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Transcending Borders: From Librarians Collaborating Abroad To Reconsidering Opportunities in a Virtual World

A webinar hosted by the International Sustainable Library Development (ISLD) Interest Group

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@ 10:00 - 11:00 am CT

Three professional librarians, who have worked outside the United States, will share their international experiences. In this time of social distancing and travel limitations, participants will discuss means and opportunities for international virtual engagement. A resource list will be made available to registered participants.

- Explore opportunities for international service and connections
- Learn about means to identify and participate in international service
- Receive guidance on funding international service
- Join an expanding community of international service professionals
- Discover options for international travel and professional collaboration
- Witness experience of professionals in the international field of service

For more information and registration go to: <https://tinyurl.com/isldwebinar>



Panelist Bios

Debbie Chavez is a high school librarian in the Austin, Texas area who has also worked as a librarian in public and community college libraries. Debbie has served as manager for a school library program in Guatemala through Librarians Without Borders and has volunteered in school libraries in Uganda through Libraries of Love. Debbie is now the founder and president of the nonprofit organization [Libraries for the World](#).

Janet Lee, a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ethiopia, 1974-76, is Dean Emerita at Regis University in Denver. In 2017-18 she was a Fulbright Scholar in Axum, Ethiopia, working at the University of Aksum and at the Axumite Heritage Foundation Library. While at the Foundation Library, she installed a Chromebook Lab -- the recipient of the first IRRT Mission Enhancement Grant. She has returned to Ethiopia numerous times for library and literacy projects including a six month sabbatical where she set up a children's library. In 2003, she served as the shipboard librarian for the Semester at Sea and traveled to 10 countries literally around the world.

Dallas Long is Dean of Milner Library and professor at Illinois State University. He was a Fulbright Scholar in Hungary in 2003/2004, where he taught library science and provided professional development for librarians. Recently, he served as a Fulbright Specialist in Qatar, helping the Qatar National Library prepare for its grand opening in 2017. Long is a member of the American Library Association, the American Alliance of Museums, and the American Institute for Conservation of Historic Works.

Clara M. Chu is Director and Distinguished Professor at the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In addition to having published in leading international journals, presented at conferences, trained and taught around the world in English and Spanish, Dr. Chu has held successive leadership positions in ethnic, regional, national, and international professional library and information associations. She is President of the Association for Information Science and Technology ([ASIS&T](#)), Co-Chair of the [IFLA Building Strong LIS Education Working Group](#), and past ALA representative on the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO.