TLA

EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE INFO

NAME: Julie Leuzinger
POSITION: President Elect
(Academic Libraries)



Work Experience

Department Head, Research & Engagement, University of North Texas (UNT), 2025 - Present
Department Head, Undergraduate Engagement & Research, UNT, 2015-2025
Interim Department Head, Research Support Services, University of North Texas, 2015
Department Head, Sycamore Library, University of North Texas, 2012-2014
Assistant Department Head, Research & Instructional Services, UNT, 2011-2012
Interim Department Head, Government Documents, UNT Libraries, 2011-2012
Reference & Graduate Library Assistant Coordinator, UNT Libraries, 2010-2011
Stacks Manager, Access Services, UNT Libraries, 2007-2010
Circulation Assistant, Access Services, UNT Libraries, 2005-2007

Current TLA Commitments and Positions

Chair, Queers & Allies Round Table, Chair-Elect/Chair, 2025-Present

Previous Board or Volunteer Leadership Experience

Texas Library Association, Legislative Committee, Member, 2021-2026
Texas Library Association, College & University Libraries Division (CULD), Councilor, 2019-2022
Texas Library Association, Awards Committee, Member, 2020-2021
Texas Library Association, Professional Issues and Ethics Committee (PIE), Chair, 2019-2020
Texas Library Association, PIE, Salary Survey Sub Committee, Chair, 2017-2018
Texas Library Association, Program Planning Committee, Member, 2015-2017
Texas Library Association, Bylaws & Resolutions Committee, Member, 2014-2017
Texas Library Association, Assessment Interest Group, Councilor, 2012-2017
Texas Library Association, SMART, Chair-Elect, Chair, Past Chair, 2013-2016
Texas Library Association, CULD, Chair Elect/Chair/Past Chair, 2011-2015
Texas Library Association, District 7, Treasurer, 2012-2013

Statement of Concern

I believe the strength of an organization lies in its people. Developing their capacity to lead, contribute, and influence change is essential to building a strong, adaptable Texas Library Association. TLA must create meaningful opportunities for members to develop skills, share perspectives, and shape the Association's future. This requires reducing barriers to participation, expanding mentorship and professional development, and fostering a culture where diverse voices are valued. As Texas libraries navigate challenges to intellectual freedom, funding, and community support, we need an Association capable of learning, adapting, and responding effectively. By investing in our members, encouraging collaboration, and continually improving how we work together, we can strengthen TLA and its ability to advocate for libraries across Texas.