



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

iDEAL

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Dear LIS Community Member,

On behalf of the Department of Library and Information Studies (LIS) I am delighted to invite you to participate in the second iDEAL Summit on Monday, November 15, 2010, noon-6:00 pm, at the Elliott University Center. This year's theme is "**LGBTQI out on the open shelves: Serving Hidden Communities**", with the main panel, also as the Fall 2010 lecture in the UNCG Libraries and LIS Lecture Series, taking place 1:30-2:45 pm. The panelists are:

- Mario Ascencio – Director, Corcoran Library in Washington, DC and recent past president of REFORMA.
- Jim Carmichael – Professor of Library and Information Studies, UNCG, much of his research has focused on the history of LGBT issues within librarianship
- Trae Middlebrooks – MLIS Student and Academic and Cultural Enrichment Scholar
- Polly Thistlethwaite – Head of Public Services, City University of New York Graduate Center Library and long-time volunteer at and chronicler of the Lesbian Herstory Archives.
- Moderator: Nathan Belyeu, Master of Education Student and Coordinator for LGBTQI Health, The Wellness Center of Student Health Services

At LIS, we are connecting people, libraries, and information through research, teaching, and service to enrich living and working in a global environment. 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. Through the iDEAL Summit (iDEALS), we are bringing 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 around this year's theme:

1. **DIALOGUE** (exchange/connect) - What are your concerns, ideas and solutions regarding LGBTQIA (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual and allies) information needs?
2. **ACTION** (engagement/reciprocity) - what skills/knowledge/expertise do you/we have and can contribute/share to advance LGBTQIA information needs?
3. **TRANSFORMATION** (change) - what is the change you want to see in addressing LGBTQIA information needs and how do we add it to our institutional/policy agenda?

For those who cannot join us at UNCG, we will be **video streaming** the panel and plenary sessions live. Please register for the Summit and join us at: <http://lis.uncg.edu/news-and-events/ideal-summit/watch-ideals-2010/>. Online attendants may ask questions by using their Facebook, Twitter, AOL, or MySpace accounts.

We will be having a **showcase** of research posters and library and information initiatives/best practices and invite faculty, students and the professional community to participate. We are accepting 3 virtual presenters.

The first 60 registrants will receive complimentary parking. Please RSVP by Wed., November 10th using this link: <https://spreadsheets.google.com/a/uncg.edu/viewform?formkey=dDU1aWU2eHhtNzc1RHdGdTg4Y2NFcGc6MQ>. Please contact Cindy Felts with any questions: cpfelts@uncg.edu, 336-334-3477. **Registration, online and poster participation information and flyer are on our website: <http://lis.uncg.edu/ideals>.**

Please share this invitation with others who may be interested in attending. If you wish to assist with or contribute to iDEALS, please do not hesitate to contact me at cmchu@uncg.edu or (336) 334-3481. **Your voice and knowledge matter to LIS. I look forward to meeting with, hearing from and working with you.**

Sincerely,

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