



IALE - NORTH AMERICA

Monthly Update: March-April 2025

Hello! from the President

I am thrilled to share the remarkable strides we are making to ensure the 2025 IALE-NA Annual Meeting is accessible while nurturing the development of up-and-coming leaders in our field. I warmly invite you to join us at the meeting and encourage you to participate in nominating officers. Together, we can amplify our community's influence and pave the way for fresh avenues of innovation and collaboration.

[Li An](#), President, IALE-North America | 2024-2026

Join us for the IALE-North America Annual Meeting! 13-17 April 2025

[Registration](#) is open for this year's meeting in [Raleigh, North Carolina!](#) **Early registration deadline is 17 March.** [Reservations](#) made at the Sheraton Raleigh **before 21 March** receive a reduced rate, with an added meeting registration discount for those who stay at the conference hotel. The [schedule](#) is online, including symposia, field trips and workshops. Raleigh and its surrounding area offer many attractions to experience while you're in town! IALE-NA members receive a 15% discount on meeting [registration!](#)



Photo: Raleigh Convention & Visitors Bureau

Foreign Scholar Travel Award Committee: There will be a Silent Auction at the annual meeting, from which proceeds support the Foreign Scholars Travel Award. Watch the listserve for our call for donations, and directions about how to contribute books or items! Thank you in advance. [Contact us](#) if you have questions.

BioLEAPS: The [BioLEAPS](#) project welcomes [Dr. Lilia Stemet](#) as the project coordinator. BioLEAPS will support travel for 16 IALE-NA members to the annual meeting, most of whom are first-time attendees! Congratulations to: Nathan Alexander, Cassandra Bell, Katherine Braun, Kimberly Cook, James Dunn, Tanner Honnef, Christy Hyman, Alex Jensen, Nautica Jones Harriott, Elizabeth Kubacki, Izzy Lopez, Jessica Moon, Barbara Teague, Tyler Tobias, Morgan Vickers, and Noah Weidig.

Additional Committee Updates and Calls for New Members, and Upcoming Election of New Officers

Awards Committee: *Non-students* please help judge [student presentations](#) at the annual meeting by checking the box when you register. Interested in joining the committee? Contact: [Jen Costanza](#)

Communication Committee: Seeks new members to help expand communications. Contact: [Travis Heckford](#)

Nominations Committee: Our 2025 election **will run from 24 March to 13 April.** The ballot will be emailed to all current members. Check that your membership is up-to-date! Thank you to those who are running for positions this year. Your engagement is appreciated! Contact: [Stephen Matthews](#)

Many of our committee members and chairs have been involved since completing their graduate degrees, are former recipients of student and professional awards, and now lead the society. This is a great opportunity for professional service and networking with members of the discipline. Committee descriptions are found [here](#).

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