

Speaker Bios

Loriene Roy

Tribal Libraries/Archives/Museums: High Points and Opportunities

Loriene Roy is Professor in the School of Information at the University of Texas at Austin. She is Anishinabe, enrolled on the White Earth Reservation, a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. She serves on the boards for the Academic Solutions Database for American Indians, Outreach Connections, the International Children's Digital Library, WebJunction, and TexShare. Roy is founder and director of "If I Can Read, I Can Do Anything," a national reading club for American Indian students. She served as 1997-1998 President of the American Indian Library Association and the 2007-2008 President of the American Library Association. Her professional awards include the 2009 Leadership Award, National Conference Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums; 2007 State of Texas Senate Proclamation No. 127; 2006 ALA Equality Award; 2007 Library Journal Mover & Shaker"; Outstanding 2002 Alumna from the University of Arizona's School of Information Resources and Library Services; the 2001 Joe and Bettie Branson Ward Excellence Award for Research, Teaching, or Demonstration Activities that Contribute to Changes of Positive Value to Society, two Texas Exes Teaching Awards; and two James W. Vick Texas Excellence Awards for Academic Advisors.

Alison Freese

IMLS Native American Basic and Enhancement Grant Fundamentals, followed by Listening/Consultation Session

Alison Freese is a Senior Program Officer at the Institute of Museum and Library Services with the Native American and Native Hawaiian Library Services Grant Programs. She has worked to help develop library and information services in Native American communities for 19 years. Before she began at IMLS in 2003, she worked as the Tribal Libraries Consultant for the New Mexico State Library in Santa Fe, NM, from 1998 to 2003, and as Information Resource Specialist at the University of New Mexico Native American Studies Center in Albuquerque, NM, from 1991 through 1997. Alison received a PhD in American Studies at UNM in 1991, with a concentration in ethnohistorical research. Prior to returning to grad school at UNM in 1982, she lived in Germany, France, Switzerland, and New York City, working in multi-lingual and multi-cultural environments. Her B.A. was in Foreign Languages from the University of Wisconsin/Madison.