

## Call for Submissions - Miriam Braverman Memorial Prize

The **MIRIAM BRAVERMAN MEMORIAL PRIZE**, a presentation of the Progressive Librarians Guild (PLG), is awarded each year for the best paper about **some aspect of the social responsibilities of librarians, libraries, or librarianship**. Papers related to archivists, archives, and archival work are also eligible.

The winning paper will be published in the Summer issue of *Progressive Librarian*. The winner of the contest will also receive a \$500 stipend to help offset the cost of travel to and from the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference. The award will be presented at the annual PLG dinner at ALA, and the winner is invited to present their paper at the PLG meeting. In addition, the winner will be provided a press pass for the conference, allowing for free entry to sessions and the exhibition floor, with the expectation that they will write a short reflection for publication by PLG.

### Requirements

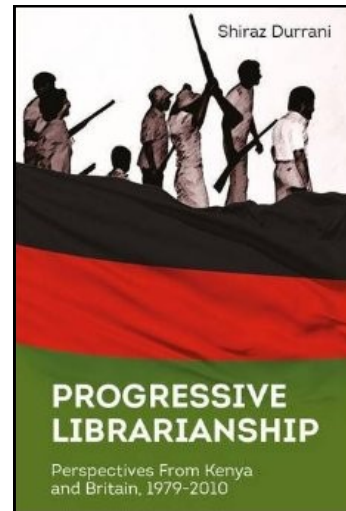
1. Contestants must be library and/or information science students attending a graduate-level program in the United States or Canada. Contestants may not have finished their coursework earlier than the previous December.
2. Entries must be the original, unpublished work of the contestant, and must be written in English. Entries may not exceed 3,000 words, and must conform to MLA in-text citation style.
3. To facilitate the blind review process, each entry must include a cover sheet providing the contestant's name, full contact information (address, phone number, e-mail address), name of the institution where the contestant is enrolled, and the title of the paper. No identifying information, other than the title, should appear on the paper itself.
4. Entries must be submitted electronically, in PDF format, to [bravermansubmissions@gmail.com](mailto:bravermansubmissions@gmail.com). Entries must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on international workers' day, or May Day, May 1, 2015.
5. The \$500 stipend is available only to help defray the cost of ALA conference attendance in the winning year; if the winner of the contest is unable to attend, the money will remain in the Braverman Prize endowment fund.

Any questions regarding the contest or the selection process can be directed to the chairs of the selection committee, Megan Browndorf, [mbrowndorf@towson.edu](mailto:mbrowndorf@towson.edu) and Kelly McElroy, [kelly.mcelroy@oregonstate.edu](mailto:kelly.mcelroy@oregonstate.edu).

More information about Miriam Braverman and about the Progressive Librarians Guild is available at <http://progressivelibrariansguild.org/>.

## New and Forthcoming Publications of Interest

*Progressive Librarianship: Perspectives from Kenya and Britain, 1979-2014*, authored by Shiraz Durrani and published by Vita Books, is now available as a free download under the Creative Commons licence: <http://vitabooks.co.uk/vita-books/publication-list/progressive-librarianship/>



*Critical Journeys: How 14 Librarians Came to Embrace Critical Practice*, a collection of interviews with librarians (including several PLG members), has recently been published by Library Juice Press. More information about the book can be found at <http://libraryjuicepress.com/critical-journeys.php>.

*Progressive Library Organizations: A Worldwide History*, authored by PLG Coordinating Committee member Al Kagan, is currently forthcoming from McFarland:

<http://www.mcfarlandbooks.com/book-2.php?id=978-0-7864-6400-5>

*LGBT People and the UK Cultural Sector: The Response of Libraries, Museums, Archives and Heritage since 1950* by John Vincent was recently published by Ashgate:

<http://www.ashgate.com/isbn/9781472403315>

An article was published in *Southeastern Librarian* about two Freedom Libraries in Alabama. Full citation: Selby, Mike. (2013). Freedom's Reading: The Discovery of Two Alabama Freedom Libraries. *Southeastern Librarian*, 61(3), 11-18.

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