

Instruction Roundtable (IRT) 2016 Annual Subunit Meeting

Ice-breaker

- Think/pair/share with either your biggest teaching success or fiasco from this year so far

Elect Co-Chair:

Nominees:

1. Trent Brager, Campus Librarian, Globe Education Network Library

Bio:

I have been a Campus Librarian at two schools within the Globe Education Network. I have both residential teaching experience, at a small campus at the Minnesota School of Business in Rochester, and online teaching experience, at the online campus of Globe University. This varied background has given me a unique outlook on instruction librarianship as a large focus in higher education shifts to online instruction. Though I serve at an online campus, I know the importance of face-to-face instruction. Before graduating with my MLIS from St. Catherine University in 2013, I was a full-time and substitute teacher in the Minnesota public school system, serving at multiple high schools. My interest in education has never waned, but grown as I have worked to become a more effective instruction librarian. In addition, I have adjunct teaching experience and have served as the coordinator of the Globe Education Network's Library Instruction Committee.

Why would you like to serve as IRT co-chair?

As someone fascinated by the education and instruction process, I have always put myself in situations to: 1) learn to be a better educator; and, 2) share my knowledge and experiences in teaching. The role of Instruction Round Table co-chair will be both a learning and sharing experience. I am excited at the prospect of collaborating with fellow teaching librarians to improve the effectiveness of our instruction as a whole. Library instruction is a tall task that is often overlooked by administrators, so it is imperative that instruction be relevant, continually improving, and proven essential. These are challenges that instruction librarians face on a daily basis and I would like to work with all members of the IRT to explore new solutions to become better educators. Thank you for your consideration!

Review last year's activities

- PRE-ARLD DAY WORKSHOP: From Cynicism to Empowerment: How Librarians Who Teach Can Resist Burnout Maria T. Accardi, the author of [*Feminist Pedagogy for Library Instruction!*](#)

What do you want to see from IRT this year?

- In-person workshops?
- Online resources?
- Informal gatherings?
- How can we increase engagement?

Share instruction problems & solutions

Topics:

- Increasing engagement & interactivity in online teaching
- Classroom management
- Assessment
- Tackle a theme and share what we did at MLA
- ACRL Information Literacy Framework