

## Candidates for Chapter Council Chair Elect/Chair

Please provide the information requested below.

**Name:** Abigail Smith

**Current Position:** Include title, library, institution, city, state, years employed.

2017- Present    **Professional Title:** Clinical Outreach and Magnet Librarian,  
                         **Academic Rank:** Senior Assistant Librarian  
                         Health Sciences Library, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY

**Academy of Health Information Professionals:** Yes\_\_\_\_ No **X**\_\_\_\_ Level: \_\_\_\_\_

### Previous Professional Positions (Last Fifteen Years):

2013-2017    **Manager of Library Services**, St Joseph's Health, Syracuse, NY  
2012-2013    **Children's Librarian**, Springfield City Library, Springfield, MA  
2010-2012    **Editorial Coordinator**, Fischer L.L.C, Boston, MA  
2006-2010    **Administrative Coordinator**, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

**MLA Official Activities (Last Fifteen Years):** Begin with your most recent activities and use the following format: Membership Committee, Chair 1984, Member 1982-83; etc. Activities listed under national should include Section and SIG activities as well.

### National:

2021- Present    Medical Library Association, Systematic Review Caucus, Member  
2017-Present    Medical Library Association, Hospital Library Section/Caucus, Member  
2017-Present    Medical Library Association, Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section/Caucus, Member  
2013-Present    Medical Library Association, Member

### Chapter:

2019-Present    Upstate New York Ontario Chapter, Medical Library Association Executive Committee, Chapter Council Alternate  
2017                Upstate New York Ontario Chapter, Medical Library Association, Annual Meeting, Poster Session Facilitator  
2017                Upstate New York Ontario Chapter, Medical Library Association, Conference Planning Committee  
2017-Present    Upstate New York Ontario Chapter, Medical Library Association, Member

**Other Professional Activities (Last Fifteen Years):** List most recent first; include only current membership in applicable societies: include consultancies, etc..., as appropriate.

2013-Present    Upstate New York Science Librarians, Member

- 2013-2017 Central New York Library Resource Council Hospital Library Service Program, Representative
- 2011-2016 American Library Association
- 2011-2013 Association of Library Services to Children

**Professional Honors (Last Fifteen Years):** Include graduate scholastic honors as well as professional recognition

- 2021 Gold Standard Award, SUNY Upstate Medical University
- 2021 Acknowledgment in Pajarillo EJY, Korn, KH. Equitable academic preparation: A structured onboarding program for incoming graduate students. J Nurs Educ Pract. 2021;11(7):1-9. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5430/jnep.v11n7p1>
- 2018 Academic Library All-Star of the Year Award, Central New York Library Resources Council
- 2016 Lantern Award for Service, St. Joseph's College of Nursing
- 2012 Acknowledgment in Fischer JE, Jones DB, Pomposelli FB, Upchurch GR, Klimberg VS, Schwaitzberg SD, Bland KI, eds. Fischer's mastery of surgery (6<sup>th</sup> ed.). Philadelphia, PA: Wolters Kluwer Health/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2012.
- 2007 Acknowledgement in Fischer JE, Bland KI, Callery MP, Clagett GP, Jones DB, LoGerfo FW, Seeger JM, eds. (2007). Mastery of surgery (5<sup>th</sup> ed.). Philadelphia, PA: Wolters Kluwer Health/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2007.

**Education:** degree, university, date of degree

- 2012 **Master of Science in Library and Information Science**, Simmons College, Boston, MA
- 2006 **Bachelor of Arts in English**, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA

**Publications (Last Five Years):** List only major published works, print and non-print, use the citation style of the Journal of the Medical Library Association.

Imdad A, Rehman F, Davis E, Ranjit D, Surin GS, Attia S, Lawler S, **Smith A**, Bhutta ZA. Effects of neonatal nutrition interventions on neonatal mortality and child health and development outcomes: A systematic review. Campbell Systematic Reviews. 2021; 17(1): e1141: 1-88. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1002/cl2.1141>

Imdad A, Ehrlich J, Catania J, Tanner Smith E, **Smith A**, Tsistinas O, Bhutta ZA (2021). The effect of consumption of animal milk compared to infant formula for non-breastfed/mixed-fed infants 6-11 months of age. A systematic review (protocol). BMJ Open. 2021; 11(2): e046370: 1-6. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2020-046370>

Imdad A, Rehman F, Davis E, Attia S, Ranjit D, Surin, GS, **Smith A**, Bhutta, ZA (2020). Effect of synthetic vitamin A and probiotics supplementation for prevention of morbidity and mortality during the

neonatal period: A systematic review and meta-analysis of studies from low- and middle-income countries. *Nutrients*. 2020; 12(3): 791:1-21. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/nu12030791>

Imdad A, Ranjit D, Surin GS, Lawler S, **Smith A**, & Bhutta ZA. Protocol: Effects of neonatal nutrition interventions on neonatal mortality and child health and development outcomes: A systematic review. *Campbell Systematic Reviews*. 2019; 15(1-2): e1021:1-14. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1002/cl2.1021>

## **Questions from the Elections Committee:**

### **What do you see as key issues facing MLA?**

One of the key issues faced by MLA is finding new ways to reach out and engage members and prospective members. Health Sciences Librarians in less-populated areas or in non-academic settings are often most in need of professional networking opportunities and community, but attending annual conferences is often cost-prohibitive or otherwise unfeasible. My hope is that one of the lessons learned from this pandemic is that robust online communities and offerings play an important role in diversifying and supporting membership.

Diversity, equity, and inclusion are essential values of MLA. In our core values we commit to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in professional practice and leadership of health sciences libraries. We need to ensure that our organization reflects the diversity of MLA members and the communities we serve. As an organization of health sciences professionals, we need to continue to have discussions about privilege and bias and be vigilant in fighting the inequalities that lead to health disparities.

### **How will you learn what your member colleagues want and need from the association and how will you help them get involved in addressing these issues?**

I've worked as both a solo librarian for a mid-sized community hospital system and as a clinical librarian for a regional health sciences university and academic medical center. I feel confident that I can continue to build relationships with both constituencies. I view this position as a bridge between the membership and MLA. I hope with increased insight into the inner-workings of MLA I can help members get the resources they need when they need them. Whether that includes becoming more attentive to those individuals who raise concerns on list serves or meeting with chapter chairs and chapter council representatives to keep a pulse on our membership.

**Consent to Serve:** Submission of my completed application indicates my consent to serve if elected as Chair Elect of the Chapter Council of the Medical Library Association. I understand that this is a 4 year term; one year as Chair Elect (May 2021 - May 2022) and 3 years as Chair (May 2022 - May 2025). Note: the Chair is a MLA Board position (MLA Bylaws, Article XIII. The Chapter Council, Section 2C.).

**Signed: Abigail A Smith**

**Date: May 4, 2021**