



Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of the NCTE

ALAN Online News: 2020 Mentoring Opportunity, Applications due for the Anti-racist breakout session and co-editor of the ALAN Picks, and the New ALAN Social Media Team

In this issue: See what ALAN is doing to support the community today through the ALAN Mentorship Committee, calls for proposals for the anti-racist breakout session and co-editor of the ALAN Picks, introducing the new ALAN social media committee

Survey from the 2020 Mentorship Committee

ALAN's new Mentorship Committee is sending out surveys to all members to pair individuals who are interested in becoming mentors or mentees. This new committee's mission is "to connect and broaden our network of ALAN members with support for teaching, learning, and using young adult literature."

By using these surveys to gather information, we aim to pair interested mentors and mentees based on expertise/areas of desired growth and interests. If you are interested in being a mentor or are in search of more mentorship in this professional community, please fill out the appropriate form to help the committee find your best match! We will contact you in late August with a partnership for the 2020-2021 school year.

For interested mentors: <https://forms.gle/ZtVqCQwLJd7sDwXh9>

For interested mentees: <https://forms.gle/F2j1j7zTVjnEJxFy6>

Submit Proposals to the Anti-racist breakout session or to be the new co-editor of ALAN Picks



Mark your calendars! The deadline for these two ALAN opportunities is fast approaching. Apply today! ☐☐ See the links below for more information:

Breakout session:

<https://www.facebook.com/187671031252280/posts/3367641133255238/?d=n>

ALAN Picks Co-editor:

<https://www.facebook.com/187671031252280/posts/3363574550328563/?d=n>

Introducing the New ALAN Social Media Team



Alison Daniels



Sarah Chan



Eli Oldham



Phelicity Wiese

We are so happy to introduce our ALAN social media team!

Starting earlier this year, ALAN moved to a team for social media, and they have done an amazing job of growing our social media persence. As of today, the current chair, Kellee Moyer, will be stepping down as the chair, so we are so happy to announce the new chair and introduce the rest of the team!

The new ALAN social media chair is Alison Daniels. Alison teaches 8th grade English for the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) where she is also an ELA Instructional Team Leader. She has written for ALAN Picks, Nerdy Book Blog, and NCTE Verse. Alison writes for herself, The House That Blume Built, as well as articles and reviews for online

media outlets. As a member of the HCPSS Secondary ELA Textbook Committee and curriculum writer, she has advocated for the inclusion of contemporary middle grade and young adult novels in the classroom and curriculum. Alison presented at NCTE in St. Louis and Houston and was scheduled to present in Denver. She has attended ALAN the past seven years and is thrilled to be ALAN's new social media chair.

Her team consists of:

Sarah Chan is a Maryland native and currently teaches 8th grade English and Developmental Reading for Montgomery County Public Schools. She is the Newspaper Club sponsor and a Tech Committee member. Through her leadership of literacy-based initiatives, she has helped to increase student engagement in reading and writing within her school community. Sarah was an NCTE presenter in St. Louis and Houston and was scheduled to present in Denver. She has attended ALAN the past four years and has thoroughly enjoyed being part of ALAN's social media team, including launching its Instagram platform this year.

Eli Oldham is the K12 English Language Arts Content Specialist for Deming Public Schools in Deming, New Mexico. When not coaching teachers, Eli can be found on bookstagram and blogging about young adult literature. They have a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Language, Literacy, and Culture from New Mexico State University. They've been a member of NCTE since 2009 and ALAN since 2011 and was scheduled to present at both in Denver this year.

Phelicity Wiese is a recent college graduate from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Communication as well as a Bachelor of Art in English Literature. She is currently the Social Media Coordinator at her local Barnes and Noble. She enjoys reading Young Adult Fantasy and Contemporary novels, kayaking, and spending time with her family and two pugs. She is co-coordinator of the ALAN Twitter account as well as a reviewer for the ALAN Review.

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