2022 Mortenson Center Associates Program (25 May-21 June)
Smart and Smarter: Leadership and Innovation in Libraries
A Professional Development Program for Library Leaders and Innovators

MORTENSON CENTER
@ THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LIBRARY

developing librarians worldwide

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Land Acknowledgment

Although I am connecting virtually, I would like to begin today by recognizing and acknowledging that I join you from the lands of the Peoria, Kaskaskia, Piankashaw, Wea, Miami, Mascoutin, Odawa, Sauk, Mesquaki, Kickapoo, Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Chickasaw Nations. These lands were the traditional territory of these Native Nations prior to their forced removal; these lands continue to carry the stories of these Nations and their struggles for survival and identity.

As a member of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, I take the responsibility to acknowledge the peoples of these lands, as well as the histories of dispossession that have allowed for the growth of this institution.
What

• A unique, individualized certificate (non-degree) program with an annual theme.
• Offers an opportunity for librarians and information specialists to learn first-hand the workings of U.S. libraries.
• Current program starts at the end of May and ends right before the American Library Association meeting (3.5 weeks).
• Leaning as a cohort of international library and information innovative leaders.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4Fl4SogDK8
Learn about novel and inventive practices and services, such as:

• Innovation by Design
• Leadership, Communication and Managing Change
• Smarter Strategies
• Emerging Technologies
• Digital and Print Collections and Repositories
• Marketing and Advocacy
• International Professional Networking
Where: Champaign-Urbana
About the Mortenson Vision

The Mortenson Center for International Library Programs

Established by two generous gifts from C. Walter and Gerda B. Mortenson

Mission:
To strengthen international ties among libraries and librarians worldwide for the promotion of international education, understanding, and peace.

Since 1991 more than 1,300 library leaders from over 90 countries have been trained by this center – the only one of its kind in the world.
• Two maps forthcoming: [overview](#) and profiles
The Associates Program
– a culture of learning –

Lectures and workshops
2018 Associates

Self-guided learning
2019 Associates

Group work
2018 Associates

Library Tours
The Associates Program: Field visits

2007 Associates at the headquarters of ALA in Chicago and OCLC in Dublin, Ohio
The Associates Program: Knowledge Sharing

2008 Associates ready to present at the Illinois Library Association conference

2017 Associates after presentations on UN SDGs
Fun and social gatherings

2018 Associates at Altrusa dinner
Application Process, cost and logistics

https://www.library.illinois.edu/mortenson/associates/
Applications

APPLICATIONS DUE: 15 December 2021

REQUIRED COMPONENTS:
✓ Completed and signed application – digital or hand-written signature accepted
✓ Curriculum Vitae
✓ Letter of recommendation from supervisor
✓ Image of Passport ID page

NOTIFICATION of decision: 12 January 2022
 Begin travel preparation, payment process, and as needed, visa application
PAYMENTS & EXPENSES

• Estimated program fee is $4,000 USD - Includes:
  – Accommodations
  – Transportation for field visits
  – Programming costs
  – Speaker fees
  – Medical Insurance
  – Other materials and logistics

• Out-of-Pocket Expenses:
  – Roundtrip travel expenses to Champaign, IL
  – $1,000 for meals and personal expenses during visit
  – ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC (June 23-28, 2022)
PAYMENTS (cont’d.)

• Deposit Due: 16 February 2022
  – $200 non-refundable fee
  – Placeholder fee
  – Rolls over to next year

• Remaining Balance Due: 1 April 2022
  – Remaining balance due after deposit is $3,800 (Estimated)
  – Early preparation of funds recommended

• Payment Methods: [https://www.flywire.com/pay/Mortenson](https://www.flywire.com/pay/Mortenson) (transaction fees are paid by applicant)
  1. Wire transfer
  2. Credit card payment
Funding

- The Mortenson Center does not currently offer financial assistance to attending Associates
- Funding opportunities vary by country, region, and year
- Associates are supported by their institutions or self-funded
- Depending on year, institutions partner with the Mortenson Center to support professionals in their community
- Infrequently, applicants may seek institutional funding after acceptance in the program
Accommodations & Assistance

• Accommodations
  – On-campus housing
  – Shared suite with common areas (TBD)
  – Room pairings – based on gender and carefully selected by Mortenson programming staff
  – easy access to local shops, restaurants, libraries and other campus buildings by walking or bus

• Assistance
  – Contact Katie Ebeling, Office Support Specialist at Ebeling@Illinois.edu for questions regarding application, payment and travel
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign COVID-19 information

https://covid19.illinois.edu/

- Students, faculty and staff are required to have completed an on-campus COVID-19 test and received a negative result OR have university-verified Vaccination Record Card to access university facilities.
- Face coverings are required in all campus buildings.

## Dates, Deadlines & Fees Chart

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Past Associates - Personal Experiences -

- **Helen Emasealu (2019)**, University Librarian, University of Port Harcourt (Nigeria)
- **Lallaisangzuali (Lallaii) Sailo (2017)**, Deputy Librarian, Mizoram University (India)
- **Yolanda Tugwell (2017)**, Librarian II, Information Literacy Unit, Mona Library, University of the West Indies (Jamaica)
So you think you can write? Writing workshop Thursday, October 13th at 1:30pm at the Troy Moore Library.
Join us for our 30th Anniversary Forum and Lecture

30TH ANNIVERSARY FORUM & 31ST ANNUAL MORTENSON DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Engineering Change and the Power of Information: Otherness, Exclusion, Propaganda, Dislocation

Dr. Agnes Kaposi
Engineer, Educator, Holocaust survivor and Author

November 8, 2021
10:30am-12:00pm CT - Forum
12:30-2:00 pm CT - Lecture

followed by a conversation moderated by

Dr. Valerie Matsumoto
Professor & George and Sakaye Aratani Chair on the Japanese American Incarceration, Redress and Community, UCLA

FREE Online Event - REGISTER at: https://go.illinois.edu/distinguishedlecture
A Lecture in celebration of the Mortenson Center's 30th Anniversary. See: https://www.library.illinois.edu/mortenson/30th-anniversary/

www.library.illinois.edu/mortenson
Thank you!

More information on our website:
https://www.library.illinois.edu/mortenson/associates/
Questions?