Celebrating 75 Years of Alcohol Studies (Part 3)
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Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies

In preparation for the SALIS 2014 Conference, the previous two issues of SALIS News introduced historical facts about the Center of Alcohol Studies (CAS) at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, in Parts 1 and 2 of our 3-part series, Celebrating 75 Years of Alcohol Studies. In this final part, we are sharing our experiences as conference organizers.

Rutgers has not hosted a SALIS conference in almost 30 years. Having the 36th Annual SALIS Conference here in 2014 seemed like a great opportunity, and our conference theme was developed to resonate with the momentum we were creating at the birthplace of alcohol science over the year of our anniversary. We had significant milestones to celebrate at the Center of Alcohol Studies; why not share it with the ones who are most interested – fellow substance abuse librarians and information specialists?

Due to awkward traffic patterns around the area, we picked the Heldrich Hotel in New Brunswick for the conference, held from April 29 through

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SALIS 2014: Notes from Two First-Time Attendees
Maria Palotai, Natl. Health Science Library, Hungary
Courtney Drysdale, RMC Health, Colorado

From Maria Palotai, National Health Science Library, Hungary —

I have been a SALIS member since 2013 and I was a first-time attendee and conference presenter at the 36th Annual SALIS Conference in New Brunswick. Co-authored by my colleague, Beatrix Kovács, I had a poster accepted, "The impact of E. M. Jellinek's personality and work in the Hungarian literature." Invited by Rutgers colleagues, we wished to contribute to the newly discovered information about Jellinek’s Hungarian connections as part of the Jellinek panel.

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Notes From the Chair
Judit Ward, SALIS Chair

After addressing SALIS members in preparation for the 36th Annual SALIS Conference in the past two issues of the newsletter, it is my honor and pleasure to write now as the Chair of SALIS. Thank you all for the vote of confidence!

Based on feedback, my impression is that the conference was well liked by our diverse audience, including attendees and presenters. As host and new SALIS Chair, I want to begin by expressing my appreciation and gratitude to everyone involved at all levels of planning and execution. The annual SALIS conference is the best opportunity to put faces to names from the list, to network and catch up with colleagues in the field. Let’s keep it this way and try to involve more members and non-members in the future!

Looking back over the past year, I would like to acknowledge and thank Past Chair Jane Shelling for her leadership in difficult times over the previous twelve months and state officially how much we missed her at Rutgers. I am also extending my thanks to Christine Goodair, now Past Chair, who stepped up at the Rutgers conference and helped with the chair’s responsibilities. Congratulations and thanks to the new Board for 2014/2015: Deann Jepson, Chair Elect; Karen Palmer, Treasurer; Sheila Lacroix, Secretary; and Bill Bejarano, Laura Durham, and Mary Kelley, Members at Large.

My goals as chair will follow our conference theme, Looking Forward, Looking Back, and what we learned here. By going back to the roots of SALIS, I will work on maintaining its significance worldwide and on strengthening its role at the members’ institutions. I wish to continue previous chairs’ missions, such as raising SALIS’s profile by reaching out to other potential interested individuals and organizations, and promoting SALIS’s presence at the right places at the right time. I wish to lead SALIS in building stronger and more meaningful networks of existing and new contacts and to explore new communication methods. This is the perfect time to embrace and advocate for a more international SALIS. Finally, I would like to look into more options to raise revenue.

For those of you I haven’t had the chance to meet in person: I can’t wait to talk to you on the phone or face to face. For those of you who do not know me at all, I am a transplant from Hungary, delegated by the Hungarian government to serve as a visiting professor of Hungarian Studies at Rutgers 15 years ago. My background involves nearly 20 years in the country’s second largest medical school in various capacities (librarian, language and health communication instructor). I returned to librarianship ten years ago. I enjoy writing and giving back to the community in both countries. I am also a long-distance runner; you will see me wearing a pretty running skirt at any SALIS conference hotel!

Let’s stay in touch! In addition to following us on Facebook and LinkedIn, and being active on the SALIS list, I highly recommend volunteering for SIGs and committees, attending SALIS conferences, or suggesting new ideas. You never know whether we could benefit from an idea that worked in a different setting, such as your church or my running club!

Notes From the Editor
Meg Brunner, Editor, SALIS News

This is a big, fat, juicy issue — my first as editor of SALIS News — so I don’t want to take up too much space with my own ramblings.

I did want to say, however, that I am incredibly honored and excited to have taken on this position, and am eager to continue the lengthy traditions of SALIS News — and maybe start some new ones.

This is the platform we use to teach each other new things, share ideas, and inspire one another. I’m so grateful to get to play a bigger role in that, and I’m hoping to get more members involved in submitting articles for the newsletter in the months to come.

To that end, when you’re done digesting all the (fantastic! amazing!) content in this issue, take five minutes and think to yourself: what could I contribute? Have you worked on an interesting project lately? Have you learned about a cool new software program or app? Have you overcome a challenge? What kinds of changes are you seeing in your workplace? Are you noticing any new trends in terms of service or information requests from patrons?

Your experiences, your knowledge, what you’ve seen and learned — those are the things that make SALIS News the vital piece of communication in our organization it is. I want to hear about them! All of them! You don’t have to be a master writer, you just have to be a master thinker — and I know for a fact there isn’t a single SALIS member who isn’t one of those. Think about what you’d like to tell the rest of us, and get in touch?

Email me at meganw@uw.edu. Let’s roll!
May 2, 2014.

All in all, it was an exceptionally rewarding experience for us. Since many of you asked: yes, we would do it again! We were extremely happy to see our SALIS friends here for the occasion. We hope the historical atmosphere helped everyone pause for a while, reflect on the past, and think about the future from a fresh perspective. Looking back, the time spent at the conference (excluding lunch and breaks) totaled 24 hours. Forty-nine people attended all or part of the conference (including presenters, exhibitors, sponsors, hosts), out of which 33 also gave a talk. Presenters equally represented SALIS and CAS (42% each), while 16% of the speakers were from other institutions. Please see the infographic below for more conference figures.

The theme this year was “Looking Forward, Looking Back: Reflections on the Past and Planning for the Future.” Our agenda included formal presentations, posters, and panel discussions. Speakers represented SALIS, government organizations, the Rutgers School of Communication and Information, and the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies. We were very pleased to welcome former Elisad members to SALIS, as well, and hope we provided special opportunities for attendees from all over the globe to utilize each other’s unique expertise.

This year’s diverse topics ranged from historical to current, theoretical to practical, academic to industry, clinical, biographical, legal, organizational, or all of the above. Contemporary topics took up 70% of presentation time, leaving 30% for historical topics.

The conference started with registration and a lovely reception at the Heldrich. The goodie bag contained a few gift items related to alcohol history introduced in our previous SALIS News articles, including the famous alco-calculator and featured CAS publications. Attendees were also asked to fill out an ice-breaker bingo sheet to make introductions easier (see p. 5).

Some questions were really easy, and others proved to be unanswerable, partly because many attendees did not

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make it to the welcome party due to adverse weather conditions. Julie Murphy suffered the most as she arrived almost a full day later! The registration table was mostly self-service, and we appreciated the postcards representing their home towns attendees left on the table in place of their name tags after checking in.

On Wednesday morning, the conference started at 8:30 sharp after an abundant breakfast (or so we were told; we didn’t have time for mundane things like eating!). Host Judit Ward welcomed the group then passed the podium on to the first speakers, all from the Center of Alcohol Studies (CAS). The familiar but professional tone of the conference was set by CAS director Robert Pandina’s recollections of the birth of alcohol science at Yale. As a presenter at the 32nd Annual SALIS Conference in New York City in 2010, he is no stranger to SALIS, and as usual, he captured his audience in no time.

Former and long-time Summer School director, Gail Milgram, followed Dr. Pandina, and focused on the early years of alcohol education. The combined Q&A could have gone for hours after these two engaging, comprehensive presentations. But as ruthless hosts, we decided to be strict and stick to the schedule, which, miraculously, we managed to do for all three days! We admit that to tell one’s boss that he is out of time is definitely one of the most difficult sentences to say. Kudos to David Man and his ruthless countdown cards!

The first business meeting of the conference took up the rest of the morning, and after a surprisingly delicious lunch at the hotel’s restaurant, we were transported to the past by SALIS Executive Director Andrea Mitchell’s presentation on the history of the organization. We must say we are glad that we consistently referred to SALIS as a “small but influential organization” in all our 2014 conference communications! If anyone had doubts, Andrea delivered the evidence in her informative talk.

The first poster session came with the excitement of a new format -- the “ignite” session. Having received eight poster proposals, we decided to allow presenters 3-5 minutes each to address the entire audience before answering questions from individuals at their posters. The strategy worked out wonderfully! This session featured Christine Goodair’s poster on training medical students in substance misuse and two posters related to Rutgers CAS digitization projects by Deborah Fanslow and Tony Chu.

After the successful ignite/poster session, attendees took a shuttle in the pouring rain to the Center of Alcohol Studies on Rutgers’ Busch Campus. No one realized that while we were busy inside, New Jersey was getting about 12 inches of rain outside, making traffic impossible and the hosts incredibly nervous. One can never be a hundred percent sure an invited presenter will show up in the first place, but when you add in a no-name hurricane and torrential rain flooding the neighborhood, we’re allowed to get the jitters!

Attendees got to feel like a part of history in many ways this year, and the field trip, hailed by everyone, was one of them. The tour of the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies began in the conference room, where everyone

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Finally had the chance to see in person all the historical objects featured in Part 1 of our SALIS News series. Laura Fenster Rothschild, the current director of the Education and Training Division, gave an overview of the ongoing activities at CAS. We were happy to find that many of you recognized our relics from the pictures. We were also thrilled to hear that the first four magnets the Center had developed, based on objects featured from our collections, came hot off the production line the same day and could be raffled later as door prizes.

Everyone next had a chance to cross the famous bridge featured on the cover of our program brochure. It is actually an overpass on the third floor, connecting the old CAS building (Smithers Hall) to the new one (Adele and Brinkley Smithers Hall), where the library and the journal’s office are located. We were impressed that everyone took the stairs as we always do!

Entering the library, guests walked by the world’s first alcometer, created by Leon Greenberg. The somewhat old-fashioned CAS library impressed many of the participants with its retrofitted signs and beautiful card catalog. Historical punchcards from the CAAAL Collection were new to the younger attendees, but prompted a walk down memory lane for seasoned librarians. Andrea Mitchell was kind enough to explain the searching method using the edge-notched cards. Viewing the tiny “Jellinek Corner” in the library on Wednesday was intended to generate interest in the Jellinek presentation on Friday. It was the first time most attendees had ever seen or touched a live “Bunky,” the bust of E. M. Jellinek presented as the Jellinek Memorial Award. We regret that Bunky’s doodle might have been a disappointment to most of you due to significant fading, but so was the Mona Lisa for some of us who have had the chance to see it. We were curious if anyone would figure out the significance of the Hungarian playing cards also on display, but no one did, not even our Hungarian guests! We must admit we put a lot of effort into creating suspense before breaking the news about Jellinek’s life Friday, starting with the mysterious collage of Hungarian newspaper articles in the previous issue of SALIS News.

At 4 pm the tour ended and we walked back to the Life Sciences building to “be part of history,” as many of you put it. SALIS celebrated the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol together with CAS that afternoon at a relaxed reception hosted by the Center.

An overhead slideshow, created in the library, looped on five monitors while people mingled, networked, and enjoyed the wine and cheese. Robert Pandina gave a brief talk announcing the journal’s newly founded award honoring the most popular articles published in Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs (JSAD) over time.

The award was named after the journal’s founder, Howard W. Haggard. Paul Candon, managing editor of JSAD, briefly reviewed Haggard’s contributions to the field, and announced the first winners: the top cited article was “Matching Alcoholism Treatments to Client Heterogeneity: Project MATCH posttreatment drinking outcomes,” by the Project MATCH Research Group, published in January 1997. The most downloaded article award went to “Alcohol consumption, sleep, and academic performance among college students,” by Royce A. Singleton, Jr., and Amy Wolfson, published in May 2009.

Of course, we should not forget about the icing on the cake, which was a…cake! It featured the cover of the 75th
Thursday began with more rain, but we had no time to agonize about the evening’s planned activity, a group “health walk.” Our strategy not to worry about anything unless it was absolutely necessary worked well for us, by the way! After SIG & committee meetings, Bryony Addis-Jones introduced her new database, the International Alcohol Information Database – Research, familiar to those SALIS members who tested it upon her request and now available to the public. Bryony was followed by Sheila Lacroix, who presented on the digital collection of gray literature at CAMH. Barbara Weiner introduced the new Hazelden – Betty Ford Foundation before the coffee break.

The first distinguished professor of the day, Michael Lesk from the Rutgers School of Information and Communication, was next. Judit joked with Andrea: last year you had Brewster Kahle, now we have Michael Lesk! It is amazing that SALIS provides opportunities like these for its members to meet the legends of digital libraries. To illustrate his talk on changes in research via digital tools, Dr. Lesk brought examples from a plethora of sciences, in his usual modest way. He actually attended the afternoon sessions and had come to CAS the previous afternoon to meet SALIS people and find out more about us!

After another nice lunch, the sun finally began to come out as Andrea Mitchell introduced the latest on the SALIS – Internet Archive digitization project. Andrea called for more fundraising in order to create a better circulating addiction eBook collection in the Internet Archive.

Professor Helene Raskin White of CAS was next. Her name is familiar to many in the field, as she is one of only seven ISI Highly Cited Rutgers faculty members, as well as the developer of the Rutgers Alcohol Problem Index. In her talk, she reviewed how she sees trends and transitions in publication as reflected in her work. Or, at least, she intended to review those things, until technology interfered! Nothing can stop a dedicated and highly driven professor in her scholarly endeavors, however, and despite the temporary failure of our projector, she breezed through her talk with Bill showing her slides to the group on an iPad. The only thing we could say to Dr. White, other than that we were sorry, was that if we hadn’t known what makes a great scholar before, we certainly did now!

After a well-deserved break, the publication panel gave us an eye-opening and comprehensive overview of the pros and cons of open access.

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Paul Candon, managing editor of *JSAD*, enlightened librarians about what it costs to run a scholarly journal. His examples of good editing practices, or the lack thereof, were hilarious! Jennifer Buckman, Associate Professor at CAS, presented the researcher’s perspective, including financial and time constraints, and listed some really funny examples of invitations to publish or serve on the editorial board from emerging, low-quality open access journals. The librarian’s view was represented by Laura Mullen, Behavioral Sciences librarian at Rutgers University Libraries and author of a book on open access, who described the implementation of the university-wide open access policy at Rutgers and its consequences. A very lively discussion followed and continued later outside the conference room, with views pro and con apparently well tolerated on each side. If only all debates were similar! Everyone, including the panelists walked away feeling that they learned something new that afternoon. Good enough for us hosts, we thought.

The weather seemed to cooperate too, and just as well, as 16 people signed up for what we called a “health walk” in anticipation of getting a particular sponsor (that we didn’t). We strolled down George Street and College Avenue, down to Alexander Library, at which point several attendees decided to stop in and look around.

Speaking of sponsors, we are so grateful for all our supporters this year! A big thank you goes to frequent SALIS sponsor Wiley, as well as Taylor and Francis, Elsevier, NIH, and accomplished author and former Rutgers Summer School lecturer, Ernest Kurtz, who wished he could have attended. His books were on display with the exhibits in the back of the room.

Exhibitors at SALIS 2014 included Taylor and Francis, handing out cute totes all three days, and Walden University on Thursday, as well as Karger Medical and Scientific Publishers. The rest of the swag was obviously from Rutgers CAS. Raffle prizes were offered by Barb Weiner of Hazelden, Christine Goodair of St. George’s University of London, Maria Palotai and Beatrix Kovacs of the Hungarian National Health Sciences Library, and Laura Rothschild, Education and Training Division, CAS.

Friday started with more SIG & committee meetings, with the rest of the morning dedicated to current topics. Generous with her time, Christine Goodair presented on the St. George’s University library’s

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digitization efforts of over 190,000 records of the Addicts Index files, followed by Barbara Seitz de Martinez, who gave us plenty of ideas on how to survive in difficult times by tailoring library services. After the coffee break, Meg Brunner presented on the impact of legalized marijuana on Washington state and Colorado and how her organization was getting involved. Finally, Kristin Tansil of CDC presented on their implementation of an electronic screening and brief intervention tool. We were pleased to hear how close researchers at CDC work with their librarian!

We were not sure at lunch if anyone could put up with more desserts, but apparently SALIS librarians were able to tackle this one more time! By the way, the most frequently asked question was food related: Do we pay for all the food people other than SALIS attendees are taking from the food kiosk? We assured everyone that it was an area shared with another event and we paid only for our folks.

Friday afternoon was another exciting time, at least for us; not only because we were expecting the unexpected with technology for a call from Idaho by Ron Roizen, independent scholar, but also because we had made a conscious decision to break the Jellinek story at Rutgers during the SALIS conference! We have been collecting information on his past for six years now, which explains the long list of acknowledgments on our last slide and the seven presenters on the panel. Bill Bejarano and Judit Ward were joined by four former CAS graduate assistants, now librarians working and living in different states (Christine Bariahtaris, Scott Goldstein, Karen Thomas, and Molly Stewart). These students so enjoyed working on the topic that they volunteered their time to put together 15-minute segments of the Jellinek panel. They all sacrificed a vacation day, since this was not work-related for them as it was for us! The nearly two-hour long panel introduced the new data about Jellinek’s early life collected at the CAS archives and from Hungarian sources. With still a lot of white space on the canvas of Jellinek’s life, the presenters also allowed for some speculations and reached out to SALIS members for further resources. The evaluation and analysis of the Jellinek research was summarized by none other than the ultimate Jellinek-expert, Ron Roizen, on the phone. While technology cooperated, the audience was listening to him in awe. It was a very special experience for us at CAS, and we are glad that SALIS members were part of it.

There was another ignite/poster session right after the panel, which began with a talk by Maria Palotai and Beatrix Kovacs about Jellenek’s Hungarian reception and the new research interest toward him over there.

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Two somewhat CAS-related posters followed, all by graduate students at the Rutgers School of Communication and Information. The first was by Christine Rambo and Jessica Maratea, who presented their class project for their Digital Library Technology course, a prototype of a digital collection on alcohol, based on materials from the CAS library. Daniel Geary next talked about digitizing confidential material, such as the CAS Summer School registration cards, including the use of zonal OCR. Finally, Mary Kelly showed us her lovely infographics on the changing role of state documents, which inspired us to put the SALIS conference data into one too!

Unfortunately, by this time many people had left, even though we advertised the conference as a three full day event. Or fortunately for others, perhaps? Most of the attendees who remained won a door prize Friday afternoon! The last event of the conference was the second general business meeting, where the new board was announced, among other things.

Do you want to host a conference? If you want a great experience and can avoid the urge to sweat the small stuff, please consider it! Challenges motivate and do not disappoint us. We found that making plans and goals well in advance was crucial in the long run. Another trick is to break the huge task into manageable chunks, and focus on the task at hand (or the mile you are running, if I may).

The outcome is better and the work is more effective if you match interests and expertise with the task, which is standard practice at the CAS library. Debbie, with her graphic designer background, created our wonderful program brochure and many more visual aids. Tony, the statistician, crunched numbers better than anyone else, while Danny, the reference assistant, collected all the information you guys needed ahead, and kept the library open during the conference. Bill can handle pretty much anything, and he is fast and efficient, he has that drive. Obviously, the Hungarian speaker comes handy if you have Hungarian guests, should we go on?

Capitalizing on your networks to recruit presenters and invite attendees might be another good idea. Bill and I received over 1500 emails, and replied to them too, while organizing the conference. This experience gave us the opportunity to relate to people on a more personal level. We enjoyed the journey and all its small successes along the way.

If anyone is hesitant to host a conference, we would say, go for it! With planning and discipline, it is a rewarding experience. You will need a lot of help, from previous hosts and your local staff too. In running terms, organizing a conference is not like a 5K that anyone can wing, but more like a marathon, where one needs careful planning, training, pre-and post-event plans, and you still can’t be sure whether you will make it to the finish line. But if you do, what an experience!

Some attendees even made it to the Jersey Shore!
In 1999, our library, the National Health Science Library, joined Elisad, and we participated in European events such as the PHARE Drug Information System and several Elisad conferences. We are very proud to say that the 21st Elisad annual meeting was organized by our library in 2009 in Budapest, Hungary. Over the years, the library developed rewarding and useful professional relationships with Elisad, individual members, and member libraries. At Elisad conferences we met with Andrea Mitchell, Executive Director of SALIS, and other colleagues, as well as Christine Goodair and Judit Ward. In 2013, I joined SALIS. It is a great honor to belong to this prestigious organization, and I have found membership benefits extremely rewarding so far. This conference was a great opportunity to network and establish more personal connections with SALIS members.

As this was my first trip to the United States, it provided first-hand experience of American substance abuse libraries and expanded my horizons in many ways. I found the conference venue of very high quality, and the well-planned program remained on schedule throughout the whole time, which attests to the professionalism of the organizers. It is very unusual in Hungary not to have delays at a conference. The whole event featured a welcoming and friendly atmosphere. We had a great time at the tour of the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies and its library with the Jellinek corner, and we appreciated the opportunity to participate in the *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs* celebration. We really liked the telephone conversation with Ron Roizen while his presentation was projected. The ice-breaking "bingo" game was also a great idea from the first-time attendees’ perspective, because it helped us get to know each other better from day one.

Attending this conference was very important to me from a professional point of view. As my first SALIS Conference, it was a valuable and unforgettable event in my life. Many thanks to SALIS for the scholarship and for the opportunity to present our poster. I will share my experience with Hungarian colleagues in both libraries and the government. Several Hungarian library journals are eager to publish my report about the conference, such as the most popular Könyv, könyvtár, könyvtáros (Books, libraries, librarians) and the Hungarian Medical Library Association Newsletter.

From Courtney Drysdale, RMC Health

I moved into my position in 2013 just a few weeks before that year’s SALIS Conference and couldn’t make it work with my schedule, so I planned for 2014 right from the start. I hoped all through the year that SALIS would be the place where I would find other people who do the same work I do in their own states – “my people!” is what I would call them. My hopes were met when I attended my first SALIS Conference in New Brunswick, New Jersey this spring.

One of the hard things about working in a resource center that serves the whole state of Colorado is that you feel very isolated. Even though we are a team of three, we are the only three people in Colorado doing this specific work! Meeting other librarians and information specialists across the country and the world was my favorite part of attending SALIS. While the listserv is great, nothing compares to a getting to be part of a group of highly motivated, passionate professionals in a room together sharing ideas.

A couple of the sessions on the final day were my favorites. Barbara Seitz De Martinez spoke about advocating for the services provided by her library, and I was very inspired and encouraged by her experience. I was able to ask questions that will help me advocate for my library here in Colorado. And of course, I very much appreciated Meg Brunner’s presentation on recreational marijuana, since it is impacting our work here in Colorado.

I would encourage new SALIS members to attend the conference. I feel that I got a lot out of the networking, the sessions, and getting to see another SALIS member’s home library (Judit Ward’s Center of Alcohol Studies library at Rutgers). I’m excited by everything I learned, and I am looking forward to next year already!
$25,000 to $50,000 which leaves SALIS safely in the tax-free zone.

SALIS received $3000 from the Joel and Maria Fort Foundation in support of the digitization project. Concerning the NIAAA library resources which NIAAA is donating to SALIS, seed money for digitization was also mentioned by NIAAA, but an amount or how SALIS goes about getting these funds has not been settled.

Current membership is at 79. Although there was a net gain due to the addition of new Elisad members, excluding that group, there was a loss in other categories. US membership has demonstrated a continuous decline, dropping from 50 (2013) to 42 (2014). Canadian membership remains stable at 11, and Australia dropped from 4 in 2012 to 3. There is a member from Israel and one from Puerto Rico.

Membership growth must be a priority in the coming year.

Treasurer’s Report: Andrea Mitchell

As Treasurer Karen Palmer was unable to attend, Andrea addressed the Treasurer’s Report. Some highlights:

- The SALIS 2013 Conference, Berkeley, CA, generated a total revenue of $4,174.32.
- The transfer of funds from Elisad, approximately $11,000, is a key source of income for 2013/14.
- Net gain for 2013/14 was $14,000.00.

The Development Committee report provided a useful summary of income generation for the year:

- SALIS Member Donations: Christine Goodair, $650, earmarked for travel to a conference to promote SALIS, and Tom Colthurst, $500.00 towards the digitization project.
- Bookstore Affiliates Program: $1,641,
- Sponsorships (Publishers, etc.): $3,670.00.
- Joel & Maria Fort Foundation (For Internet Archive Digitization Project): $3,000.00.

Overall, it has been a successful year!

Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee, chaired by Christine Goodair, with the support of David Man and Tom Colthurst, provided a full slate of officers including competition for one MAL (Member-at-Large) position. Candidates’ bios and photos were published in the Winter 2014 issue of SALIS News. The work of this committee is so appreciated because the future of SALIS depends on an active, committed Board. See page 14 for this year’s Executive Board election results.

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SALIS Internet Archive Project: Andrea Mitchell
SALIS is undertaking this major, long term project as a result of the urgent need to preserve our past, as evidenced by the library closure tracking activities of the Advocacy Committee. The name for the SALIS collection has been selected: **The SALIS Collection: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Resources**. Andrea reviewed progress to date and lamented the loss of a box of books in the fire at the Internet Archives San Francisco site. We must firm up the collection policy: we are looking for key books in the field, not ephemeral literature such as pamphlets. Also, resources should focus primarily on the topics of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. As more clarification is required around selection procedures and instructions, protocols will be forthcoming (see Advocacy Committee report, page 16, for more on how to participate). The Top Ten list previously compiled by Barbara Weiner, with input from our membership, will be sent out to assist everyone with selection. In summary, look for information coming on the “what” and “how.”

Elisad: Christine Goodair
Christine provided a brief overview of Elisad’s recent challenges resulting in their dissolution: cut-backs due to the economy, shrinking membership, and maintaining an active Board. The 2013 meeting planned for Bucharest, Romania, did not take place. At an emergency Board meeting last fall, there was unanimous agreement to dissolve Elisad, transfer remaining funds to SALIS and offer SALIS membership to Elisad members for 2014. The possibility of a European SIG (Special Interest Group) in SALIS was discussed. Of the former Elisad members, 7 were already SALIS members and 7 are new to our organization.

Social Media / Promotion
Do you know SALIS will be in [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org)? Christine Goodair has written an entry for SALIS and as soon as the final draft is vetted, it will be live! Elisad has an entry so there will be cross links.

Use of social media for communication continues to be a challenge. LinkedIn is not heavily used and Christine advised that is not very popular in the UK. The Board will ask the Technology Committee to seek out information about what is preferred by our members. The Membership and Outreach (MOC) committee is promoting SALIS through its Facebook page and LinkedIn. Due to time constraints, Facebook postings have been minimal. The SALIS LinkedIn page has 139 members. The consensus is that this is a current challenge and we aren’t utilizing social media to its full potential. Posting and remaining current takes time and commitment.

SALIS Conference 2015
See the Business Meeting Highlights (page 13) for more details. Attendance at conferences continues to be a challenge because of the economy and cut backs affecting travel policy and funding, as well as our geographically diverse membership. We now have a substantial membership in Europe and should this continue, we want to ensure there are as few barriers as possible. Should we consider a conference in London one year? Should we look into remote access possibilities for conference presentations? There are many possibilities to consider.

We also have no policy on complementary conference registrations and there is concern for the future of funding our scholarships, which can fluctuate in cost depending where the conference is held. This year, NIDA covered one of the scholarships and SALIS covered three.

Wrap-up: Some Ideas and Priorities
It might be nice to have an infographic on our website highlighting our membership. Also, Judit would like our membership to know more about our new members from Europe, so look for some profiles in up coming SALIS News issues.

The SALIS Internet Archive Digitization Project is front and center to our work. Let’s ensure we are ready for a launch of **The SALIS Collection: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Resources** within the next year.

Promotion and partnerships are another focus. Possibilities highlighted are:

- **Global Addiction**, [www.globaladdiction.com](http://www.globaladdiction.com). For a cost of 50 pounds, SALIS can become an associate of this networking, information sharing organization which plans an annual conference and has other resources for members.
- **ICARA: International Consortium of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Research Associations** will meet with ISAJE in Chicago this year. A tiered membership structure is proposed.

Please pass on any other suggestions you have!
HIGHLIGHTS:
Business Meetings
Sheila LaCroix, SALIS Secretary

Christine Goodair provided some of these highlights during the Business Meeting, in particular those about the digitization project and possible linkages with other organizations to promote and strengthen SALIS.

Business Meeting Part I: Wednesday, April 30

The Business Meeting was called to order at 10:45am after fascinating morning sessions about the history of the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies (CAS) and its Summer School. Past Chair Christine Goodair chaired the meeting in Chair Jane Shelling’s absence. Christine announced that Jane will continue to be a member of SALIS and serve in her role on the Executive Board now that she is established in her new position at the Australian Institute of Criminology.

Chair’s Message
Jane Shelling sent greetings in her report, wishing us a great conference. She lauded “the continuation of the usual strong, cooperative spirit amongst members in sharing and disseminating alcohol and drug information.” She expressed gratitude for the support SALIS members provided during her difficult time when the Australian Government pulled funding for ADCA (Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia) which included her library. Jane mentioned how enthusiastic she was about the 2013 SALIS Conference visit to the Internet Archive. The digitization plans for the ADCA Library collection were cut short and the fate of the collection of 97,000 items remains unknown. She urged all of us to get involved in the SALIS digitization project and commended Andrea Mitchell on her leadership in this project.

SALIS Home Report & Treasurer’s Report
Andrea Mitchell is relieved that Meg Brunner is taking over editorial duties for SALIS News. It has been a busy year, as Andrea was without an office assistant much of the time. An assistant is essential for continuing with the digitization project. In terms of our financial health, the dissolution of Elisad has added $11,600 to the treasury. The book affiliates project earns $100 - $120 per month, so members are encouraged to purchase through the SALIS web page links and encourage friends, associates, etc. to do so as well. Christine Goodair flagged that this might not work outside of the U.S.; Meg Brunner volunteered to look into this. Andrea thanked Treasurer Karen Palmer, unable to attend SALIS this year, for her reports. They are available on request. Andrea flagged that our membership is dropping, even with the addition of 7 new members from Elisad.

Elisad Report
Christine Goodair provided a rundown of Elisad’s final year. Libraries in Europe have been diminishing and those still open have fewer staff. Spain has been particularly affected. Even Elisad Board members were under threat, making it increasingly difficult to maintain a vibrant leadership. An emergency meeting was held to review options. It was challenging to find a similar library association in Europe with which to partner; EAHIL (European Association for Health Information and Libraries) was considered too broad in its mandate. Joining SALIS was the unanimous choice. It is hoped there still can be separate meetings in Europe for the European members.

Social Media
There was a lot of discussion about social media. We learned that the SALIS Facebook account was set up for “passive” announcements, not for interactivity. Perhaps we should rethink this policy. We do have a LinkedIn account, but not a Twitter account; could Twitter be used to our advantage? There was a query as to why we can’t post on the SALIS Facebook account. Nancy Sutherland explained that it was set up this way initially but could be changed. It was suggested that the Social Media Subcommittee join the Technology Committee to continue the discussion.

Committee Meetings
These were scheduled, but the RADAR SIG in particular was discussed. RADAR has members who are not in SALIS. Meg Brunner reported that the Membership and Outreach Committee contacted RADAR members to promote SALIS; no response was received. Christine Goodair suggested that Dottie Blackwell, both a RADAR and SALIS member, be contacted as a source for recommending action on increasing ties with RADAR members.

Business Meeting Part II: Friday, May 2

2014 Election Results
Thank you Christine Goodair for chairing the Nomination Committee and to Deann Jepson for her role as teller.

See box on next page for 2014/15 Executive Board results.

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Membership & Outreach Committee Report
Meg Brunner, Committee Chair

The Membership and Outreach Committee (MOC) is chaired by Meg Brunner of the University of Washington Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute (ADAI) and includes members: Julie Murphy (PIRE), David Man (CASA), Diane Van Abbe (OTRU), Jennifer Velotta (ADAI), and Kadee Carpenter (Daily Sparks Tribune).

The MOC tackles issues such as membership recruitment, participation, and retention in an effort to keep SALIS vital and strong.

This year’s most significant membership change came with the dissolution of our sister organization, Elisad, and the transfer of Elisad members to SALIS. The MOC would love to hear from our new Elisad members about their experiences so far in SALIS and what kind of support SALIS could provide for them professionally.

As part of our membership drive this year, our two newest committee members, Jennifer Velotta and Kadee Carpenter, both involved in the prevention field, prepared a one-page flyer about the benefits of SALIS and sent it, along with a letter of invitation, to dozens of RADAR network organizations in an attempt to bring in more members from the prevention field. While this did not result in new members, the flyer itself is a valuable new asset and we plan to modify it for general use and make it available to all SALIS members for distributing at other conferences/meetings or to interested parties.

The MOC is also engaged in promoting SALIS through social media with pages maintained on Facebook and LinkedIn. The SALIS Facebook page currently has 257 “Likes.” In 2013, the post with the widest reach (number of users who saw the post, a number influenced by both “likes” and sharing), at 237 views, was an advertisement for the Berkeley conference.

Due to time constraints, posting on the SALIS Facebook page has been minimal and usually limited to conference information, however the MOC, in cahoots with the Technology Committee, plans to expand the use of the page either by adding additional SALIS members as administrators (where they can post under the name SALIS) or by opening up posts in general (where people would post under their own names). If you are interested in joining the Social Media Workgroup, which consists of

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members from both the MOC and the Tech Committees, please contact Nancy Sutherland at nsutherland@adai.uw.edu.

The SALIS LinkedIn page has 139 members at present; opening the site up to all interested LinkedIn participants last year (rather than keeping it restricted to SALIS members only) has expanded both membership and activity. Many of the members of the page are not currently SALIS members (the same is true for Facebook) – these may be good places for more active membership solicitation work.

The MOC has discussed the idea of doing a second round of new member solicitations in July, when a pro-rated membership rate (50% off) could be offered for the end of 2014. This may be a good way to offer “trial memberships” to SALIS without actually having to offer a truly reduced rate, which the board has discussed previously and decided against. That said, the MOC would like to bring that idea back to the board this year for reconsideration, and feels strongly that a reduced first-year rate for new members has the potential to bring more people into the organization.

The MOC is always looking for new ideas and new members! Please contact Chair Meg Brunner with any questions or comments: meganw@uw.edu.

Movie Review

The Anonymous People (2014)

This documentary features interviews with prominent people living publicly in long-term recovery, like former NBA star Chris Herrin, actress Kristen Johnson (3rd Rock from the Sun), Miss USA 2006 Tara Conner, and former congressman Patrick Kennedy.

The film’s title stems from its central argument — that the anonymous nature of many recovery programs inspires shame in participants and serves to perpetuate the stigma attached to addiction. The subjects in this film prefer to focus on themselves as people “in long-term recovery” rather than as “alcoholics” or “addicts,” as many 12-step programs tend to describe them.

Though the film is a little unfocused and not terribly cohesive, it’s got a lot of heart. Definitely worth checking out! (Rent or purchase via Amazon to support SALIS!)  

— Meg Brunner

The SALIS Technology Committee met briefly during the 2014 conference, naming three tasks that will be the focus of our efforts for the upcoming year:

1. Develop a Social Media Strategic Plan to update our current, rather passive policy. Our Facebook page has 257 “likes” – more than 3 times the number of SALIS members. Are they an untapped source of potential membership or other support? How could we be using FB to interact with the broader community, or with other SALIS members? Is it workable to encourage any SALIS member to post to the FB page, (e.g. about a new resource, event)? Should we allow questions and comments from the public – and how would that work? Our group in LinkedIn has similar issues and questions to review.

2. Work with the Advocacy Committee on the SALIS / Internet Archive Book Project http://lib.adai.uw.edu/salis/salisbookproject/ as needed, especially with managing the website/database to track the books submitted for digitization.

3. The SALIS Wikipedia page is nearly ready to be made public – a long-time goal of the Tech Committee. Christine Goodair drafted the content, which is being reviewed by the SALIS Board and others.

The Tech Committee gained two new members, bringing new talents and energy to help drive our work this year: Courtney Drysdale and Kristin White – both from the Health & Learning Resource Center at RMC Health in Colorado. Welcome!

For an overview of the Tech Committee and our ongoing projects, see the committee web page: http://salis.org/sigcomm/tech.htm.
Barbara Weiner is checking out First Giving, and more information will be coming via the listserv. Please start perusing your library shelves for possible donations and letting others in your center know about the “SALIS-Internet Archive Digitization Project.” It may well be that they have items to donate.

Members attending: Christine Goodair, Sheila Lacroix, Andrea Mitchell, Nancy Sutherland, Barbara Weiner. Apologies: Jane Shelling.

As reported to the Board, the Advocacy Committee's "SALIS-Internet Archive Digitization Project" has been moving ahead. The SALIS IA Project tracking database currently has 86 records for books and documents donated so far.

In the Fall 2013 issue of SALIS News we reported on the main goal of this project:

"One web page and one digitized copy of every alcohol, tobacco and other drug book ever published."

At the annual SALIS Board meeting at the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies, the Board selected the following title for the collection, which will be listed on the Internet Archive's website:

The SALIS Collection: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Resources

The main discussion for the committee was how to get SALIS members to participate in this project and to develop simple steps for members to follow when submitting books and government docs for digitization. It was decided by the group that the initial aim is to collect books and major documents only. Please do not send documents born in digital format or already easily found on web. No pamphlets or journal articles, either.

See the box on the right for detailed instructions on how to donate items to the collection.

Given that it costs approximately $30 per book/doc, and thus far we have only received $3,000 in funding, in order to promote the project, we want to start by adding material to the collection that is more likely to be searched by a number of scholars or others working or interested in the alcohol, tobacco, and other drug field.

Currently there are five SALIS members actively submitting materials and sending them to SALIS Home. One box of books was delivered to the Internet Archive following the conference, and are coming. We really want to get you involved!

Our next step is determining ways to get more funding.
Ed Gregory and I were the sole representatives from Canada at the SALIS conference this year. We briefly brainstormed steps we could take as a result of changes in the CCSA website. As CCSA has moved away from its “clearinghouse” function, some useful factual information, such as the legal drinking age for each province, is no longer provided. Fortunately, CCSA continues to be a great source of information on key Canadian policy issues. Ed and I discussed using the CAMH website to provide “fast facts.” As a first step, we will consult with CCSA SALIS members Chad Dubeau and Karen Palmer to determine what content could be mined from the previous CCSA web pages and then contact our Canadian SIG members to firm up a list of facts we really want to have at our fingertips. We will keep you informed.

The Development Committee helps secure the financial sustainability of SALIS by broadening its base of revenue. The Committee, which communicates by email and phone:

- Oversees and tracks donations to SALIS via the “Support SALIS” link on the website;
- Oversees and tracks revenue from the “Bookstore Affiliates Program;”
- Seeks sponsorship dollars, such as those provided for each conference;
- Searches for foundations or government agencies that may be sources of funding, and monitors their websites to stay current;
- Is on the alert for new project ideas;
- Communicates to the Board about fiscal opportunities for SALIS;
- Assists with proposals or letters of intent when potential projects are identified.

Support SALIS Link ($1150 total)

- $500 individual donation, for Internet Archives Digitization project
- $650 individual donation, general

Bookstore Affiliates: ($1,641 total)

For calendar year 2013
- $1309 for Amazon
- $332 for Hazelden

Sponsorships ($3,670 total)

- $1,000 Elsevier
- $ 750 Wiley
- $ 500 Taylor and Francis
- $ 670 NIDA
- $ 750 Ernie Kurtz

Seed Money for SALIS Internet Archive Digitization Project
- $3,000 Joel and Maria Fort Foundation

New Ideas: Explored First Giving and Kickstarter as possible sources of further revenue for the SALIS/Internet Archive Digitization Project, with First Giving preferred.

Suggestions, new ideas, and new members – always welcome!

Beach Books: Addiction Fiction
Looking for something entertaining to read this summer that ties into our field? All these books feature stories about addiction. (From Huffington Post). Click titles to purchase!

**The Goldfinch** by Donna Tartt
Theo Decker, a 13-year-old boy, loses his mother in a terrorist attack and struggles to stitch together a new life for himself. “Develops a carefully considered discussion of addiction and depression.” (Note from Meg: I’m reading this Pulitzer Prize winner right now and loving it!)

**Doctor Sleep** by Stephen King
This sequel to *The Shining* revisits the adult life of Danny, the little boy with preternatural abilities, as he starts to pull himself out of alcoholism and cope with the burden of his visions.

**You Should Have Known** by Jean Hanff Korelitz
A therapist’s husband goes missing; as she searches for him, she comes to learn about his demons and addictions, particularly to sex.

**The Silent Wife** by A.S.A. Harrison
ANOTHER therapist’s husband goes missing (hey, popular topic this summer!). This time, he’s an alcoholic, not a sex addict, though. “Creatively considers the impact alcohol and depression have on all family members.”

**Fourth of July Creek** by Smith Henderson
Pete Snow, a social worker in Montana, intervenes into the life of one of his clients, a drug-addicted mother about to be arrested for violently attacking her own son.
SALIS Member Receives Quest Global Impact Grant Award
Nita Bryant, Virginia Commonwealth University.

Nita Bryant, Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Librarian at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia, recently received a Quest Global Impact Grant Award from the Global Education Office at VCU. She and Co-PI John Cyrus from VCU’s Tompkins McCaw Library for the Health Sciences will be collaborating virtually and on-site with librarians from the University of Adelaide (AU) and Kings College London to develop an international information literacy framework for the addictions field. The framework will be guided by the curriculum, mission, and goals of the International Programme in Addiction Studies, a master’s degree program offered jointly by their respective universities.

Although generic standards have been tailored to specific disciplines and integrated into university curricula worldwide, there are no information literacy standards specific to the addictions field. Because the study of addictions is inherently multidisciplinary and culturally situated, there is a need to bring biomedical, psychosocial, cultural, legal, and policy dimensions together using a holistic, integrated, international approach.

Drawing upon biomedical and psychosocial backgrounds, their work will reflect a synthesis of recently revised standards, performance indicators, and outcomes developed by the Society of College, National, and University Libraries (UK), the Association of College and Research Libraries (USA), and the Australian and New Zealand Institute for Information Literacy (ANZIIL).

As work on this effort proceeds, feedback from fellow SALIS members will be actively sought and greatly appreciated! □

News from Canada
Chad Dubeau, CCSA
Sheila Lacroix, CAMH

CCSA Launches New Website!

On March 3, CCSA launched its new website, featuring an easy-to-search CCSA resources section, dynamic news feeds, pages devoted to partner collaboration and topics that matter to the substance abuse field. The new layout will make it easier to find relevant content. Check it out at www.ccsa.ca.

CCSA and Minister of Health Work Together on Recovery, Youth Drug Prevention and Prescription Drug Abuse

The concept of addiction recovery is gaining attention in Canada and around the world, as shown by the recognition of Recovery Month (September) and Recovery Day (the first Sunday in September), as well as the popularity of documentary films such as The Anonymous People.

Building on this momentum, CCSA joined the Honourable Rona Ambrose, Minister of Health, at a Roundtable on Recovery, hosted on December 18, 2013 Cedars at Cobble Hill, a treatment facility in British Columbia.

Championing Public Policy Engagement

Recently, CCSA has been implementing a more assertive public engagement strategy. By way of example, on November 18, 2013, members of CCSA’s Board of Directors gathered in Ottawa ahead of their quarterly meeting to participate in CCSA’s Parliamentary Hill Day.

Throughout the day, directors met with members of parliament, their staff and policy advisors. CCSA sought to raise awareness among the public policy makers about the excellent research being done on substance abuse in this country and to offer their expertise in the future. The directors discussed a broad range of topics and highlighted the First Do No Harm strategy, as well as CCSA’s research on cannabis.

Representing NGO Perspectives at the Highest Levels of Drug Policy Making

As Chair of the Vienna Non-Governmental Organization

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Committee on Drugs (VNGOC), CCSA CEO Michel Perron joined the Mexican Minister of Health and other dignitaries at the head table for the 15th International Congress, “Public Policy for Addiction Care,” in Cancun, Mexico, from December 4 to 6, 2013. Mr. Perron also led a session, alongside Mirella Dummar Frahi, Civil Affairs Officer and Team Leader on the Civil Society Team of the United Nations Office of Drug Control (UNODC), about how civil society organizations contribute to international drug policy.

Mr. Perron appealed to the international audience of over 3,000 to ensure their governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are working together to develop drug policies, given the valuable knowledge and experience that NGOs bring to the table. He emphasized that the participation and voice of NGOs is critical to VNGOC’s success in engaging with UN Member States. He also highlighted VNGOC’s active participation at key UN forums such as the 2014 High Level Segment and the 2016 General Assembly Special Session on Drugs.

The CAMH Library’s Literature Searching: Good Practice

This guide is now available online. It offers basic steps for conducting a comprehensive literature review with a focus on alcohol and drug use, addiction, psychiatry and mental health. Key databases in our field are Medline (PubMed) and PsycINFO. Searching both is a must for a comprehensive review.

The challenge is that these databases come from two different disciplines which index the literature with unique Subject Headings. This guide provides key Subject Headings for each of these important databases. You will see some differences! Another research guide we offer is Finding Canadian Research. All of our guides are in the Research Guides section of our website.

UK/European Resources

Christine Goodair, St. George’s

Alcohol


Use as Abuse: A Feasibility Study of Alcohol-related Elder Abuse. The findings from this study by Alcohol Research UK explore the relationship between alcohol misuse and elder abuse. The complex associations remain only partially understood, however, and further investigation is warranted. [http://alcoholresearchuk.org/alcohol-insights/use-as-abuse-a-feasibility-study-of-alcohol-related-elder-abuse/](http://alcoholresearchuk.org/alcohol-insights/use-as-abuse-a-feasibility-study-of-alcohol-related-elder-abuse/)

Drugs


Part of the Picture: Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual People’s Alcohol and Drug Use in England Substance Dependency and Help-Seeking Behaviour. Provides clear evidence on...
substance use issues among lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) populations. Focuses on further exploration of problematic and dependent drug and alcohol use and on help-seeking behaviour, particularly among those who indicated substance dependency. http://lgf.org.uk/downloads/123


Effect of Reclassification of Cannabis on Hospital Admissions for Cannabis Psychosis: A Time Series Analysis. Open access article from the International Journal of Drug Policy explores the effects of the reclassification of cannabis in 2004 and 2009 and whether there is an association with changes in the numbers of people admitted for cannabis psychosis. http://www.ijdp.org/article/S0955-3959(13)00090-X/fulltext

Drug-Related Deaths in the UK: January–December 2012. Surveillance report on drug-related deaths, both of addicts and non-addicts, during 2012 and for which Coronial inquests and similar formal investigations have been completed and information submitted. http://www.sguil.ac.uk/research/projects/icdp/our-work-programmes/substance-abuse-deaths


Tobacco

ASH – How Smoking Affects the Way You Look. Tobacco’s effects on internal organs, particularly the heart and lungs, as well as a person’s appearance (skin, body weight, and shape). http://ash.org.uk/files/documents/ASH_115.pdf


Videos, websites and other media

Independent Scientific Committee on Drugs (ISCD) website Drug Science offers objective information on drugs and drug harms to the public, educators and academics. http://www.drugscience.org.uk/about/us/

Public Health England blog. Expert insight on the organisation’s work and all aspects of public health; includes a piece on understanding alcohol-related hospital admissions. https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/


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How long have you been a member of SALIS? I have been a member of SALIS for the past ten years.

What organization do you work for and what is your profession?  
I work for the Council on Chemical Abuse, an Administrative Agency for Berks County, PA. I am currently the Library Specialist in our small library of about 1400 items.

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?  
SALIS has given me access to current news and helped me stay updated about all the drug and alcohol resources that are available. I enjoy the newsletter, as well as all the extra mailings I receive because I am a SALIS member. In addition, I was able to go to the SALIS Conference the year it was in Boston. Great conference.

Hobbies outside of work:  
Outside of work I enjoy reading and taking care of my only grandchild. When I am able, I exercise daily; mostly walking.

Favourite food: My food intake is an odd question. I love all kinds of foods that are forbidden for me because I have a blood disease and eat only organic.


Is there anything else you would like SALIS colleagues to know about you?  
I appreciate the discussions on the list; it is nice to get opinions on books and videos. Oh, and I love my job!

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How long have you been a member of SALIS? Under a year — and I’ve already co-hosted a conference!

What organization do you work for and what is your profession?  
I work for the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies as an Information Specialist.

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?  
I have been able to link to a wonderful network of librarians and information specialists with similar interests to my line of work. It was a great experience meeting and sharing ideas with many members at the conference a few weeks ago, and I look forward to collaborating more in the future, both remotely and in person.

Hobbies outside of work:  
When I’m not working, tutoring, or doing schoolwork toward my MLIS, I spend most of my free time with my wife and our 18 month-old son. I enjoy reading, running, and watching playing sports. I am a big fan of the NY Giants and Rutgers athletics in general.

Favourite food: Pizza

Favourite book: Oh lord, that’s a tough question. It ranges from Anna Karenina to Watchmen, with lots in between.

Is there anything else you would like SALIS colleagues to know about you?  
Nothing in particular I can think of. If you’d like to know more about me, feel free to ask! Hope to hear from you soon!
New Books
By Andrea L. Mitchell
MLS, Librarian

+ indicates government document, * non-English title
All prices are list price.

Buy books at Hazelden, Amazon.com, or Barnes & Noble to support SALIS!


Bepko, Claudio. *Feminism and Addiction.* Hoboken: Taylor and Francis, 2014. 235 p. 596 KB, ASIN: B00IN3LRBW (Kindle) Orig pub 1992


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Biography


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