

## **MLA Symposium, May 15, 2005 – Speaker Biographies**

**Dr. Harold Timboe** (MD, MPH) is a senior official at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He is Assistant Vice President for Research Administration and Initiatives, Associate Director for Health Leadership of the Center for Health Economics and Policy, and a Clinical Professor in the School of Medicine, Department of Family and Community Medicine. A Vietnam and Gulf War veteran, he retired in 2002 as a Major General from the US Army after a distinguished career culminating as commander of the renowned Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. General Timboe was responsible for health support during the September 11<sup>th</sup> Pentagon attack as well as the following anthrax attack. He is recipient of the military's two highest awards for service, the Defense Distinguished Service Medal and the Army's Distinguished Service Medal and he has been awarded 5 Legions of Merit and 2 Bronze Stars. In March 2003, he was appointed Commander of the Texas Medical Rangers, a new Medical Reserve Corps volunteer unit of the Texas State Guard whose purpose is to provide medical expertise and health support in public health emergencies and disasters. General Timboe is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York and the University of Texas School of Medicine in San Antonio. He completed a residency in family practice at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii. In 1980 he received a Masters of Public Health from the University of Hawaii. He is a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff College as well as the Army War College.

**Carl S. Osaki** (RS, MSPH) is a Clinical Associate Professor and Research Project Manager in the Department of Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of Washington. He retired as the Director of Environmental Health, Seattle-King County Department of Public Health in 1999 and was appointed to the Washington State Board of Health by Governor Gary Locke in 1997. Carl was one of the authors of *PACE-EH* (a nationally recognized community environmental health assessment tool), and is a consultant to environmental health programs nationwide. He has provided numerous trainings to local, state, federal, and tribal agencies around the issue of public health emergency preparedness and response. Carl is the past chair of the Washington State Association of Local Health Officials and is a member of numerous state and national public health organizations.

**Dr. Brad Robison** (MLS, PhD) has served as the Library Director for the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT) since its founding in 1998. Brad received his Master of Library Science Degree at the University of Oklahoma, and the Master of Arts in History at the University of Central Oklahoma. Brad completed the Doctoral Degree in Higher Education Administration at Oklahoma State University in 1991. Brad serves on the Weapons of Mass Destruction Committee of the National Sheriffs' Association and is an adjunct professor at Oklahoma State University's Oklahoma City Campus. Previously Brad was the Library Director at Oklahoma Christian University and an Assistant Archivist for the Oklahoma state Archives.

**Mrs. Lian Ruan** (MLS, MA) is Director/Head Librarian of the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign since 1999. IFSI is the statutory State Fire Academy and its library provides no-cost information services to firefighters and emergency responders throughout the state. Ms. Ruan participates on many boards and committees, including serving in FIRE (an international fire library consortium) on the Committee until 2001 and currently as Treasurer. She is an adjunct faculty and newly

accepted doctoral student at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She was selected for the 2004 Synergy - The Illinois Library Leadership Initiative and has won many professional awards.

**Mrs. Martha R. Szczur** (MS) is the Deputy Associate Director of the Specialized Information Services Division at the National Library of Medicine (NLM), within which the NLM Toxicology and Environmental Health Program resides. Ms. Szczur provides leadership and management in the conception, development, and maintenance of a comprehensive portfolio of environmental health information products, including a PDA-based information system for emergency responders called WISER. In 2004, she was recognized for her accomplishments with a NIH Director's Award. Prior to coming to NLM in 2000, she worked over 25 years for NASA managing a diversity of large-scale mission applications and leading an information systems R&D division. She has a MS in Information Systems Technology and a BS in Mathematics.

**Kristine Alpi** (MLS, MPH, AHIP) has served as Library Manager of the Public Health Library at the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene since September 2002. She is also Lecturer in the Department of Public Health at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University. She earned her Master's degree in Library Science from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana and a Master of Public Health from Hunter College of the City University of New York. She completed an Associate Fellowship at the National Library of Medicine and is currently a scholar in the Northeast Public Health Leadership Institute. Ms. Alpi has taught many courses for librarians and public health professionals.

**Shari Clifton** (MLIS) completed her Master of Library and Information Studies degree at the University of Oklahoma in August 1993 and immediately began working at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center's Bird Library where she became Head of the Reference & Instructional Services department in 1999. An active participant in professional organizations at the state, regional and national levels, Shari has served on numerous committees and has presented over 50 papers, posters, and programs at professional meetings. She has served as the Bird Library's Outreach Coordinator since May 2002 and has a special interest in health information outreach to underserved populations. In 2004, along with colleagues at the Bird Health Sciences Library, she developed a course entitled *Bioterrorism 101: What Librarians Need to Know and Where to Find It*. Shari believes librarians can provide key support in every community's preparedness efforts.

**Dr. Mary Moore** (MA, PhD) is director of libraries at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. She was previously head of reference and customer service at the National Library of Medicine. Her PhD is from the University of Texas where she researched the diffusion of health information technology innovations.