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Featuring *Features*

Jessica Lange, Editor-in-Chief

For those of you who are longtime readers of the *Partnership* journal, you may have noticed that we changed our sections structure recently. In the past, the journal had several editorially reviewed columns (*Professional Development*, *Viewpoints*, *Profiles*, *Conference Spotlight*) in addition to our peer-reviewed sections *Theory & Research* and *Innovations in Practice*. After different members of the editorial team finished their terms, we thought it was a good opportunity to reconsider how we structured the journal's non-peer-reviewed content and re-envision how these sections fit within the journal.

We decided content from the *Professional Development*, *Viewpoints*, *Profiles*, *Conference Spotlight* columns definitely had a place in the journal. Past readership statistics demonstrated that some of our most highly read articles came from these sections (see, for example, [Library and Information Science \(LIS\) Transferable Competencies](#) as well as [Roundtable: Should Library Workers Learn to Code?](#)). The editorial team liked the idea of having a section where we could delve into pressing topics for the library community. This section could be an open space where library and information professionals could share and learn about trends and development in the field without necessarily writing formal research articles. While the previous columns permitted this to some extent, often articles and topics would fall outside their scope because each column had its own particular focus and mandate. We decided, why not have one section that was completely open to almost ANYTHING while incorporating some of the mandates of the previous sections? With this in mind, we launched *Features*.

If you read the description of *Features* you'll notice it includes the mandates of the previously separate sections while not limiting exclusively to those topics:

The Features section of Partnership is an editorially reviewed column. Its purpose is to provide an open, inclusive, and informal space for authors to share and exchange ideas, information, and works of interest to the library and information community.

This section accepts a variety of publication formats including articles, essays, reports, profiles, etc. Creative approaches, including video or other media, will also be considered if accompanied by a transcript.

Submissions may include, but are not limited to (word count guidance is listed in brackets):

- *Expression of opinions or viewpoints on current or topical issues in the library and information profession (1500-2000)*
- *Professional development best practices, current trends, and insights for library practitioners (1500-3000)*
- *Profiles of practitioners in the LIS field (500-1000)*
- *Case studies and overviews of new projects (2000-3000)*
- *Summary of conference presentations and conferences (500-2000)*
- *Interviews with persons of interest to the LIS community (1000-2000)*
- *Submissions to this section must have a clear writing style and be well-organized and structured. References to relevant literature should be included as necessary.*

I was very happy to bring on board Tamara Noor as the section editor for *Features*. She has brought fresh eyes and a new perspective to the journal and I have been delighted to see the interest from the library community in recent *Features* articles such as [Failure to Launch: Feelings of Failure in Early Career Librarians](#) (among many others!).

Tamara Noor, Section Editor, Features

I became the section editor for *Features* in August of 2018 and it's been an incredibly rewarding journey since. I went from feeling a little disconnected from libraries after having worked in prospect research for almost three years prior to suddenly being a section editor of an open-access library and information science journal.

I had many ideas about the types of subjects that I wanted *Features* to highlight and they all had one thing in common: to shine the light on perspectives, voices, and issues that are often overlooked and underrepresented in our profession. One subject that I am especially interested in as a queer woman of colour working as a library professional is what is holding librarianship back from being more inclusive? Thus, the idea for [Roundtable: What is Holding Librarianship Back from Being more Inclusive of Visible Minorities](#) arose.

This is now my third *Partnership* issue as a section editor and I'm very proud of what *Features* has become: a place for authors to write honest and thought-provoking articles (such as [Unsettling the Future by Uncovering the Past: Decolonizing Academic Libraries and Librarianship](#) and [Job Precarity, Contract Work, and Self-Care](#)) that readers can not only relate to, but that also challenge our profession to do better. I also want *Features* to be a place where we can learn from library and information professionals who are making their organizations more inclusive and celebrate the important work they are doing. In a few words, this is my vision for *Features*.

If you feel like you have a topic that you would like to share with the community, I strongly encourage you to reach out. You don't have to have the word "librarian" in your official job title or an MLIS degree in order to submit a proposal.