#critlib: the impact of the Salaita case on LIS practice

Almost every tweet from the #critlib twitter chat on September 30, 2014. Read more about #critlib here: http://tinyurl.com/critlibx

This week's chat was put together by a group of UofI LIS student interested in thinking through how our university’s recent unhiring of Prof. Steven Salaita--and other related events around the country--might impact our practice as librarians. It is definitely worth reading, because, as @barnlib says near the end, "ALL the #critlibers are fantastic." And these fantastic people had some very insightful things to say.

(I tried, but did not always succeed, to match everyone's @replies with the appropriate original Tweet and of course some things w/o the hashtag are missing. It is what it is.)

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Sveta Stoytcheva  
@oksveta

I'll be tweeting out the questions. Send your responses with the hashtag #critlib. But first, brief intros. Thanks for being here!

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Kevin Seeber  
kevinseeber

Hi #critlib! I'm Kevin, academic instruction librarian in Colorado.

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Sarah Crissing  
SarahCrissing

Hi all! LIS grad student from UIUC here. #critlib

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Sveta Stoytcheva  
@oksveta

Intros: I'm a LIS student at Illinois, with a hoarse voice from teaching an instruction session just now. #critlib
Melissa Cardenas-Dow  
@micdow  
@oksveta #critlib Melissa Cardenas-Dow here. Coming out live from Redlands in SoCal. 
3 YEARS AGO

Andrew Battista  
rawdeal85  
#critlib I’m back again to talk about intellectual freedom. I work as a GIS librarian at NYU 
3 YEARS AGO

Ian Beilin  
@ibeilin  
Ian here, instruction librarian at a public college in NYC. #critlib 
3 YEARS AGO

Melissa J. Villa  
MelissaJVilla1  
Hi! I’m a doctoral student at GSLIS UIUC, glad to be here! #critlib  
@SeerGenius - 3 YEARS AGO

Caitlin Pollock  
@ficklegirl  
Hi all! I'm Caitlin, an academic librarian in Indianapolis. #critlib 
3 YEARS AGO

ACRL Residents  
@ACRL_RIG  
Anonymous Midwestern academic librarian commandeering @ACRL_RIG yet again. #critlib 
3 YEARS AGO

Barnard Library  
barnlib @barnlib  
This is Jenna, one of the core mods, excited for tonight's awesome #critlib led by @oksveta! 
3 YEARS AGO
Hi, #critlib! I'm an academic librarian in NYC, ducking in and out here...

3 YEARS AGO

It's great to have so many folks from @gslis on this #critlib chat about #Salaita and intellectual freedom.

@SarahCrissinger - 3 YEARS AGO

Keep adding intros as you wander in, but let's get started with Question 1. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Hi there everyone. Instruction librarian from GA, finishing up come grading with one eye, #critlib-ing with the other.

3 YEARS AGO

Ryan, MLS student at IU-Bloomington. Excited/dismayed for tonight's #critlib topic.

3 YEARS AGO

Q1. How have the Salaita case or related academic/intellectual freedom issues come up in your practice? #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

This instruction librarian in Bothell, WA is finally getting to participate in #critlib!

3 YEARS AGO
Melissa Morrone
@InfAgit

Hi! I'm Melissa, public librarian in Brooklyn and also member of @Librarians2Pal. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Carrie Pirmann
@librariancarrie

Hi all! Carrie, academic librarian in PA, UIUC GSLIS alum. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

ChristinaCzuhajewski
@christinacz

Hi all. 1st year MSI student, currently at the UMich ref desk #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Donna Witek
@donnaroosmary

Donna here, instruction librarian, at mid-sized private aclib in Pennsylvania, ready to talk about academic freedom & Dr. #Salaita #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

rachel mattson
@captain_maybe

hi! i’m rachel, archivist at La MaMa ETC, an experimental theater in nyc #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Q1. How have the Salaita case or related academic/intellectual freedom issues come up in your practice?

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

Thanks for intros! Q1 again (don’t forget #critlib) How have Salaita case & related academic/intellectual freedom issues come up for you?

3 YEARS AGO
Q1. This isn’t a huge deal comparatively, but I think those of us w/o tenure feel a hair nervous signing @ubiquity75’s petition. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

(also a member of @Librarians2Pal ) #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

#critlib A1 - I haven’t heard people talking about it. I’m new, but I think the silence is telling. The principle of this is crucial

3 YEARS AGO

If anyone doesn’t know about @ubiquity75’s LIS practitioners & faculty statement, it’s here illusionofvolition.com/lis-practition... #critlib

@donnarosemary · 3 YEARS AGO

Q1: It’s hard to encourage graduate students to work online and in public given the apparent risks to their future careers. #critlib

@SarahCrissinger · 3 YEARS AGO

#Salaita has affirmed my prof obligation to protect academic/ int freedom as a LIS practitioner: we have to put words into prac #critlib

@oksvea · 3 YEARS AGO
In wake of the Salaita situation, I've seen a lot of professional colleagues lock down social media. More protected Twitter feeds. #critlib
@rawdeal85 - 3 YEARS AGO

Not all my colleagues are on the same side of this issue - some interesting things about people revealed through this case #critlib
@SarahCrissinger - 3 YEARS AGO

A1 I've heard a few profs & students mention Salaita directly, but less than when something like _Fun Home_ is banned. #critlib
@foureyedsoul - 3 YEARS AGO

A1 Sounds like we can draw some comparisons to #TeamHarpy, fearing job reprisals or litigation for speaking out. #critlib #salaita
@SeerGenius - 3 YEARS AGO

obviously, at Illinois this issue is very present. still, a surprising amount of silence even here. #critlib
@oksvena - 3 YEARS AGO

@oksvena The consequences for speaking have never been more real. #critlib
@nicdow - 3 YEARS AGO
Kevin Seeber
kevinseeber
@donnarosemary @rawdeal85 Def agree that this raises a lot of questions about shared governance and who's really running higher ed. #critlib
3 YEARS AGO

Ian Beilin
@ibeilin
Perhaps because the politics of the case are familiar to my univ., people aren't shy about sharing their views. #critlib
3 YEARS AGO

chrsm
@chrsm
hey #critlib, charisma in pgh here. re: Q1: not much discussion in my student cohort.
3 YEARS AGO

Lisa Lepore
@lisaflepore
A1 Am increasingly interested in intrusive role of boards of trustees in issues where faculty should have power. #critlib
3 YEARS AGO

Ian Beilin
@ibeilin
@lisaflepore Yes, even CUNY BOT has done some egregious things - eg. the Tony Kushner case a few years back. #critlib
3 YEARS AGO

Ian Beilin
@ibeilin
But perhaps our union strength has something to do with this assurance? :) #critlib
3 YEARS AGO
J exhaustin
@j_exhaustin
A1 for those of us doing critical theory or fighting for better services to patrons, the poss of being discarded is so real #critlib

Kevin Seeber
kevinseeber
The recent FSU president search also demonstrates a breakdown in higher ed & shared governance #critlib

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta
@kevinseeber I think it's very important to underscore that this is not an isolated case. #critlib

Eira Tansey
eiratansey
I've never done #critlib tweetup before, but am really excited to listen in tonight. Archivist in Cincinnati here.

Megan Watson
meganjwatson
Q1 Has come up in passing hallway convos amongst librarians/faculty here, but no formal discussion that I know of #critlib

ACRL Residents
@ACRL_RIG
A1 Not directly but could see my library holding the party line to remain politically neutral. It tends to avoid controversy. #critlib

@InfAgit · 3 YEARS AGO
Q2. How can librarians foreground intellectual freedom issues and the make them relevant to various publics across disciplines?

A1 I've heard a few pros & students mention Salaita directly, but less than when something like _Fun Home_ is banned. #critlib

It's also really hard to process (for this idealist) that donor money fueled BoT's/Wise's actions, & the power of that privilege #critlib

#critlib A1 I see that very few public librarians identified their employer in @ubiquity75's petition. Fear/disengagement there, too.
Ryan Randall
foureyedsoul

A1 ...which confuses me. Discussing freedom of speech vs the academic surveillance culture this promotes seems crucial to LIS ethics #critlib

Melissa Cardenas-Dow
@micdow

Q2 #critlib One of the issues I've encountered is that ppl have varying defs of IF (or hate speech), etc.

Sarah Crissinger
SarahCrissinger

Q2 we have to go above and beyond banned books week and make censorship relevant to every discipline.. not just humanists #critlib

Barnard Library
barnlib @barnlib

Disappointing to hear from @chrsm that there hasn't been much #Salaita disc among PGH students. WHAT IS LIBRARIANSHIP if not IF?!? #critlib

chrsm
chrsm @chrsm

@barnlib if it's indiv. fac concern, maybe they think students won't engage...& well, i have other thoughts... #critlib

Ian Beilin
@ibeilin

I have colleagues (not libs) who insist this is not about freedom of speech or intellectual freedom #critlib
@ibeilin same here. I've been wanting to pursue that line of thought. #critlib

@ACRL_RIG - 3 YEARS AGO

@ibeilin WHAT DO THEY THINK IT'S ABOUT?!? #critlib

@barnlib They try to reduce it to a purely bureaucratic matter, separated from the intellectual sphere #critlib

@barnlib That is, it's an administrative matter and the admin. has certain prerogatives, etc. etc. #critlib

@barnlib They say it is about...what? Not minding one's manners? Being undelicate? Putting it on the line? #critlib

@barnlib Yes. Terrible. Angry angels 4 Kushner. #critlib
ACRL Residents
@ACRL_RIG

@ibeilin @barnlib Prerogatives being afraid of controversy or exercising systematic biases? Still doesn't make sense to me. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Rachel Mattson
@captain_maybe

A1: i feel lucky 2 *not* be working at a university; spent my prof'l career mostly there, feel freer 2 speak working @ an arts org #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Caitlin Pollock
@theficklelegirl

A2 I think we have to start talking about intellectual freedom to undergraduates and early-career researchers. #critlib

@chrsm · 3 YEARS AGO

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

@theficklelegirl yes! but best way to reach this audience? #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

David William
nrvsrct@nrvsrct

A1 1/2 I currently work in an archive and am usually alone, but I'd be surprised if there were much discussion. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

David William
nrvsrct@nrvsrct

A1 2/2 I've noticed a lack of political awareness, beyond the normal liberal platitudes, in librarianship thus far. #critlib #toocynical?

3 YEARS AGO
Melissa Cardenas-Dow
@micdow

@nrvscrcts #soundsaboutright #critlib

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ACRL Residents
@ACRL_RIG

A2 My first thought is to be responsive to issues like this. But then I wonder if it depends on whether the librarian has tenure! #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Donna Witek
@donnarosemary

Relevant to Q2 is a piece I read recently re: the two cultures in the academy hypothesis:
insidehighered.com/news/2014/09/2... #critlib

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Donna Witek
@donnarosemary

A2 Re: link in LT, it's interesting that not all disciplines understand their scholarly discourses as spaces that req freedom #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Caitlin Pollock
@ficklegirl

A2 I try to bring it up in research instruction classes when appropriate #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Jeff
@JeffGinMEM

#critlib How often is discussion of academic freedom part of a lib orientation or instruction session? It needs to be central to mission.

@YvonneMMu - 3 YEARS AGO
Andrew Battista
@rawdeal85

#critlib intellectual freedom & our profession is an ambivalent thing for me. The ALA book fair is a good example. we let any ideology in

3 YEARS AGO

Melissa J. Villa
@MelissaJVilla1

Q2: I think LIS teaches past IF frequently (red scare etc), but we have to think about applying to present day issues #critlib

@SeerGenius · 3 YEARS AGO

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

@MelissaJVilla1 also means we need confront our very real "diversity problem" as a profession #critlib

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Melissa J. Villa
@MelissaJVilla1

@oksveta Right! These things intersect and they completely have to do with the silence we're experiencing on Salaita + LIS #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Donna Witek
@donnarosemery

Or rather, that definitions of what "freedom" means/requires vary across disciplines so widely #critlib

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Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

@donnarosemery yes, but definitely relevant to all. good analogy is research on evolution or climate change when donors disagree #critlib

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This made by brilliant people at UIUC (not me) attempting to get this across to scientists-very pract app #critlib http://t.co/x0yUP03CC9

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SARAH CRISSINGER @SARAHCRISSINGER ‏@RoxanneShirazi · 3 YEARS AGO

Donna Witek @donnarosemary

@SarahCrissinger Yes, exactly this! #critlib

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Sarah Crissinger @donnarosemary

@donnarosemary Please help it circulate!! #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Ryan Randall @oureyedoureyedsoul

And cynically, if this is part of why librarian tenure seems to be less frequent. A2 @ACRL_RIG #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Andrew Battista rawdeal85

#critlib to me the salita incident is more about corporate power controlling universities rather than "free speech" (both are connected tho)

3 YEARS AGO

Jeff JeffGinMEM

#critlib, FTR, I'm not librarian but American Studies/Social Theory scholar interested in role of information literacy as foundation for ed

3 YEARS AGO
Donna Witek
@donnawrosemary

@JeffGinMEM Awesome, thanks for joining us here. Welcome! #critlib

Sarah Crissinger
@SarahCrissinger

@JeffGinMEM Info Lit will have to become central to our educational practices in order to even come close to resolving these issues #critlib

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

@SarahCrissinger @JeffGinMEM Yes, but we need to make sure info lit is not just enforcing more of the same power structures #critlib

Ryan Randall
@fouryeysoul

Why invest in a discipline that supports/promotes potential gadflies, academic tradition be damned? A2 @ACRI_RIG #critlib

Megan Watson
@meganjwatson

A2 I'd like to connect w/my faculty & work on some collab, low stakes discussions (e.g. brown bags, etc.) on campus. #critlib

Megan Watson
@meganjwatson

A2 cont. hopefully, then, these discussions could lead to similar conversations in a more formal conversation within the classroom #critlib
Ian Beilin
@ibeilin

One perverse line of reasoning I've heard is that the BOT is *preserving* intellectual freedom with 'standards' of 'civility' #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Rachel Mattson
@captain_maybe

@ibeilin that civility language drives me berserk; its so hypocritical #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Kevin Seeber
kevinseeber

@ibeilin Gross. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Ian Beilin
@ibeilin

@captain_maybe Civility is just a smokescreen - it evaporates when the terms or the actors change #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Jessica Critten
@JessicaCritten

@ibeilin So over calls for civility as a silencing mechanism. Seeing that in #teamharpy convos, the travesty of the #fsuprez search #critlib

@christinamcc - 3 YEARS AGO

Melissa Cardenas-Dow
@micdow

Do ppl here talk about IF in info lit one-shots? If so, how? #critlib

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Whenever "scholarship is a conversation" is taught, would be a great time to discuss academic freedom @JeffGinMEM #critlib

@RoxanneShirazi · 3 YEARS AGO

@foureyedsoul Of course, a danger of the "conversation" metaphor is that "civility" seems logical descriptor #infolit #critlib @JeffGinMEM

3 YEARS AGO

@foureyedsoul @JeffGinMEM *forehead slap* Totally doing that from now on. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

@foureyedsoul @JeffGinMEM this is brilliant.. how can we have a convo if one side is silenced?! #critlib

@donnarosemary · 3 YEARS AGO

@SarahCrissinger @foureyedsoul That's precisely what happened in Salaita’s case. He took a side that wasn't allowed voice. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

@JeffGinMEM @SarahCrissinger @foureyedsoul Yes, and it's a voice that's deliberately, always depicted as 'uncivil', 'threatening' #critlib

3 YEARS AGO
Q3. How can we mobilize critical information literacy skills to engage students in responding to events like this?

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

good time for Q3. How can we mobilize critical information literacy skills to engage students in responding to events like this? #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Melissa Cardenas-Dow
@micdow

Q3 I can think about this in LIS ed, but not in info lit 1-shots. Help? #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Sarah Crissinger
@donnarosemary

Q3 yes, yes, and yes!! IL is the answer to this issue. #salaita case is perfect topic for new framework #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Sarah Crissinger
@donnarosemary

@donnarosemary could you explain a bit more? as far as information format re: Twitter? #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Donna Witek
@SarahCrissinger

"Info has Value" frame utilizes rhetoric of info marketplace, monetization of info--money as key to info privilege #critlib

3 YEARS AGO
@SarahCrissinger New piece just out in @libraryleadpipe draws this out: intthelibrarywiththeleadpipe.org/2014/locating-... #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

@donnarosemary ah yes, problematic. but imp to think about in this case 2. Money= power to silence & stop info that is opposition #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

@donnarosemary @libraryleadpipe thanks! will read for sure. always interested in critiques of the new framework #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

@foureyedsoul @JessicaCritten @donnarosemary "Info has Value" is the PC label. 'Nuff said. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

@SarahCrissinger Yes! I want students to think about politics of information--that which they can access & that which they can’t. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

#critlib A3- Discuss all formats/sources subjectively. Everything and everyone has a bias, the key is to identify it (which can be hard).

3 YEARS AGO
ACRL Residents
@ACRL_RIG

@chrsm @kevinseeber I feel like it tends to be treated with kid gloves. In theory, sounds great. In getting real? Whoa, nelly! #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Kevin Seeber
kevinseeber

@ACRL_RIG @chrsm Yeah, I agree, but we need to knock it off. We know what we're talking about and need to make a change. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Ian Beilin
@ibeilin

Q3 This is a perfect moment for crit info lit. ex: topic in class today was how power shapes (warps?) the production of knowledge. #critlib

@InfAgit · 3 YEARS AGO

Ian Beilin
@ibeilin

Q3 In said class, we read Brian Martin's (classic?) "Politics of Research" uow.edu.au/~bmartin/pubs/... - def. relevant here. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Fumbles Morales
SeerGenius

All ppl should tune n2 the #critlib talk on Steven salaita 2know what is structural violence on ppl who speak truth to power. #teamharpy

@ubiquity75 · 3 YEARS AGO

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

A3: We need to foreground power in talking about scholarship as a conversation! Who has the power to participate? #critlib

@sparkymonster · 3 YEARS AGO
Kevin Seeber  
@chrsm Challenge the program! You can do it constructively and in a positive way, but the infolit status quo should be questioned. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Melissa Morrone  
@InfAgit

#critlib A2 Part of info literacy is interpreting communication on different platforms.

@chrsm · 3 YEARS AGO

Barnard Library  
barnlib @barnlib

A? Civility is an issue in librarian culture in general. We all just want to get along, which is nice, except when it's dangerous. #critlib

@InfAgit · 3 YEARS AGO

Lisa Lepore  
lisalepo @lisaflepore

@barnlib The false neutrality. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Rachel Mattson  
@captain_maybe

i want this t-shirt MT @barnlib: We all just want to get along, which is nice, except when it's dangerous. #critlib

@ACRL_RIG · 3 YEARS AGO

Lisa Lepore  
lisalepo @lisaflepore

A3 When talking with students, I note where power lies in information infrastructures, what power allows/prevents. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO
Fumbles Morales
Fumbles Morales
SeerGenius

Violence to those who speak against injustice whether it happens 2them or not, is real. It is evident from salaita and #teamharpy #critlib

@oksveta · 3 YEARS AGO

Caitlin Pollock
Caitlin Pollock
theficklegirl

A2 It’s hard when I see the students once or twice a semester. I wish an IL one credit course geared to each dept was required. #critlib

@YvonneMMu · 3 YEARS AGO

Donna Witek
Donna Witek
donnarozenmary

@theficklegirl (An aside: a 1 credit IL course *situated in each major/discipline* would be an amazing IL prog!) #infolit #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Donna Witek
Donna Witek
donnarozenmary

A3 Also an opportunity to intentionally dev awareness in students re: politics of *their* higher ed, i.e. academic (info) literacy #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Andrew Battista
Andrew Battista
rawdeal85

#critlib now is as good of a time as any to retrospectively mention carmichaeldigitalprojects.org/politicsofinfo/ that @LaurenMWallis and I taught this year

3 YEARS AGO

Ryan Randall
Ryan Randall
foureyedfoureyed soul

That looks fantastic! Certainly will peruse more after 10:00 pm! Thanks for mentioning. @rawdeal85 @LaurenMWallis #critlib

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ACRL Residents
@ACRL_RIG
@foureyedsoul @rawdeal85 @LaurenMWallis Yeah, that looks great. Thanks for the share! #critlib

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksvea
A3: Wikipedia, when approached critically, can be a good tool for presenting how knowledge is constructed/contested. #critlib

@YvonneMMu · 3 YEARS AGO

Melissa Cardenas-Dow
@micdow
@oksvea Wikipedia gets too bad a rap. Too few understand how it's great for understanding infoscape #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

ACRL Residents
@ACRL_RIG
@micdow @oksvea Sometimes I think students themselves perpetuate this idea long after some faculty have accepted it, oddly enough. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Jessica Critten
@JessicaCritten
@ACRL_RIG @micdow @oksvea Always easier to think of things in absolutes. Wikipedia=bad. Scholarly=good. We know it's +complex #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Ryan Randall
@foureyedsoul
@SeerGenius Yes. #teamharpy (& supporters apparently) in the back of my mind through all of tonight’s #critlib

3 YEARS AGO
A3: something that feels powerful abt staging these convos in LIS context is: the field is abt asking ?s; thats a good doorway #critlib

ACRL Residents @ACRL_RIG

A3 On another note, I think that info lit is often taught as something that's been around forever. True. But what if approached 1/2 #critlib

ACRL Residents @ACRL_RIG

A3 as a cutting edge topic? Help students make meaning from this rather than wait til it's passed to use as a case study. 2/2 #critlib

Alicae Geraci @alicaesong

Belatedly following #critlib - topic #salaita and intellectual freedom in #LIS. Hi! Academic lib in NY, subject spec in labor relations.

David William @nrvscrcs

1/2 Re: politics of information prod/dissem, I find myself apologizing in info lit sessions if I get too critical of e.g. Google. #critlib

David William @nrvscrcs

2/2 This is because many of my students are business/eng. Seems like the right audience, but I'm afraid of their eval at term end #critlib
Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta
@nrvsrct But one can never be too critical of Google... not that proprietary databases are much better. :) #critlib
3 YEARS AGO

David William
nrvsrct@nrvsrct
@ACRL_RIG @oksveta But the kids need their learnin' #critlib
3 YEARS AGO

Ryan Randall
foureyedfoureyedsoul
@nrvsrct Yeah, tricky line. Being energetic teaching easily-->performance of jeremiad/polemics. Hard to engage & remain “aloof” #critlib
3 YEARS AGO

Sarah T. Roberts
ubiquity@ubiquity75
Important to remember that a boycott and petition is optional. Each person can evaluate her own context and tolerance for risk. #critlib
@ACRL_RIG · 3 YEARS AGO

Sarah T. Roberts
ubiquity@ubiquity75
At same time, I believe it false that people will suddenly become fearless in practicing their politics upon achieving tenure... #critlib
3 YEARS AGO

Sarah T. Roberts
ubiquity@ubiquity75
...after literal years of not having had the habit. #critlib
3 YEARS AGO
As a final reminder, we can no longer consider tenure a safety net at all - recall that Dr. Salaita is tenured... #critlib

...and attacks on library and faculty tenure are happening across the country. If we don’t take action, it will cease to exist. #critlib

A3: It goes back to examining the idea of “neutrality” - think of the Evanston Public Library fiasco with Ali Abunimah’s book talk #critlib

#critlib has anyone brought up Saliata to students in IL sessions? I am wondering what they think...

Q4. What obstacles do we face in having these discussions?

So we've been chatting about this some already, but... Q4. What obstacles do we face in having these discussions? #critlib

Something I'm noticing in tonight’s #critlib chat -- in many places, librarians *are* faculty
Sveta Stoytcheva @oksveta
A4 - IMO, our professional training/Code of Ethics doesn’t do enough to highlight complexity and ambiguity (and, of course, power) #critlib

chrsm @chrsm
@rawdeal85 maybe in phd seminar, not so w/ masters-level students who are focused on jobs (wild guess) #critlib

Jeff @lisafepore @rawdeal85 Yes. Question has to be about who decides what students should learn. Students or trustees? #critlib

Ian Beilin @ibeilin
@micdow @eiratansey We'll be touching on that in next week's #critlib

Eira Tansey @ibeilin @micdow Awesome, hope to make it, if not, are tweets saved somewhere to read later? My first time in #critlib

Sarah Crissinger @YvonneMMu
A4 and of course, we risk our own academic freedom! if we don't stand up for #salaita who will stand up for ours?! #critlib
Melissa Morrone
@InfAgit

.@micedow Seems like there's a teaching opportunity there about power structures and "punching up." #critlib

@foureyedsoul · 3 YEARS AGO

Aliqae Geraci
@aliaqesong

A1 And not all academic librarians are faculty, is what I mean. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Megan Watson
@meganjwatson

A4 fear it might be difficult to discuss openly w/adjunct fac. Precarity/overwork are often, understandably, no.1 on their minds #critlib

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Sarah Crissinger
@SarahCrissinger

As @oksveta says, "no one will protect your free speech if you don't" #critlib

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Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

@SarahCrissinger haha yes, but also important that for some the stakes for speaking out are very high #critlib

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Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

@SarahCrissinger & how can those of us w/ relative privilege support them & help safeguard their rights. #critlib

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@oksveta v true. I think that's why supporting others' ac free is imperative if we want protect our own, unfor esp if we have priv #critlib

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Right @eiratansey & as @ubiquity75 said, tenure being in jeopardy is the issue here. #critlib 1/2

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But I wonder if this had happened to a faculty librarian if discipline faculty wd have rallied to the same extent. #critlib 2/2 @eiratansey

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Lisa Lepore
lisa.lepore @lisaflepore

@barnlib @eiratansey There is that, always. Hierarchies all over the place. #critlib

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Lauren Wallis
@LaurenMWallis

Info as commodity/info has value/power...so much there, yet I feel silenced by the one-shot #critlib

@donnarosemary · 3 YEARS AGO

Melissa Cardenas-Dow
@micdow

@LaurenMWallis So with you there, Lauren! #critlib

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Donna Witek
donna.witek @donnarosemary

"yet I feel silenced by the one-shot" -- @LaurenMWallis Wow. This. #critlib

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@LaurenMWallis Then reject one-shots! We can do this! #critlib (cc: @JessicaCritten)

Jessica Critten
@JessicaCritten

@LaurenMWallis @kevinseeber Mos def. It's the right fight to fight, though. For lots of reasons. #critlib

Kevin Seeber
kevinseeber

@LaurenMWallis one step at a time! #critlib

Jessica Critten
@JessicaCritten

@kevinseeber, should we make "Just say no! (to one-shots)" signs for #acrl15? @LaurenMWallis #critlib

ACRL Residents
@ACRL_RIG

@donnarosemary @LaurenMWallis Dunno, I believe that the "one-shot" can be a shot "heard 'round the world" if you like risk. #critlib

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@kevinseeber @LaurenMWallis @JessicaCritten Indeed. There's more than one way to skin a cat (I know, wrong audience for that). #critlib
@ACRL_RIG Def wrong audience for cat skinning. I was just wondering what @catladylib's Avery is up to tonight. #critlib

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@JessicaCritten @ACRL_RIG @foureyedsoul Yikes, imagining a future rehtorical analysis of Framework for "civility" *shudder* #critlib

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A4: Obstacles? Fear. Material conditions. No support network. I try to remember that speaking out sets the stage for others too #critlib

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@RoxanneShirazi 'just' a student & already feeling the repercussions #critlib

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A4: fear, loss of employment chances and income. The obstacles in speaking up work well with neoliberal conditions of labor #critlib

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@JeffGinMEM @rawdeal85 Exactly. Really, it shocks that BoT is allowed passage, their agendas drive choice of faculty/curriculum #critlib.
Q5. And what are some strategies to overcome these obstacles?

@lisaflpore @JeffGinMEM @rawdeal85 Add to that the fact that BOT members are often political appointees = ewww. #critlib

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Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

OK last Q! Q5. And what are some strategies to overcome these obstacles? #critlib My A? Solidarity with others who can/do speak out.

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Melissa Cardenas-Dow
@micdow

@oksveta A5 YES! Strength in #s and solidarity. #critlib

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Ian Beilin
@ibeilin

A4: An obstacle in many instances can be the extent to which people have already taken sides - hard to work past them #critlib

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So, now we solve all the problems with Q5! docs.google.com/a/barnard.edu/... #critlib

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Rachel Mattson
@captain_maybe

join the @Librarians2Pal network! there is power in collective action! #critlib

@barnlib · 3 YEARS AGO
Melissa Morrone
@InfAgit

librarianswithpalestine.org RT @captain_maybe: join the @Librarians2Pal network! there is power in collective action! #critlib

@RoxanneShirazi · 3 YEARS AGO

Rachel Mattson
@captain_maybe

thanks for posting that detail, @InfAgit! @Librarians2Pal #critlib #actingoptimistic

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Andrew Battista
@rawdeal85

#critlib speak truth to power!

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Jeff
@kevinseeber @lisaflepore @rawdeal85

Political appointees at public U’s or large donors at privates. Hold enormous power at both #critlib

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Aliquee Geraci

Q4: The inherent limits of the 1-shot. Luxury if topic aligns. Waiting for the labor law memo incorporating UIUC case in scenario #critlib

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Ian Beilin
@ibeilin

A5: One approach is to give voice to those who haven't been permitted to speak; insist, again and again - the voices will be heard #critlib

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**Kevin Seeber**
kevinse@kevinseeber

#critlib A5 - Empower learners to question everything. Authority, credibility, reliability, authenticity.

@hlmunchkin · 3 YEARS AGO

**chrsm**
chrsm @chrsm

A5 trying to get in touch w/ other students, when they want to say sthg, & trying to liaise w/ fac 
#critlib

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**Barnard Library**
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A5 Folks at @gslis do you need anything from other library workers & scholars right now? 
#critlib

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**Melissa Morrone**
@InfAgit

A5 Agree with solidarity. 2 of my colleagues signed the #salaita petition, and it meant a lot to see their names there. #critlib

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**Sveta Stoytcheva**
@oksveta

OK, tonight's official #critlib chat is finishing up... of course, we can (and must!) keep talking about this. Tonight, tomorrow...

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**rachel mattson**
@captain_maybe

@oksveta thanks for doing such a great job moderating #critlib

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Thanks @oksveta for moderating #critlib!

@beilin

A5 I feel shy about reaching out to faculty because of 2nd class citizen issues, but maybe organizing with them is the thing to do. #critlib

@barnlib

@barnlib how about starting with sympathetic staff? Office for Diversity & Inclusion? #critlib

@barnlib

@micdow @barnlib Seem like great ideas. Plus, can help show how/why libs aren’t 2nd class, demonstrate belonging in scholarship? #critlib

@foureyesfouri

@barnlib there is value in organizing both together and separately. Overlap and divergence. #critlib

@aliqae

Huge thanks to the #critlib organizers who were game to have this convo & on short notice. You guys are fantastic!

@oksveta
Melissa J. Villa
MelissaJVilla1
A5: def. solidarity, I think we can learn a lot for community organizing tactics (they’ve been doing this for a while) #critlib

Donna Witek
donnarosemary
@oksveta Thank you for moderating! #critlib

Barnard Library
barnlib @barnlib
ALL the #critlib-bers are fantastic! Great job moderating tonight, @oksveta!

ACRL Residents
@ACRL_RIG
Thanks @oksveta for facilitating a great discussion! #critlib

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta
Our #critlib pitch - We want to keep this conversation going! If u r interested in collaborating let us know & keep an eye on #uncivilLIS

Ryan Randall
foureyesfoureyedheart
I’ll add that #teamharpy stuff shows need in LIS community to talk more about “punching up” vs “punching down” @InfAgit @michow #critlib

Melissa Cardenas-Dow
@micdow
Thanks @oksveta! #critlib
thank you, @oksveta, for another challenging #critlib

Please join us! bit.ly/1sLDxFT #uncivilLIS #critlib

Yes thanks @oksveta #critlib!

Thank you for moderating! @oksveta #critlib

A5: Solidarity is key, through voice & action. W/ disciplinary faculty, w/ each other, w/ other workers in our libraries and orgs #critlib

@meganjwatson · 3 YEARS AGO

Next week: a #critlib convo about labor solidarity and labor issues in the library workplace. See the cheat sheet for readings and Q's soon!

@ubiquity75 · 3 YEARS AGO

Q5: A plug for the LIS boycott letter illusionofvolition.com/lis-practition... #critlib @ubiquity75
Megan Watson
meganjwatson

Wasn't able to engage fully (darn desk shift), but enjoyed a very worthwhile #critlib discussion nonetheless. Thx for moderating, @oksveta!

Fobazi Ettarh
@Fobettarh

The irony abt tonight's #critlib is that I felt unsafe to participate for the very topics they were discussing. Can't afford to be salaita.

@nnschiller · 3 YEARS AGO

Fobazi Ettarh
@Fobettarh

So all I can say is A4 False neutrality works against ppl every time. The lengths ppl will go to maintain it(status quo-absurd. #critlib

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Fobazi Ettarh
@Fobettarh

ALATT, Salaita, and #teamharpy prove just how strongly ppl fight (tone policing, gaslighting,etc) to maineain "order" #critlib

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Ryan Randall
@Fobettarh

Particularly when that order's odds remain ever in their favor. It’s alarming/disturbing to have that questioned #critlib

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Fumbles Morales
@michaelperry6 everyone should just read #critlib #uncivilLIS and #teamharpy bc we all make the connections. Aw da time.

@jacobsberg · 3 YEARS AGO