

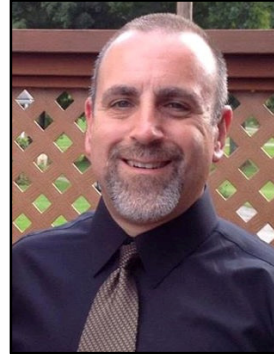


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Vice President/President Elect Candidates

Luke Vilelle, Candidate for Vice-President/President Elect

Biographical Information

Luke Vilelle is the University Librarian at the Wyndham Robertson Library at Hollins University, which offers undergraduate liberal arts education for women and selected co-ed graduate programs in Roanoke. Luke has been at Hollins since 2007, initially serving as the Public Services Librarian and then assuming his current position in 2012. Prior to Hollins, Luke was the Outreach Librarian at Virginia Tech from 2004-2007. Luke is part of an incredible library team at Hollins, which received the Excellence in Academic Libraries award from the Association of College & Research Libraries in 2009. The library's focus on education, outreach and service to the campus has led to a number of initiatives which Luke is proud to have played a role in, such as a library student advisory group, an undergraduate research award, a biannual faculty authors recognition event, a digital repository, and building renovations and improvements. Luke has chaired the academic section of VLA, commonly known as the Virginia chapter of the ACRL, and in 2013 was one of three recipients, along with Candice Benjes-Small and Elizabeth Kocevar-Weidinger, of a VLA Presidential Citation for helping to revitalize the chapter in the mid-2000s. Luke and Candice brainstormed and built the first VLACRL conference-within-a-conference at the VLA Annual Conference in 2009, and Luke is thrilled by its success at drawing more academic librarians to VLA in recent years. Luke has also contributed to VLA through presentations at the Annual Conference and article publication in *Virginia Libraries*.

Luke, who has a Master's in Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh, has also been active nationally in the American Library Association. He chaired the ALA Poster Sessions Committee from 2010-13, and was elected and served as chair of the Public Relations and Marketing Section of the Library Leadership, Administration, and Management Association (LLAMA) in 2009-10. He has been a committee member in ACRL, LLAMA, and RUSA (Reference & User Services Association).

Candidate Statement

I am honored to have been nominated as a candidate for VLA vice president/president-elect. VLA has given much to me over my first decade of librarianship, and it would be a privilege to have the opportunity to serve the association in this capacity. The colleagues I have met and the friends I have made through VLA are an ongoing source of energy and inspiration for me, and I strongly believe in the power of the association to help build these connections. The collaborative nature of our profession, exemplified by our willingness and desire to share what we have learned with others, is what makes librarianship such a wonderful and humbling experience. VLA provides a platform to not only encourage this sharing with library colleagues, but also to share our stories with the communities in Virginia we



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serve on a daily basis. We as librarians are at our best when we are providing the support for others to succeed.

Thank you for taking the time to vote in this election and for your continuing support of the Virginia Library Association.

Keith Weimer, Candidate for Vice-President/President Elect

Biographical Information

Keith Weimer is currently Reference and Instructional Technology Librarian at the University of Virginia's Alderman Library. Alderman is the humanities and social sciences library, and the largest of the University of Virginia libraries. Keith has worked at the University of Virginia since 2007. Prior to moving to Charlottesville, Keith was Government Information Librarian at the University of Richmond (2001-2007), and Reference Coordinator at Virginia Union University (1997-2001). A native of the Pittsburgh area, Keith holds a Master's degree in Library and Information Science, as well as a Master's degree in History from the University of Pittsburgh, and a B.A. in History from Allegheny College.

Keith has been a member of VLA since 1998, serving as Region IV Chair and on the Membership Committee (1998-2000), and as Chair of the Public Documents Forum (2002-2004). He has been Chair of the Professional Development Endowment Committee since 2014, and is currently Chair of the Fundraising/Endowment Committee, also serving on the Conference Planning Committee.

Candidate Statement

Many of us can easily think of the ways that VLA has played a role in our professional growth—introducing us to a diverse group of colleagues and institutions from across the Commonwealth; providing a “local,” yet broad-based, forum in which to share innovations in librarianship; and presenting us with leadership opportunities. VLA's legislative efforts have forged relationships with members of the General Assembly, raised funds for information resources for our communities, and addressed challenges that might limit our users' access to information. I am honored to be nominated for Vice-President/President-Elect, and would work to increase funding for professional development—especially for the Professional Associates Conference. I am excited by recent efforts to strengthen VLA as a source of peer-reviewed professional communication, and would look for ways to expand the association's role in this area. I would like to see VLA become even more firmly established as a building block for national associations.



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VLA Treasurer Candidates

Shaunna Hunter, Candidate for VLA Treasurer

Biographical Information

Shaunna Hunter is the Public Services Librarian and Associate Library Director at Hampden-Sydney College's Bortz Library. She started working at the college's previous library, Eggleston, in June 2002, and was fortunate to be part of the library team that planned and moved to the new Bortz Library building in August 2007. Her position as Public Services Librarian includes many different library roles, including reference, library instruction, and supervising circulation, interlibrary loan, stacks maintenance, periodicals, and government documents. Shaunna is also the library's electronic resources librarian and library webmaster. She is an active member of the Hampden-Sydney campus community, serving on various faculty committees and search committees, she volunteers for local events in the Farmville area, and currently serves as treasurer on the board of her daughter's preschool.

Shaunna is a literary fiction reviewer for Library Journal, and she is currently enjoying her work as the 2015 VLA Conference co-chair. Her conference co-chair is Samantha Thomasan of CRRL. Shaunna has previously held positions in several VIVA committees, including the Interlibrary Loan subcommittee, and the Collections Expansion Task Force, and she is a current member of the VIVA Collections Committee. Prior to joining the library staff at Hampden-Sydney College, Shaunna worked for one year as a reference librarian at the Parham Road campus of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. Her BA in History is from Virginia Tech, and her MLIS is from the University of South Carolina.

Candidate Statement

I am so pleased to have been nominated as a candidate for VLA Treasurer. I would be honored to serve the association and its membership as treasurer, and if elected, I would put my strong communication and organizational skills to good use as I undertake the important responsibility of chief financial officer of our association. Serving as VLA treasurer would be an excellent professional opportunity, and I think my work with funds and the budget planning process here at Hampden-Sydney has helped prepare me. I am learning much more about VLA as conference co-chair, and I would enjoy the opportunity to continue coordinating with Executive Director Lisa Varga, and presenting financial reports to VLA Council and the Executive Committee. Additionally, I look forward to meeting and networking with colleagues from public and academic libraries at various VLA meetings, forums, and conferences. This is both a challenging and exciting time in all types of libraries, and the more knowledge and experience we can share with each other, the more effective, and energized, we as librarians and dedicated professional associates can be. If elected treasurer, I will use my personal enthusiasm and professional experience to carry out my duties as VLA treasurer to the best of my ability.



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Jennifer Resor-Whicker, Candidate for VLA Treasurer

Biographical Information

Jennifer Resor-Whicker is a Reference/Instruction and the Honors Academy Librarian at Radford University's McConnell Library, where she has been employed since 2010. She holds the faculty rank of assistant professor. Jennifer has been a member of VLA since 2008. She served as Treasurer/Secretary of VLACRL from 2013-2015. She served as co-chair to The Innovative Library Classroom conference for the 2014 and 2015 conferences. She is currently serving as a faculty member for the 2015 VLA Presentation Academy, and as volunteer coordinator for the 2015 VLA Annual Conference.

Jennifer also serves as a member of the McConnell Library's Outreach Committee, where she works to provide targeted support to RU's faculty. She has represented the library as a member of RU's Faculty Senate since 2013, and served on RU's QEP Scholar-Citizen Planning and Launch Committees. She has also served as a member and chair of McConnell Library's Personnel Committee, and as chair of the library's Faculty Committee. She holds an MLIS and a BA, both from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is a graduate of the 2012 ACRL Teacher Track Immersion Program. She has published in *Virginia Libraries* and in *Communications in Information Literacy*. ALA's Library Instruction Roundtable selected an article she co-wrote with her RU colleagues on web evaluation as one of the top 20 articles of 2013.

Candidate Statement: I am honored to be nominated for the position of treasurer of VLA. I am excited by the opportunity this brings for me to become more involved in VLA. This has been a goal of mine since moving to Virginia in 2010. I am regarded in my library for my organizational skills. In my previous life I was an office manger for a commercial plumbing company, where I handled all the accounting duties. I believe my skill set matches up well with the duties of the VLA Treasurer. Thank you for this opportunity.



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VLA Second Vice President Candidates

M. Teresa Doherty, Candidate for VLA Second Vice President

Biographical Information

Teresa Doherty is head of Information Services at James Branch Cabell Library, a busy urban academic research library at Virginia Commonwealth University. Her portfolio includes managing twelve full-time paraprofessional staff who provide service to patrons twenty-four hours a day from a consolidated service desk, offering research assistance, access to media and reserve collections, and traditional circulation. She earned her BA from VCU in English Literature and Comparative Literature, and twenty years later, earned her MLIS from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

She is an active member of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, currently serving her second appointment, as well as a member of the LLAMA-SASS (Library Leadership and Management Association – Systems and Services Section). Teresa joined VLA in 2007, and has participated in the Scholarship Committee, Leadership Development Forum, Intellectual Freedom Committee, and the VLA Paraprofessional Forum; at the moment she is also part of the VLA 2015 conference planning committee (welcome to Richmond!). She was a member in the very first cohort of the Virginia Library Leadership Academy in 2010, and returned to coordinate the event in 2014. As a faculty member in the library, she was elected as the VCU Libraries Faculty Organization representative to University Council; she has also been a member of the Nominating Committee and Professional Development Committee of the library's Faculty Organization. She currently chairs the library's Access Services Committee and over the years has worked on a variety of library task forces and work groups, including ones related to E-readers, LibQual+, Lost Materials, Primo Discovery Service, Alma Implementation and more.

Candidate Statement

I am honored to have been asked to be a candidate for the position of VLA Second Vice-President. This is a role which does not have the glamour of the presidency or the secretaryship, yet has the responsibility for ensuring that the by-laws and manual are reviewed and kept updated, and that committees have their full complement of appointed members in order to do the work of the association. I have had experience germane to these tasks, including as part of our faculty organization's nominating committee ("twisting arms" and "herding cats" duties) where persuasion and coercion are equally important. In all my interactions with VLA officers, committee chairs and members over the years, I have been impressed with their passion and thoughtfulness as they approach the mission of the Virginia Library Association. I feel grateful for the opportunity to work with these professional colleagues in a new role.



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Cori Strickler, Candidate for Second Vice President

Biographical Information

After completing a B.A. in Creative Writing from Susquehanna University, Cori Strickler received her M.L.S. from Clarion University of Pennsylvania and is currently the Information Literacy Librarian at Bridgewater College. Arriving in 2007, she rebuilt the college's information literacy program, and actively seeks collaboration with other departments across campus. She currently co-facilitates education technology instruction opportunities with the IT Center and works with the faculty's Annual Pedagogy Project and serves on the Academic Citizenship Committee.

She has been a member of VLA since 2007 and started serving on VLA's Continuing Education Committee in 2012, becoming committee chair in April 2015. She is also a member of the VLA Leadership Development Forum, attending its leadership academy in 2014

Candidate Statement

I am honored to be nominated for the position of second vice president. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to become a member of VLA at the very beginning of my library career here in Virginia. I have grown as a librarian because of the relationships that I've built with VLA members throughout the commonwealth. Its constant education opportunities such as VLA's annual conference help me to remain at the cutting edge of an ever changing profession. As chair of the Continuing Education Committee, I have seen firsthand how dedicated VLA is to its members and how the Executive Committee works tirelessly towards its purpose to develop librarians who can improve and promote libraries and other information services. I would like to serve in this position so that I can support and lead VLA to ensure that current and future librarians receive the same benefits as I have. The power of this association is the relationships it fosters, and I will continue that strong tradition.