ALADN 2018

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May 19th – May 22nd | Fort Worth

The Worthington Renaissance Hotel
200 Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102
Welcome to the annual conference for the Academic Library Advancement and Development Network

Co-hosted by The University of North Texas, Texas Christian University, University of Texas at Arlington, Texas Woman’s University, Baylor University, and University of Texas.
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9:30 – 10:30 am  **Pre-Conference Session**  Westfork

**New is Relative or Relatively New? This Session is for You!**

*karlene noel jennings cfre | university of north carolina at greensboro*
*hollie stevenson-parrish | university of north carolina at greensboro*
*julie m. seavy | university of pittsburgh*
*maggie farrell | university of nevada—las vegas*
*kathleen schmand | northern arizona university*

At some point in our careers, we are all new—navigating a new role, starting at a new organization, working with new leadership, or adopting new practices within our libraries or our advancement structure. This panel discussion addresses these topics with a focus on self-management and mastery—and how to assist key stakeholders and colleagues as they navigate change. Led by an organizational change agent, this panel will discuss key questions to help the participants reflect, plan, and discuss how to better navigate the new in their own roles.

10:30 – 10:45 am  **Break**  Westfork
10:45 – 11:45 am  **Pre-Conference Session**  Westfork

**Development 101**

*karlene noel jennings cfre | university of north carolina at greensboro*

So you are new to libraries, but not new to development? So you are new to development, but not new to libraries? New to both? Let’s all get on the proverbial same page together—about all things library advancement. This program will cover everything from the basics of planning in library development; working with central advancement and library personnel; to identifying prospects and moving donors along the donor cycle. Participants will gain a better understanding of library development to put into practice at their home institutions.

11:45 am – 1:00 pm  **Lunch, Round-Table Discussions**  Hacienda
1:00 – 2:00 pm  **Pre-Conference Session**  Westfork

**Making the Ask**

*gregory perrin | university of texas at austin*

Now that you have a basic foundation of library development, this session will focus on securing major gifts by developing your personal mastery of making
the ask. You have identified and cultivated your library donors and it is time to ask for the gift. How do you know the time is right? How long should you wait before asking? Who should be involved in the process of the ask? What should you include in your proposal? Learn about a few best practices of successful gift solicitations that will help you develop your own successful strategies. Bring your questions and be prepared to ask the expert.

**Pre-Conference Session**

**Signature Event Planning: Entertaining with Rare Wine and Rare Books**

Anne M. Baker | Missouri State University  
Dave Richards | University of Nebraska at Omaha

Signature events are labor intensive but dynamic and entertaining fundraising opportunities. Using the strengths of your collections, some advanced planning, sponsorships, and attention to detail, signature events can transform your library into a spectacular thematic venue. Participants will learn how to craft an event around a specialized theme, fashion a menu, come up with appropriate entertainment, and promote the event. The speakers will explore how crowdfunding platforms and online storefronts can be utilized for promoting events and facilitating ticket sales. The program will also discuss sponsorship activities along with event follow-up with guests and prospects.

**Pre-Conference Session**

**Planned Giving is the Fun in Fundraising**

Charles M. Miller, JD, AEP | Case Western Reserve University

Do you manage annual fund, major gifts, stewardship, and everything else? Are you looking for helpful ways to create impact? Planned giving puts the “Fun” in Fundraising! In this session, we will identify best practices to help donors become philanthropists. The discussions will reveal the key opportunities that make up 90% of all planned gifts. Participants will learn to identify words and phrases that donors use to then launch productive gift planning conversations. This program will review what questions to ask and how to ask them to better engage with donors interested in making the gift of a lifetime.

**Pre-Conference Closing Remarks**

**Welcome Reception**

**Dean’s Dinner or Dinner on your own**

**Dean’s Dinner at Reata Restaurant**

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Library deans gather for this traditional ALADN event at Reata Restaurant, a legendary Fort Worth eatery located within walking distance of the hotel. Tickets are $50 per person.
### Conference Schedule

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#### Creating High Functioning Teams to Lead Transformational Change in Fundraising

*Diana Duke Duncan | Principal, Diana Duke Duncan LLC*

Can your team see around the corners? Opportunities for development leaders and structures in higher education to align culture, people with different perspectives, and industry best practices into a cohesive, flexible, exemplary part of the whole. Diana Duke Duncan has led transformational change in three museums over 30 years through leadership of development and advancement teams and change management skills. She will explore the characteristics of teamwork—who creates, who executes; who leads, who produces; and power in a decentralized environment—based on entrepreneurship and her track record of building relationships, environments, cultures, teams and circumstances where creativity is valued and trust is a core value.

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#### Breaking taboos of library fundraising: How librarians and development professionals can work together hand in hand

*Essraa Nawar | Chapman University*

The Library Development Office doesn’t work in a vacuum – it takes the support of the entire library team to make a comprehensive development program work effectively. While sometimes it might seem difficult to work on these initiatives with librarians, this presentation will showcase numerous case studies and success stories where librarians and development professionals broke that taboo resulting in gifts of millions of dollars in funds and special collections.

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#### Archives on the Road: Fundraising for the Uganda Collection at Carleton University

*Kylie Patrick, Heather Leroux | Carleton University*

In 1972, several thousand South Asian refugees arrived in Canada after the Ugandan President gave them only ninety days to leave the country. The Uganda Collection at the Carleton University Library is comprised of newspaper articles and ephemera that document the arrival of Ugandan Asians in Canada. This presentation will explore how involving the community and key stakeholders will lead to a stronger, more dynamic special collection, and successful fundraising initiatives.
11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Concurrent Sessions B

Joining the Campus Narrative: Lessons on Storytelling from a Small Academic Library

Rachel Mueller | St. Norbert College

While the Mulva Library is highly used by students, faculty and staff, we find they miss out on many offerings and newsworthy tidbits. By hiring a communications professional, our initial goal was to promote services, share important news and better connect with our community. So, what have we learned since then? Opportunities to tell our story continue to be present, but several questions remain. This session will cover content ideas, marketing strategies and tactics our team implements to secure our place in the campus narrative and successfully connect with the St. Norbert College community.

Concurrent Sessions B

Basics of Archives and Special Collections for Fundraisers

Morgan Gieringer, Julie Judkins | University of North Texas

Fundraisers work closely with archivists and special collections librarians at many academic libraries, but the specialized nature of working with rare and unique collections can sometimes be difficult to understand and explain to potential donors. This workshop will provide a basic overview of archives and special collections practices and terminology to facilitate conversations between librarians, donors and development staff.

12:00 – 1:15 pm

Lunch (Mentor/Mentee meetups)

1:15 – 2:45 pm

General Session

The Sky is Not Falling! The “Tax Cut & Jobs Act of 2017”, Philanthropy and Your Fundraising

Cathy Sheffield | ThinkGiving

The sky is not falling! Did you know that with the passing of the “Tax Cut & Jobs Act of 2017”, that is it now an opportune time to discuss leaving a legacy with your donors? When Congress enacted the “Tax Cut & Jobs Act of 2017”, tax rates were lowered, and many popular deductions were curtailed or eliminated. Thankfully, the charitable deduction was retained and enhanced for many taxpayers who will still benefit from itemizing their gifts and other deductions for tax purposes. This presentation will clarify many of the new tax law changes that impact charitable gifts and will explore the most effective ways to assist individuals in leaving their legacy.

2:45 – 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Concurrent Sessions C

The Power of Exhibits and Other Unique Aspects of Special Collections and Archives to Inspire Donor Development

Peter Runge, Kathleen Schmand | Northern Arizona University

Special Collections and Archives (SCA) develops annual exhibits that offer development officers an opportunity to nurture established relationships with library donors and cultivate new ones. SCA has worked closely with the library’s development officer and central development to develop new and unexpected relationships with donors from the private and public sectors with pleasing outcomes. The partnership between SCA and the development
officer fosters creative opportunities to expand their donor base through outreach and engage donors from across the institution. This presentation will highlight four budget conscious examples of how a development officer successfully partnered with Special Collections to secure several new gifts.

**Concurrent Sessions C**

**Engaging Donors in a Digital Humanities Project**

*Tami Back, Carrie Cooper | College of William & Mary*

Libraries are natural partners when it comes to supporting digital projects and faculty research. At the College of William & Mary, the library has taken on its own digital projects to provide librarians and staff the opportunity to build technical skills and expertise in managing digital projects. While digital projects are exciting to librarians, they can sometimes be a hard sell to donors. How do you engage board members, donors and alumni in a project that primarily lives on the web? Hear about the strategies that William & Mary Libraries employed – including an international trip – to engage its board and alumni.

5:15 pm

**Buses Leave for AT&T Stadium (Optional)**

**AT&T Stadium VIP Tour and Dinner**

Enjoy a VIP Guided Tour, dinner and a complimentary photo at AT&T Stadium. It’s more than the home of the Dallas Cowboys, it’s also a world of facts and figures about the world’s largest domed structure and an art museum.

5:30 pm

**Buses Leave for Ballpark (Optional)**

**Night at the Ballpark**

Join us for “Night At The Ballpark” on Monday, May 21, when the Texas Rangers take on the New York Yankees. Event includes all you can eat hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, nachos, popcorn, peanuts and soft drinks, and transportation.

**Tuesday, May 22, 2018**

7:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Conference Registration**

*Registration Foyer*

**Breakfast**

*Rio Grande*

**Announcements and Awards**

*Rio Grande*

**Keynote Presentation**

*Rio Grande*

**The Case for Open Access to Research and Scholarship: Sponsorship in the Development of Learning and Libraries**

*Dr. John Willinsky | Khosla Family Professor of Education, Stanford University, Professor (Part-Time) of Publishing Studies, Simon Fraser University, and Director, Public Knowledge Project*

This talk will address the role that various moves toward open access publishing models can play in library’s development plans and fund-raising initiatives. It will focus on cooperative publishing strategies that are coming from within the academic community in facilitating sustainable forms of open access as these models significantly raise the profile of the library as a source of greater public access and value for research and scholarship. While highlighting the innovative nature of these moves, the presenter will point
to how what is new also reflects the continuities and constancy in the long history of the sponsored research library.

**Break**

**Marketplace**

**Concurrent Sessions D**

**Fundraising for Open Knowledge – Challenges and Opportunities to Move Beyond the Books and Buildings**

*Ann McDonnell | Simon Fraser University*

*Stephanie Walker | University of North Dakota*

As more academic libraries make the transition to Open Access and Open Educational Resources programming, our role as development and advancement professionals will embrace new opportunities to diversify our prospect pools and update the narrative for supporting the library. From scholarly publishing, electronic resource cooperatives, and the ongoing transition of the traditional academic library to the library of the future, fundraisers should be prepared to speak this new language, too.

**Concurrent Sessions D**

**Adopt-a-Book at the Smithsonian Libraries**

*Allie Swislocki, Gabi Kahn | Smithsonian Libraries*

The Smithsonian Libraries’ Adopt-a-Book program has grown significantly since its inception in 2009. Originally only incorporating two rare books and raising just $200 in its first year, the program raised over $60,000 in 2017 and saw 127 books adopted. To date, the program has raised around $200,000 for the Libraries and continues to grow. Books are adopted to either “build” or “preserve” the collection, and dollars raised go in support of acquisitions and preservation at the Libraries. But the program is more than an immediate fundraiser: it serves as a “gateway gift” for new donors and an “intro to fundraising” for Libraries staff.

**Break**

**Concurrent Sessions E**

**The First 90 Days: Reinvigorating a Library Brand That Will Enhance the Image for Students and Excite the Donors**

*Travis Jordan | Florida State University Libraries*

Finding your niche in an already crowded academic environment can be tough. We will explore ways to re-brand your library, how to take advantage of strategically targeting audiences from Gen Z to Baby Boomers, and build a marketing and communications plan to excite donors and bring the focus back to the library. Topics will include a social media relaunch that has seen triple digit increases, introduction of paid social media advertising and how it moves the needle on event attendance, brand awareness and donor funding, how storytelling can develop brand ambassadors, how to tackle wayfinding and implementing a project management tool for the marketing team.
Concurrent Sessions E

Saving the Texas News: The WBAP/KXAS Television News Archives

Morgan Gieringer | University of North Texas
Brian Hocker | NBC 5 / KXAS

In 1948, television station WBAP begun broadcasting the first local television newscast in Texas and the Southwest. Their news program, known as “The Texas News,” was one of the station’s signature programs, and provided an identity to the fledgling station. In continuous operation for over 65 years, WBAP (now known as NBC5/KXAS) has accumulated an archive of news footage which spans nearly its entire history. UNT and NBC 5/KXAS have partnered to preserve over 60 years of television news content through the digitization of original 16mm film and video. This presentation explores the critical fundraising needs of this ongoing project as well as the important roles that archivists, community partners and development staff have played in meeting those needs.

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm
Lunch

Concurrent Sessions F

Enhancing a Strategic Pipeline through Public Programming

Thao Votang, Natalie Moore | University of Texas

Learn about our experience developing procedures and tools to strategically align public programming to elevate our organization. In this new structure, public programming had to be reconceived to ensure programs work in service of the mission and goals of the Libraries. Walk through the recommendations of a public programming action team to articulate a coherent programmatic framework for events. See a snapshot our strategic goals and progress as we move from planning events 4 weeks out (or less) to six plus months out, create ways for collaborative planning, and set new benchmarks and assessment methodologies.

Concurrent Sessions F

The Importance of Diversity in the Field of Fundraising

Essraa Nawar | Chapman University
Virginia Hong | University of British Columbia

We often let stereotypes influence our thinking, and the Muslim-American community in the United States and the multicultural melting pot of Canada has suffered from that. When we break down these walls and embrace each other, sharing stories, words, culture, food, happiness and sadness – we grow as human beings. Misconceptions are erased and barriers are broken down. Our speakers believe in the magical power of storytelling as a way to break down stereotypes. The time has come for the Muslim-American and Canadian communities to share their personal stories of daily life, family life, career challenges and other things. Essraa Nawar will speak on the importance of diversity in the field of fundraising, by sharing real success stories on how cultural and religious understanding can lead to philanthropic gifts. Virginia Hong will present on her experience as a professional fundraiser and speak to the experiences of donor and prospect meetings where culture, class and generational perspectives can derail your focus.

2:15 – 2:30 pm
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Concurrent Sessions G

Power of Partnerships: Leveraging Collaborations to Tackle Fundraising Challenges

LeAnn Meyer, Leah Hallstrom | University of Kansas

Two of the most important parts of fundraising are often the most challenging for academic libraries: growing a solid donor base and expanding giving/naming opportunities. Uniquely positioned without a dedicated audience of alumni, libraries are invariably tasked to innovatively expand their donor pool. As this pool expands, the next hurdle becomes finding ways to engage these donors with diverse giving opportunities. It’s intense, but you can do it! This presentation will feature successes and lessons learned from a year of partnerships involving everything from renovated spaces to a traveling exhibit.

Concurrent Sessions G

Always on My Mind: Friends Groups, Advisory Councils, and Giving Societies

Kathy Hillman, John Wilson | Baylor University

Friends groups, giving societies, and advisory boards or councils can create key connections and be powerful partners in successful fund-raising. On the other hand, they can mutate into entities that no longer exist for a shared purpose. Learn from the Baylor University Libraries’ experiences about various types of support groups, techniques to preserve their intent, and transition methods to help keep friends friendly.

3:30 – 3:45

Break

3:45 – 4:45

Closing Keynote Presentation

Corporate Sponsorships

Eric Sudol | Vice President, Corporate Partnership Sales & Marketing with the Dallas Cowboys

5:30 pm

Buses Leave for Gala

6:00 pm

Gala at Billy Bob’s Texas

ALADN Gala at Billy Bob’s Texas

A special event is planned at Billy Bob’s Texas, the World’s Largest Honky Tonk, on Tuesday, May 22. The evening includes a BBQ dinner, drinks, a bull riding show, line dancing and plenty of entertainment and transportation. Join the fun and come experience Billy Bob’s Honky Tonk attitude, friendly Fort Worth hospitality, and truly unique atmosphere.
DIANA DUKE DUNCAN

Diana Duke Duncan has held leadership positions in development and external affairs for 30 years, and has been elected by her peers as Chair of the American Alliance of Museums Standing Professional Committee on Development and Membership, and President of the Art Museum Development Association.

After seven years of transformative change at the Barnes Foundation, in 2015 she established Diana Duke Duncan LLC, a consultancy specializing in fundraising, advancement, assessment of institutional capacity and management, and leadership development. Representative current clients include the American Alliance of Museums, Glenstone, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Speed Art Museum and Oklahoma Contemporary Art Center.

DR. JOHN WILLINSKY

John Willinsky is Khosla Family Professor of Education at Stanford University and Professor of Publishing Studies at Simon Fraser University. He began his career as a school teacher in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and his books include the Empire of Words: the Reign of the OED and Learning to Divide the World: Education at Empire’s End, and Technologies of Knowing, while his most recent book, The Access Principle: The Case for Open Access to Research and Scholarship has won two outstanding book awards. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a foreign associate of the National Academy of Education (U.S), Willinsky also directs the Public Knowledge Project, in a partnership with SFU Library, which has developed open source software for the online management and publishing of principally open access journals and books, and is collaborating on journal-development initiatives in Africa, South America, and South East Asia.

ERIC SUDOL

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