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Notes from the Chair



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getting more involved with LES in the future, please contact Arianne for additional information.

Finally, I would like to thank each of you who have contributed to the workings of the section. Your time and contributions are much appreciated.

Wishing you the very best of semesters!

Until Midwinter, Melissa Van Vuuren



## Why the ALA Election Is Important to LES -- and to You

by Laura Braunstein, on behalf of the LES Nominating Committee

Every year

second, similar class on the theme of "Women, Fiction, and Everyday Life in the 18th Century." The students read several canonical novels from the period, but the research component of each class was focused on a collaboratively generated class wiki, hosted in PBworks.

In each case, the professor scheduled an instruction session during which time I introduced students to the ECCO database. These classes were especially fun, because the assignment was so well tailored to the resource, and because of the possibilities it opened up for undergraduates to do work with historical primary source material. Small groups of students (3-4 each) chose terms from a list (including, Adultery, Breast-Feeding, Catholicism, Coaches, Oriminality, Divorce, Fashion, Masturbation, Piracy, etc.). Their task from there was to produce



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