



**Distinguished Service Award: Ted Goodman
Convocation Ceremony
April 28, 2013**

Good evening!!

Thank you Allen for those kind introductory remarks.

The first thing I thought of when I got the call from Debbie was "What a tremendous honor"!

The second thing I thought of was "Oh God, What do I wear?? Will the tiara given to me by Katharine Wayne and Gregg Most when I became President be too much??" Lucky for you, it wouldn't clear security!

I want to thank former presidents Daniel Starr and Allen Townsend for nominating me for this distinction. They have always been true friends and colleagues.

I also want to thank Heidi Hass and the DSA committee for their hard work.

I am deeply honored and humbled to receive the ARLIS/NA Distinguished Service Award at the 30th anniversary of my first conference which was in 1983 in Philadelphia! I was a library school student and knew this was the direction I wanted my career to go so my parents paid for the train from Pittsburgh and I stayed with friends because I couldn't afford the hotel. I didn't know anyone but Trudy & Tom Jacoby were the first people to introduce themselves and take me under their wing. Years later Trudy was Treasurer when I was President and I still value their friendship and wise advice.

It is in ARLIS/NA that I found mentors, colleagues, and friends who shaped my career and inspired me as a professional. I was encouraged by a talented community of librarians like Henry Pisciotta who gave me my first job and Angela Giral, former Avery Director and Distinguished Service Award winner, who encouraged me to serve ARLIS/NA and ARLIS/NY in a variety of offices.

For those first-timers who are here, I want to stress the importance of meeting people and participating in meetings, events, tours, receptions and committees. These associations can result in the establishment of many enduring life-long friendships and you will learn to become productive members of ARLIS/NA. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our friends from Latin America—Bienvenidos Amigos!

One of the easiest and most fulfilling ways of getting involved with ARLIS is to volunteer at conferences. I was privileged to serve as a co-chair of two New York conferences and I want to thank Ross Day and Margaret Webster (another DSA winner) for their friendships and organizational skills!

I looked back at the list of Distinguished Service Award winners such as Betty Jo Kish Irvine, Susan Craig, Nancy Allen, Bill Dane, Lois Swan Jones, Mary Williamson, Bill Walker, Wolfgang Freitag and Caroline Backlund and am humbled to be among this very distinguished group. I am also proud to have served on committees, and on the Executive Board with many of them. Their vast knowledge and commitment to the art librarian and visual resources professions are legacies by which we can continue the tradition of excellence.

I want to thank everyone with whom I served on various Executive Boards such as Ann Abid, Karen McKenzie, Katherine Wayne, Roger Lawson, Deirdre Stam, Janis Ekdahl, Jon Evans, Ken Soehner, Amy Lucker and Mari Russell. I would also like to congratulate the new President Gregg Most and incoming Vice President (and my boss) Carole Ann Fabian. If you need advice feel free to call!!

I will always treasure the people I have met, the things that I have learned, the wonderful conferences and experiences that I have had as a member of ARLIS/NA.

I deeply appreciate this highest of honors. Thank you very much!

Ted Goodman
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