

# Charleston Comings and Goings: News and Announcements for the Charleston Library Conference

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Spring has sprung here in South Carolina! The azaleas are in full bloom, the weather is getting warmer, cars and porches are covered in yellow pollen, and everyone (at least everyone without pollen allergies) is eager to get outside and soak up some sunshine.

We are excited to announce that the **2016 Call for Papers** is now open! Do you have ideas, challenges, solutions, or information to share? We're seeking proposals on topics related to collection development and acquisitions, including, but not limited to: analysis and assessment, budgeting, discovery, digital scholarship, end users/user statistics, management/leadership, library entrepreneurship, professional development, scholarly communication, and technology and trends. The proposal deadline is **Friday, July 15**. The **Charleston Conference** wishes to provide opportunities for everyone to be heard. We encourage proposals that include representation from the different viewpoints and stakeholders in the scholarly communications process, so please consider the diversity of your panel. Also, please note that conference sessions are meant for librarians, publishers, and vendors to discuss issues of interest to them all. They are not an opportunity for marketing products or services.



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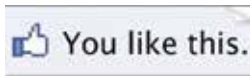
tor and associate dean in the College of Information and Communications at **University of South Carolina's School of Library and Information Science**. We've also been in conversation with **Kalev Leetaru**, Senior Fellow, Center for Cyber & Homeland Security, **George Washington University**, Google Developer Expert, Google Cloud Platform, and Featured Voice / Columnist, *Foreign Policy Magazine*, and



Ann Okerson

we're excited to see his vision for a talk in Charleston. The conference directors have approached **Gary Price**, of **InfoDOCKET**, following his presentation with the Long Arm of the Law panel last year, to head up a program that would take the current pulse of the industry and focus on the key, cutting edge issues, trends, and initiatives that are poised to have major consequences and require the profession's attention. Another contribution from **Ann Okerson**, Senior Advisor on Electronic Strategies for the **Center for Research Libraries**, is a "Shark Tank-like" session for entrepreneurs and start-up ideas. I'll be sure to keep everyone posted as these and other plenary sessions develop in the coming months.

Do you "like" the **Charleston Conference**? Have you "liked" us on Facebook or followed us on Twitter? Lately, we have made it a priority to be more transparent and communicate more frequently both through social media, email, and here in this column. So, if you haven't already, check us out on Facebook or Twitter to keep up to date with all our announcements, news, local Charleston info, and more.



Videos of all of the 2015 Plenary and Neapolitan sessions, plus eight wonderfully awesome "Views from the Penthouse Suite" interviews from *Against the Grain*, are available on the Conference's YouTube channel (<http://www.youtube.com/user/charlestonconference>) and on the Conference Website (<http://www.charlestonlibraryconference.com/video/>). If you weren't able to frantically make notes on all of the great ideas, quotes, and data that were shared on site, you can now review these talks at your leisure.

Registration for the **2016 Charleston Conference** will officially open on **Monday, June 6**. If you have a situation requiring you to spend fiscal year-end funds prior to this time, please contact **Sharna Williams**, our Conference Registrar, at <sharna@charlestonlibraryconference.com>.



## Charleston Vendor Showcase

We would be happy to work with you on an early registration option.

Around the same time that registration opens, contracts and information for the **2016 Charleston Vendor Showcase** will be made available by email. The brilliant and always on-point **Toni Nix** manages the **Showcase**, so if you aren't already on her contact list you need to get in there now so you don't miss out! Email her at <justwrite@lowcountry.com>. Spaces are sold on a first come, first served basis, and they always sell out super quickly! The **Showcase** will be held this year on Wednesday, November 2, from 10:30 am - 6:00 pm in the **Francis Marion Hotel**. See <http://www.charlestonlibraryconference.com/conference-info/events/vendor-showcase/> for a list of 2015 exhibitors, a showcase map, and more information.

Last, but not least, the **Call for Preconferences** prior to the main conference is up and will close shortly. We've already got some fantastic proposals for these pre-conferences, sessions on linked data, legal issues in libraries, understanding the library market, data curation, and more. **Megan**



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**Kilb and Rebecca Vargha, UNC Chapel Hill**, will be leading the **Acquisitions Bootcamp** pre-conference. **2016 Preconferences** will be held Monday, October 31 through Wednesday, November 2. If you have an idea for a pre-conference workshop, please use the proposal form on the Conference Website or email me about it.



Rebecca Vargha

That's it for now. As always, please feel free to contact me or any of our Conference Directors (<http://www.charlestonlibraryconference.com/about/conference-directors/>) with ideas, suggestions, comments, questions, etc. We'd love to hear from you! 🌿