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The Refugee Returns Home ...
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still tends to be rigid, more forceful legal professional than customer service-oriented sales representative. I am grateful to have a co-worker, one of **JSTOR**'s long-time employees, who takes time out of her busy schedule when asked to review my writing to make sure content reflects the "**JSTOR Way**."

A final challenge comes in my own professional development: at **JSTOR** it's been done mainly on an individual level. While I have chances to attend conferences as an official representative of the organization, I have to make sure I have the time to devote to personal conference attendance — balancing sessions I want to attend at **ALA** versus time I have to work the **JSTOR** booth in the exhibit hall and maintaining my extensive library network alongside my own work schedule and duties. I also must take care in what I write or say, sometimes keeping quiet on certain news developments because the outside world can construe my words, innocent as they may be, as an official organization opinion or attitude on an issue. I do make sure to let our marketing department know when I am writing or speaking just so that no one is caught off-guard when they see **JSTOR** in a journal or conference program. (This article included!)

I grew up Catholic, and one *Bible* story we heard in school was that of the prodigal son — the son who left home, found himself poor, and returned to his father in rags, not expecting a welcome with open arms. As this father reminds his other son, "My son," the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'" I am that prodigal younger son, returning home to an environment and career path that I ran away from just because the industry and workplace was not a good fit for me. Lost for so many years, I feel as though I have finally come home. 🌿

Kate Kosturski received her MLS from Pratt Institute and is Institutional Participation Coordinator, Europe at JSTOR in New York City. Ms. Kosturski is also a 2010 ALA Emerging Leader and has presented at ACRL, the ALA Annual Conferences, and InfoCamp Seattle. More on her work is available at www.katekosturski.com.

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look for the picture of **Audrey's** grandbaby in this issue, p.69.

The awesome **Gail Schlachter** is running for **ALA Council**. I still remember when **Gail** told me that she gave her daughter a fax

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BORN & LIVED: Born in Woodbridge NJ. Now living in Norwalk, CT.

EARLY LIFE: Graduated **Woodbridge High School** in 1996. Member of award-winning **WHS Concert Choir**. Active on school newspaper, theater performances, **National Honor Society**.

FAMILY: Parents (**Rosemary** and **Joseph**) are retired and reside in New Port Richey, FL. Sister (**Chrissy George**) lives in East Windsor, NJ with husband **Tom** and three-year-old daughter **Cassie**.

EDUCATION: B.A., Government/Public Administration *summa cum laude*, **York College of PA**, 2000. M.S.L.I.S., **Pratt Institute**, 2010.

FIRST JOB: First ever job: cashier at **CVS** in local mall. First post-college job: legal assistant at **Carpenter Bennett & Morrissey** (now **McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney and Carpenter**).

PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES: Editorial Board, *Reference and User Services Quarterly (RUSQ)*, effective June 2012. 2011 **ALA** Emerging Leader. Chair of **RUSA** Structure Taskforce, Co-Chair of **ALA** NMRT Student and Student Chapter Outreach. Full list of professional activities available at www.katekosturski.com.

IN MY SPARE TIME I LIKE TO: Crafts (knitting), good books, cooking, travel, jigsaw puzzles, technology, board and card games, steampunk culture, renaissance fairs.

FAVORITE BOOKS: *Sideways* (**Rex Pickett**), *Millennium Trilogy* (**Stieg Larsson**), *Bridget Jones series* (**Helen Fielding**), *84 Charing Cross Road* (**Helene Hanff**), *The Mysteries of Pittsburgh* (**Michael Chabon**), anything by **Neil Gaiman**, or **George R.R. Martin**.

PET PEEVES/WHAT MAKES ME MAD: Stupidity.

PHILOSOPHY: Two quotes sum it up best:

"Nobody in life gets exactly what they thought they were going to get. But if you work really hard and you're kind, amazing things will happen." — **Conan O'Brien**, *The Tonight Show*, January 22nd, 2010.

"I am certain that after the dust of centuries has passed over our cities, we, too, will be remembered not for victories or defeats in battle or in politics, but for our contribution to the human spirit." — **John F. Kennedy**

MOST MEANINGFUL CAREER ACHIEVEMENT: Being named an **ALA** Emerging Leader in 2011.

GOAL I HOPE TO ACHIEVE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW: **ALA** Councilor, **JSTOR** Sales Director, or **ITHAKA S+R** Research Strategist.

HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS: A stronger partnership between librarians and their resource providers/vendors through collaboration on projects. More mutual understanding of the challenges each faces from technology and economic pressures. Publishing market will be dominated by electronic resources and eBooks. Evolution from print to digital will lead to serious examination and revision of copyright law. 🌿



machine for a wedding present! Have I told y'all that before?

One more candidate for **ALA Council** — the wonderful **Mary Page!** Let's get out the votes!

Speaking of the **Charleston Conference**, we plan to open registration in mid-May/early June. Watch for it! And we are trying a new registration system, **Constant Contact**. Hope

you all like it! The call for papers and pre-conferences is already up. Visit www.katina.info/conference.

Several speakers are already lined up for the 32nd. **Annette Thomas**, the CEO of **Macmillan, Ltd**, will be our main keynote speaker. **Ann Okerson** will return for the **Long Arm of the Law Panel** and she has

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