“Exploring learning in a global information context”

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Education for library and information science (LIS) is truly a global enterprise. Around the world, future information professionals, from both the undergraduate and graduate levels, are exploring a diverse range of topics in the LIS field. Our focus on teaching and learning must therefore account for this global context. It is no longer sufficient to limit the scope of our interests to our local, or even our national communities, important as those are. We ask, how are colleagues around the world wrestling with the challenges that we face in LIS? What challenges are our international colleagues facing, and what ideas are they discussing? How do the issues we explore differ outside of our local environments? How is learning in LIS constructed and experienced in different places? Are there lessons we can learn from each other? This conference theme is intended to encourage engagement across the globe from those in library and information science, as well as those in cognate fields such as archives, knowledge management, information management, media studies, informatics, data science, computer science, and communication, who wish to share their vision for education, for teaching and learning, for pedagogy, and for research through an international lens.

We welcome educators, practitioners, scholars, administrators and policy makers to join our conference conversations by sharing ideas, completed research, and research in progress related to the theme of “exploring learning in a global context.” The 2019 ALISE conference will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee, a gateway to Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The city is known for the research-intensive University of Tennessee, and boasts an affordable lifestyle, a thriving arts community and downtown district, and many annual festivals. Knoxville is served by McGhee Tyson Airport (TYS) with daily flights on Allegiant Air, American Airlines, Delta Airlines, Frontier Airlines, and United Airlines. See you there!