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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 said, ‘you are always with me, and everything reminds his other son, ‘My son,’ the father and returned to his father in rags, not expect — the son who left home, found himself poor, — the wonderful Mary Page! — the wonderul 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 GOAL I HOPE TO ACHIEVE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW: ALA Councilor, JSTOR Sales Director, or ITHAKA S+R Research Strategist.

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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.

Kate Kosturski was running for ALA Council. I still remember when Gail told me that she gave her daughter a fax machine for a wedding present! Have I told you 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 continued on page 30

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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 (Chrissey George) lives in East Windsor, NJ with husband Tom and three-year-old daughter Cassie.


PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES: Editorial Board, Reference and User Services Quarterly (RUSD), 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: To be a board member or chair of ALA 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.

The Refugee Returns Home...

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.”

Rumors

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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