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# INFO Assembly

April 4th, 2025

# Agenda



## Preliminaries

Call to order

Review and approval of minutes from March

Review and approval of this agenda

## Assembly Items

Dean's Update [Keith Marzullo]

UMD's approach to the changing federal landscape [Dr. Rice]

Discussions

- International Issues
- Legal Approach
- Federal Updates/Research Implications
- Financial Sustainability at UMD

Maryland Day & Commencement Announcements [Sarah Grun]

Postdoctoral Research Assistant Lightning Talk [Lucy Havens]

Musicology + MLIS dual masters Announcement [Jessica Grimmer]

Nominating Committee Selection [Jacob Davidson]

## Announcements

## Adjournment

# Dean's Update

Keith Marzullo



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# UMD's Approach to the Changing Federal Landscape

Dr. Jennifer King Rice



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## **Discussion Topics**



1. International Issues
2. Legal Approach
3. Federal Updates/Research Implications
4. Financial Sustainability at UMD



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# INFOEvents

April 4- INFO Assembly

**What's  
New?!?**



Sarah will NOT be at Maryland Day 2025 or Commencement due to FML! Sarah's leave is scheduled 4/21-7/11.

- Connie Siebold will serve as point person for Maryland Day activities after 4/18
- Mia Hinckle will serve as main lead of Commencement
  - Fabian Faccio will be Team Lead for Student Check-In
  - Kevin Nesline will be Team Lead for Xfinity Arena
  - Craig Taylor will be Team Lead for Print programs, Photos, Live Stream
  - Other Team Leads TBD

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm

○ VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

■ Prep Shifts 4/14-25



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**Maryland  
Day  
2025**





# Maryland Day 2025



Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm

- Volunteers receive a Maryland Day t-shirt and lunch ticket (if you sign-up for the day)
- Make it a family event! Additional helpers are welcome and there will be time for you to explore the rest of campus too!
- Other Needs:

- EVERYONE- keep bringing in books! Encourage your classes, student workers, and other community members to donate books for the Little Free Library.
- Book drop locations- PTX 1116 & 2102, AVW 4137, HBK North- INFO Commons Service Desk (Room 0300), HBK South-Suites 2117 & 4121



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# INFO@ Maryland Day 2025



## 4 RETURNING ACTIVITIES 2 NEW ACTIVITIES

- **Returning Activities**
  - Little Free Library
  - Coding Games
  - Decoding Documents
  - INFO Challenge Duck Pond
- **NEW THIS YEAR**
  - Mini Photo Archive Activity
  - DIG into Digital Access



# INFO@ Maryland Day 2025



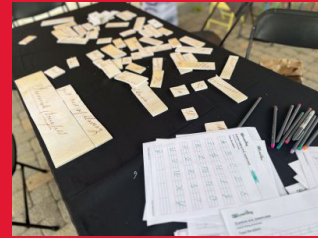
- **Little Free Library -10am-4pm- Hornbake Plaza**
  - Join faculty, staff and students of the College of Information to spin the wheel to win prizes. All participants have a chance to win a book to take home from our "Little Free Library."
- **Decoding Documents & Mini Photo Archive**
  - Visitors will try their hand at paleography (the art of reading handwriting) using cursive practice sheets (kids) and a large document puzzle (all ages). Help decipher letters and words and piece together a mystery text. Join the College of Information's Center for Archival Futures for mini photo preservation. Visitors will get to take home a mini photo in their own document case.



# INFO@ Maryland Day 2025



- **INFO Challenge Duck Pond- 10am-4pm- Hornbake Plaza**
  - Select a duck from the College of Information's duck pond. Win a prize by guessing which duck number visitors will draw most frequently.
- **DIG into Digital Access – 10am-1pm- Hornbake Portico**
  - At DIG into Digital Access everyone will have a chance to have some fun! Take a digital equity quiz, take a speed test to test your upload and download speeds, or for kids and kids-at-heart, make your first computer (on paper). Swag and a few prizes will sweeten the pot
- **Coding Games- 1pm-4pm- Hornbake Portico**
  - Will the mouse get the cheese? Can you program a mini robot? Come test your basic coding skills with the College of Information.



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## Commencement



- **When:**
  - Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 8AM!!!
  - Staff Arrival 6am
  - Faculty & Student Arrival 7am
- **IMPORTANT DATES:**
  - **TODAY- April 4:** Last day to request rental regalia
  - **April 8:** Last day for students to RSVP
  - **April 15:** Nominations open for student leaders to attend luncheon reception with speaker

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## Commencement



- **Understanding YOUR ROLE:**
- **STAFF:**
  - **Arrival Time:** 6AM
  - Staff are expected to help with day of logistics. This includes checking in students, greeting families and guests, assisting with processions, serving as “bouncers,” helping graduates find their appropriate sections, staffing reception, etc.
  - IF YOU are NOT able to help at Commencement you must let Sarah and your supervisor know ASAP
  - Staff and speakers will need to attend walk through at Xfinity prior to Commencement (Date & Time TBD)
  - ALL Staff should read and understand the logistics email to be sent in May!

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## Commencement



- **Understanding YOUR ROLE:**
- **FACULTY:**
  - **Arrival Time:** 7AM
  - Faculty are expected to attend INFO Commencement and be part of the faculty processional.
  - If you are unable to make the ceremony, you **MUST** let Keith and Sarah know as soon as possible
  - **ALL Faculty** should read and understand the logistics email to be sent in May!



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## Commencement



- **Understanding YOUR ROLE:**
- **Platform Party:**
  - **Arrival Time: 7AM**
  - Program Directors & Deans
  - PhD Advisors of Graduates
  - Name Readers
    - Jen McGovern
    - beth bonsignore
    - Mega Subramaniam
    - **AT LEAST 1 MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



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## Commencement Committee

- **What:**
  - Dedicated staff who play a critical role in making the ceremony a success.
- **Who:**
  - **Chair:** Sarah Grun soon to be Mia
  - **Team Leads:** Kevin Nesline, Fabian Faccio, Craig Taylor, and ?!?
  - **Members:** Katie Ambacher, Chris Beatty, Tetyana Bezbabna, Corie Brown, Gerald Collins, Emily Dacquisto, Jacob Davidson, Neil Dhingra, Chris Hawley, Jen McGovern, Dustin Smith, Jeff Waters

# Dean's Lecture Series April 10th




David S. Ferriero, 10th Archivist of the United States, will offer his unique perspective on preserving America's national memory, from the creation of our republic through the present day, and will share his thoughts on navigating the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in a sometimes turbulent political climate. This candid talk represents a special opportunity for faculty and students in departments across the College Park campus to hear how government works at the highest levels, including during presidential transitions. Mr. Ferriero will be joined in conversation with Jason R. Baron, Professor of the Practice at the College of Information, and former director of litigation at NARA.

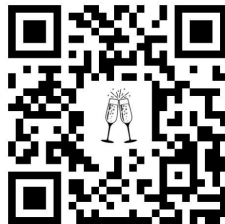


3PM Reception  
ESJ Ground Floor Sculpture  
Garden  
4PM Discussion  
ESJ 0202

Register:  
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 Award Recipient**  
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## SAVE THE DATE!

## INFO Awards Night

★ Friday, April 11, 2025 ★ 6:00 PM ★

University of Maryland, College Park Campus,  
Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center

[ADD TO CALENDAR](#)

Join the College of Information on Friday, April 14th at 6:00 PM for the inaugural INFO Awards Night—a college-wide celebration that will combine our Student Scholarship & Awards Reception, the Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony, and the presentation of the James Partridge Outstanding African American Information Professional Award. It will be a night to recognize this year's outstanding students and alumni!

This event will be held at the University of Maryland Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center. Enjoy a special night of hors d'oeuvres; hard and soft drinks; and celebration of our community's achievements with fellow staff, faculty, leadership, alumni, donors—and of course, our award winners.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or requests to [infoevents@umd.edu](mailto:infoevents@umd.edu). In all situations, a good faith effort (up until the time of the event) will be made to provide accommodations.

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## ALA Lecture Series

**THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 • 5PM**

Reception: 5-6 PM (ESJ, 1st Floor Concourse)

Lecture: 6-7 PM (ESJ 1215 + Virtual)

(Registration Required)

**What Comes Next: Libraries, Advocacy, and  
Public Policy—A Conversation with ALA  
President Cindy Hohl**



*Register here*





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# Postdoctoral Research Assistant Lightning Talk

Lucy Havens



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Ph.D. Human-Centered  
AI

## **Research Question:**

How can ML/AI contribute to the diversification of cultural and historical records, and the narratives those records help create?

*Buscheck & Throp (2024)*  
*Chan et al. (2018)*  
*Hinrichs et al. (2015)*  
*Shneiderman (2022)*

**Human-  
Computer  
Interaction**

**Libraries,  
Archives,  
Museums**

*Adler (2017)*  
*Duff & Harris (2002)*  
*Caswell & Cifor (2016)*  
*Olson (2001)*

**Machine Learning &  
Artificial  
Intelligence**

*Blodgett et al. (2020)*  
*Hofmann et al. (2024)*  
*Raji et al. (2021)*

# Ph.D. Research

**Thesis:** *Recalibrating Machine Learning for Social Biases: Demonstrating a New Methodology through a Case Study Classifying Gender Biases in Archival Documentation*

**Supervisors:** Beatrice Alex, Melissa Terras, Benjamin Bach

**Collaborator:** Rachel Hosker and University of Edinburgh Heritage Collections team

*Blodgett et al. (2020), D'Ignazio and Klein (2020), Hill Collins (1990), Padilla (2017, 2019)*



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# Ph.D. Research

**Aims:** support critical cataloging workflows, reframe the problem of bias in ML/AI

**NLP+HCI methods:** text classification and feature engineering, interviews and workshops

Findings:

- Relationship between gendered and gender biased language
- Uncertain, contextual, inevitable nature of bias
- Value in ***process*** of creating ML models for understanding bias

*D'Ignazio (2024), DiSalvo (2022), Flanagan et al. (2017), Hinrichs et al. (2015)*



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# Ongoing Work

**Project:** Linking Anthropology's Data and Archives

**PIs:** Diana Marsh, Katrina Fenlon

**Funder:** NSF

**RQs:**

- What barriers prevent primary source data from being reusable over time?
- How can anthropology and related fields sustainably adapt emergent linked data infrastructures in support of broad access to cultural research data?



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In July...



Postdoc in Human-Data Interaction

Led by Melanie Tory

Working with Mahsan Nourani

Visualization for:

- Collaborative data analysis
- Interrogating annotator agreement

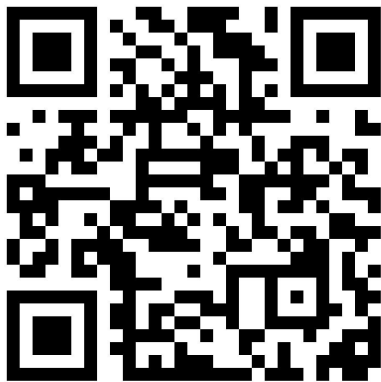
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# MuLS Program

Musicology + MLIS dual masters



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# Nominating Committee Selection

Jacob Davidson



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# What is the Nominating Committee?

The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates in writing for

- 1) the Chair, the Secretary, and the Parliamentarian of the College Assembly;
- 2) the College Advisory Committee;
- 3) the membership (including the Chair) of each Standing Committee, except as otherwise noted; and
- 4) one representative to the Graduate Council (who serves a three-year term), when applicable.

# Who is the Nominating Committee?

The Nominating Committee is comprised of four members, the majority of which shall be full-time faculty. One member of the Committee shall be a full-time staff member. Members are nominated from the floor of the Assembly, typically at the March meeting. The Chair shall be elected by and from the members of the Committee.

Caveat: Faculty and staff members may not serve for more than two successive, one-year terms on the same committee.

Last year's nominating Committee:

Renee Hill, Kari Kraus, Kevin Nesline, Angela Rodgers-Koukoui

# Do we have any nominations?

(You may self-nominate)

# Open Announcements





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# Announcements



## **Announcements Continued**

Reminder for Assembly Leadership elections in May

# We are HINNO

- Part-Time Faculty (Adjuncts) - **Abbie Basile**
- ~~Part-Time Staff - Vacant (No eligible candidates)~~
- PhD Students - **Sam DiBella**
- HCIM - **Zhuangrong Zhao**
- MIM - **Goutham Patchipulusu**
- MLIS - **Katya Castro**
- GEM - *Vacant*
- Data Journalism - *Vacant*
- Information Science at College Park- *Vacant*
- Information Science at Shady Grove - *Vacant?*
- Information Design - *Vacant*
- Social Data Science - *Vacant?*

Vacancies should be filled by October 1st.