



PRESS RELEASE

Contact:

Synthia Cole, Writer/Editor
800.999.8558, ext. 4986
synthia.cole@lyrasis.org

Donna Vito, Manager of Communications
800.233.3401, ext. 1235
donna.vito@lyrasis.org

LYRASIS Welcomes Robin Dale as the New Director of Digital Services

Atlanta GA, — October 2, 2009 — LYRASIS is pleased to announce that Robin Dale will join the organization as the new Director of Digital Services.

In this newly created position, Ms. Dale will lead the development, implementation, and operation of LYRASIS' digital services program. "Robin's excellent reputation in the field and her experience in digitization and digital preservation will be great complements to the continuing development and execution of our organization's strategic digital services initiatives," said Randy Walters, LYRASIS' Chief Operating Officer.

Robin Dale has more than 17 years of experience in various areas of preservation including digital repository development, digitization and metadata standardization and program implementation. Nationally recognized for her outstanding service to an impressive array of universities, professional organizations, and granting agencies, Ms. Dale is the author of numerous digitization and digital preservation publications, papers and presentations. Prior to joining LYRASIS, she was the Associate University Librarian for Collections and Library Information Systems at the University of California, Santa Cruz where, among many other duties, she established a digitization unit, coordinated mass digitization efforts and lead the development of UCSC's recently awarded IMLS National Leadership Grant, the Virtual Terrapin Station. Previously she served as the Project Director on a Center for Research Libraries Mellon-funded grant and as Program Manager for Preservation, Digitization and Digital Preservation at RLG. She received a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Riverside.

"I'm excited to be joining the LYRASIS team," said Dale. "In an environment where libraries are doing more with less, it is important that LYRASIS offer digital services that meet the needs of our member organizations."

As LYRASIS' Director of Digital Services, Ms. Dale will develop LYRASIS' organizational strategy for digital programs, identify and implement digital services initiatives and create alliances and partnerships with key organizations in the digital arena.

About LYRASIS

Created in April, 2009 by the merger of PALINET and SOLINET and joined shortly thereafter by NELINET, LYRASIS is the nation's largest regional membership organization serving libraries and information professionals. The primary service area is the Mid-Atlantic, Southeastern, and New England regions, but LYRASIS has members in many US states and in other countries. Though large in scale, LYRASIS is known for its local touch - fostering collaboration and cooperation among members and facilitating their success through networking and programming, innovative solutions, and

significant cost savings through group purchasing for products and services. For more information, please visit www.lyrasis.org.

#