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CENTER

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN



THE LEWIS CARROLL SOCIETY
OF NORTH AMERICA

APRIL 17 & 18, 2015
AUSTIN, TEXAS



1:00	FRIDAY APRIL 17 MAXINE SCHAEFER READING	<u>JOSLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</u> 4500 MANCHACA ROAD
6:00–8:00 PM	BOARD MEETING	<u>THE DOUBLETREE AUSTIN HOTEL</u> 5 TH FLOOR MEETING ROOM
8:15 PM	DINNER	<u>THE COURTYARD CAFE</u> DOUBLETREE HOTEL
	SATURDAY APRIL 18	<u>THE HARRY RANSOM HUMANITIES CENTER</u> <u>UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN</u> 300 WEST 21 ST STREET
10:30 AM	STEPHANIE LOVETT	WELCOME AND LCSNA BUSINESS
11:00 AM	DR. DANIELLE SIGLER HRHC STAFF	TOUR AND TALKS IN THE <u>ALICE IN WONDERLAND EXHIBIT</u> BEFORE IT OPENS AT NOON
12:15 PM	LUNCH	TOM LEA ROOM YOU MUST PRE-ORDER YOUR LUNCH ~ SEE NEXT PAGE
1:00 PM	DR. FRANCINE ABELES	ON THE TRUTH OF SOME NEW MATHEMATICAL IDEAS <i>IN ALICE IN WONDERLAND</i>
1:45 PM	CHRISTOPHER MORGAN	LEWIS CARROLL'S GAME OF <i>SYZYGIES</i> AND HOW IT DROVE HIM SLIGHTLY CRAZY
2:15 PM	JOEL BIRENBAUM	ALICE 150 EVENTS
2:45 PM	BREAK	
3:00 PM	BRIDGETTE MONGEON	FINDING ALICE: LEWIS CARROLL INSPIRES A TEXAS ARTIST TO CREATE A MONUMENTAL BRONZE SCULPTURE
3:45–5:00 PM		VISIT IN THE <u>ALICE IN WONDERLAND EXHIBIT</u>
6:00 PM	DINNER	<u>EL SOL Y LA LUNA RESTAURANT</u> 600 EAST 6 TH STREET YOU MUST PRE-PAY FOR DINNER ~ SEE NEXT PAGE

The meeting, as always, is free and open to the public.



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Hotel

Our hotel will be the [DoubleTree Austin Hotel](#). Rates are single or double room: \$149 + tax. For reservations call 1-800-347-0330 or 1-512-454-3737 and mention the Lewis Carroll Society of North America or the code LCS. You can also use [this personalized link](#). Our block of 25 rooms will be held until **March 20**, after which time regular rates will apply for available rooms. There are several DoubleTree hotels in Austin. Please note that our hotel is located at **6505 North Interstate 35**, four miles north of the university. Our hotel and others in the area are very busy this weekend, so don't delay!

Transportation

The hotel is four miles north of the university and Saturday night's restaurant is a mile south of the university, so attendees will find that our venues are conveniently located and easily accessible, but cars will be necessary. [Parking at the Ransom is available in a deck](#) and surface lots, and there is a public deck near the restaurant.

Meals

- Everyone is welcome to congregate at the [hotel restaurant for dinner](#) on Friday night. If you know that you would like to do this, please contact Stephanie, as the Courtyard Café has different options for us depending on headcount.
- Lunch on Saturday will be catered box lunches. \$16.
 - Lunch must be pre-ordered. You will select among six sandwich options, a fruit or mixed greens salad, and sparkling or still water or Mexican Coca-Cola. All meals come with chips and salsa and a cookie. Food selections will be made when you pre-order.
 - The sandwich options are: TFB Hero, Chicken Salad on Sourdough, Smoked Turkey on Whole Wheat Sourdough, Smoked Ham & Cheese on Rustic Sour Rye, Roasted vegetables and chevre, on Focaccia, and Pimiento Cheese on Whole Wheat Sourdough. For more complete descriptions see [Texas French Bread's website](#).
- Dinner on Saturday will be at [El Sol y La Luna](#). \$36.
 - Dinner must be registered for and pre-paid, and you will be able to select your food choices at the restaurant. We will have a choice of chicken soup or jicama salad, and then a choice among Enchiladas Vegetarianas, Tilapia a la Veracruzana, Mole Chicken Breast, or Arrachera Encebollada (grilled beef). We will be able to choose among several soft drinks and coffee, and dessert will be Mexican flan. Tax and gratuity are included, but diners will order alcohol on their own.

At your earliest convenience (certainly by **March 25**), please send *the name of each attendee* to our secretary, Sandra Parker, either via email at slparker51@gmail.com or regular mail (P. O. Box 197, Annandale, VA, 22003), give her your three lunch choices (sandwich; fruit or greens; sparkling, still, or Coke), and then pay for the above either via [PayPal](#) or by sending her a check payable to LCSNA.



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Austin

For Lewis Carroll enthusiasts, Austin may be synonymous with the Harry Ransom Humanities Center, home of the Weaver, Gernsheim, and Sewell collections, but Austin is also an exciting food and music destination. For tourist info, maps, etc., [start here](#) and [here](#). [Airport information here](#).

Contact

This meeting has been made possible by the energetic efforts of Austin LCSNA member Patricia Colacino—please thank her when you see her—and of Danielle Sigler and the Ransom Center staff. However, if you have questions about local arrangements or the Ransom Center, please route them through Stephanie Lovett at uffish@earthlink.net and at 336-414-4586.

Sales

University policy does not allow sales on campus. If you want to bring books, artwork, collectibles, etc. for sale, it is likely that you will be able to connect with each other at the hotel. Please do not bring sales items to the meeting itself—however, you will be able to have a minute or two to introduce yourself to the group during the opening segment at 10:30 a.m.

Exhibition

[The Ransom Center's exhibition](#) is a significant component of the Alice150 festivities, and we are thrilled to be returning to this premiere institution for Carroll holdings. Accordingly, we will enjoy an hour in the exhibition before it opens, with remarks by curators, professors, and conservators who have been involved with these remarkable materials. We will return to the exhibition at 3:45 for self-guided viewing and conversations among ourselves. For those who wish more time and whose travel plans permit, the exhibition is open on Friday from 10–5 and 12–5 on Sunday.

Schaefer Reading

Since the spring of 1997, every meeting has been preceded by [a reading from Alice](#) at an elementary school, and the giving of copies of the book to every child there. Come join the LCSNA members who read, field questions, and mingle with the children at this amazing/amusing event. Registration is not necessary, but if you do know you'll be there, please contact Stephanie. The school, [Joslin Elementary](#), is eight miles southwest of the Ransom Center.



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Speakers

Dr. Danielle Sigler is Associate Director for Research and Programs at the Harry Ransom Center at the University of Texas at Austin. She received her Ph.D. in American Studies from The University of Texas at Austin in 2002, and her primary areas of research include African American history and American religious history. At the Ransom Center, she has curated the exhibitions *Banned, Burned, Seized, and Censored* (2011) and *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (2015), and co-curated *The King James Bible: Its History and Influence* (2012). Sigler is co-editor of the anthology *The New Black Gods* (Indiana University Press, 2009) and her work has appeared on the *New York Times* Disunion blog and *The Daily Beast*.

Dr. Francine Abeles is professor emerita at Kean University in Union, NJ, where she was distinguished professor of mathematics and computer science and head of the graduate programs in mathematics, computing, statistics, and mathematics education. She edited three volumes in the Pamphlets of Lewis Carroll series, wrote a chapter on Dodgson's work on voting theory in *Lewis Carroll Observed*, a chapter on his mathematical work in *yours very sincerely C. L. Dodgson (alias "Lewis Carroll")*, and a chapter on three popularizers of mathematics including Dodgson in *A Bouquet for The Gardner*. She is the author of nearly one hundred papers on topics in geometry, number theory, voting theory, linear algebra, logic, and their history, many dealing with Dodgson's work. She is a frequent speaker in special sessions on the history of mathematics at meetings of the American Mathematical Society, and at meetings of The Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Mathematics. For twenty years Dr. Abeles was a member of the editorial board and Reviews Editor of the international journal *Modern Logic* and its successor, *The Review of Modern Logic*. She served as the Treasurer of the LCSNA from 1990 to 2014.

Christopher Morgan is the author of *Games, Puzzles, and Related Pieces*, volume five in the LCSNA series *The Pamphlets of Lewis Carroll*. He is a writer, computer scientist, puzzle designer, musician, and magician. He has twice hosted International Puzzle Parties in Boston MA and Washington DC.

Joel Birenbaum is a former president of the LCSNA, and has been an Alice collector for more than thirty years. He is also the creator of the original Lewis Carroll Homepage, the Alice in Wonderland Collectors Network, and the Alice150 Facebook group. For today, his most important accomplishment is that he came up with the idea for an Alice150 celebration seven years ago, and is the Coordinator of that project.

[Bridgette Mongeon](#) is a master sculptor/ writer and public speaker. She is known for her portrait busts of legends such as B. B. King, Bill Monroe and Willie Nelson, along with her numerous sculptures of children. Her commissioned artwork is collected around the world. An avid reader, she is thrilled to create a magical wonderland of interaction that encourages exploration, math, literature, art, technology and more, for both young and old alike.