

PLG Edmonton is a chapter of the Progressive Librarians Guild. Our membership is made up of Canadian archivists, communications specialists, educators, librarians, library technicians, researchers, and other information professionals from Edmonton and the surrounding area.

As a group, PLG Edmonton members are interested in understanding, promoting, defending, and extending the discourse around information issues, policies, and resources.

PLG Edmonton is committed to providing a truly participatory, grassroots symposium devoted to social justice and the information field.

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The Fifth Symposium of the Edmonton Branch of the Progressive Librarians Guild



GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN THE INFORMATION PROFESSIONS

March 12, 2015 • 9am – 5pm
School of Library & Information Studies
Rutherford South Building
University of Alberta

SCHEDULE

8:30-9:20am

Registration and Coffee

9:20-9:30am

Opening Remarks

9:30-11:00am

Keynote – Dr. Alvin Schrader
LGBTQ Milestones and Challenges in
Canada and the World: Library Policies in
Context*

11:00-11:15am

Break

11:15-12:00pm

Presentation – Braden Cannon
*Gender and Sexuality in Provincial Archives
of Alberta Subject Headings (PASH)*

12:00-1:00pm

Lunch – Served in Henderson Hall

1:00 -1:45pm

Presentation – Dr. Tami Oliphant
*Gender and Sexuality in the “Stalker
Economy”*

1:45-2:45pm

Presentation – Moyra Lang
*Trans Inclusion – A Journey for Libraries and
Information Services (LIS) Professionals*

2:45-3:00pm

Break

3:00-3:45pm

Presentation – Kyle Marshall
*Sex in the Stacks: Teenager Sex Education
Information Seeking Behavior and Barriers
to the Use of Library Resources*

3:45-4:00pm

Break

4:00-5:00pm

Keynote – Tim Janewski
Serving, Working and Walking with LGBTQ
People in the Information Professions*

PRESENTER PROFILES

Braden Cannon is a Private Records Archivist at the Provincial Archives of Alberta, where his duties include acquisition, appraisal, and description of archival records in all media, with particular emphasis on audiovisual records. He holds a Master of Library and Information Studies degree from Dalhousie University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Film Studies from Carleton University. He is a founding member of the Edmonton chapter of the Progressive Librarians Guild and has served in several positions within the Archives Society of Alberta and the Association of Canadian Archivists. He has published articles on a variety of topics including archival outreach, photographic history, current archival practice, and the works of philosopher and novelist Albert Camus.

Tim Janewski is Director of Library Services at The King's University in Edmonton and current Chair of the NEOS Library Consortium. Tim's 23-year career in public service has helped him to develop a great appreciation for human diversity. Tim's family includes two young adult children who identify as queer. He is active in LGBTQ* advocacy efforts in the community and at The King's University.

Moyra Lang believes in the importance of community involvement and social responsibility. She currently sessional teaches at the University of Alberta's (U of A) School of Library and Information Studies on diversity and inclusion. Moyra works full-time at the U of A on a collaborative project housed in the Department of Linguistics, responding to recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation

Commission. She is deeply involved in community organizing, and has volunteered extensively with local organizations to address many social issues including: transphobia; addictions; prostitution; literacy; and the criminalization of poverty. She has presented on trans inclusion to many different audiences: library conferences; academic conferences; university classes; and community groups. A recent specialization in the valuing (and often devaluing) of Human Variation holds much of her attention, energy and time.

Kyle Marshall is Edmonton Public Library's School-Aged Services Intern Librarian, and a 2015 graduate from SLIS. Sex in the Stacks will be published in YALSA's Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults in March 2016.

Tami Oliphant is an assistant professor at the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alberta. Her research and teaching interests focus on information behaviour and social information practices, discourse analysis and qualitative approaches, consumer health information, publishing, and knowledge production, dissemination, and reception.

Dr. Alvin M. Schrader, professor emeritus, is a former chair of the School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alberta, and in 2013 was appointed adjunct professor with iSMSS, the Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services in the Faculty of Education.

