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2024 ARLIS/NA APPLAUDS AWARD RECIPIENT

WESTFORD, Massachusetts – The Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA) is pleased to announce that the 2024 ARLIS/NA Applauds Award was awarded to Alex O’Keefe in recognition of her leadership of the revision of the ARLIS/NA Code of Conduct, as well as diversity and inclusion efforts within the Society. The Applauds Award was conferred during the ARLIS/NA 53rd Annual Conference Awards Ceremony, which was held online in May 2025.

Alex O’Keefe is a Research and Instruction Librarian at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. O’Keefe served as the chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee in 2023-2024. During her time as chair, she led the team that reworked the ARLIS/NA Code of Conduct. The updated Code of Conduct defines a Code of Conduct Team, lists prohibited behaviors, and grounds expectations in principles of anti-racism and inclusion. This work directly impacts the society as a whole and will support ARLIS/NA members for years to come.

Established in 2020, the [ARLIS/NA Applauds Award](#) honors an individual or a group of up to five persons to recognize an outstanding contribution to the Society’s work during the preceding calendar year. The 2024 Applauds Award Committee members include Emily Ha, Michele Jennings, Claire Payne, Jessica Evans Brady, and Jacob Lackner (chair).

About the Art Libraries Society of North America

Founded in 1972, the Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA) is a dynamic, international organization of close to 1,000 individuals devoted to fostering excellence in art and design librarianship and image management in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The membership includes architecture and art librarians, visual resources professionals, artists, curators, educators, publishers, students, and others interested in visual arts information. To serve this diverse constituency, the Society provides a wide range of programs and services within an organizational structure that encourages participation at every level.



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