



Information, Diversity, Engagement, Access and Libraries
Department of Library and Information Studies

iDEAL

October 12, 2009

Dear LIS Community Member,

As the new Chair of the Department of Library and Information Studies (LIS), I am excited to be part of the UNCG and library and information communities and to invite you to participate in the iDEAL Summit on Monday, November 9, 2009, 1-5:15 pm, followed by a reception & keynote by ALA President Camila Alire, all at the Elliott University Center.

At LIS, we are connecting people, libraries, and information through research, teaching, and service. We recognize that diversity and social contexts determine the extent to which communities can access information, and library and information professionals can bridge information gaps. By focusing on information and libraries to foster diversity, engagement and access, LIS prepares library and information professionals to provide relevant, appropriate and effective services in and with diverse, globalized and technological communities. At LIS, we are leaders, engaged in:

- iDEAL Education (learning and teaching)
- iDEAL Research
- iDEAL Practice
- iDEAL Community

ALA President
CAMILA ALIRE at

iDEALS

*Join us on Monday,
November 9th, 1-8 pm*

Information, Diversity, Engagement, Access and Libraries Summit (iDEALS)

iDEAL Education, Research, Practice and Community do not happen on their own. For this reason we plan to hold a town hall meeting, the Information, Diversity, Engagement, Access and Libraries Summit (iDEALS), to bring together LIS students, faculty, staff and alumni, the regional professional community and other stakeholders to discuss and work on how we address information, diversity, engagement, access and libraries (iDEAL) in our education, research, practice and community. iDEALS provides participants the opportunity to address three goals:

1. **DIALOGUE** (exchange/connect) - What are your concerns, ideas and solutions regarding iDEAL?
2. **ACTION** (engagement/reciprocity) - what skills/knowledge/expertise do you have and can contribute/share to advance iDEAL?
3. **TRANSFORMATION** (change) - what is the change you want to see and will experience in addressing iDEAL?

Proposed Program:

- 12:30 pm Registration, Alexander Room in the Elliott University Center, UNCG (see map)
- 1:00-2:45 pm Welcome and Dialogue
- 2:45-3:35 pm Showcase and Refreshments
- 3:35-5:15 pm From Dialogue to Action
- 5:30-6:30 pm Reception and Showcase
- 6:30-8:00 pm Keynote Speech by Camila Alire, American Library Association President <http://www.camilaalire.com/>

Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 3rd to Cindy Felts cpfelts@uncg.edu or (336) 334-3477, and we'll also be happy to add you to the lis-news-L list. More details can be found on our website <http://www.uncg.edu/lis> or. The first 60 registrants will receive complimentary parking.

Your voice and knowledge matters to LIS. I look forward to meeting with, hearing from and working with you.

Sincerely,

Clara M. Chu