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News from the Aerospace Section

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Adrienne Jones Washburn, Chair



The Aerospace Section of the Engineering Division encourages communication and cooperation among information professionals concerned with aerospace, aeronautical and related technologies. In addition, it fosters dialog with entities such as NASA, the AIAA and other important sources of technical data and bibliographical services.

It's May and Spring is here! This year's conference in Philadelphia promises to be an excellent opportunity for learning, networking, and discovery! With speakers James Kane and Thomas Friedman, this conference is sure to be a hit. If you haven't registered for the conference, do so now!

While you're registering for the conference, be sure and register for the Aerospace Section Annual Meeting and Breakfast on Monday, June 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Tickets to the breakfast are \$35, but are well worth the price. A full breakfast will be served, and thanks for our excellent Vendor Relations Chair, Sara Davis, you'll be able to network our vendor partners from AIAA, IHS, and SPIE Digital Library! If you had trouble buying your ticket to the Aerospace Annual Meeting and Breakfast when you registered for the conference, you can go back into the registration portal and add events you would like to attend after the fact. Just use the username and password you created during your original registration to re-enter the registration portal and purchase additional event tickets. Keep in mind that events are organized by the date of the event.

In addition to networking and enjoying breakfast, you will also have the opportunity to meet this year's George Mandel Memorial Award (GMMA) Winner, Gale Harris! Gale Harris has been a Librarian for over 34 years and a member of SLA for over 10 years. She began her career as a librarian for a private school before moving into the university environment where she worked as Head of Acquisitions. After 5 years in the academic world, Gale joined the corporate world as a special librarian for General Dynamics, now Lockheed Martin.

Gale is the Chief Librarian of Aeronautics at

Lockheed Martin, and she is an active member of the Lockheed Martin Business Capture Association, the Lockheed Martin Competitive Intelligence Working Group, and the Lockheed Martin Librarians Task Force. Gale is also a member of the Tarrant County College Advisory Council that developed a Library Technician Certificate and an Associate of Arts degree in Library Technology, both of which will be offered in Fall 2011. Gale has held the offices of Government Relations Chair for the Engineering Division and Chair of the Aerospace Section.

Gale received a B.A. and a B.S. in French and English, as well as her MLS from Texas Woman's University. On a personal note, Gale enjoys spending time at her cabin in Ruidoso, New Mexico, stitching, reading a good book, and sipping a tall drink. She has two cats, two dogs, two kids and one husband. Please join me in presenting the prestigious George Mandel Memorial Award to Gale at the Aerospace Breakfast.

As an added bonus, don't forget to attend the session, "Tweets from Space," on Tuesday, June 14th, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., which is sponsored by the Aerospace Section and AIAA! Jaime Scibelli from the NASA Glenn Research Center will present and discuss how NASA is using social media tools to connect with the public and broaden support for its programs. This session is a must see event!

Whether you plan to attend the conference in person or virtually, make the most of your visit by attending the excellent sessions available. You won't be disappointed! ❖

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