

MILEX Meeting Minutes July 17, 2022 (Draft)

Attendees

Cameron Caswell	Loretta Spangler	Richelle Charles
Amy Trost	Casey Hughes	Chris Drolsum
Jill Burke	Sophie Reverdy	Elizabeth Schlackman
Melissa D'Agostino	Lisa Sweeney	Jennie Ray
Sarah Gilchrist	Stephen "Mike" Kiel	Mariette Largess
Cameron Caswell		

Meeting minutes passed, one correction to Sarah Gilchrist's name

MILEX research update

Project is ongoing, we've split into two groups. One group is doing a literature review of the original authors sources and then looking for new literature. The second group is looking at data and beginning to perform an analysis of our survey responses. Waiting for help from a professor at Alex Baker's university, hopefully, able to automate some of the analysis.

The first group has broken up the amount of reading that needs to be done.

One thing that came up in the reading is that there is a need that MILEX might be able to help tackle. There needs to be more training for new teachers/librarians teaching. We should bring this up again at our January meeting to see about an award for library students – touch base with Gina – and possible mentorship opportunities.

Two proposals were sent to ACRL, a panel presentation and a paper presentation and we are waiting to hear back.

Programming for the next year:

Previous meeting space in Columbia is no longer available, and something we should keep in mind to look for a possible space in the future.

Dates and Events

Overall, we would like to focus 2022-2023 events on Demonstrating our Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism

November 18th: Possibly have at University of Baltimore as a half-day workshop. Format may be best as a hybrid day, a mix of a workshop and lightning talks around the workshop. The focus of the workshop will be community engagement.

Committee Stephen "Mike" Kiel will be on the team, Sarah Gilchrist is willing to help but cannot be the lead, Jill Burke will be on the workshop committee

Possible Speaker for the fall Daniel Gallaher, on implicit bias.

January 20th (date might change): Meeting will be a short presentation and business meeting – Brandy wants to see about getting someone from the ALA committee looking at competency for librarians. See where they are with their research and data collection, see if we can get a preview of their findings, all to help us get to the why of our work.

Lisa Sweeney: The committee's members change year to year, so the person that was on the committee at Towson is no longer on the committee. There was a thought that depending on how far the committee gets with their work to produce a user experience study on library services and BIPOC students. Maybe someone could speak to that, but maybe that can be tightened up in January for June or July.

April 21st: Has been keynote speakers with breakout sessions due to COVID. If we want to be in person, we do have money to help make that happen, but the conference committee would decide on the format.

Conference Committee: Jill Burke, Cameron Caswell, Sophie Reverdy

Conference committee will decide if we will be hybrid or fully online, Jill Burke is willing to be on the committee but not chair, Cameron Caswell on the committee, Sophie Reverdy on the committee

June 9 Jill Burke and July 21 Lisa Sweeney summer meetings try to solidify these in January See Lisa's comments above for possible July content.

Jill Burke and BrandyWhitlock:

Are we talking about sensitivity and competency in just the classroom instruction sphere on this topic (DEI), or are we looking more broadly? Are we maybe looking for individuals that can help change our thinking and instruction around DEI?

We're focused on information literacy instruction but broad is not bad either since we can pull it into our needs. It might be good to have one of the summer meetings focusing on culturally responsive teaching.

Particularly focused on biases in librarianship. Our hidden biases would be helpful to acknowledge and how to correct them.

The Essex library director, Erika Harris, is very involved in culturally responsive teaching, maybe invite her to speak. It would be good to hear a very nuts and bolts talk about what should be done for culturally responsive teaching in situations we deal with every day rather than hearing theory.

Announcements

Brandy W teaches a 1 credit course on information literacy, it's an intense 4-week course, UMGC is looking for others to teach this course, let me know if you're interested, I can answer questions.

Coffee breaks will continue at least through the fall

From Richelle Charles to Everyone 01:55 PM

Thanks for sharing, Elizabeth.

From Sarah Gilchrist to Everyone 01:57 PM

Oooh! Looking for the Small Door is an idea presented by Dr. Agnes Kaposi at the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs.

From Stephen "Mike" Kiel to Everyone 01:58 PM

This sounds a lot like the "Ask forgiveness not permission" model haha

From Amy Trost to Everyone 02:01 PM

<https://agneskaposi.com/>

Thank you so much Nneka!

From Sweeney, Lisa to Everyone 02:01 PM

Thank you!

From Cameron Caswell to Everyone 02:01 PM

This was so valuable! Thank you!!

From Sophie Reverdy (she/her) to Everyone 02:01 PM

Thank you!

From Stephen "Mike" Kiel to Everyone 02:02 PM

I have an idea!

From Sarah Gilchrist to Everyone 02:03 PM

EDI Assembly: <https://www.ala.org/aboutala/edi-assembly>

Mortenson Center: <https://www.library.illinois.edu/mortenson/>

From Sarah Gilchrist to Everyone 02:13 PM

It was just at the top. thanks

From Melissa D'Agostino to Everyone 02:14 PM

Got it! I fixed it on my copy and will post on the website asap

From Sarah Gilchrist to Everyone 02:14 PM

Thanks, Melissa!

From Sarah Gilchrist to Everyone 02:27 PM

But we have the money! :-)

From Cameron Caswell to Everyone 02:29 PM

I'd like to *help* with the spring conference

From Stephen "Mike" Kiel to Everyone 02:29 PM

I do think it's an easier sell for being in person if it's the whole day. I think the future is short things on Zoom, long things not on zoom

From Sophie Reverdy (she/her) to Everyone 02:30 PM

I'll offer my support as well

For the Spring conference

From Stephen "Mike" Kiel to Everyone 02:39 PM

I could imagine some of the lightning talks might be about this also

From Sarah Gilchrist to Everyone 02:39 PM

Would it be too sensitive to do the type of self-reflective workshop that Nneka described?

From Sophie Reverdy (she/her) to Everyone 02:40 PM

I recently went to a couple of workshops on "restorative practices" by this person, based in Baltimore. The focus was restorative practices within an organization, but I've heard people talk about restorative practice in the classroom. Could be an interesting topic?

<https://www.commonfield.org/network/2385/joyell-arvella>

(Sorry, this is the person)

From Sarah Gilchrist to Everyone 02:40 PM

I like that idea, Sophie

From Richelle Charles to Everyone 02:40 PM

Just another suggestion...We (Montgomery College Libraries) recently had a speaker from Frederick Community College, Daniel Gallaher who provided a presentation addressing implicit bias. His presentation, "Using Equity Minded Praxis to Identify and Dismantle Implicit Bias in Info Lit Instruction. It was a great workshop.

From Brandy Whitlock to Everyone 02:44 PM

Interested in teaching an online class for UMGC? Hit me up: bmwhitlock@aacc.edu

From Amy Trost to Everyone 02:45 PM

Thanks for this! Still kind of new at my job and also with Milex so I wasn't ready to volunteer yet but please reach back out to all of us via email if you need additional help with planning.

From Brandy Whitlock to Everyone 02:45 PM

Thanks, Amy!

From Sophie Reverdy (she/her) to Everyone 02:45 PM

That's a good idea

From Casey Hughes to Everyone 02:46 PM

I think that sounds awesome, Sarah!

From Sophie Reverdy (she/her) to Everyone 02:50 PM

Thank you Brandy!

From Cameron Caswell to Everyone 02:50 PM

Thank you!