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Call for Presentation Proposals: 2011 Library Research Round Table Forums at ALA Annual Conference

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The Library Research Round Table (LRRT) will sponsor two Research Forums at the 2011 American Library Association Annual Conference in New Orleans (June 23-28, 2011). The LRRT Forums are a set of programs at the ALA Annual Conference featuring presentations of LIS research, in progress or completed, followed by discussion. Two LRRT Research Forums are scheduled for 2011, one on general LIS research and one on a more specific topic that will emerge as we evaluate the submissions. The two forums are:

1. Research to Understand Users: Issues and Approaches

This session will feature three library-related research papers investigating users and their use of libraries and information. An LRRT committee will select the winning papers based on quality of study design, significance of the research topic, and potential for significant contribution to librarianship.

2. Four-Star Research

This session will feature three library-related research papers describing studies of libraries and librarianship. An LRRT committee will select the winning papers based on quality and creativity of study design, significance of the research topic,

and potential for significant contribution to librarianship.

This is an opportunity to present and discuss your research project conducted in the broad area of library and information science or in a more specialized area of the field. LRRT welcomes papers emphasizing the problems, theories, methodologies, or significance of research findings for LIS. Topics can include, but are not limited to, user studies and user behavior, electronic services, service effectiveness, organizational structure and personnel, library value determination, and evaluation of library and information services. Both completed research and research in progress will be considered. All researchers, including practitioners from all types of libraries, library school faculty and students, and other interested individuals are encouraged to submit proposals. LRRT members and nonmembers of LRRT are invited and welcomed to submit proposals.

The Committee will use a blind review process to select a maximum of six projects, three for each of the two forums. The selected researchers will be required to present their papers in person at the forums and to register for the conference. Criteria for selection are:

1. Significance of the study to library and information science research;
2. Quality and creativity of the methodology;
3. Potential to fill a research gap or to build on previous LIS studies;
4. Adherence to submission requirements (see below).

Please submit a two-page proposal by Friday, December 17, 2010. Late submissions will not be considered, and submissions must be limited to two pages in length. On the first page, please list your name(s), title(s), institutional affiliation(s), and contact information (telephone number, mailing address, and email address). The second page should **NOT** show your name or any other identifying information. Instead, it must include: 1) The title of your project, and 2) A 500-word or less abstract. The abstract must include a problem statement, problem significance, project objectives, methodology, and conclusions (or tentative conclusions for work in progress), and an indication of whether the research is in-progress or completed. Previously published research or research accepted for publication by December 15, 2010, will not be considered.

Notification of acceptance will be made by Monday, February 21, 2011. Please send submissions (via email or snail mail) to:

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