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**The World in Your Library:
International Users and International Librarians
Enriching the Academic Experience**

Part of the LACUNY 2008 Institute Series

*In honor of our esteemed colleague, Liborio Campisi,
Manager of Systems Programming at Office of Library Services, CUNY*

Friday, March 14
Woody Tanger Auditorium in the Brooklyn College Library

Program

This all-day (9am-5pm, see [schedule](#) below) conference will feature the following programs:

- A moderated panel of international academic librarians from Hungary, Latin America, Pakistan and Zimbabwe who will share their experiences on key issues including intellectual freedom, user services and professional development.
- Charles Keyes, Librarian, LaGuardia Community College will serve as moderator and the panelists include:
 - Julia Bock, Acquisitions Librarian at Long Island University
 - Sergio Chaparro, Assistant Professor, Simmons College
 - Mumtaz Memon, Fulbright Scholar and Mortenson Center Associate from Mehran University of Engineering and Technology in Pakistan
 - Judith Mavodza, Information Specialist at Metropolitan College of New York, formerly of Masvingo State University in Zimbabwe
- "The Bologna Accord and Its Impact on Higher Education in the United States" Speaker: Diana Bartelli Carlin, Dean-in Residence and Director of International Outreach at the Council of Graduate Schools in Washington, D.C. and Chair of the Bologna Process task Force of the NAFSA: Association of International Educators.

The Bologna Accord is an agreement among more than 40 European nations to establish by 2010 a shared model of higher education. Goals include creating a system of comparable degrees throughout Europe, including a three-year undergraduate degree; and promoting student mobility for degrees in different areas of study, institutions, and nations throughout the world.
- "Combating the Digital Divide and Information Limits around the Globe: Free and Open Source Initiatives" Speakers from the following groups:

Teleread, OLPC News and Free Software Foundation and there will be a demonstration of an XO laptop.
- Poster sessions on academic libraries in Malaysia, China and international exchange programs by CUNY librarians and more...

Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

Schedule

9-9:45am: Registration and Breakfast

9:45-10am: Opening remarks (S. Walker of Brooklyn College, L. Ellis, LACUNY President)

10-12:00am: International Librarians share their perspectives-panel presentations (Keyes will present each speaker: Chaparro, Mavodza, Memon, Bock)

12-12:30pm: Moderated session with International Librarians (C. Keyes and Int'l librarians)

12:30-1pm: Poster sessions and break

1pm-2pm: Lunch

2-3pm: "The Bologna Accord and Its Impact on Higher Education in the United States" (D. Bartelli Carlin)

3-4:30pm: Combating the Digital Divide and Information Limits around the Globe: Free and Open Source Initiatives (Josh Gay of Free Software Foundation, David Rothman of TeleRead and Wayan Vota of OLPC News)

4:30-4:45pm: Closing remarks and demos of XO laptop (L. Ellis and speakers)

Register

Register now since capacity is limited.

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Speaker Bios

Dr. Diana Bartelli Carlin is Dean-in Residence and Director of International Outreach at the Council of Graduate Schools in Washington, D.C. As chair of the Bologna Process Task Force of the NAFSA: Association of International Educators, Dr. Bartelli Carlin has written articles and presented programs on the impact of the Bologna Process on U.S. higher education. From 2000-2007, Dr. Carlin, a professor of communications, served as Dean of the Graduate School and International Programs at the University of Kansas.

Julia Bock, (jbock[at]usa.net) Acquisitions Librarian at Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus who also holds a Ph.D in History. As a native of Hungary where she returns to visit often, Ms. Bock has published on the impact of the Holocaust on Jewish professionals in Hungary as well as the Hungarian Revolution of 1956.

Prof. Sergio Chaparro, (sergio.chaparro[at]simmons.edu) Assistant Professor of Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College. Before coming to the United States, Professor Chaparro taught Spanish linguistics for several years at the Instituto Peruano de Publicidad and the Pontificia Universidad Catholica in Lima, Peru. He received a Fulbright Scholarship for MLS study at Rutgers University and went on to earn his Ph.D there. His current research interests are in the area of information technology and information policy in academic libraries in Latin America, most notably Brazil.

Joshua Gay, (jgay[at]gnu.org) is a social entrepreneur whose work focuses on freedom in education, technology, and information. He is on the board of directors of the League of Technical Voters, a non-profit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to motivating and assisting technical experts to improve lawmaking and governmental process. As campaigns manager for DefectiveByDesign.org--the Free

Software Foundation's campaign to eliminate Digital Restrictions Management technology--he has lead actions against Amazon.com, Netflix, the BBC, and the Boston Public Library. Previously, as part of an FSF summer internship, he edited and published, "Free Software, Free Society: Selected Essays of Richard M. Stallman." As a contributor to TextbookRevolution.org and One Laptop per Child foundation, he focuses collects, promotes, and distributes free educational materials. Joshua has held positions as a research scientist, a software engineer, and editor in Massachusetts, New York, and Oklahoma, and holds a bachelors degree in Mathematics from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Judith Mavodza, (jmavodza[at]metropolitan.edu) Information Specialist/Reference Librarian and Blackboard Administrator at Metropolitan College of New York. Two years ago, Ms. Mavodza held the position of University Librarian at Masvingo State University in Zimbabwe and previously, was Chief Librarian at the National Archives of Zimbabwe Library. Ms. Mavodza has written on the importance of libraries as information resources for economic development throughout Africa, particularly, Zimbabwe.

Mumtaz Memon, (mumtazmemon[at]gmail.com) Chief Librarian at Mehran University of Engineering and Technology in Janshoro, Pakistan. Ms. Memon is a Fulbright Scholar researching professional development of librarians in Pakistan. Studying at the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois, Ms. Memon appreciates the global aspects of librarianship and how it is important to think beyond borders in sharing resources and professional development.

David Rothman, (dr[at]teleread.org) has been writing on e-libraries since the early 1990s and is author of the TeleRead chapter of Scholarly Publishing: The Electronic Frontier (MIT/ASIS), where he calls for a well-stocked national digital library system carefully integrated with schools and libraries--and the popularization of book-friendly hardware. The TeleRead.org site draws hundreds of thousands of visitors each year, including some from developing countries without good library systems. The One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) Project could encourage the creation of electronic alternatives, with librarians still playing key roles. David will demonstrate the sharp-screened XO-1, the computer OLPC developed. He is an advocate of open source software and would like to see closer cooperation between librarians and the open source community. In his opinion, the OLPC computer could be useful domestically and the organization might even want to consider development of a model optimized for the elderly.

Wayan Vota, (wayan[at]bellybuttonwindow.com) is the Director of MicroMentor, empowering emerging entrepreneurs with mentoring from successful business professionals. He is also editor of the influential OLPC News, an independent look at the one Laptop Per Child program. Previously, Mr. Vota promoted economic development with technology as Director of IESC Geekcorps and managed various international technology implementations in Russia and the USA.

More Information on Topics

What is the Bologna Declaration and the Bologna Process?

The Bologna Declaration was originally signed by education ministers from 29 European countries in Bologna during 1999; additional signatories now bring the total to 46 participating countries with a goal to create a European Higher Education Area (EHEA) by 2010. By providing more compatibility and harmony in educational programs, students will be able to move freely within these countries and from institution to institution, leading to more employable graduates, an objective in strengthening Europe's competitiveness. The implementation of this declaration is called the Bologna Process. Major objectives include:

- Adopt a system of easily comparable degrees
- Adopt a degree system based on two main cycles, including a three-year bachelor degree and a two-year master degree
- Establish a system of credits
- Promote mobility for students and academic and administrative staff
- Promote European cooperation in quality assurance
- Promote the European dimension in higher education
- Life long learning

Why should academic librarians and other educators in North America learn about the Bologna Process?

- Predictions are that the Bologna Process will make Europe a more attractive and destination for international students, creating more competition for students
- Predictions are that globally there will be more joint/dual programs among colleges and universities. How will library resources meet these new curriculum and research requests and needs that cross borders and cultures?
- More understanding of the European education system will be needed to evaluate a three-year bachelor degree for graduate admissions and for employment by human resource professionals in the private and public sector
- More communication within professional organizations will likely occur as educators try to stay up-to-date

Conference Committee

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