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## New Staff/Faculty

▲ Ms. Jamie Hill joined the Computing, Information and Mathematical Sciences, and Technology (CIMST), which includes Library and Information Science (LIS) programs, in December 2023 as an office support specialist.

▲ Dr. Hassan Zamir joined LIS as an adjunct faculty member in fall 2024.

▲ Professor Mark Smith, former CIMST Interim Chair and former Chair of Music, was appointed Dean of the College of Arts and Science (CAS) in May 2024.

▲ Dr. Sonya Feist-Price joined CSU as Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs in July 2024.

## School Library Leadership in a Global Context



CV presentation slide 📷 RAM

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, Fulbright Scholar Chloé Vicente offered a presentation to discuss school library leadership based on her experience engaging with and leading libraries around the world. LIS students participated in Q&A and found the session informative and inspirational. ¡Muchas gracias! Merci beaucoup!



CSU LIS participated in CPL's All Staff Institute Day (ASID) on April 24th.



CIMST staff and faculty gather at the CSU Graduate School Open House 📖RAM



CSU MSLIS student volunteers at the AISLE Conference 📖RAM

## Alumni/Student Notes



MSLIS students preparing for the commencement ceremony at the CSU Jones Convocation Center, May 9th, 2024 📖RAM

▲ MSLIS student Felicia Crumpton was awarded the 2023 Charlemae Hill Rollins Scholarship by the Chicago Chapter of the Black Caucus of the American Librarian Association (CCBCALA). Born and raised on the South Side of Chicago, Ms. Crumpton has dedicated over 20 years of her life to work in libraries in Chicago, starting as a page. At the time of receiving the award, Ms. Crumpton was working as an Adult Library Associate at Woodson Regional Library, bringing great customer service, the desire to learn new things, and programming know-how to her role.

Charlemae Hill Rollins (1897-1979) was an outstanding African American children's librarian, writer, lecturer and educator.

▲ Mary Kroeck presented, "Missing Pieces: Exploring the Life and Works of Shel Silverstein" as part of a panel discussion at the 54th Annual Meeting of the Popular Culture Association / American Culture Association.

▲ Heather McCarthy, a CSU library and information science (LIS) PK12 endorsement alumna, was recognized as 2024 a Mover & Shaker by *Library Journal*. This national recognition emphasizes innovation and impact - <https://www.libraryjournal.com/story/related/Heather-McCarthy-movers-shakers-2024-Change-Agents>. McCarthy also contributed a chapter entitled, "Pages of Hope: Empowering Children to Change the World," to *Women Making a Difference*, Women Changing the World Press (2024; 978-1763640696).

▲ Cristalan Ness, MSLIS, published, "Dismantling structural and individual cisgenderism in Illinois libraries: a descriptive research study on cishnormativity, transprejudice and biases against transgender and nonbinary populations," in *Reference Services Review*.

▲ Denise Nunes, MSLIS, co-authored, "Scoping Review of Pediatric Primary Care Educational Literature," in *Clinical Pediatrics* (2024, [doi.org/10.1177/00099228241274905](https://doi.org/10.1177/00099228241274905)).

▲ Becky Reece, MSLIS, had an article, "Comics in College: Making the Case with Faculty," published in *Booklist's Guide to Graphic Novels in Libraries, 2024*.

▲ Tom Stagg, MSLIS student and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for the Alpha Park Public Library in Bartonville, Illinois, was recognized with the 2024 ILA Trustee of the Year Award. This annual citation is awarded to public library trustees for contributions to their local library and involvement in libraries at the state and national levels. The award recognizes library trustees for their notable leadership qualities, years of service, offices, positions, and accomplishments.

**Kudos to all CSU LIS alumni and students on their achievements -  
and ongoing dedication to scholarship and community engagement!**

*We are each other's harvest;  
we are each other's business;  
we are each other's magnitude and bond.  
- Gwendolyn Brooks*



## ALA Student Chapter

The American Library Association (ALA) Student Chapter at CSU was founded on November 18, 2009. The mission is to embody the values of the ALA and foster growth for future librarians at CSU. Equity, diversity, and inclusion are fundamental values of the CSU ALA Student Chapter.

This year's officers are: President Erin Williams, VP Garifalia Durkin, Treasurer Colleen Bradburn, and Secretary/Archivist Andrew Matsas.

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## Faculty Highlights

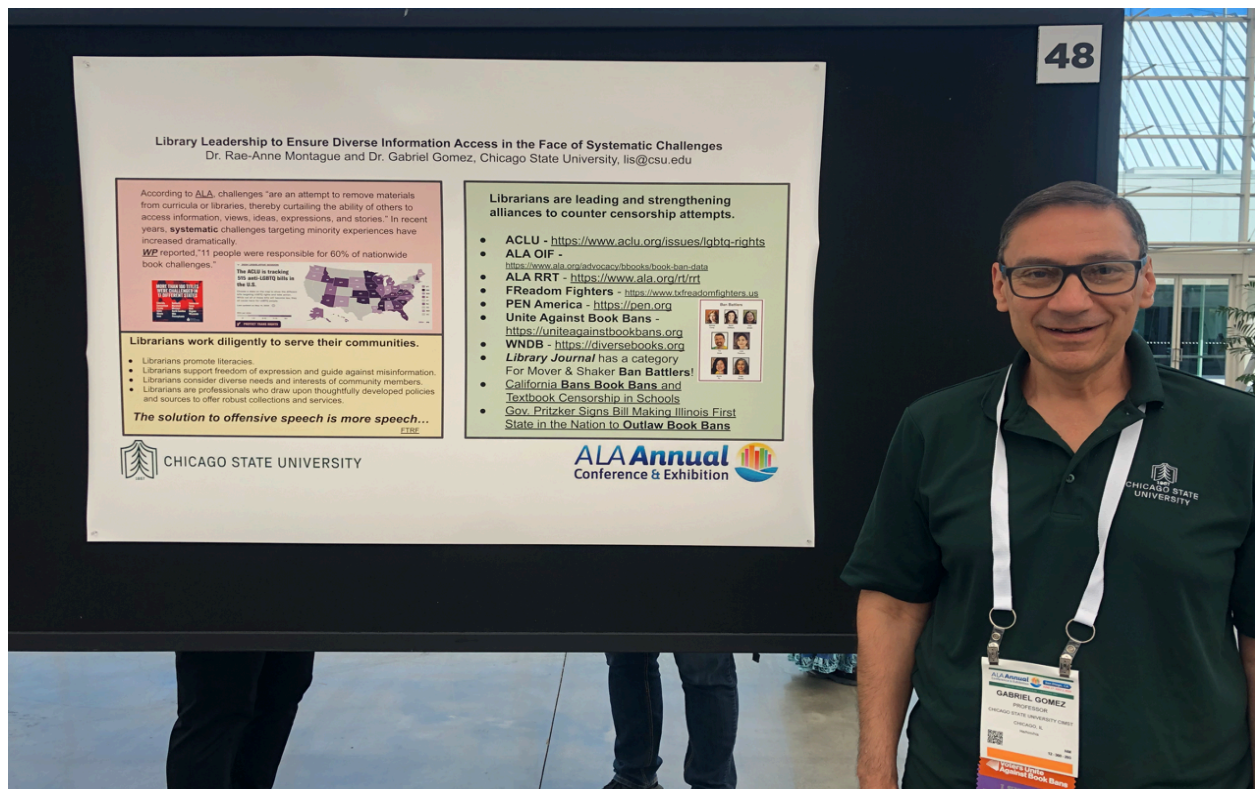
▲ Dr. Kimberly Black co-authored and co-presented a poster at the 2024 American Library Association Annual Conference on Using Theory of Change to Promote Civic Engagement for Racial Justice in Public Libraries.

▲ Dr. Black and Dr. Moussa Ayyash are co-PIs on a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to focus on curriculum development in Artificial Intelligence (AI). Expanding AI Innovation through Capacity Building and Partnerships (ExpandAI) is a developing pilot program that enhances the research capacity of CSU's AI-focused educational curriculum development and training at Predominantly Black Institutions (PBI). Additionally, in summer 2024, several LIS students enrolled in a special topics course on Artificial Intelligence Applications taught by Dr. Ayyash.

▲ Dr. Rae-Anne Montague authored a book chapter, "Queer Reads and Resistance in Turbulent Times," in *Reading Workplace Dynamics: A Post-Pandemic Professional Ethos in Public Libraries*; ISBN: 978-1-83797-071-1 - <https://www.emerald.com/insight/content/doi/10.1108/S0065-283020240000055011/full/html>

▲ Dr. Montague and Dr. Gabriel Gomez co-authored and presented a poster at the 2024 American Library Association Annual Conference on Library Leadership to Ensure Diverse Information Access in the Face of Systematic Challenges.

▲ Dr. Chi Young Oh continues to serve as the Treasurer of the SIG-USE (Special Interest Group for Information Needs, Seeking, and Use) at the Association for Information Science and Technology for 2024/2025.



Dr. Gomez stands near a poster being presented at the ALA Annual Conference in San Diego 📸GG

## Keep in Touch

We share information on [our website](#). We also have a [LinkedIn Group](#) and an [Instagram](#) account - [lis\\_csu](#) to facilitate exchange of ideas and information. Join us! Alumni and others are encouraged to share updates and/or request to be added to our mailing list ([lis@csu.edu](mailto:lis@csu.edu)).

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