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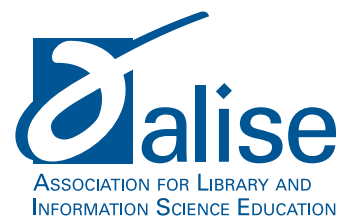
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Dr. Safiya U. Noble

Presentation: *Toward an Ethic of Social Justice in Information*

Dr. Safiya U. Noble is the David O. Sears Presidential Endowed Chair of Social Sciences and Professor of Gender Studies, African American Studies, and Information Studies at the **University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)**. She is the Director of the **Center on Resilience and Digital Justice (CRDJ)** and Co-Director of the **Minderoo Initiative on Tech & Power** at the **UCLA Center for Critical Internet Inquiry (C2i2)**. She currently serves as a Director of the UCLA DataX

Initiative, leading work in critical data studies for the campus. Professor Noble is the author of the best-selling book on racist and sexist algorithmic harm in commercial search engines, entitled ***Algorithms of Oppression: How Search Engines Reinforce Racism*** (NYU Press), which has been widely-reviewed in scholarly and popular publications. In 2021, she was recognized as a **MacArthur Foundation Fellow** for her ground-breaking work on algorithmic discrimination.

Dr. Noble is a board member of the **Cyber Civil Rights Initiative**, serving those vulnerable to online harassment, and provides expertise to a number of civil and human rights organizations. She is a Research Associate at the Oxford Internet Institute at the University of Oxford where she is a chartering member of the **International Panel on the Information Environment**. In 2022, she was recognized as the inaugural **NAACP-Archewell Digital Civil Rights Award** recipient.

Her academic research focuses on the internet and its impact on society. Her work is both sociological and interdisciplinary, marking the ways that digital media intersects with issues of race, gender, culture, power, and technology. She is regularly sought out for her expertise on issues of algorithmic discrimination and technology bias by national and international press including **Rolling Stone**, **The Guardian**, the BBC, **CNN International**, **USA Today**, **Wired**, Time, **Full Frontal with Samantha Bee**, **The New York Times**, and a host of network news and podcasts. Her popular writing includes critiques on the loss of public goods to Big Tech companies, as featured in **Noema magazine**.

Safiya is the co-editor of three edited volumes: **The Intersectional Internet: Race, Sex, Culture and Class Online** and **Emotions, Technology & Design**, and the forthcoming second volume of The Intersectional Internet. She is a member of several academic journal and advisory boards, and holds a Ph.D. and M.S. in Library & Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a B.A. in Sociology from California State University, Fresno where she was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2018. In 2020, she was awarded the Distinguished Alumna Award from the iSchool Alumni Association, and is also the inaugural Diversity and Inclusion Award winner from the Illinois Alumni Association at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is the recipient of a Hellman Fellowship and the UCLA Early Career Award.

In 2021, she founded a non-profit, the **Equity Engine**, to accelerate investment in companies, education, and networks driven by women of color.

Safiya's Bio is updated regularly on her **website**.

Letter from the President



Welcome to ALISE 2025!

On behalf of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), it is my great pleasure to welcome you to our 2025 Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, October 6–8. This year marks a milestone — **125 years of ALISE** — and we gather in a city known for its rich history, vibrant culture, and spirit of creativity.

Our conference theme, “**Decolonizing Pedagogies: Agency, Identity, Practices,**” challenges us to reflect deeply on the ways we teach, research, and lead in LIS education. It is both a call and an opportunity: to reconsider entrenched frameworks, to uplift diverse voices, and to reimagine what it means to educate for equity, justice, and care.

We are honored to feature **Dr. Safiya U. Noble** as our keynote speaker. Dr. Noble — librarian, scholar, and author of the groundbreaking *Algorithms of Oppression* — will deliver her plenary talk, *Toward an Ethic of Social Justice in Information*, and then join our Conference Chair, Dr. Tony Dunbar of Dominican University’s School of Information Studies, in a fireside chat. Their dialogue promises to be both thought-provoking and interactive, offering us insight, challenge, and inspiration.

A conference like this comes together through the dedication of many. Deep thanks go to Dr. Tony Dunbar and the ALISE 2025 Conference Planning Committee for their vision and leadership; to the ALISE Board of Directors and the Barcami Lane staff for their guidance and support; and to the entire ALISE community members, presenters, sponsors, and partners who make this gathering possible year after year.

As you attend sessions, network with colleagues, and explore the city, I encourage you to take in all that Kansas City has to offer — from its legendary jazz and barbecue to its thriving arts and library scene and warm hospitality.

On behalf of ALISE, I wish you a stimulating, collegial, and joyful conference experience. May these days together spark new ideas, strengthen our community, and inspire the work ahead.

Welcome to ALISE 2025! *See you there!*

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Vanessa Irvin'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue circular background that matches the portrait above.

Vanessa Irvin
ALISE President 2025

Letter from The Conference Co-Chairs

Greetings ALISE Community!

So humbled to be able share a few welcoming thoughts with you.

DREAMWORK

First, I want to applaud the Information Science/Studies professional and academic communities for displaying courage in the face of conflict. Not since the global pandemic of 2020 (causing both the 2020 & 2021 annual gatherings to be virtual) has a conference been as challenged and confronted with external forces as the 2025 conference has encountered. The very infrastructure of our work and civility of our discourse has faced: assaults in the form of federal level strategic chaos impacting research and professional development funding; cultural heritage memory work erasure; and intense sociocultural targeting as political weaponry.

In the face of this and more, we will be gathering for a well attended and amazing conference with a courageous theme: ***Decolonising Pedagogies: Agency, Identity, Practices***. Moving beyond the challenges of external forces, our 2025 conference offers innovation with the inaugural launching of Creative Tracks (artwork, media based, movement and performance, and spoken word and poetry) as part of the conference's peer-reviewed programming. We will present ***ALISE After Dark*** as a thematic approach to the Opening Night Reception, which also serves as the hosting vehicle for the spoken word and poetry creative track. Tuesday afternoon Lunch and Learn is the host event for the artwork and media based creative tracks. The 2024-2025 president and Conference Planning Committee has provided several ways for us to commemorate and memorialize the 125th anniversary of LIS educators convening in the US. For example, 2025 conference attendees will receive a commemorative T-shirt, we will serve a 125th anniversary cake as dessert for the Business Meeting Luncheon, gift conference attendees with both a digital and printed keepsake noting and memorializing the presidents since our organization took the name ALISE after previously operating as the Association of American Library Schools (AALS) beginning in 1900.

If those 2025 conference accolades were not enough, we also have the ideal plenary speaker for our conference who will adaptly assist our community in contextualizing this historically significant moment in time we are experiencing: ***Dr Safiya Umoja Noble***. The 2021 "MacArthur Genius" and author of *Algorithms of Oppression* (2018) will enlighten us with her talk, ***Toward an Ethic of Social Justice in Information*** along with a fireside chat immediately following her plenary remarks.

TEAMWORK

While the Conference Planning co-chairs have the most conference visibility based on the bandwidth of their responsibilities, that does not mean the Conference Planning Committee co-chairs alone have brought you this conference through extraordinary

diligence. The work of the Conference Program Planning Committees is, quite simply, the backbone to the annual ALISE conference. Please join me in offering hand claps and finger snaps for our colleagues who served as:

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On behalf of my Conference Planning Committee co collaborators Vanessa Chacha Centeno, Sacramento Public Library; Dr. Amanda Folk, Denison University; and myself we are humbled and grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve you, the ALISE membership community. Please celebrate well with us and the 2024-25 ALISE President, Dr. Vanessa Irvin, East Carolina University as we commemorate the 125 years of LIS educator collective engagements and community building.

Yours in Support, Service, and Solidarity,

Anthony W. Dunbar (Tony)
2025 ALISE Conference Program Planning Co Chair
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