

Literary Division

Candidate for Administrator: Elizabeth Lowe

As a "Third Culture Kid" I was raised in Europe and Latin America. Total immersion in languages and cultures other than my own was a theme of my formative years and has carried over into my life and career choices. I have dedicated myself to a career in international education and recently I established the Translation Studies Program at the University of Florida. I have tried to impress upon my students the importance of communicating across cultures, and that writing and thinking in several languages not only builds intellectual strength and character, but ultimately creates the foundation for world peace. While as an academic, I focus on translation pedagogy as well as the challenges of teaching the relationships between language and culture, my avocation is literary translation, which I have practiced since graduate school. I have translated Brazilian and Spanish American writers into English. My current project is a retranslation of the Brazilian classic "Os Sertoes" by Euclides da Cunha.

I have been a member of ATA since 2003 and have had a personal goal to volunteer for a position in the organization. The position of Administrator of the Literary Division seems like a perfect match for my skills and interests. I would enjoy the opportunity to work more closely with colleagues in the organization as well as to contribute to the agenda of the Literary Division.

If elected, I would pursue the following goals:

- Perform the administrative and fiscal duties of Division Administrator efficiently and transparently.
- Encourage clear and consistent communications with members of the Division.
- Serve as advocate and liaison with other organizations on behalf of the Division.
- Engage Division members in projects of common interest.
- Ensure timely publication of the Division newsletter.
- Plan programs of relevance to members.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

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