Meet the ACRL staff

Although many of you have talked to ACRL staff members on the phone, very few of you have had a chance to meet them in person. ACRL has 12 FTE positions at headquarters—2.5 FTE positions are vacant. On these pages we are presenting current ACRL staff with brief comments about their duties. Take a minute to familiarize yourself with the people behind the scenes at ACRL. We look forward to hearing from you. (We will introduce you to some of the Choice staff in the October issue.)

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