February 14, 2017

**LISSO UPDATES**

Friday, Feb. 24, 4–5 PM: Tour of Special Collections

Friday, March 3: Interview Workshop

Did you miss the Social Media Workshop? See [Elizabeth Riordan’s B-Sides blog post](#), which includes a link to the video at the bottom.

**UPCOMING POSTER DEADLINES**

Friday, Feb. 17: Poster Abstract Due (ICON)

Friday, Feb. 24: Poster Presentation Sign-Up (ICON/email Vicki) & Application for Degree for Graduate College (MyUI)

Friday, March 3: Poster Abstract Revision and Resubmission (ICON)

**B SIDES UPDATES from Katie and Bethany**

1. Due to the interest of several first-year students in a LIS blog, the B Sides Podcast has been transformed into the [B Sides Project](#). The mission remains the same - to provide a space for library practitioners to talk about their work and the joy and challenges they encounter. But, this new name allows us to accommodate blog entries and other multimedia projects, in addition to podcasts. In other words, podcasts will continue to be produced, but we are now also accepting blog entries. Check out the website for more information on what and how to submit content: [www.bsides-slis.org](http://www.bsides-slis.org).

2. The B Sides Journal continues to accept ongoing submissions of academic work. The [B Sides Journal](#) is an open-access and peer reviewed publishing outlet for current
students and alumni to contribute to the scholarly literature of the field of Library and Information Science. Check out the website to submit content: http://ir.uiowa.edu/bsides/.

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE (GSS) UPDATES from Annie and Caroline

Notes from the GSS Meeting, February 7:

● House Study Bill 84/HF 291 is currently in the Iowa State House and Senate. This bill would prohibit COGS bargaining for grievances, health insurance, and tuition scholarships. GAs could lose these benefits. We encourage you to contact your state reps. This bill will affect graduate assistant pay and benefits and may strip many bargaining rights from the grad student union. This bill also affects other public sector unions that cover schools and libraries, so even if you do not or will not have an assistantship line through the University you should be aware of its impact!
  ● The University would only be required to bargain with COGS for base pay.
  ● Both Elkind and Dean Keller suspect that some version of this bill will be on Branstad’s desk by the end of this week.

GSS approved official statement encouraging the University to condemn the Trump administration's travel ban.

There will be a Bowling Social Feb. 19th from 1–4 PM. RSVP here.

GSS Funding Information: https://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/funding
GSS Travel Funds and Deadlines: https://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/funding/gss-travel-funds
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LIBRARIANS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (LSJ) UPDATES from Bekah

Semester activities:

● Continuing book group at the Anchor Center in Cedar Rapids (every other
Sunday afternoon)
- Anchor Center Information
- Supporting Antelope Lending Library, Iowa City’s first bookmobile
- Attending Iowa City City Council Meetings (first and third Tuesday of the month @ 7:00)

*Spring Fundraiser:*

We will be hosting a concert fundraiser at the Mill on Thursday, April 27! Stay tuned for details.

Meeting times: Approximately every other Monday at 7:30 (rotating locations, Iowa City). Contact libs.social.justice@gmail.com to get added to the listserv!

Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/groups/libs.social.justice/ & @Libs4Justice

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