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2017 ARLIS-SE Professional Development Travel Award - Post Conference Report

I want to extend my sincerest appreciation for being selected as the recipient of the ARLIS-SE Professional Development Travel Award to the 45th Annual ARLIS/NA Conference in New Orleans. I'm thankful to have been paired with an amazing conference mentor, who in turn introduced me to amazing librarians from all over the country. I am also sincerely grateful to have been welcomed into the Southeast Chapter so warmly this past year. Thank you all!

Attending the annual conference for the first time was highly educational, memorable, and entirely worthwhile. This was my first time visiting New Orleans and I certainly had a blast in one of the country's most culturally and historically unique cities. At the conference, I was excited to learn so much about art-specific research strategies and platforms librarians are promoting at their institutions. As I am currently working on my MA in Art History, I have already started implementing some of these ideas in my academic research and regularly think about how I can promote similar tools in my future career as a librarian. It was enlightening learning about some of the different institutional, administrative, and technological approaches certain libraries are taking. This made me consider what environment I visualize myself in and where the future of libraries might be going. Presenting my poster about expanding access through facsimile collections was a thrilling experience, as it was my first ever conference presentation, that led to some fascinating conversations. Because I currently work in academic libraries, I mostly attended sessions and workshops geared towards instruction and visual or information literacy. But I also attended a handful of session outside of my wheelhouse to learn some completely new things and really enjoyed the change of pace. Below is an outline of the sessions, workshops, and meetings I attended. I've also included a list of some tools and websites I found really interesting that were promoted by speakers.

Sessions:

- Le Bibliothécaire Solo: Success in the Diverse World of Solo Art Librarianship
- Music Plenary: Pulse Points and Backbeats
- Visual Literacy for All! - Instruction in the Self-directed Digital Era
- Collaborations that Re-envision Library Management, Service, and Space: Two Perspectives on Some Trending Shifts in Libraries
- Making Collections Accessible: Legal Tools for the 21st Century
- Instruction in Sync: Faculty-Librarian Collaborations in the Classroom
- Critical Information Literacy in Art and Design Libraries
- New Voices in the Profession
- Arts Plenary: Visual Perceptions of Louisiana
- Convocation

Workshops:

- ArLiSNAP Career Development Workshop
- Poster Session

Meetings:

- ArLiSNAP

- Membership and Business Meeting
- Southeast Chapter

Tools/Softwares/Platforms/Websites:

- Askamanager.org
- Word it Out
- Gephi
- Tableau
- Nvivo
- Tineye
- Mozilla Web Literacy Toolkit
- Biblion: World's Fair app
- Durationator Copyright Portal
- Mindmeister
- Coggle
- Bubbl.us
- Storymaps JS
- Palladio
- Voyant
- Plotly
- Abbyy
- CritLib
- Github
- Open Refine
- Tableau public