History/Special Collections libraries. Polly was previously at the Smithsonian Libraries and Archives for fifteen years, where she was the Associate Director of Discovery Services. Polly has been in the DMV area since 1993, when she started at George Mason University as the Serials Librarian. She has also worked as the head of cataloging and bindery in the Himmelfarb Library at George Washington University Medical Center (Washington, D.C.), a distance learning librarian for Booz Allen Hamilton (Tysons Corner, Va.), and was adjunct faculty at the School of Library and Information Science at The Catholic University of America (Washington, D.C.). Polly's areas of interest and focus in librarianship are inclusive leadership, accurate and responsible material description and metadata, work cultures and environments, and, of course, all things Technical Services. Polly is a Central Pennsylvanian native, and received a bachelor of arts in English from La Salle University (Philadelphia, Pa.) and a master of library science from the University of Pittsburgh.

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Diana Marsh

Piloting Reparative Description via the IndigenizeSNAC Project

Diana Marsh is an Assistant Professor of Archives and Digital Curation at the University of Maryland's College of Information Studies (iSchool), PI on the IMLS-funded IndigenizingSNAC project, and a Member of the Society of American Archivists' Archival Repatriation Committee. Her applied research focuses on improving discovery and access to colonially-held archives for Native American and Indigenous communities. Her recent work has appeared in *The American Archivist*, *Archival Science*, *Archivaria*, and *The Public Historian*, and her book, *From Extinct Monsters to Deep Time* was released in paperback in 2022 with Berghahn Books.

Jacqueline Saavedra

Creating a Reparative Cataloging Community of Practice in the WRLC

Jacqueline Saavedra is the Consortial Network Zone Manager for the Washington Research Library Consortium, where she works collaboratively with Metadata and E-Resources staff on consortial policy, projects, etc. She graduated from Florida State University with an MLIS in 2012, and has worked in academic libraries for almost a decade.

Scholarship Recipient

Megan Goldbarb

Megan Goldfarb (she/her) is in her second year of the online MSLIS program at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where she is pursuing a pathway in information organization and management. She holds a BFA in Painting & Printmaking from Virginia Commonwealth University, and has remained at VCU as a Collections Specialist at James Branch Cabell Library. Upon graduation, Megan aims to pursue opportunities in cataloging and metadata. She hopes to use metadata to support the intersections between materials, their subjects, and their users through a community-oriented lens that prioritizes accessibility and social justice. Megan is also interested in the ability of libraries and archives to support communities of artists and creators whose work might otherwise not be preserved and shared.



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Business Meeting Agenda

1. Opening of Meeting
2. Approval of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Presentation of Academic Scholarship
5. Election of New Officers and Advisory Council Members
6. New Business
 - a. Appointment to Committees
 - b. Mentoring Program
 - c. Other New Business
7. Historical Moment
8. Adjournment



PTPL 98th Annual Meeting

Linked Data Where Are We Now?

Friday, October 14, 2022, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Minutes – DRAFT

09:00 - 10:00 Registration and coffee

10:00 - 10:10 Welcome and Speaker Introduction – Caroline Saccucci, PTPL Chair

- 10:05 Caroline called the meeting to order, gave a land acknowledgement
 - Located near the confluence of the Potomac and Anacostia rivers, the Library of Congress is built on land that is part of the homelands of the Nacotchtank (Anacostan), Piscataway Conoy, Pamunkey, and Manahoac people. Indigenous peoples, including members of these nations, still live and practice their teachings and cultures here today. The Library honors these stewards of the land, and all of the Indigenous peoples of the United States, who are the first peoples, including those in the region where the Library now provides its services. The Library works to interact with these groups in a responsible and respectful way.
- PTPL will consider hybrid options for future meetings, look forward to comments from participants about this

10:10 - 11:05 Keynote Presentation

Ruth Kitchin Tillman, Penn State

Between Exports and Infrastructure: Linked Data Systems in 2022

- Presentation summary: When you're used to having the tools you need, it's easy to expect things to just work. And unless you specialize in thinking about how systems come together or study how they were made, it may be hard to identify all the things that have to get done between "we have a BIBFRAME standard" and "we can make BIBFRAME records" or "we can make BIBFRAME records" and "we can use BIBFRAME with the same degree of friction as we use MARC now." This makes it tricky to attend a presentation where someone is talking about linked data or BIBFRAME and evaluate what they're saying or what it means to you. I hope that this presentation is not only

informative but will give you some framework for understanding where future updates fit in and how to evaluate what you hear.

- Her website with the presentation: <https://ruthillman.com/talk/ptpl-exports-infrastructure-bibframe/>
- Q&A from audience included how representing data is hard, people can understand relationships in ways that machines can't; how presenting meaningful data with a strong sense of discovery-bias is important; how transcribing information exactly as shown can be problematic in controlled fields.

11:05 - 11:15 Break

11:15 – 12:00 Presentation

Paul Frank, Library of Congress

BIBFRAME Pilot: From Ground Level to the Troposphere in Seven Years

- Presentation summary: Paul Frank discussed how the Library of Congress thinks of their journey of BIBFRAME in terms of phases. The phases concept allows them to question past practice and implement changes and ideas as they go. The Library's MARVA BIBFRAME User Manual is constantly being updated from the office hours meetings; feedback and experimenting is so important. Paul also discussed how once a record goes from BIBFRAME to MARC, it will be a much "lighter" record, not like the current ones libraries are used to seeing. He said the Library of Congress is on the cusp of having a BIBFRAME production editor and ended with a short MARVA demonstration.
- Q&A from audience included how non-Latin script is still problematic and if you make everything in the record in the language of the resource then you may not be able to find it with programmatic Romanized searching; and Paul discussed how identifiers solve the problem of duplication in MARC records (ex. 008/26x).

12:00 - 01:15 Lunch

01:15 - 01:45 Business Meeting

1. Opening of Meeting
 - a. The agenda was adopted.
2. Approval of 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes
 - a. Annual Meeting Minutes were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Linda Wirth delivered the treasurer's report and reminded us that our membership helps pay for scholarships. \$15,183.34. The treasurer's report was adopted.
4. Presentation of Academic Scholarships
 - a. Emily C. Bradford and Brittany Smith were awarded scholarships this year. Brittany was in attendance and was awarded hers. Emily was unable to attend.
5. Election of New Advisory Council Members and Officers
 - a. Results: 27 ballots and zero write ins.
 - i. Elizabeth Hensley, Chair Elect
 - ii. Linda Wirth, Treasurer
 - iii. Nirmal Gomes, MD Rep

- iv. Andrea Britten, VA Rep
 - v. Brook Darnell, DC Rep
2. New business
 - a. The Bylaws were approved with changes to Article IV, Article V, Article IX, and Article XIII.
 - b. Appointment to Committees. Discussed who can be a member and serve on committees. If anyone is interested, please let us know, through the post meeting survey or verbally. We meet monthly and if you want to be involved, without being an official member, you can help with projects/committees and you will be invited to the monthly meeting whenever your project is being discussed.
 - c. Other New Business. No new business.
 3. Historical moment
 - a. Rebecca Case delivered the historical moment that looked back on questions the organization has asked over the years. She began with discussing how the group was founded, with a call from Margaret Mann and how the meetings were initiated in the early years. By 1941, catalogers were discussing the cost of cataloging, then, in 1945 the focus had turned to post-war cataloging issues and how PTPL could grow and evolve. Rebecca then confirmed that today, catalogers have some of the same concerns they have had for decades, reading various questions that spanned until 1955. Some of these questions were: Is the card catalog primarily prepared for librarians or readers? How are cataloging departments best set up? How should cataloging statistics be used? And, what can we do to insure the present and future usefulness of the catalog?
 4. Adjournment

The business meeting was done 15 minutes early so Paul got back to demo Marva and answer questions until the next speakers were ready.

01:45 - 02:30 Presentation

Matt Miller, Library of Congress

Marva: Building a BIBFRAME Editor

- Matt Miller discussed the concepts of MARC and BIBFRAME and how they differ. He talked about how building MARVA started in 2020 and how revision and iteration is inevitable, while also discussing some issues like precoordinated subject strings and how the developers attempt to navigate these hurdles as they go. Right now, the priority is that the BIBFRAME records can go back to MARC. Matt also mentioned they will also be customizing the look of the interface more as they go.
- Q&A from audience included how Sinopia is out of development so more people have had a chance to use it to locally test their data, unlike MARVA; subjects don't validate, so catalogers still need to know the rules behind applying them; in precoordinated LCSH, not every heading has a URI but that's okay because they can be treated as a literal; MARVA doesn't generate fast headings because we don't use those at LC, they are what LC considers pass-through elements, generated through OCLC.

02:30 - 02:45 Break

02:45 - 03:30 Presentation

Kevin Ford, Library of Congress

Linked Data at LC: Machines, Things, and String with ID.LOC.GOV

- Kevin Ford started his presentation talking about the Library of Congress's Linked Data service, id.loc.gov, discussing the history and growth it has experienced. Then, he transitioned to Marva integration and the newer concept of hubs.
- Q&A from audience included that LC didn't update ID specifically for MARVA but it was nice it worked out that way, with good timing; someone asked if a hub was like WEMI and Kevin said he doesn't like to assign an associate with RDA resource type because that makes it not as flexible; also mentioned was how BIBFRAME shouldn't fit nicely into models like FRBR because it needs to remain flexible, and how maybe the community should think about how their models fit into BIBFRAME, instead.

03:30 - 03:55 General Discussion with the panel of all previous speakers and the audience

- Paul discussed the FRBR problem where catalogers tend to think of a work as an abstract thing, but if it doesn't exist, how would you describe it? And discussed how hubs could be a real solution.
- Ruth discussed how fixing legacy data is a big hurdle when you're trying to have robust, consistent data for discovery.
 - Kevin commented on the next big effort needs to go into discovery.
- There probably won't be a big data cleanup at LC before their new ILS (LCAP) is implemented, maybe smaller projects just for system migration reasons.
- ALMA relies heavily on vendor metadata. Ruth stressed that libraries need to push for better policies to be sure they're getting what they need.
- Finding interim linked data projects can be key to gaining buy-in from your staff, Wikidata is a nice middle-step that is interesting and shows rewards, it's also not incredibly hard to learn
- There is a need for public librarians and others to have tools and suggestions on how to talk to vendors about pushing them to linked data. Matt suggested there are working groups that can help give you the lay of the land.

0:355 - 04:00 Closing and Passing of the Gavel

- Caroline thanked everyone. Reminded members that post-conference surveys are coming. If anyone has ideas for future meetings or topics, please let us know.
- Passed the gavel to Mimi
- Meeting concluded at exactly 4pm

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Martin

PTPL Secretary

With support by Jessica Robertson