

## **ARLIS/NA + VRA 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Conference 2016, Seattle – Conference Session**

### **Charmed, I'm Sure: Introducing New Users to Libraries and Visual Resources Collections**

Whether it's an orientation session with students or a one-on-one appointment with a visiting researcher, meeting with new users is an important opportunity to demonstrate the value of the specialized collections in art and design libraries and visual resources collections. This session will showcase a variety of successful methods of introducing collections and turning new users into repeat visitors.

The speakers will present case studies of innovative events, intriguing orientations, and constructive assignments that engage students, faculty and staff members, and researchers with the collections. Megan Lotts will explain how a Lego® playing station helped new landscape architecture students at Rutgers University learn about the libraries and information literacy. Amelia Nelson will describe how she uses Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) in information literacy sessions with students, free-choice learners and art professionals at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Ellen Petraits will show several visual and hands-on strategies used to reach the studio-based art school community at the Rhode Island School of Design. Laura Schwartz will talk about how a party for incoming graduate students at the Fine Arts Library at the University of Texas at Austin can be so much more than festivities with the right program, librarians, and administrators and a purpose. Amy Trendler will report on the interactive exercises she has integrated into orientation sessions for new undergraduate students in architecture and urban planning at Ball State University.

#### **Moderator**

Amy Trendler, Architecture Librarian, Ball State University

#### **Speakers**

Megan Lotts, Art Librarian, Rutgers University

Amelia Nelson, Public Services Librarian, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

Ellen Petraits, Research & Instruction Librarian, Rhode Island School of Design

Laura Schwartz, Arts and Humanities Collections Coordinator/Visual Arts Librarian, University of California San Diego

Amy Trendler, Architecture Librarian, Ball State University

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