

Dear Colleagues,

The EAST Project Team and Executive Committee are pleased to announce that the annual EAST Member Meeting will be taking place in Boston on Monday, October 28th at the Metro Meeting Centers. The agenda this year includes a keynote presentation from Lorrie McAllister, Associate University Librarian for Collections Services and Analysis at Arizona State University (ASU).

In the context of our increasingly networked information environment, Lorrie will discuss the work ASU is undertaking with a grant from the Mellon Foundation entitled "[The Future of the ASU Library Print Collection: A Collaborative and Data-Driven Approach to Stack Design and Curation](#)". The project pushes the boundaries of traditional collection development workflows and processes, prompting them to seek new methodologies for engaging with users, planning their collections, and evaluation open stack and high density storage strategies. Lorrie will frame the efforts at ASU Library with three common threads: the collections as public good, the use of resources in alignment with mission, and how best to grapple with the historical legacy and content biases of these collections.

In keeping with the keynote theme, we invite EAST member librarians to present on topics related to shared print and collection management initiatives at their institutions. Do you have ongoing, new, or planned projects related to EAST retention commitments and/or GreenGlass? Has your institution's membership in EAST had an impact on your approach to collection development and management? Do you have thoughts about the role of shared print (monographs and serials) in the academic and research library environment? We would like to hear from you.

In addition to the keynote and member presentations, the agenda will include a comprehensive update on current and recent projects from the EAST Project Team, as well as an open discussion with the membership on ways we are continuing to implement the strategic directions outlined in the "[Steady Ahead and Gathering Steam](#)" document developed in 2018.

Please email presentation proposals to Susan Stearns (sstearns@blc.org) and Mei Mendez (mmendez@blc.org) by August 31st, 2019.

Registration information will be forthcoming by August 15th. Should you have questions about accommodations, please contact Mei.