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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*



# Land Acknowledgment



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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



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- 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)
- Learning 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:



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- 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



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# About the Mortenson Vision



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## 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.

# Associates' Home Countries



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- Two maps forthcoming: [overview](#) and profiles



Lectures and workshops  
2018 Associates

# The Associates Program – a culture of learning –

Self-guided learning  
2019 Associates



Group work

2018 Associates

Library Tours



# The Associates Program: Field visits



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2007 Associates at the headquarters of ALA in Chicago and  
OCLC in Dublin, Ohio

# The Associates Program: Knowledge Sharing



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2008 Associates ready to present at the Illinois Library Association conference



2017 Associates after presentations on UN SDGs



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# Fun and social gatherings



2018 Associates at Altrusa dinner

<https://www.library.illinois.edu/mortenson/associates/>



# Application Process, cost and logistics

# Applications



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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



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- 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.)



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- 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>  
(transaction fees are paid by applicant)
  1. Wire transfer
  2. Credit card payment

# Funding



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- 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



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- 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](mailto:Ebeling@Illinois.edu) for questions regarding application, payment and travel

# University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign COVID-19 information

<https://covid19.illinois.edu/>



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- 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
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) travel information <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

# Dates, Deadlines & Fees Chart



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Item	Date	Amount
Application Deadline	15 December 2021	-
Notifications Sent	12 January 2022	-
Deposit Due	16 February 2022	\$200 USD
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Pre-Arrival Orientation	April 2022	-

# Past Associates

## - Personal Experiences -



- **Helen Emasealu (2019)**, University Librarian, University of Port Harcourt (Nigeria)
- **Lallaisangzuali (Lallai) Sailo (2017)**, Deputy Librarian, Mizoram University (India)
- **Yolanda Tugwell (2017)**, Librarian II, Information Literacy Unit, Mona Library, University of the West Indies (Jamaica)



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Image: <https://blog.library.gsu.edu/2011/10/11/so-you-think-you-can-write-writing-workshop-thursday-october-13th-at-130-troy-moore-library>

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# Join us for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Forum and Lecture



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## 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/>

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**Thank you!**

More information on our website:

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# Questions?

