

Speaker Biographies

Elaine Russo Martin

Elaine Russo Martin, MSLS, DA is director of the Lamar Soutter Library of the University of Massachusetts Medical School. The library serves under contract by the National Library of Medicine as the Regional Medical Library for the six New England states and Dr. Martin also serves as the director of that program. Before joining UMass, Dr. Martin was director of the health sciences library at the University of Illinois at Chicago and served various other professional positions in medical school libraries in Virginia, Washington DC, and Washington state. Dr. Martin received her MSLS from the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC and her doctorate in library science administration from Simmons College, Boston, MA. Her dissertation is titled, *Team Effectiveness in Academic Medical Libraries: A Multiple Case Study*. Her most recent research interests include using qualitative research methods to study the information needs of public health workers and the study of teamwork and leadership as they apply to academic medical libraries. Other areas of interest and expertise include biomedical informatics, consumer health informatics, and evidence-based public health. Dr. Martin has published numerous journal articles and has presented at a number of professional meetings and conferences. Her awards and honors include the MLA ISI/Frank Bradway Rogers Information Advancement Award; the University of Massachusetts President's Award; Member, Journal of the Medical Library Association Editorial Board; President, Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries.

Margo Coletti

Margo Coletti is the Director of Knowledge Services at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. She has a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Michigan. Margo has a background in both law and medicine and served as a US Army librarian in West Germany in the 1970's, then later as a research librarian at the US Army Research Laboratories in Natick. Her service to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center goes back to 1981 when she was Assistant Librarian at Beth Israel Hospital.

Margo is a past president of MAHSLIN and is currently chair of the NAHSL Government Relations Committee. In her work, she is all about branching out. Last fall, she co-authored a session at the 2008 AHIMA conference on forms management in the electronic age. Two years ago, Margo spoke on medical abbreviations and participated at the Massachusetts Medical Society CME program, *Beyond the EMR: The Value of the Clinical Information Team*. Following up, she formed a committee of hospital librarians who are currently working with the Massachusetts Medical Society on a CME program that will showcase medical library service.

Donna L. Beales

Donna L. Beales, MLIS is the Health Sciences Librarian at Lowell General Hospital in Lowell, MA. She has a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from Simmons College, Boston, MA. With a background in public librarianship and

videography, Donna has brought her many talents to the health sciences arena. She has received numerous honors and awards and has made a number of presentations on the local, state and national level, including *Helminths in the Treatment of Hereditary Angiodema: A Theoretical Model in Support of a Novel Therapeutic Approach* at the July 2008 International Conference on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, Genomics and Chemoinformatics (BCBGC-08). Her areas of interest include, but are not limited to, health literacy, disaster planning for libraries, CME, and digital libraries.

Donna is a past president of the Northeast Massachusetts Regional Library System, and a past president of the Northeastern Consortium for Health Information. She has been editor of the *MAHSLIN Network News*. A prolific writer, Donna has authored numerous journal articles and papers and currently serves as a section editor for the *Journal of Hospital Librarianship*.

Brandy E. King

Brandy E. King, MLIS is the Information Specialist at the Center for Media and Child Health (CMHC) at Children's Hospital Boston. A graduate of Smith College, she holds a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from Simmons College, Boston, MA. She maintains the websites of CMHC, writes the CMHC blog and CMH newsletter, and is responsible for the creation and maintenance of the CMHC Database of Research. Ms. King has presented at a number of professional meetings and conferences on the topics of, "Ontologies and Semantic Search," "Impact of Media on Child Health," and "Blogging." She has received many awards and honors including the SLA Innovations in Technology Award for the Smart Search feature of the CMCH Database..

Brandy has authored numerous articles and papers and has been a significant contributor to many additional journal articles. Ms. King holds board level positions in the Massachusetts Health Sciences Library Network, the Boston Smith College Club, and the Social Science Division of the Special Libraries Association. She is the author of *Searching for the Concept, Not Just the Word: A Librarian's Guide to Ontologies*, a book for librarians about ontologies, published in August 2008.

Erin Logsdon

Erin Logsdon is the Digital Solutions Consultant for Nelineet, providing consulting and education services in digital solutions for libraries. She has an MS in Educational Media from Portland State University and an MLIS from Simmons College, Boston, MA. Erin began her library career as an elementary school librarian and has worked in a variety of library settings. Most recently, she worked as a taxonomist for a professional services firm. In that position she assisted in the management of multiple taxonomies for the firm's institutional repository, which served over 100,000 employees worldwide. She is currently serving as the Project Coordinator for the Massachusetts statewide digital repository, the Digital Commonwealth. Erin's interests and expertise include taxonomy, usability, digital libraries, social media, and Web 2.0 technologies.