

ARLIS/NA 101: Boston Bound

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Transcript:

[10:17](#) Cara Welcome to those of you who have arrived early for today's lunchtime chat! Please take a moment to change your "guest" name to a nickname. To do this, just right click on your guest name in the right column of this window, and select a new name.

[10:58](#) Cara Thanks for joining April's Lunchtime Chat, ARLIS/NA 101: Boston Bound. Bryan Loar and Jennifer Friedman will be moderating today's chat. Jennifer is the Collections Manager and Public Services Librarian at the Rotch Library at MIT, and Bryan is the Moderator for the Art Library Society Student and New ARLIS Professionals (ArLiSNAP) SIG, the incoming chair of the Membership Committee and the Director of Knowledge Management and Research at SC Search consultants.

[11:00](#) Cara For those of you who have just arrived, please change your "guest" name by right clicking on your guest name in the right column of this window, and selecting a nickname. I hope you'll all forgive the strange smileys that continue to pop into my typos.

[11:00](#) Karyn Hinkle sdf

[11:01](#) guest1665064 Hi: I guess I just made myself a "member" instead of a simple "guest. So I am appearing as a Guest up in the Members section. Is there an easy way to switch myself! Sorry! --Deborah

[11:01](#) Cara Why don't we all take a moment to introduce ourselves. I'm Cara List, Art Librarian and Collection Manager for the Humanities at the University of Oregon.

[11:02](#) Karyn Hinkle I'm Karyn Hinkle, Reader Services Librarian at the Bard Graduate Center (Decorative Arts, Design History, Material Culture) in New York.

[11:02](#) Cara Deborah--try right clicking your name in the right column. you'll see a prompt for nickname.

[11:03](#) vheidi114 I'm Heidi Hass, ARLIS/NA Secretary and Head of Research Services at The Morgan Library & Museum, NYC

[11:03](#) Karyn Hinkle Hi Heidi!

[11:03](#) Carter Hello, I'm Sarah Carter, Instruction + Research Services Librarian at the Ringling College of Art + Design in Sarasota, FL

[11:03](#) Jessica Hi, I'm Jessica McIntyre, Assistant Librarian at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

[11:03](#) Anna Hi, I'm Anna Perricci, User Services Associate at ARTstor

[11:03](#) vheidi114 Hey Karyn and all!

[11:03](#) EmilyH Hi, I'm Emily, I'm an MLS student at University of Maryland

[11:04](#) Elizabeth Lane Hi, I am Elizabeth Lane, Assistant Reference Librarian at the Frick Art Reference Library.

[11:04](#) Deborah Hi everyone: Deborah B. Arts & Arch Lib at U of MN.

[11:04](#) Lori Hello, I'm Lori Salmon, Library Assistant for Resource Sharing at the Museum of Modern Art

[11:04](#) Stacy B Stacy Brinkman, Art/Arch library at Miami University(OH)

[11:05](#) Karyn Hinkle I love that Deborah is here for this chat! She was my conference mentor at my first ARLIS conference (Atlanta, 2007).

[11:05](#) Cara Let's go ahead and get started. Welcome Bryan and Jennifer! I'm sure we're all looking forward to hearing about getting involved at ARLIS/NA's Boston conference.

[11:05](#) Bryan Loar That sounds good

[11:05](#) Jennifer F. Ditto!

[11:05](#) Bryan Loar Thanks everyone for joining us today!

[11:06](#) Bryan Loar I'm a bit slow at typing

[11:06](#) Bryan Loar so you'll see short little blurbs

[11:06](#) Bryan Loar Karyn, that's great story

[11:06](#) Karyn Hinkle :)

[11:06](#) Bryan Loar Because making connections

[11:06](#) Bryan Loar is a BIG part of the conference

[11:07](#) Bryan Loar connections that last

[11:07](#) Bryan Loar beyond just the conference

[11:07](#) Bryan Loar I see that Emily is also a student

[11:07](#) Bryan Loar are there any other students?

[11:07](#) Lori Yes, I am also a student at Queens College

[11:07](#) Teresa I am a student

[11:07](#) Teresa at Rutgers University

[11:07](#) cleodemerode I am Alexandria Caster, student at University of Arizona

[11:08](#) Bryan Loar Excellent!

[11:08](#) Bryan Loar I'm really glad to see that you've joined us today

[11:08](#) Bryan Loar there are some great resources for students

[11:08](#) Bryan Loar



<http://arlisnap.org>

[11:08](#) Anna S. I am a student at IU.

[11:08](#) Bryan Loar is 1 of those

[11:09](#) Bryan Loar Art Library Students & New ARLIS Professionals

[11:09](#) Bryan Loar it is an SIG of ARLIS/NA

[11:09](#) Bryan Loar which means special interest group

[11:09](#) vheidi114 SIG = Special Interest Group

[11:09](#) Bryan Loar we cater to the needs

[11:09](#) Bryan Loar of new members

[11:09](#) Bryan Loar and students

[11:10](#) Bryan Loar for example

[11:10](#) Bryan Loar with the help of many arlisnap members

[11:10](#) Bryan Loar we've created

[11:10](#) Bryan Loar a conference survival guide

[11:10](#) Bryan Loar arlisanap survival guide <http://snapconference.pbworks.com/>

[11:10](#) Bryan Loar the guide helps

[11:11](#) Bryan Loar understanding terms like SIG

[11:11](#) Bryan Loar what to expect at the conference

[11:11](#) Bryan Loar how to dress (arty casual is my fav)

[11:11](#) Bryan Loar and other good tidbits

[11:11](#) Cara SIG= special interest group

[11:12](#) Bryan Loar but besides introducing resources

[11:12](#) Bryan Loar we'd like to read

[11:12](#) Bryan Loar what are your expectations? What do you want to gain from the conference?

[11:12](#) Jennifer F. Hi, Bryan!

[11:12](#) Jennifer F. Let me interject for a moment...

[11:13](#) Jennifer F. Hi! I'm Jennifer (Friedman, Collections Mgr @ Rotch Library @ MIT), and I'm one of two Program Co-Chairs. Along with the two Local Arrangements Co-Chairs, we're responsible for putting the conference together.

[11:13](#) Jennifer F. And we're really interested to hear what your expectations of the conference are, and answer any questions you might have as we go through this chat.

[11:14](#) Elizabeth Lane All of the information about the conference is a little overwhelming. How do you suggest we prepare our schedules ahead of time?

[11:14](#) Jennifer F. (and for putting the conference together with our large Planning Committee - we don't want to forget all their hard work!)

[11:14](#) Bryan Loar Elizabeth

[11:14](#) Cara Let me also invite those of you who have been to conferences before to add to what Bryan and Jennifer say with any good advice you may have.

[11:14](#) Bryan Loar I'd suggest looking at

[11:14](#) Bryan Loar which sessions

[11:15](#) Bryan Loar events

[11:15](#) Jennifer F. We're in the last moments of proofing our printed program. Because there's so many events, sessions and meetings (59), we'll be making the final edits to the conference planning website...

[11:15](#) Bryan Loar and other things

[11:15](#) Jennifer F. ... and unveiling Google Calendar to help you organize what you're doing.

[11:15](#) Bryan Loar YES!

[11:15](#) Bryan Loar Google Cal

[11:15](#) Bryan Loar Is what I would suggest

[11:15](#) Carter Yay!

[11:15](#) Teresa sweet! Google Calendar is the only way I know what's going on in my life

[11:15](#) EmilyH wow, that sounds great!

[11:15](#) Elizabeth Lane Sweet! Google cal will help.

[11:15](#) Bryan Loar You can get updates to your mobile

[11:15](#) Jennifer F. Google Calendar (if you haven't used it) will allow you to use iCal, plus for those of us with Droids, we can just use Google Cal.

[11:16](#) Karyn Hinkle Hi Elizabeth! At this stage, I tend to make two lists for myself -- must-do events, and "things-I'm-also-interested-in".

[11:16](#) Jennifer F. You're also going to find that there are two things in one time slot that you want to attend.

[11:16](#) Jennifer F. That's fairly normal. It's also a great way to make some connections.

[11:17](#) Carter I think it is important to be flexible and somewhat "go with the flow" when it comes to planning your conference schedule

[11:17](#) Cara I do what Karyn does. Make lists and schedules for myself with the really imp. stuff starred or highlighted.

[11:17](#) Karyn Hinkle Re: time slots, Exactly -- so the must-do events stay, and others I have to work around.

[11:17](#) Jennifer F. If you wanted to attend Session A, but went to another meeting instead, you can always talk to others to see if they attended your conflict and what they thought.

[11:17](#) Bryan Loar @Carter agreed!

[11:17](#) vheidi114 Jennifer, will the full descriptions of the sessions be added to the conference web site? I think trying to pick from titles alone is difficult

[11:17](#) Jennifer F. They are on the website.

[11:17](#) Jennifer F. At the top of the schedule is a bar that lists each category separately.

[11:17](#) Jennifer F. The details are on those subpages.

[11:18](#) Jennifer F. I'll try to go back in and link things to those pages.

[11:18](#) vheidi114 Super! Thanks

[11:18](#) Cara you have to shuttle between the schedule and the descriptions. I just open two tabs in the browser

[11:18](#) Karyn Hinkle Here's the URL --



<http://www.arlisna.org/boston2010/sessions.htm>

[11:18](#) Anna S. Jennifer, if a session is listed as "off-site," but no location is given, what should we expect?

[11:18](#) Jennifer F. And once we've got them on Google Calendar, the descriptions will be in there.

[11:18](#) Teresa Will the google calendar also have locations?

[11:18](#) Jennifer F. There are four sessions that are off-site, and those sessions are part of The City Experience on Monday.

[11:19](#) Jennifer F. @Teresa: They will.

[11:19](#) Jennifer F. Part of finalizing the program was finalizing the room locations.

[11:19](#) Lori Will SIG meetings be included on the Google calendar?

[11:19](#) Jennifer F. @ Lori: Yes.

[11:19](#) Jennifer F. There are also four workshops off-site (two at MIT, one at Simmons College and one at the Massachusetts College of Art).

[11:20](#) Jennifer F. For anything off-site, we'll have you meet in one of the lobbies, and guides will take you via public transportation to the site.

[11:20](#) Jennifer F. You'll get to experience the T!

[11:20](#) Karyn Hinkle Oh, fantastic!

[11:20](#) Carter I like that we'll get outside of the conference hotel!

[11:20](#) Karyn Hinkle That's so helpful -- thanks!

[11:20](#) Jennifer F. That's one of the things we really tried to aim for this year.

[11:20](#) Jennifer F. We so often go to conferences, but don't get to see the city all that much.

[11:20](#) Bryan Loar It's a great idea

[11:21](#) Anna S. Great!

[11:21](#) Jennifer F. We wanted to have you experience Boston as we do.

[11:21](#) Anna S. Is there ever a possibility of attending a workshop if we've been waitlisted?

[11:21](#) Jennifer F. Another change this year is the way we're doing the big party. I think you'll like this a lot...

[11:21](#) cleodemerode The party looks amazing!

[11:21](#) Jennifer F. Instead of going to a local museum, we're bringing the art to you.

[11:22](#) Cara explain please!

[11:22](#) Jennifer F. The party's in the top of the World Trade Center overlooking the harbor. There will be installation and performance artists mingling with the crowd.

[11:22](#) Jennifer F. There's going to be an email to ARLIS-L in the next few days with details on the artists.

[11:23](#) Anna S. That sounds great.

[11:23](#) Karyn Hinkle I think Darin Murphy sent it this afternoon!

[11:23](#) Cara The email came this morning

[11:23](#) Jennifer F. GREAT!

[11:23](#) cleodemero Do we need to register somewhere to attend the party?

[11:23](#) Karyn Hinkle Yes, and it looks amazing!

[11:23](#) Jennifer F. The party's open to all attendees.

[11:23](#) cleodemero Wonderful!

[11:23](#) Jennifer F. @Anna S: it really depends on the workshop and where you are in the waitlist.

[11:25](#) Jennifer F. So...

[11:25](#) Jennifer F. For those of you who have attended an ARLIS/NA conference before...

[11:25](#) Cara One thing I'd like to say to new attendees-- ARLIS is one of the best conferences I've been to for offering a lot of options for the time beyond sessions and meetings. ARLIS plans parties, and other events to help you fill your time.

[11:25](#) Jennifer F. Tell us in 3 words or less what you enjoyed most.

[11:25](#) Heather K. Meeting awesome librarians!

[11:25](#) Bryan Loar professional development :)

[11:26](#) Carter seeing old friends!

[11:26](#) Cara getting new ideas

[11:26](#) Jennifer F. Scintillating conversations!

[11:26](#) Karyn Hinkle Inspirational art research

[11:26](#) Karyn Hinkle !

[11:26](#) Roger L. Sociable professionalism!

[11:26](#) Karyn Hinkle Ha ha, that's a great one, Roger.

[11:26](#) Bryan Loar agreed

[11:27](#) Jennifer F. Lots of wine!

[11:27](#) vheidi114 Networking, learning from colleagues

[11:27](#) Jessica meeting people & new ideas

[11:27](#) Karyn Hinkle coast-to-coast art librarians

[11:27](#) vheidi114 @Roger professional socializing:)

[11:27](#) Bryan Loar new cities

[11:27](#) Heather K. @Bryan yes!

[11:27](#) Cara seeing great museums

[11:28](#) Roger L. With or without wine -- it's a great opportunity to "test drive" new ideas in the field

[11:28](#) Bryan Loar absolutely

[11:28](#) Jennifer F. And also catch up with who else is doing what.

[11:28](#) Karyn Hinkle And to meet art librarians who have or are working out the same sorts of things you're trying to do in your own library right at that time.

[11:29](#) Heather K. Compared to ALA, I find ARLIS to be much more user friendly and easier to connect with others meaningfully.

[11:29](#) Jennifer F. That way, later, if you're working on something similar, you already know someone to contact and talk to about that idea or project.

[11:29](#) Anna S. So we shouldn't be shy about starting conversations?

[11:29](#) Roger L. Fewer acronyms than ALA.

[11:29](#) Cara or get advice from those who've already tried things out

[11:29](#) Jennifer F. @Anna S: Don't be shy!

[11:29](#) Karyn Hinkle @Heather K, absolutely. ARLIS is my favorite conference!

[11:29](#) Roger L. @Anna S. not at all!

[11:29](#) Anna S. Because I won't be...

[11:29](#) Jennifer F. And we wouldn't want you to!

[11:29](#) Anna S. That's great to hear!

[11:29](#) Elizabeth Lane I am so excited!

[11:30](#) Bryan Loar @Anna it is very easy to connect & talk to libs at arlisna

[11:30](#) Jennifer F. We're all very happy to chat about anything you want!

[11:30](#) Cara @Anna I was so shy when I first went to arlis, but everyone is really friendly and open to meeting people

[11:30](#) Teresa I was wondering, I have heard that the Career Mentorship is a very good event for newbies to attend, but unfortunately I cannot travel until Friday morning so I'll be missing it. If there any way to make up for missing this?

[11:30](#) Anna S. I have so many questions!

[11:30](#) Carter Teresa, I am the chair of career mentoring

[11:30](#) Anna S. I was also wondering about the Career Mentorship. I still haven't heard back about it...

[11:30](#) Anna S. Though I applied months ago.

[11:30](#) Carter watch ARLIS-L for future opportunities to participate in Career Mentoring

[11:31](#) Carter Today is the deadline for applications, and I am sorting through them this weekend

[11:31](#) Carter You'll hear very soon, I promise!

[11:31](#) Anna S. Thanks!

[11:31](#) Elizabeth Lane Does it really start at 8 a.m. sharp?

[11:31](#) EmilyH Thanks, Carter! (I applied also)

[11:31](#) Jennifer F. There's also Conference Mentoring.

[11:31](#) cleodemeroide Looking forward to it!

[11:32](#) Carter :S Yep, it would be good to arrive on time

[11:32](#) Jennifer F. That pairs you up with a seasoned attendee for the length of the conference.

[11:32](#) Carter Sorry, I didn't ask to be scheduled that early

[11:32](#) Bryan Loar conference mentoring is great

[11:32](#) Bryan Loar many times the lib will introduce you to other libs

[11:32](#) Cara Are those of you who are new signed up for conference mentoring?

[11:32](#) heatherslania Well if I get in, I'll hopefully be awake with my tea

[11:32](#) cleodemeroide I signed up for it

[11:32](#) Jennifer F. It's at 8am so you can take advantage of an afternoon workshop if you'd like!

[11:33](#) Bryan Loar Nice!

[11:33](#) Carter @Jennifer, I know and appreciate that! :)

[11:33](#) Karyn Hinkle Bryan, you and I first met at the mentoring workshop! Do you remember that? We bonded over having "y's" in our names.

[11:33](#) Jennifer F. If you didn't sign up for Conference Mentoring, you can do so at:



<http://www.arlisna.org/boston2010/Volunteer.html>.

Second one down: Conference Mentoring Program.

[11:34](#) Bryan Loar that's right! :)

[11:34](#) Anna S. I signed up, but haven't heard back.

[11:34](#) Cara conference mentoring can be great-- you'll be introduced to a lot of folks and won't have to worry about shyness! My mentor was great!

[11:34](#) Elizabeth Lane I am volunteering at the Registration and Information Desk until 10 a.m.

[11:34](#) Jennifer F. That's also a great way to meet people!

[11:34](#) Jennifer F. Another way to connect is to take part in the Sunday evening dinner event.

[11:34](#) Jessica The first year I attended, the session for newbies was great, and also going to dinners and the ARLISnap pub crawl.

[11:34](#) Carter I really appreciated my conference mentor's willingness to walk me through the vendor's hall and introduce me to her contacts

[11:34](#) Jennifer F. Sunday Supper Club in the Hub.

[11:35](#) Jennifer F. Local members plus those who know the city well will take you to an area of the city for Dutch-treat dinners.

[11:35](#) Bryan Loar Are there participants here that are from the Boston area?

[11:36](#) Carter Just curious, is one of the restaurants veggie friendly?

[11:36](#) Jennifer F. You'll be able to sign up for those at the Registration Desk once you arrive. Special events is working on finalizing restaurant choices so that they can get out the information on ARLIS-L on locations and menus.

[11:36](#) Bryan Loar @carter gimme a sec...

[11:36](#) Bryan Loar I've got a map...

[11:36](#) Bryan Loar here...

[11:36](#) heatherslania I was actually talking with Bryan about doing a veg outing one night, but he's busy, but I'll likely still do it

[11:36](#) Bryan Loar Thanks Heather!

[11:37](#) Jennifer F. There are places near the Seaport that are veggie friendly.

[11:37](#) Carter @heather, great! They've been successful in the past!

[11:37](#) Jennifer F. Plus, you're really only a short 3-4 minute Silver Line trip to South Station, which is close to TONS of restaurants.

[11:37](#) heatherslania They'll be an email to the list next week I think

[11:37](#) heatherslania :)

[11:37](#) Bryan Loar veg restaurants & eateries

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=vegetarian+restaurants+boston&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=0.098764,0.14883&ie=UTF8&hq=vegetarian+restaurants&hnear=Boston,+MA&ll=42.352709,-71.098537&spn=0.088294,0.14883&z=13

[11:38](#) Jennifer F. There will also be a large restaurant guide for you to look at at the conference.

[11:38](#) Bryan Loar it's not everything

[11:38](#) Jennifer F. No... there's a lot more than that, Bryan!

[11:38](#) Bryan Loar yeah, I was just going off of a couple of sources

[11:39](#) Bryan Loar Rachel Resnik helped

[11:39](#) Jennifer F. I'll ask our restaurant guide folks to see if they can make notations on the guide or something else.

[11:39](#) heatherslania (There will be... egads my typing isn't great when I'm looking through books and chatting at the same time!)

[11:39](#) Bryan Loar with suggestion to go & stay away from

[11:40](#) Roger L. Transportation question: How's the water taxi from Logan?

[11:40](#) vheidi114 I think there will be a fair amount of food at the conference, too, right Jennifer?

[11:40](#) Bryan Loar oooo...good questions. I was thinking about this

[11:40](#) Jennifer F. It's fine, but it'd probably be easier/quicker to take the Silver Line.

[11:40](#) Anna S. Can you recommend any events with free food? ;)

[11:40](#) Jennifer F. The Silver Line goes from the Airport to South Station. The hotel is on the way at the World Trade Center stop.

[11:41](#) Jennifer F. @ Anna: There's quite a few events with free food this year.

[11:41](#) Cara @ Jennifer that's really good to know!

[11:41](#) Roger L. Thanks, Jennifer.

[11:41](#) Jennifer F. Another thing to note about the hotel is that you're staying at the Seaport Hotel, but the conference events are across the street at the World Trade Center.

[11:42](#) guest7716311 Are there any events we should probably plan to eat dinner before/after?

[11:42](#) Jennifer F. The Silver Line can be between 10-20 minutes from the airport to the World Trade Center, depending on your terminal (A, B, C, D, E).

[11:42](#) Cara Like so many others I'll be moving to the Renaissance on Sunday evening. How far away is that really?

[11:42](#) Jennifer F. It's a \$2 fare.

[11:42](#) Deborah I have to meet a 6 p.m. flight on Sunday, but need/want to stay in a meeting until 4:30... think I can swing it??

[11:43](#) Bryan Loar @guest7716311 ArLiSNAP is also planning a pub stop after the welcome party on Friday

[11:43](#) Jennifer F. @ Cara: The Renaissance is about a 5 minute walk.

[11:44](#) Cara thanks

[11:44](#) Jennifer F. @ Deborah: It depends on how comfortable you are with reaching your gate with less time to spare.

[11:44](#) Cara @ Deborah is your flight at 6 or is that your cushion time?

[11:44](#) guest7716311 at some conference i've attended, there might be food - but it turns out not to be "dinner" which is fine, but it's nice to be prepared

[11:44](#) Deborah No its at 6!

[11:45](#) Jennifer F. I probably wouldn't chance it.

[11:45](#) Cara In some airports they won't allow you to board if you haven't checked in a certain amount of time in advance.

[11:45](#) Deborah I'm always the last one on... so if you think I can do it, I'm used to it...

[11:45](#) Jennifer F. You can't guarantee that you can get through security in time. It all depends on the terminal.

[11:45](#) Jennifer F. And if you have to check bags.

[11:45](#) Jennifer F. If you're just doing carry-on, you might be able to eek it out.

[11:46](#) Jennifer F. But I always run it very close, and I don't think I'd chance that. Maybe leave at 4, then I'd do it.

[11:46](#) Cara I was turned away from a United flight in portland oregon a few years ago because we arrived at the counter (long line) with less than an hour before flight time!

[11:46](#) Deborah I just have a carry on. I heard about the water taxi... is that the fastest?

[11:46](#) Jennifer F. But I also take risks for airport travel, so I might not be the best one to advise you!

[11:46](#) Jennifer F. The Silver Line's faster. It runs more frequently.

[11:46](#) Anna S. Anything else we should know about the conference?

[11:46](#) guest7716311 are there opportunities to volunteer at the conference for committees and stuff

[11:47](#) Jennifer F. @ Deborah: email me and we can talk about it, especially depending on your terminal.

[11:47](#) Jennifer F. If you're interested in a particular committee, you can also attend their meeting. All ARLIS/NA meetings are open.

[11:47](#) Deborah thank you Jennifer!

[11:47](#) Bryan Loar here's that volunteer link again



<http://www.arlisna.org/boston2010/volunteer.html>

[11:47](#) Cara Maybe we should talk a little about joining committees, division meetings etc?

[11:47](#) Jennifer F. That gives you an opportunity to see what the committee does and talk to the chair.

[11:47](#) vheidi114 @guest7716311 Absolutely- attend committee meetings, and see if the work appeals to you- if it does , speak up!

[11:48](#) vheidi114 you might not get on one this year, but you might, and you'll certainly be on the list for the next year.

[11:48](#) Bryan Loar it's a great way to get involved

[11:48](#) Anna S. Are committee meetings published in a schedule?

[11:48](#) Bryan Loar all committees are very welcoming

[11:48](#) Anna S. Or do we need to keep track of them from ARLIS emails?

[11:48](#) Jennifer F. @Anna S: Yes, they are!

[11:48](#) Cara Don't be shy about it-- visitors are welcome to just check out various groups

[11:49](#) Bryan Loar @jennifer they'll be on the google cal right?

[11:49](#) Jennifer F. There's about 59 meetings, including committee, division, section, special interest group, chapter and "other" meetings.

[11:49](#) Jennifer F. @Bryan: Yes.

[11:49](#) Jennifer F. Chapter meetings are also a good way to connect with the local people in your chapter if you haven't met them previously.

[11:49](#) Cara Also, SIGs aka special interest groups are a great way to meet folks with similar interests

[11:49](#) Bryan Loar I'm the incoming chair of the Membership Committee. We'd love to have you sit in. :)

[11:50](#) Bryan Loar @cara agreed

[11:50](#) Jennifer F. The Chapter meetings are all at 8AM on Sat morning.

[11:50](#) Bryan Loar Chapter are also a great way to extend your conference experience

[11:50](#) Bryan Loar Connecting with folks in your region

[11:51](#) vheidi114 Except the New York chapter which doesn't usually meet at the annual conference

[11:51](#) Anna S. I'm interested in libraries in the Pacific Northwest, but I'm a member of Midstates. Ok still to sit in? Or what would you suggest?

[11:51](#) vheidi114 no one ever got turned away from an arlis meeting

[11:51](#) Jennifer F. And divisions are good for exploring different areas of librarianship. Interested in academia? Try the Academic Division Meeting. Like Cataloging? Try the Cataloging Section Meeting.

[11:51](#) Cara Wow, time has really rolled by today with lots of questions, but it's probably time to wrap today's chat.

[11:52](#) Elizabeth Lane This was great! Thank you.

[11:52](#) Cara Bryan and Jennifer-- any last pearls of wisdom?

[11:52](#) Lori Thank you and I look forward to seeing everyone in Boston.

[11:52](#) Jennifer F. Remember to take a break! You don't want to miss anything because you're tired from your morning - we have events going all day.

[11:53](#) Carter Thanks to all! See you really soon!

[11:53](#) Bryan Loar Take it easy. Don't be shy. Lot's of librarians want to connect with you. & make sure to see BOSTON!

[11:53](#) Jennifer F. And if you have further specific questions about conference things, feel free to email me. If I can't answer it, I'll put you in touch with the person who can!

[11:54](#) Jennifer F. jrfried AT mit DOT edu

[11:54](#) Bryan Loar If anyone has any questions or want to follow up, please feel free to contact me at bryan [at] theloars [dot] com

[11:54](#) Cara Thanks to all of you, especially Bryan and Jennifer, for making this a really productive and informative chat! I look forward to seeing everyone in Boston!

[11:54](#) EmilyH Thank you, this was very helpful!

[11:54](#) cleodemerode Many thanks!

[11:54](#) Jennifer F. Glad to hear that!

[11:54](#) Bryan Loar Thanks!

[11:54](#) heatherslania See you all in Boston!

[11:54](#) Roger L. Good job!

[11:55](#) Heather K. Thanks to all! Can't wait to see you all there

[11:55](#) vheidi114 Love these chats

[11:55](#) Jennifer F. Thanks for the great questions! See you in Boston!

[11:55](#) Jessica Thanks!

[11:57](#) Elizabeth Lane @Heidi Ditto!