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Letter from the Chair



At the celebration of the history of the Department of Latino and Caribbean Studies, Rutgers University, the Vice President for Undergraduate Education defined the creation of this department in the early 1970s as “a new way to organize new knowledge.” The Department based on regional identity and created largely by student activism has enabled connections across traditional academic disciplines. With an expansive community of scholars and students of all backgrounds, now the Department focuses on issues of migration and diaspora of Latinos and Caribbean people, their physical and virtual connections, and artistic expressions from music to literature in all modalities that travel across continents. The Department also captured the demographic realities of America, where the Latino and Caribbean population is expected to grow even more in the course of the 21st century.

This talk provoked me to reflect on *how the libraries are addressing the issue, organization of new knowledge to support new research and the needs of all citizens*. In the library community generally, the theme of diversity and outreach efforts to learn specific community needs and their experiences continue to be at the forefront. There is an emphasis on empowering citizens and collaborations with stake holders to create meaningful library services. The upcoming [American Library Association Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida](#) has many programs addressing these important topics central to the profession.

American academic and research libraries have witnessed the growth of interdisciplinary research and teaching. At Rutgers, the new Global Health Institute is one example. It broadens the university’s presence in public health community efforts to improve health and wellness of local communities with large representation of Latino immigrants. This new initiative addresses the social and environmental threats to health and poverty and foregrounds the notion that health issues are interrelated with social and environmental issues, formulating new connections and new knowledge. Librarians have a challenging, but exciting opportunity to design meaningful library collaborations for this initiative.

At the [IFLA Congress in Columbus, Ohio](#), we will have the opportunity to engage with some of the above themes and innovative library interventions. Our Section will embark on a project to identify sources that will assist social science libraries to promote economic development and to empower citizens for a participatory society. Our conference program “User Experience (UX) and Social Science Libraries in the Digital Age” co-sponsored with the Asia and Oceania Region Section, promises a showcase of issues on user experience and social science libraries around the world. The poster “*Cartonera Publishing*” will present an innovative technique to engage with the user community to capture their aspirations for meaningful collaborations. I look forward to engaging in critical conversations addressing the dynamic role of libraries and librarians for the continuation of rich library traditions and the creation of multiple and complex ways to organize new knowledge. See you in Columbus!

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Program: IFLA Social Science Libraries Section and Asia and Oceania Section Theme: User Experience (UX) and Social Science Libraries in the Digital Age

Time: Tuesday, August 16, 2016, 11:45-13:45

Venue: Room C112—115

Interviews, Focus Groups, and Social Media: Lessons from Collaborative Library Ethnographies in America and Kazakhstan

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Electronic Information Access of Visually Impaired Undergraduates - Avenues provided by the Sri Lankan University Libraries

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Altmetrics in Social Sciences and Humanities: Possibilities, Challenges, and Experiences

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(Re)Connecting (with) the Research and Teaching Needs of Social Sciences Faculty through Collections

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Not a Knee-jerk Reaction: Openness - a UX Imperative

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Section: News and Reports

IFLA 2016: SSL—Columbus Schedule

Saturday, 13 August, 2016: 9:45-12:15
First SSL-SC meeting: Room C112

Tuesday, 16, August, 2016: 11:45-13:45
SSL- SC Conference Program: Room C112-115

Wednesday, August 17, 2016: 14:15-15:45
Second SSL-SC meeting: Room C216

[Full conference programme including speaker & presentation details is here!](#)

IFLA RELINDIAL SIG Satellite Meeting August 12, 2016

[Fostering Global Communication among Religions and Libraries](#)

The IFLA RELINDIAL SIG (Religions: Libraries and Dialogue Special Interest Group) and the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) welcome you to a timely discussion on *Fostering Global Communication among Religions and Libraries*. A majority of the world’s population professes to a faith tradition of their ancestors, their country or both. More than ever, we live in times calling for knowledge and respect for traditions of other people. Multiple speakers, panelists and paper presenters will discuss how religions and libraries are changing the nature of interfaith dialogue through their services and activities. [More Information here!](#)

Relindial publication: Relindial satellite meeting of Paris (2014)

Libraries at the Heart of Dialogue of Cultures and Religions: History, Present, Future: Cambridge Scholars, 2016, Courau, Thierry-Marie and Vandermarcq, Fabien (eds.)

The publication of these proceedings allows to draw up a panorama of the questions raised by these themes, during 2014 IFLA congress, satellite meetings held in Paris. Its also highlight some initiatives, and offer solutions or lines of thought to professionals and Library and Information Science students. [More information is here!](#)

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Section: Kudos

University of Namibia: UN Depository operates at main campus, March 7, 2016



The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, (OHCHR) has endorsed the University of Namibia's Human Rights and Documentation Centre, at Main Campus, to serve as a library depositor. Although only officially inaugurated late last year, the repository is in full swing with regular legal and academic users. [More Information is here !](#)

Dr Chiku Mnubi-Mchombu, Coordinator, Univ. Namibia Human Rights & Documentation Centre was awarded, certificate Meritorious , April 14, 2016

The Islamic Library of the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECID) awarded the UNESCO-Sharjah Prize January, 21 2016

This prize is shared with the Palestinian poet and essayist [Elias Sanbar](#).

This [UNESCO](#) award recognizes the work of individuals and institutions that *promote and disseminate* Arab culture and intercultural dialogue. The Spanish historian and arabist Juan Vernet received this award in 2004. [More Information is here!](#)

By M^a Araceli García Martín, Directora de la Biblioteca



Denda wins 2016 ACRL WGSS Career Achievement Award, Feb, 29 2016



Kayo Denda, head of the Margery Somers Foster Center and Women's Studies librarian at Rutgers University, has been selected as the 2016 winner of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Women and Gender Studies Section (WGSS) Career Achievement Award. The award honors significant long-standing contributions to women's studies in the field of librarianship over the course of a career. [More information is here](#)

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Upcoming Events and Conferences around the World

**IFLA World Library and Information Congress, 82nd IFLA General Conference and Assembly 13
August 19, 2016, Columbus, Ohio, United States of America**

[Full Conference Programme including speakers and presentation details!](#)



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SCECSAL (Standing Conference of the Eastern, Central and Southern Africa Library and Information Associations), in Swaziland from 25-29 April, 2016

Segametsi Molawa, South Africa and Dr. Chiku Mnubi-Mchombu, Namibia attended this conference in April, 2016

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