ARLIS/NA Establishes a New Award to Recognize Member Contributions to the Profession and Honors Inaugural Recipients

May 12, 2021. The Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA) is pleased to announce a new annual award, ARLIS/NA Applauds, to honor outstanding achievements by an individual member or group in the preceding calendar year. Qualifying contributions include participating in ARLIS/NA special projects, dedicating extraordinary time and energy to committee or advocacy efforts, advancing DEI initiatives, responding effectively or creatively to an unforeseen or urgent need of the society, contributing innovative or creative ideas to the profession, performing extraordinary volunteerism on the society's or profession's behalf, and promoting the society's professional values.

Each award recipient will be recognized at the society's annual conference convocation and receive a one-year complimentary individual membership to ARLIS/NA as well as a certificate of appreciation signed by the ARLIS/NA President and awards committee chair.

The inspiration for ARLIS/NA Applauds was the extraordinary achievements of the first award recipients, Carol Ng-He and Claire Payne, who acted decisively to support the successful recasting of the society's 2020 annual conference as an entirely virtual event.

Carol Ng-He is the Digital Collections Curator at the Center for the Art of East Asia at the University of Chicago. She has taught undergraduate courses in humanities and has written articles and essays on topics in visual literacy and museum education. Her latest publications include *Exhibits and Displays: A Practical Guide for Librarians* (2021) and "The State and Future of Exhibitions in Art Museum Libraries" in *The New Art Museum Library* (2021). Carol earned her master's degree in art education from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and is pursuing a master's degree in library and information science at San Jose State University.

Carol has been an active member of ARLIS/NA and its Midstates Chapter since 2018. Previous appointments include tenure on the diversity committee and professional development education subcommittee and serving as affiliate liaison to the American Library Association's Office of Diversity and Outreach Services. Since 2019 Carol has been a coordinator of the exhibitions SIG for which she leads the exhibition standards task force. In 2020, she received ARLIS/NA's Student Diversity Award for Conference Attendance. She is currently the chair of the professional development committee and the Midstates Chapter William C. Bunce Travel Award Committee.

Claire Payne is the Web Services and Data Librarian and liaison librarian to the Department of Art at Stony Brook University in Stony Brook, NY. She currently chairs the ARLIS/NA Professional Development Committee's Education Subcommittee (2020-2022). She has also written for *ARLIS/NA Reviews*, *Multimedia & Technology Reviews*, and *Notable Graphic Novels Review*. Claire is broadly interested in visual culture, informatics, and especially the intersection of the two disciplines. At Stony Brook, her work includes administering library exhibitions and installations as well as coordinating the design and development of the library's web presences. Claire holds master's degrees in information science and in art history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.