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Libraries Unlimited Author Named 2016 Achievement in Library Diversity Research Honoree

Jamie Campbell Naidoo recognized by American Library Association

Santa Barbara, Calif. (Apr. 29, 2016) – Prolific Libraries Unlimited author Jamie Campbell Naidoo has been designated by the American Library Association as this year's [Achievement in Library Diversity Research](#) honoree. The ALA stated that it is proud to present Naidoo with the honor in recognition of his many publications that promote diversity within the library profession.

An eminent recognition, the Achievement in Library Diversity Research designation is given to one individual per year for a body of work or a groundbreaking piece that advances understanding or inspires new research in diversity, equity, and outreach efforts in Library and Information Science. As a part of its ongoing efforts to increase awareness of and funding for diversity research, the Diversity Research Grants Advisory Committee, a subcommittee of the ALA Council Committee on Diversity, first gave the honor in 2004.

Dr. Jamie Campbell Naidoo, endowed assistant professor at the University of Alabama's School of Library and Information Studies in Tuscaloosa, AL, has dedicated his career to serving diverse families and children. His research interests include the depiction of underrepresented groups in children's and young adult literature, as well as library offerings for gender-variant and LGBTQ children and parents.

Editor of *Celebrating Cuentos: Promoting Latino Children's Literature and Literacy in Classrooms and Libraries*, Naidoo is also author of numerous other Libraries Unlimited titles, including *Diversity Programming for Digital Youth: Promoting Cultural Competence in the Children's Library* and *Rainbow Family Collections: Selecting and Using Children's Books with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Content*, as well as the forthcoming title *A World of Rainbow Families: Children's Books and Media with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Themes from around the Globe*.

Dr. Naidoo will be recognized as the Achievement in Library Diversity Research Honoree at the 2016 ALA Annual meeting in Orlando, Florida on Saturday, June 25.

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