Joyce L. Ogburn, dean of the University of Utah Marriott Library and university librarian, is the 74th president of ACRL.

“As my year as president of ACRL approaches, I am mindful of the challenges and opportunities facing an organization that leads such an ambitious agenda on behalf of its members. But I know that we will be guided by a new Plan for Excellence that will help us demonstrate the value of academic libraries, transform student learning, and accelerate the movement toward open scholarship. Moreover, ACRL will continue its tradition of successfully advocating on our behalf, developing and delivering outstanding professional development programs and publications, and creating strategic partnerships. The plan, paired with ACRL’s traditional strengths, will advance both our common objectives and individual aspirations, and will position us to meet the challenges at hand and grab the opportunities that lie just around the corner.

“I am eager to imagine the possibilities we can achieve together and remain firm in my conviction that ACRL can lead us to new heights of value, relevance, and accomplishments. To ensure the strength and vitality of ACRL now and into the future, I will focus on implementing the ACRL Plan for Excellence; employing new principles to guide budgeting decisions in these tough economic times; assessing ACRL’s committee structure; and supporting our shared values.

“Join me in this grand adventure to craft an exciting future for ACRL and our profession. We are already running on the right path—ACRL is just the right organization to keep us on track and I am ready to do my part as president of this fine organization.”

As president, Ogburn will preside over the ACRL Board of Directors and ACRL Executive Committee, and plan ACRL’s major program at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference. She will work with the ALA president and other division presidents representing ACRL both within and outside of ALA.

From 1999 to 2005, Ogburn was associate director at the University of Washington. Prior to that, she was assistant university library at Old Dominion University (1996–99). She served as chief acquisitions librarian at Yale University (1991–96), and was an acquisitions librarian at Penn State University (1984–91).

Her activities in ACRL include serving as the scholarly communication column editor for C&RL News (2006–09), as cochair of the Scholarly Communications Committee (2006–08), and as a member of the Choice Editorial Board (2000–04). She was the founder and editor of ANSSWeb (1995–2003), and was chair of the Anthropology and Sociology Section (ANSS) (1997–98). Ogburn also served as editor of ANSS Currents (1996–97).

Her ALA activities include serving as chair of the ALCTS Chief Collection Development Officers of Large Research Libraries (2004–05) and as chair of the ALCTS Acquisition of Library Materials Section Education Committee (1991-92). She was a member of the ALA Library
Education Assembly (1990–92) and was chair of the ALCTS Education Committee (1990–91).

Ogburn’s work with state and regional associations includes serving on the Greater Western Library Alliance Board of Directors (2009–present) and serving on the Association of Research Libraries Scholarly Communications Steering Committee (2008–present). She is a member of the Center for Research Libraries Board of Directors (2007–present), and she served on the SPARC Steering Committee (2005–07). She was also a member of the American Anthropological Association Librarians Advisory Group (2001–05).

Ogburn was a UCLA Senior Fellow (2001) and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa (1978).


Ogburn received her MLS from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. She received her master’s degree in Anthropology from Indiana University, and earned her bachelor of arts degree in Anthropology from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

Steven J. Bell, associate university librarian for research and instructional services at Temple University, has been elected vice-president/president-elect of ACRL.

“At the ACRL Presidential Candidates’ Forum, in response to a question about key issues facing academic and research libraries, I offered a lengthy list from which we could choose: accountability; assessment; competitive pressures; relevance and value; publishing; retention; budgetary pressures. The last part of the question was ‘In what concrete ways can ACRL help academic librarians become part of the solution to these issues?’ I believe that ACRL can help its members make a difference. This is the right time to become part of the solution.

“As the incoming vice-president/president-elect of ACRL, I am excited about the opportunity to collaborate with Joyce Ogburn, our next ACRL president; and Lisa Hinchliffe, who will become past-president; and the Board. Together we will engage our members in designing the solutions that will sustain ACRL’s position as a strong, vibrant, and forward-looking association.

“In the past months I’ve heard from many academic librarians who are enthusiastic about the prospects for the future, even in these turbulent times for higher education. In my candidate statement I wrote about the critical need for ACRL’s leadership to leverage the immense talent, skill, and creativity of the membership to move this association and profession ahead. I hope to engage as many members as possible—and encourage nonmembers to join the effort—to develop good ideas and the best solutions to our collective challenges.

“Please know that I am humbled and honored in being chosen to help lead ACRL. I want to thank colleagues for their support and the kind words of encouragement received following the election announcement. I will work hard to build on the great accomplishments of ACRL’s current leaders. To those of you who offered your help—I’ll be in touch. I invite you to join me in making ACRL an even greater association.”

From 1997 to 2006, Bell was library director at Philadelphia University. Prior to that, he held positions at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School Library, where he was assistant director (1995–97) and head of access services (1989–94).

His activities in ACRL include serving as cochair of the 2011 President’s Program Planning Committee (2010–present), as cochair of the ACRL 2011 Conference Keynote Speaker Committee (2009–present), and as chair of the ACRL Appointments Committee (2008–09).

He was cochair of the ACRL 2007 Conference Innovations Committee (2005–07), and
was on the ACRL College Libraries Section (CLS) Executive Committee (2006–09), where he served as chair (2007–08). Bell was also active as chair of the CLS Research Committee (2004–06), and he served on the ACRL 2005 Conference Workshop Committee (2004–05). He was a member of the ACRL Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Committee (2000–04) and served a term on the ACRL Excellence in Academic Librarianship Award Nominating Committee (1999–2000).

Bell’s work with state and regional associations includes serving on the PALINET Board of Trustees (2002–05) and as president of the ACRL Delaware Valley Chapter (1998–2000).


Through projects such as the Keeping Up Website (2001), Kept-Up Academic Librarian (2003), the Blended Librarians Online Learning Community (2004), ACRLog (2005), Designing Better Libraries (2007), and his Library Journal column “From the Bell Tower” (2009), Bell demonstrates a consistent track record of thought leadership and opportunity creation for academic librarians seeking out new ideas to stimulate innovation in their libraries.

Bell received his doctor of education in Higher Education Administration from the University of Pennsylvania. He earned his MLS from Drexel University, and his bachelor of arts in American Studies from Temple University.

ACRL
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Vice-President/President-Elect: Steven J. Bell (1753); Thomas E. Abbott (747).

ACRL Board
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African American Studies Librarians Section (AFAS)
Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Gennice King (33); Malaika Grant (29).
Secretary: Dalena Hunter (57); Write-in candidate (1).
Member-at-Large (2-year term): Aslaku Berhanu (58); Write-in candidate (0).

Anthropology and Sociology Section (ANSS)
Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Jennifer Darragh (53); Wayne Sanders (38).
Secretary: Erin Gratz (58); Jason Phillips (33).
Member-at-Large (2-year term): Helen Clements (45); Juliann Couture (43).

Arts Section
Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Alessa Zanin-Yost (111); Write-in candidate (1).
Secretary: Ann Medaille (114); Write-in candidate (0).

Asian, African, and Middle Eastern Section (AAMES)
Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Deepa Banerjee (48); Write-in candidate (0).
Secretary: Chella Vidyanathan (46); Write-in candidate (1).
Member-at-Large (2-year term): Ruby Bell Gam (50); Write-in candidate (0).

College Libraries Section (CLS)
Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Jill Gremmels (321); Douglas K. Lehman (207).
Secretary: Amy Badertscher (382); David P. Bunnell (123).
Member-at-Large (2-year term): Ann Watson (300); Ken Fujiuchi (204).

Community and Junior College Libraries Section (CJCLS)
Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Ann Coder (111); José Aquiñaga (82).
Secretary: Lisa Craig-Young (102); Jackie Case (83).

Distance Learning Section (DLS)
Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Sandy Hawes (156); Julie Arnold Lietzau (131).
Secretary/Archivist: Angela Whitehurst (179); Cynthia Porter (100).
Member-at-Large (2-year term): Jane Hutton (194); Britt Fagerheim (87).

Education and Behavioral Sciences Section (EBSS)
Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Vanessa Earp (101); Dana Peterman (98).
Secretary: Bruce Stoffel (103); Cindy Judd (93).
Member-at-Large (2-year term): Alex Hodges (120); Jason Martin (74).

Instruction Section (IS)
Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Susan Miller (438); Ellysa Cahoy (408).
Secretary: Jennifer Knievel (537); Alec Sonsteby (294).
Member-at-Large (2-year term): Wendy Holliday (488); Jennifer Sharkey (474); Michelle Millet (383).

Literatures in English Section (LES)
Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Melissa S. Van Vuuren (54); Arianne Hartsell-Gundy (39).
Secretary: Amanda Rust (64); Christine Ruotolo (29).
Member-at-Large (1-year term): David Oberhelman (61); Tammy Escher-Voelker (31).

Law and Political Science Section (LPSS)
Vice-chair/Chair-elect: LeRoy Jason LaFleur (48); Amalia Monroe (43).
Secretary: Lynn Thitchener (44); Lynda Kellam (43).
Member-at-Large (2-year term): Lisa Norberg (54); Mara Degnan-Rojeski (37).

Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS)
Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Erika Dowell (160); Robert Maxwell (133).
Secretary: Ann Copeland (156); Martha Lawler (119).
Member-at-Large (3-year term): William La Moy (156); Sarah Fisher (131).

Science and Technology Section (STS)
Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Lori Critz (133); Kara Whatley (123).
Secretary: Marianne Bracke (158); Ed Lener (99).
Member-at-Large (2-year term): John Meier (165); Peter Larsen (89).

Slavic and East European Section (SEES)
Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Patricia Thurston (36); Write-in candidate (1).
Secretary: Heghine Hakobyan (33); Write-in candidate (2).

University Libraries Section (ULS)
Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Stephanie Atkins (553); Tanner Wray (393).
Secretary: Wendy Girven (501); Robert Holley (440).
Member-at-Large (3-year term): Jan Kemp (516); Dane Ward (444); Jamie Kearley (384); Rubye Cross (230).

Western European Studies Section (WESS)
Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Heidi Madden (67); Deb Raftus (34).
Secretary: Michelle Emanuel (71); Marcus Richter (25).
Member-at-Large (1-year term): Ann Snoeyenbos (63); Charlene Kellsey (40).

Women and Gender Studies Section (WGSS)
Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Jennifer Mayer (47); Sharon Ladenson (46).
Secretary: Susan Wood (56); Diane Fulkerson (38).
Member-at-Large (2-year term): Piper Martin (51); Caitlin Shanley (43).