

by Sveta Stoytcheva 3 years ago

#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.)



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
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Hi [#critlib](#)! I'm Kevin, academic instruction librarian in Colorado.


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Sarah Crissinger
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Hi all! LIS grad student from UIUC here. [#critlib](#)

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Sveta Stoytcheva
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Intros: I'm a LIS student at Illinois, with a hoarse voice from teaching an instruction session just now. [#critlib](#)

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Melissa Cardenas-Dow

@micdow

@oksveta #critlib Melissa Cardenas-Dow here. Coming out live from Redlands in SoCal.


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Andrew Battista

rawdeal85 rawdeal85

#critlib I'm back again to talk about intellectual freedom. I work as a GIS librarian at NYU

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Ian Beilin

@ibeilin

Ian here, instruction librarian at a public college in NYC. #critlib

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Melissa J. Villa

MelissaJVilla1 MelissaJVilla1

Hi! I'm a doctoral student at GSLIS UIUC, glad to be here! #critlib


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Caitlin Pollock

thefickleone thefickleone

Hi all! I'm Caitlin, an academic librarian in Indianapolis. #critlib

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ACRL Residents

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Anonymous Midwestern academic librarian commandeering @ACRL_RIG yet again. #critlib

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This is Jenna, one of the core mods, excited for tonight's awesome #critlib led by @oksveta!

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Roxanne Shirazi

Roxanne Shirazi @RoxanneShirazi

Hi, #critlib! I'm an academic librarian in NYC, ducking in and out here...

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

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Sveta Stoytcheva

@oksveta

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

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Jessica Critten

@JessicaCritten

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

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Ryan Randall

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

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Sveta Stoytcheva

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


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Megan Watson

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

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Melissa Morrone
@InfAgit


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

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Carrie Pirmann
@librariancarrie

Hi all! Carrie, academic librarian in PA, UIUC GSLIS alum. [#critlib](#)

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ChristinaCzuhajewski
@christinacz

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

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Donna Witek
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Donna here, instruction librarian, at mid-sized private aclub in Pennsylvania, ready to talk about academic freedom & Dr. [#Salaita](#) [#critlib](#)

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rachel mattson
@captain_maybe

hi! i'm rachel, archivist at La MaMa ETC, an experimental theater in nyc [#critlib](#)

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



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

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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



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rachel mattson

@captain_maybe

(also a member of @Librarians2Pal) #critlib



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Andrew Battista

rawdeal85 @awdeal85

#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



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Barnard Library

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



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Roxanne Shirazi

Roxanne Shirazi @RoxanneShirazi

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



Sarah Crissinger

SarahCrissinger @SarahCrissinger

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



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Jeff

JeffGinkMEMGinMEM

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



Ian Beilin

@ibeilin

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



Ryan Randall

foureyedsofoureyedsoul

A1 I've heard a few profs & students mention Salaita directly, but less than when something like Fun Home is banned. [#critlib](#)



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A1 Sounds like we can draw some comparisons to [#TeamHarpy](#), fearing job reprisals or litigation for speaking out. [#critlib](#) [#salaita](#)



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Sveta Stoytcheva

@oksveta

obviously, at Illinois this issue is very present. still, a surprising amount of silence even here. [#critlib](#)



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Melissa Cardenas-Dow

@micdow

[@oksveta](#) The consequences for speaking have never been more real. [#critlib](#)



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Kevin Seeber

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[@donnarosemary](#) [@rawdeal85](#) Def agree that this raises a lot of questions about shared governance and who's really running higher ed. [#critlib](#)



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Ian Beilin

@ibeilin

Perhaps because the politics of the case are familiar to my univ., people aren't shy about sharing their views. [#critlib](#)



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chrsm

chrsm @chrsm

hey [#critlib](#), charisma in pgh here. re: Q1: not much discussion in my student cohort.



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Lisa Lepore

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A1 Am increasingly interested in intrusive role of boards of trustees in issues where faculty should have power. [#critlib](#)



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Ian Beilin

@ibeilin

[@lisaflepore](#) Yes, even CUNY BOT has done some egregious things - eg. the Tony Kushner case a few years back. [#critlib](#)



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Ian Beilin

@ibeilin

But perhaps our union strength has something to do with this assurance? :) [#critlib](#)



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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](#)

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Kevin Seeber
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@kevinseeber

The recent FSU president search also demonstrates a breakdown in higher ed & shared governance [#critlib](#)

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[@kevinseeber](#) I think it's very important to underscore that this is not an isolated case. [#critlib](#)

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Eira Tansey
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@eiratansey

I've never done [#critlib](#) tweetup before, but am really excited to listen in tonight. Archivist in Cincinnati here.

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Megan Watson
meganjwatson
@meganjwatson

Q1 Has come up in passing hallway convos amongst librarians/faculty here, but no formal discussion that I know of [#critlib](#)

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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](#)

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chrsm
chrsm @chrsm

@ACRL_RIG but we're all neutral, right? #critlib



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Alright, feel free to chime in on Q1, Q2 is next. #critlib



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Q2. How can librarians foreground intellectual freedom issues and the make them relevant to various publics across disciplines?



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



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Donna Witek
donnarosemary @donnarosemary

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



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Melissa Morrone
@InfAgit

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



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Ryan Randall

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



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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.



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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



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



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chrsm

chrsm @chrsm

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



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Ian Beilin

@ibeilin

I have colleagues (not libs) who insist this is not about freedom of speech or intellectual freedom #critlib



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Melissa Cardenas-Dow

@micdow

@ibeilin same here. I've been wanting to pursue that line of thought. #critlib

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

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Ian Beilin

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

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Ian Beilin

@ibeilin

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

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Lisa Lepore

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

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Lisa Lepore

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@ibeilin Yes. Terrible. Angry angels 4 Kushner. #critlib

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



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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



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Caitlin Pollock

thefucklegirl

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

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



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David William

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



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David William

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



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Melissa Cardenas-Dow

@micdow

@nrsvscrts #soundsaboutright #critlib


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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

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

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Caitlin Pollock

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

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Jeff

JeffGinMEM
@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

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



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Melissa J. Villa

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



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Sveta Stoytcheva

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



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Melissa J. Villa

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



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Donna Witek

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



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Sveta Stoytcheva

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@donna@seer.org 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
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@SarahCrissinger Yes, exactly this! #critlib

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 Sarah Crissinger
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@donnarosemary Please help it circulate!! #critlib

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

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

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

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Donna Witek

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



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Sarah Crissinger

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



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Sveta Stoytcheva

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



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Ryan Randall

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



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Megan Watson

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



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Megan Watson

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



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Ian Beilin
@ibeilin


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

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rachel mattson
@captain_maybe

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

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Kevin Seeber
kevinseeber

@ibeilin Gross. #critlib

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Ian Beilin
@ibeilin

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

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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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Ryan Randall

[foureyedsoul](#)

Whenever “scholarship is a conversation” is taught, would be a great time to discuss academic freedom [@JeffGinMEM](#) [#critlib](#)



[@RoxanneShirazi](#) · 3 YEARS AGO



Donna Witek

[donnarosemary](#)

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



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[@ACRL_RIG](#)

[@foureyedsoul](#) [@JeffGinMEM](#) *forehead slap* Totally doing that from now on. [#critlib](#)



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Sarah Crissinger

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



[@donnarosemary](#) · 3 YEARS AGO



Jeff

[JeffGinMEM](#)

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



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Ian Beilin

[@ibeilin](#)

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



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Roxanne Shirazi

Roxanne Shirazi

A2: Perhaps info lit librarians can challenge students to confront & examine uncomfortable views to combat “civility” argument. #critlib



@ardeninred · 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



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Melissa Cardenas-Dow

@micdow

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



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Sarah Crissinger

Sarah Crissinger

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



@donnarosemary · 3 YEARS AGO



Sarah Crissinger

Sarah Crissinger

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



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Donna Witek

donnarosemary

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



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Donna Witek

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@SarahCrissinger New piece just out in @libraryleadpipe draws this out:
inthelibrarywiththeleadpipe.org/2014/locating-... #critlib



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Sarah Crissinger

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



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Sarah Crissinger

SarahCrissinger

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



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



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Jeff

JeffGinMEM

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



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Kevin Seeber

kevinseeber

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



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



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Kevin Seeber

kevinseeber
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



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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



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Fumbles Morales

SeerGenius
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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

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@chrsm Challenge the program! You can do it constructively and in a positive way, but the infolit status quo should be questioned. #critlib



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Melissa Morrone

@InfAgit

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



@chrsm · 3 YEARS AGO



Barnard Library

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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



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Lisa Lepore

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@barnlib The false neutrality. #critlib



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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



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Lisa Lepore

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



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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](#)



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Caitlin Pollock

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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

donnarosemary

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



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Donna Witek

donnarosemary

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



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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



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Ryan Randall

foureyedsoul

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



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ACRL Residents

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



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Sveta Stoytcheva

@oksveta

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

@oksveta Wikipedia gets too bad a rap. Too few understand how it's great for understanding infospace #critlib



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ACRL Residents

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



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Jessica Critten

@JessicaCritten

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



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Ryan Randall

foureyedsoul

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



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rachel mattson
@captain_maybe

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

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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

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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

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

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

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David William
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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

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Sveta Stoytcheva

@oksveta

[@nrvscrets](#) haha, one can never be too critical of Google.... not that proprietary databases are much better. :) [#critlib](#)



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David William

[nrvscrets](#) [@nrvscrets](#)

[@ACRL_RIG](#) [@oksveta](#) But the kids need their learnin' [#critlib](#)



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Ryan Randall

[foureyes](#) [@foureyesoul](#)

[@nrvscrets](#) Yeah, tricky line. Being energetic teaching easily—>performance of jeremiad/polemics. Hard to engage & remain “aloof” [#critlib](#)



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Sarah T. Roberts

[ubiquity75](#) [@ubiquity75](#)

Important to remember that a boycott and petition is optional. Each person can evaluate her own context and tolerance for risk. [#critlib](#)



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Sarah T. Roberts

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At same time, I believe it false that people will suddenly become fearless in practicing their politics upon achieving tenure... [#critlib](#)



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...after literal years of not having had the habit. [#critlib](#)



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As a final reminder, we can no longer consider tenure a safety net at all - recall that Dr. Salaita is tenured... #critlib



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Sarah T. Roberts

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



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Roxanne Shirazi

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



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Andrew Battista

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



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



Sveta Stoytcheva

@oksveta

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



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Eira Tansey

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Something I'm noticing in tonight's #critlib chat -- in many places, librarians *are* faculty



@donnarosemary · 3 YEARS AGO



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](#)



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chrsm @chrsm

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



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Jeff

JeffGinMEM

[@lisaflepore](#) [@rawdeal85](#) Yes. Question has to be about who decides what students should learn. Students or trustees? [#critlib](#)



[@rawdeal85](#) · 3 YEARS AGO



Ian Beilin

@ibeilin

[@micdow](#) [@eiratansey](#) We'll be touching on that in next week's [#critlib](#)



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Eira Tansey

eiratansey

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



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Sarah Crissinger

SarahCrissinger

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](#)



[@YvonneMMu](#) · 3 YEARS AGO



Melissa Morrone

@InfAgit

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



@foureyedsoul · 3 YEARS AGO



Aliqae Geraci

aliquaesong

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



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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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Sarah Crissinger
SarahCrissinger

@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
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@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
donnarosemary

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



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Kevin Seeber

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@kevinseeber

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



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Jessica Critten

@JessicaCritten

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



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Kevin Seeber

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[@LaurenMWallis](#) one step at a time! [#critlib](#)



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Jessica Critten

@JessicaCritten

[@kevinseeber](#), should we make "Just say no! (to one-shots)" signs for [#acr15](#)? [@LaurenMWallis](#) [#critlib](#)



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[@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](#)



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@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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Donna Witek

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



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Roxanne Shirazi

Roxanne Shirazi
@RoxanneShirazi

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



@oksveta · 3 YEARS AGO



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chrsm @chrsm

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



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Melissa J. Villa

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@MelissaJVilla1

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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Lisa Lepore

lisalepore @lisalepore

@JeffGinMEM @rawdeal85 Exactly. Really, it shocks that BoT is allowed passage, their agendas drive choice of faculty/curriculum #critlib .



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Kevin Seeber

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



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Q5. And what are some strategies to overcome these obstacles?



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/...](https://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



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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
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#critlib speak truth to power!



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Jeff
JeffGinMEMfGinMEM

@kevinseeber @lisaflepore @rawdeal85 Political appointees at public U's or large donors at privates. Hold enormous power at both #critlib



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Aliqae Geraci
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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

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@kevinseeber

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



@hlmunchkin · 3 YEARS AGO



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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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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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Ian Beilin
@ibeilin

Thanks [@oksveta](#) for moderating [#critlib](#)!

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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](#)

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Melissa Cardenas-Dow
@micdow

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

@barnlib · 3 YEARS AGO



Ryan Randall
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[@micdow](#) [@barnlib](#) Seem like great ideas. Plus, can help show how/why libs aren't 2nd class, demonstrate belonging in scholarship? [#critlib](#)

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Aliqae Geraci
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[@barnlib](#) there is value in organizing both together and separately. Overlap and divergence. [#critlib](#)

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Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

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

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Melissa J. Villa

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A5: def. solidarity, I think we can learn a lot for community organizing tactics (they've been doing this for a while) [#critlib](#)



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Donna Witek

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[@oksveta](#) Thank you for moderating! [#critlib](#)



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ALL the [#critlib](#)-bers are fantastic! Great job moderating tonight, [@oksveta](#)!



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Thanks [@oksveta](#) for facilitating a great discussion! [#critlib](#)



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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](#)



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Ryan Randall

foureyed

I'll add that [#teamharpy](#) stuff shows need in LIS community to talk more about "punching up" vs "punching down" [@InfAgit](#) [@micdow](#) [#critlib](#)



@mchris4duke · 3 YEARS AGO



Melissa Cardenas-Dow

@micdow

Thanks [@oksveta](#)! [#critlib](#)



@MelissaJVilla1 · 3 YEARS AGO



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chrsm @chrsm

thank you, @oksveta, for another challenging #critlib



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Melissa Cardenas-Dow

@micdow

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



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Melissa J. Villa

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Yes thanks @oksveta #critlib !



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Lisa Lepore

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@lisaflepore

Thank you for moderating! @oksveta #critlib



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Aliqae Geraci

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@aliquaesong

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



Ian Beilin

@ibeilin

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!



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Melissa J. Villa

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



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Megan Watson

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



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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](#)



@mchris4duke · 3 YEARS AGO



Ryan Randall

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[@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

SeerGenius@SeerGenius

[@michaelrperry6](#) everyone should just read [#critlib](#) [#uncivilLIS](#) and [#teamharpy](#) bc we all make the connections. Aw da time.



@jacobsberg · 3 YEARS AGO