

Letter from the President

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Dear InULA Members,

I am so honored to serve as InULA President for the 2014-2015 year. The InULA Board and committees have been meeting and working hard to provide opportunities and keep InULA running smoothly. InULA just had its Annual Holiday Luncheon this year at Uptown Café on December 3rd. The Programs and Social Committee outdid themselves with this event. It is always wonderful to informally meet with colleagues and have a great time. This is the first year that we invited past InULA Research Grant recipients to give a report on their research projects. It was wonderful to hear the diversity of research projects and I hope that members were encouraged to also apply for a Research Incentive Grant in the future. The next two cycles are January 15th and April 15th. If you have any questions about the Research Incentive Grants, contact Andrea Baer, Grants and Scholarships Committee chair, at apbaer@indiana.edu. For the October (November) grant cycle, the Grants and Scholarships committee recommended and the Board approved to award Michael Courtney and Catherine Lemmer. Michael's project is "Saucer Cults, ESP, and The Search for Eschatological Ultimates: The Curious Library World of Louis Shores" and Catherine's project is "Military Commission Observation Project." Congratulations to both of the grant award recipients.



The Board is always looking for ways to address the needs of our members and to "promote excellence in library service." Since the disbanding of the Indiana University Libraries Faculty Council (IULFC), there may be a way that InULA can address needs of members that were previously attended to by IULFC. For instance, the IULFC Mentorship Program was eliminated. This is a potential area where InULA can step in and provide a service. I understand that the Bloomington campus has a mentorship program, but this type of program is lacking on the regional campuses. The Board is discussing this and if you have any feedback on this topic, please contact me at lbooker@iun.edu with any questions, ideas, or concerns.

Another topic that will be up for discussion is the meaning of a Regular member. This was discussed at the 2013 May Business Meeting. We will conclude this discussion and bring this to a vote. With more librarian positions becoming professional staff positions, the question must be answered, does InULA "promote excellence in library service" of all persons doing the work of library faculty, or does InULA only support library faculty? Look for more information about this on the listserv and the website. All campuses will be able to partake in this conversation.

Remember that InULA is here to support you in the excellent work that you do. I encourage you to read the article in this issue of *InULA Notes* by Sherri Michaels on the great things that the Writing and Publishing Committee has been doing. InULA is here help you excel in librarianship. Let us know what you need. Contact myself or a member of the Board: Christina Wray (IUB), Vice

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Best regards,

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