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### **EDUCATION**

PhD, Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2007  
MS, Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1999  
BA, General Studies (Linguistics and Music), New College, Sarasota, FL, 1995

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 2013- Associate Professor, School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2014-16 Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2007-13 Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

### **AWARDS, HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2018 Excellence in Online and Distance Teaching Award, University of Illinois. This annual campus-wide award recognizes faculty members and instructors who have demonstrated sustained excellence and innovation in online and/or distance teaching and contributions to student learning through innovative uses of technology.
- 2017 Volunteer of the Year, Prairie Rivers Network. Recognized storytelling consulting work with this statewide non-profit Illinois water conservation organization.

- 2007-18 List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students, University of Illinois, listed every semester taught for at least one course from fall 2007 to the present.
- 2012 Centennial Scholar Award, GSLIS, University of Illinois. \$5000 award to support research and scholarship for 2012-2013.
- 2010 Donald G. Davis Article Award, Library History Round Table, American Library Association. Recognizes "the best article written in English in the field of United States and Canadian library history including the history of libraries, librarianship, and book culture" for the prior two-year period, 2008-2010.
- 2008-09 Arnold O. Beckman Research Award, Campus Research Board, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2003-05 Project Athena Doctoral Fellowship, Institute of Museum and Library Services
- 2000 Herbert Goldhor Award for Public Librarianship, GSLIS, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 1997 Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarship, American Library Association, one of six national scholarships supporting MLS study

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2018 (in press) +McDowell, Kate. "Hidden in Plain Sight: Storytelling Epistemology and Envisioning Young Adults. For *Transforming Young Adult Services*, second edition, ed. Anthony Bernier
- 2013 +\*McDowell, Kate. "Evolution in Children's Science Books, 1882-1922." In *Culture of Print in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Medicine*, Greg Downey, Rima Apple, and Stephen Vaughn, eds., University of Wisconsin Press.
- 2011 +\*McDowell, Kate. "Understanding Children as Readers: Librarians' Anecdotes and Surveys in the USA, 1890-1930" in *The History of Reading, Vol 1: International Perspectives, c. 1500-1900*, S. S. Towheed and W. R. Owen eds., Palgrave MacMillan, 147-162.
- 2010 \*McDowell, Kate. "Which Truth, What Fiction? Librarians' Book Recommendations for Children, 1876-1890" in *Education and the Culture of Print in Modern America*, Adam R. Nelson and John L. Rudolph eds., University of Wisconsin Press, 15-35.

## REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2018 (in press) McDowell, Kate. "Tell Me a Story: Why advancement professionals need to listen for stories," *Currents Magazine* (Council for Advancement and Support of Education), September/October 2018 **GET PAGES**.
- 2018 McDowell, Kate. "Paradoxes of Storytelling in Librarianship." *Journal of New Librarianship* (2018) p. 32-37 (10.21173/newlibs/4/7)
- 2017 McDowell, Kate and Elizabeth McGreal Cook. "Using 'storytelling thinking' for advancement." *Journal of Education Advancement and Marketing* 1, no. 4 (Spring 2017).
- 2014 McDowell, Kate. "Open Wide the Doors: The Children's Room as Place in Public Libraries, 1876-1925." *Library Trends* 62, no. 3 (Winter 2014): 519-529.
- 2012 \*McDowell, Kate. "Oh the Places We've Been! The Roots of Evaluation in Youth Services, 1882-1930." *Children and Libraries* 10, no. 2 (Winter 2012): 32-35, 41.
- 2012 + \*McDowell, Kate and Caroline Nappo. "Evolution in Children's Science Books: Recommendations and Library Collections, 1863-1956." *Library Trends* 60, no. 4 (2012): 655-674.
- 2011 \*McDowell, Kate. "Children's Voices in Librarians' Words, 1890-1930." *Libraries and the Cultural Record* 46, no. 1 (2011): 73-101.
- 2009 + \*McDowell, Kate. "Toward a History of Children as Readers, 1890-1930." *Book History* 12 (2009): 240-265.
- 2009 + \*McDowell, Kate. "Surveying the Field: The Research Model of Women in Librarianship, 1882-1898." *Library Quarterly* 79, no. 3 (July 2009): 279-300.
- 2008 \*McDowell, Kate. "Distance and Presence: A Case Study of Performance in Two Online Storytelling Courses." *Storytelling, Self, Society* 4, no. 2 (September 2008): 214-234.
- 2008 \*McElrath, Eileen and Kate McDowell. "Pedagogical Strategies for Building Community in Distance Education Courses." *Journal of Online Learning and Teaching* 4, no. 1 (March 2008): <http://jolt.merlot.org/vol4no1/mcelrath0308.htm> (no page numbers).
- 2006 \*McDowell, Kate. "Change and Continuity in Professional Community: PUBYAC Listserv and Historical Context in Public Youth Services Librarianship," *Children and Libraries* 4, no. 1 (Spring 2006): 6-10.

\* peer-reviewed  
+ invited

### **INVITED LECTURES**

- 2014 "Exploring the App Gap," *8th International Symposium on Library Services for Children and Young Adults*, National Library of Korea, Seoul, South Korea.
- 2014 "Young Adult Fantasy and Race: From Representation to Imagination." *English in the World* lecture series for undergraduates, English Department, Saint Louis University.
- 2011 Keynote Lecture, "Creating a History of Children as Readers, 1890-1930," American History Teachers' Collaborative workshop on Children and Teenagers in U. S. History, Urbana School District.

### **GRANTS (EXTERNAL)**

- 2015-18 "App Authors: Closing the App Gap II," co-PI with PI Deborah Stevenson, Institute of Museum and Library Services, \$248,205.
- 2013-14 "Closing the App Gap: From Plan to Project I," co-PI with PI Deborah Stevenson, Institute of Museum and Library Services, \$46,678

### **GRANTS (INTERNAL)**

- 2008-09 "Toward a History of Children as Readers, 1890-1930," Campus Research Board, University of Illinois, \$10,695
- 2007-11 Scholars' Travel Fund, University of Illinois, \$5,880 (as of spring 2013)

### **OFFICES HELD IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

- 2015-16 Co-Chair, Annual Conference, Association for Library and Information Science Education
- 2011-12 Co-Chair, Youth Services Special Interest Group, Association for Library and Information Science Education
- 2011-12 Chair, Association for Library and Information Science Education/University of Washington Information School Youth Services Graduate Travel Award Committee

2010-11 Committee Member, Winsor Award, Library History Round Table, American Library Association

## REVIEWING

2017-18 *School Library Research*  
2017-18 *Libraries: Culture, History, and Society*  
2016 *Library Trends* advisory board  
2015 ALISE conference program: papers and panels  
2015 *School Library Research*  
2015 International Journal of Libraries and Information Services (LIBRI)  
2015 Campus Research Board, application reviewer  
2015 *Library Quarterly, School Media Research*  
2013 iSchools Conference, Fort Worth, Texas  
2012 *International Journal of Library and Information Science*  
2012 iSchools Conference, Toronto, Ontario  
2011 *Library Quarterly*  
2011 *American Periodicals* special issue on children in periodicals  
2010-11 *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*

## BOOK REVIEWS

2013 McDowell, Kate. [Main Street Public Libraries] *SHARP News* (Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing).  
2006 McDowell, Kate. [Storytelling in Daily Life: Performing Narrative] *On the Horizon* 14, no. 4 (2006): 173-174.

## CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

2007-18 Director, Storytelling Festival, annual fundraising event for the Center for Children's Books.  
2016 Guest Storyteller, Kenwood Elementary School library, May 4, 2016.  
2015 Co-Director with Amy Atkinson, annual Storytelling Festival, Center for Children's Books, April 4, 2015  
2012 McDowell, Kate. "Letter to Youth" in Ask Your Librarian: Letters to Youth, Kafi Kumasi, ed., Digital Commons Press, 52-54.  
2012 Featured Storyteller, Fairy Tale Ball, The Urbana Free Library, March 2012.  
2011 Producer, Storytelling Festival Vol. 2: Center for Children's Books, audio CD.

2009 Producer, Storytelling Festival Vol. 1: Center for Children's Books, audio CD.

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS**

- 2018 Data Storytelling: Structures and Strategies. Sponsored by Library UX Chicago, <http://libraryuxchicago.weebly.com/>. May 4, 2018.
- 2018 Storytelling, Data, and Listening, or Telling the Story of Your Organization. Corporate Showcase, sponsored by School of Information Sciences. April 24, 2018.
- 2018 Storytelling Your Career workshop for graduate students at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, sponsored by the Graduate College, University of Illinois, March 2, 2018.
- 2017 Storytelling Paradoxes: Reevaluating library wisdom for effective organizational storytelling. iSchool Research Showcase, November 8, 2017.
- 2017 Storytelling Your Career workshop for James Scholars, College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences, October 24, 2017.
- 2017 Storytelling Your Career workshop series for the MBA, College of Business, Business Instructional Facility, September 1, 2017 and September 8, 2017.
- 2017 "Storytelling for Advancement" Leading Forward program, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, August 27, 2017.
- 2017 "Storytelling Thinking," Research Park, EnterpriseWorks Atrium, May 30, 2017.
- 2017 "Storytelling Your Path," Engineering Ambassadors (undergraduate engineers and public speaking), April 19, 2017
- 2017 "Storytelling Thinking for Nonprofits," Forefront (statewide nonprofit network), Champaign Public Library, April 20, 2017
- 2017 "Storytelling Thinking for Nonprofit Environmental Organizations," Prairie Rivers Network, Champaign, IL, April 27, 2017
- 2017 "Storytelling Thinking for Librarians," Urbana Free Library, February 20, 2017
- 2017 "Storytelling Thinking," Pecha Kucha Volume 23, Champaign Urbana Design Organization (CUDO), Virginia Theater, February 11, 2017
- 2017 "Storytelling Thinking," PACE Inc.-Center for Independent Living (disability services and rights organization), January 11, 2017

- 2016 "Storytelling Thinking for Engineering," Collins Scholars (seminar for new Engineering faculty), Engineering Hall, November 11, 2016
- 2016 "Storytelling and Fundraising," AFP Association of Fundraising Professionals, Anita Purvis Nature Center, November 18, 2016
- 2016 "Storytelling for Advancement," Leading Forward program, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, August 25, 2016.
- 2016 "Endings: Storytelling and Conclusions in Leadership," Leading Forward program, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, May 12, 2016.
- 2015 Telling the Illinois Story for Chief Advancement Officers, University of Illinois Foundation, February 2015
- 2015 "Storytelling and Fundraising," College of Fine and Applied Arts, Administrative Council Retreat, August 13, 2015.
- 2015 "Telling the Illinois Story: Storytelling and Advancement," Bootcamp program for new Advancement professionals, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, August 27, 2015.
- 2014 Telling the Illinois Story, workshop, University of Illinois Foundation, September 2014
- 2014 Storytelling: The Art of Sharing Values, workshop , University of Illinois Foundation, April 2014

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2018 "Data Story SLAM" Session for Interaction and Engagement, iConference 2018, Sheffield, England, UK, March 26, 2018.
- 2015 "Storytelling Thinking: Telling and Listening for Meaningful Connections with Donors," Council for Advancement and Support of Education District V Conference, Chicago, IL, December 14, 2015.
- 2015 "Integrating Community Engagement in Online Education," WISE Pedagogy Pre-conference Workshop, ALISE conference, Chicago, IL, January 27.
- 2014 ASIS&T Poster, "Closing the App Gap: From Plan to Project I" with Deborah Stevenson and Cass Mabbott, November 3.

- 2014 "21st Century Library and Information Science Education," On the Frontlines Conference, Springfield, IL.
- 2013 "Whither the Child? The iSchool Approach to Research Relating to Children and Adolescents" with Leanne Bowler (University of Pittsburgh) and Denise Agosto (Drexel University), iSchools iConference, Fort Worth, Texas, February.
- 2012 "Slipping into Whiteness: May Masee, Rebecca Caudill, and their 1947 Letters about the 'N' Word," Children's Literature Association (ChLA), Boston, MA, June.
- 2011 "The Art of Evolution: Images of Geological Time in Science Books for Children, 1865-1956," Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing (SHARP), Washington, D.C., July.
- 2011 Picturing Evolution: Images of Geological Time in Science Books for Children, 1865-1956, ALISE, Works In Progress Poster Session, San Diego, January.
- 2010 "Evolution in Five Children's Public Library Collections: Recommendations, Selection, and Circulation," with Caroline Nappo, Library History XII, Madison, Wisconsin, September.
- 2010 "Read it Again!: Great Books for Preschool Groups," On the Frontlines Conference, Illinois State Library, Springfield, IL, March.
- 2010 "Including Children's Voices in Youth Services History," Youth Services SIG program on Inclusive Voices. Boston, MA, January.
- 2009 "Youth Services History as Resource and Source." Library Research Round Table (LRRT) meeting at the American Library Association conference, Chicago, IL, July.
- 2009 "Children's Voices in Librarians' Words: Child Readers in the United States from 1890-1930." Juried panel presentation (one of three proposals accepted from over twenty submitted) for the Library History Round Table (LHRT) meeting at the ALA conference, Chicago, IL, July.
- 2009 "Children's Voices in Librarians' Words: Child Readers in Libraries in the United States from 1890-1930." Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing (SHARP), Toronto, Canada, June.
- 2008 "Darwin and evolution in science books for children, 1859-1926," Print Culture in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Medicine conference, Madison, WI, September.



- 2008 "Children's Literary Choices, 1890-1930," Children's Literature Association conference, Bloomington-Normal, IL, June.
- 2008 "Survey Methods in Librarianship and Youth Services, 1882-1906," Juried Paper, Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE Annual Conference), January.
- 2008 "A History of Children as Readers, 1890-1930," Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing (SHARP) conference, Oxford, U.K., June.
- 2007 "From 'Not Unreal' to Fantasy: Librarians' Changing Recommendations of Children's Books, 1876-1900," panel presentation, Children's Literature Association conference, June.
- 2006 "Truth Over Fiction: Librarians' Book Recommendations for Children, 1876-1900," panel presentation, Education and the Culture of Print in Modern America conference, sponsored by the Center for the History of Print Culture in Modern America, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September.

## **GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH SUPERVISION**

- 2017 Second reader for Master's thesis, Christy Moss, MS/LIS earned August 2017, Employed as Senior Director of Strategic Engagement, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2014-17 Chair and Advisor, Dr. Mikki Smith, PhD earned May 2017, employed at the Corning Museum of Glass Archives, Corning, NY
- 2016- Chair and Advisor for PhD student Alaine Martaus
- 2016- Chair and Advisor for PhD student Kirstin Phelps
- 2016 Field Exam Committee member for PhD student DeAnza Williams
- 2016 Annual Review committee member for Ruohua Han
- 2016 Annual Review committee member for Emily Lawrence
- 2016 Annual Review committee member for DeAnza Williams
- 2015-16 Faculty supervisor for Research Assistants Wei Gao and Mikki Smith
- 2015 CAS Committee member for Joseph Coyle (defended July 20, 2015)
- 2015 CAS Committee member for William Pooler
- 2015 Faculty supervisor for Teaching Assistants Mikki Smith and Jeanie Austin

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

(\*new courses, +redesigned courses, #co-taught courses)

Data Science Storytelling \*#

Description: An introduction to understanding data as a source for storytelling and to telling stories based on data. This process will include understanding and

analyzing data sets to find informative aspects, changes, or contrasts that will provide the basic information for developing stories. Course participants will learn storytelling concepts, narrative theories, and performance techniques and develop stories in a collaborative workshop style. Students will work with data visualization toolkits, which will involve variable levels of coding and skill. By using storytelling techniques with data, students can develop, and tell well-evidenced stories, organizations can make better data-driven decisions.

#### Libraries, Information, and Society \*#

Explores major issues in the library and information science professions as they involve their communities of users and sponsors. Analyzes specific situations that reflect the professional agenda of these fields, including intellectual freedom, community service, professional ethics, social responsibilities, intellectual property, literacy, historical and international models, the socio-cultural role of libraries and information agencies and professionalism in general, focusing in particular on the interrelationships among these issues. Required M.S. degree core course.

#### Storytelling +

Description: Fundamental principles of the art of storytelling including techniques of adaptation and presentation; content and sources of materials; story cycles; methods of learning; practice in storytelling; and planning the story hour for school and public libraries, recreational centers, the radio, television, and digital media.

#### Fantasy Literature and Media for Youth \*#

Description: Covers the selection and evaluation of historical and contemporary fantasy literature and media for library collections aimed at children and young adults. Texts examined will include books, movies, and games.

#### History of Readers \*#

Description: This doctoral seminar will encourage multi-disciplinary approaches to studying readers at any point in the past, whether centuries ago or more recent times. Assigned readings will engage critical theory, exemplary histories of readers, and evidence of reading and challenges to usual historical methodologies. Students will gain in-depth understanding of reading populations, from individuals to communities, and grapple with issues of what counts as valid historical evidence for making arguments about the typically ephemeral process of reading.

#### Youth Services Community Engagement \*

Description: This service-learning course will examine youth services by exploring how young people's information and educational needs are met by community institutions and organizations. We will draw upon youth services librarianship and youth informatics concepts to explore youth informatics in after school programs, community center programs, and other institutions that serve young people. A significant portion of coursework will take the form of

service learning or community-based research via approved projects that match students' interests. [Recommended for both Youth Services and Community Informatics students.]

#### Literature and Resources for Children

Description: Evaluation, selection and use of books and other resources for children (ages 0-14) in public libraries and school media centers; explores standard selection criteria for print and nonprint materials in all formats and develops the ability to evaluate and promote materials according to their various uses (personal and curricular) and according to children's various needs (intellectual, emotional, social and physical).

#### Youth Services Librarianship

Description: Theory and techniques in planning, implementing and evaluating library programs/services for youth (age 0-18) in public and school libraries/media centers; the knowledge base, skills, and competencies needed by the library media professional in the development of all aspects of young people's reading/viewing/listening and information literacy skills.

### **SERVICE (DISCIPLINARY / PROFESSIONAL — National)**

- 2018 (forthcoming) Member, ALISE Connie Van Fleet Award for Research Excellence in Public Library Services to Adults, with chair Dr. Heidi Julien, President of ALISE.
- 2018 Member, External Review Panel, Committee on Accreditation of the American Library Association, site visit
- 2017 Peer reviewer for School Library Research
- 2017 External P&T reviewer for School of Information, Kent State, Ohio
- 2017 External P&T reviewer for School of Information Science, Univ. of Kentucky
- 2017 Member, External Review Panel, Committee on Accreditation of the American Library Association, site visit
- 2017 Peer reviewer for Libraries: Culture, History, and Society
- 2017 Reviewer for doctoral student poster session, ALISE 2017 (Atlanta)
- 2017 NEH Nonfiction Advisory Board, nonfiction booklist committee
- 2016 Co-Chair, ALISE Conference Program

- 2016 ALISE task force on Streamlining the Conference, spring
- 2016- Library Trends advisory board
- 2015 Judge, ALISE Jean Tague-Sutcliff Doctoral Student Poster Competition
- 2015 Chair, panel titled "Narratives from the Temple of Knowledge: Using our Stories for Internal and External Outreach" at the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, May 22, 2015.
- 2015 Committee member, ALISE LMC Paper Award Committee
- 2015 Committee member, ALISE/Pratt-Severn Faculty Innovation Award Cmte
- 2013 Committee Member, The ALISE Pratt-Severn Faculty Innovation Award
- 2013 Committee Member, The ALISE Pratt-Severn Faculty Innovation Award
- 2011-12 Chair, Travel Grant Committee, Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Youth Services Special Interest Group
- 2011-12 Co-Chair of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Youth Services Special Interest Group, with Dr. Denise Agosto
- 2010-11 Committee Member, Winsor Award Committee, Library History Round Table, American Library Association
- 2008-10 Committee Member, Travel Grant Committee, Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Youth Services Special Interest Group
- 2008-9 Chair, PUBYAC (Public Libraries, Young Adults, and Children) Listserv Migration Committee
- 2008 Invited Participant, Young Adult Library Service Association (YALSA) annual Strategic Planning Session, American Library Association conference, Philadelphia, PA, January 2008.

**SERVICE (CAMPUS-WIDE)**

- 2018 Campus Strategic Planning Panel, giving input on the campus-level strategic plan, led by Staci Provezis, April 20, 2018.
- 2018 iSchool and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign representative, Targeting Autism National Forum, Illinois State Library, Springfield, IL, May 17-18, 2018.
- 2017 Member, mock interview panel, Marshall Scholarship interviews, National

and International Scholarship Programs (David Schug), November 9, 2017.

- 2015-17 Member (and frequent guest Chair) of the Subcommittee on Student Conduct, Office of Student Conflict Resolution, Office of the Dean of Students, University of Illinois
- 2017 Search committee member for the Director of the Spurlock Museum
- 2016 Member, Ad Hoc Advisory Group on online education, Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning
- 2015 Invited discussion facilitator, Graduate College Mentoring Workshop

### **SERVICE (DEPARTMENTAL)**

- 2018 Guest speaker, Teach Talks for Welcome Weekend, organized by IM Advisor Jessica Williams, February 23, 2018
- 2017-18 Member, Dean's Advisory Committee (appointed along with elected Executive Committee members), Promotion and Tenure Committee (college level), School of Information Sciences.
- 2017-18 Member, Core Accreditation Team, preparing the iSchool and its faculty and staff for the process of accreditation in fall 2018, including contributing draft versions of sections of the Plan for the Self-Study, the Self-Study (due May 22) and more. Bi-weekly meetings from September 2017 to the present.
- 2017-18 Faculty search, Digital Youth application evaluation committee, directed by Dr. Nicole Cooke
- 2017-18 Member, Promotion and Tenure committee for Dr. Nicole Cooke
- 2017 Chair, Promotion and Tenure 3<sup>rd</sup> year review committee for Dr. Rachel Magee
- 2017 Member, Promotion and Tenure 3<sup>rd</sup> year review committee for Dr. Elizabeth Massa Hoiem
- 2017 Chair, Research Services Review Committee. Coordinated a team of four faculty members who gathered input from all stakeholders associated with the Research Services unit of the iSchool and generated a five-page report distilling the recommendations of stakeholders into actionable items toward improvements in research support services to the school, including recommendations for hiring, unit reorganization, and updates to the role of Associate Dean for Research.
- 2017-18 Member, iSchool Welcome Weekend Planning Committee
- 2017 Host for Summer Predoctoral Institute students, June 1, 2017
- 2017 Guest Storyteller, iSchool Holiday Party, December 19, 2017
- 2016-18 Chair of the Admissions Committee, a standing committee "responsible for reviewing the credentials of applicants to the MS and CAS programs and recommending admissions to and financial aid for the MS and CAS programs" as stated in the iSchool Bylaws: <https://ischool.illinois.edu/our-school/policies/bylaws>. Meetings at least monthly through the academic

calendar and additional reports at faculty meetings and as needed for coordination across the school.

- 2016-18 Member, Space Committee
- 2006-18 Member, Advisory Committee to the UIUC Education and Social Science Library's School Collection of Children's and Young Adult Literature
- 2014-18 Faculty mentor to tenure-track faculty members Dr. Elizabeth Hoiem (started 2014) and Dr. Rachel Magee (started 2015)
- 2016-17 Leader, iSchool Campus Charitable Fund Drive
- 2016 Chair, search committee for Web and Marketing Specialist
- 2016 Attended conference and participated in workshop, spring 2016
- 2016 Member, Artist in Residence discussion group, Envisioning our Information Future and How to Educate For It, IMLS funded, Linda Smith co-PI
- 2015-16 Faculty advisor, Progressive Librarians Guild iSchool student group
- 2015-16 Informal faculty advisor, recreational iSchool Stitch and Bitch group
- 2015 Careers Panel for Doctoral Students, GSLIS PhD Proseminar
- 2015 Abstract Writing Workshop, GSLIS ALA student chapter
- 2014-16 Executive Committee (elected 2 terms)
- 2014-16 Board member, Targeting Autism project, with Illinois State Library
- 2014 Chair, Diversity Committee (founded spring 2014)
- 2011- Member, Doctoral Studies Committee
- 2010 Keys to Success in Graduate School, presentation, GSLIS Advising Panel
- 2009-11 Member, Career Advisory Committee
- 2009- Faculty Affiliate, Center for Children's Books
- 2008-10 iSchool representative to the Freedom to Read Foundation of the ALA
- 2008-10 Chair, Youth Literature and Services Program/Cluster
- 2008-09 Gryphon Award Committee, Center for Children's Books
- 2008 Faculty Representative, Library School Alumni Association Awards Cmte
- 2007-11 Faculty Organizer, Story Coach Group
- 2007-11 Member, Curriculum Committee
- 2007 Organizer of Ctr for Children's Books Presentation at UIUC Foundation Day
- 2007 Member, joint Internal Review committee for IMLS proposals
- 2006-07 Member, Publications Committee
- 2006-07 Member, Lecture Committee
- 2001-03 Member, Blue Ribbons Award Cmte, Bulletin of the Ctr for Children's Books

### **SERVICE (AND ON-CAMPUS INVITED PRESENTATIONS)**

- 2017 Guest judge, American Library Association student chapter trivia contest, benefitting the ALA Disaster Relief Fund, November 30, 2017.
- 2017 Consultant, Alumni relations for 2017 holiday communications (storytelling quotes) with Jill Gengler, School of Information Sciences
- 2017 Guest speaker, Advancement Boot Camp (training for Advancement professional on the three campuses of the University of Illinois)
- 2016-18 Organizer, faculty research session for Welcome Weekends
- 2016 Presenter on writing conference abstracts, ALA student group
- 2016 Guest speaker for Social Media, 590SML, instructor Jinseok Kim

- 2016 Guest speaker for Libraries, Literatures, and Literacies series
- 2016 Guest speaker for Storytelling, instructor Dan Keding
- 2016 Co-sponsor with Nicole Cooke of Julia Hersberger as Research Fellow
- 2015 Overview of GSLIS, presentation to Mortensen Center international visitors
- 2015 "21st Century LIS Education at GSLIS," for visiting group from Korea
- 2015 Guest Instructor, Storytelling LIS409LE taught by Keren Moses Joshi
- 2015 Presenter, LIS Research Methods Round Table on ethnographic observational research
- 2015 Research Showcase poster session, "Closing the App Gap" with Deborah Stevenson and Cass Mabbott
- 2014 Research Showcase poster session, "Comparing Leep with Other Online Programs," with Wei Gao, Caroline Nappo, and Mikki Smith,
- 2014 Brown Bag, Youth Services in Korea, Center for Children's Books
- 2011 Guest Lecturer, CMN 368, Sex in the Media
- 2009 Guest Lecturer, LIS LIS409A and LIS409B, Storytelling
- 2008 Guest Storyteller and Lecturer, LIS409, Storytelling
- 2008 Guest Lecturer, LIS590BTW, Serving Children in Schools and Communities
- 2008 Guest Lecturer, LIS490ITG, Entrepreneurial IT Design
- 2006 "Truth Over Fiction in Librarians' Recommendations of Children's Literature, 1876-1890," guest speaker for LIS 514 LE: History of Children's Literature,
- 2006 "The Social and Cultural Origins of Youth Services Librarianship: 1876-1902," guest speaker for LIS 590, Doctoral Seminar: Youth, Literature, and Culture
- 2005 "Musical Elements of Storytelling," guest lecture in LIS409 Storytelling
- 2005 "Public Library Boards and Local Governmental Structures," guest lecture in LIS505 Administration and Management of Libraries and Information Ctrs

**SERVICE (PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT)**

- 2017 Guest storyteller, Benefit Storytelling Concert for the Wesley Food Pantry, December 2, 2017
- 2013 Moderator, "The Current Moment in Young Adult Literature: A Conversation with Dr. Jennifer Buehler, Department of Education," English Department, Saint Louis University, December 6, 2013.
- 2012 Guest Speaker, "Storytelling in the Classroom," Teacher In-service Day, Springfield (IL) Public Schools
- 2011 Interviewee for article "Storytelling and Libraries," featured story for ilovelibraries.org, an initiative of the American Library Association
- 2010 Storytelling Concert: performed as a storyteller and led a group of student performers for Family Literacy Night, South Side Elementary School
- 2010 Storytelling Concert: performed as a storyteller and led a group of student performers for Family Reading Night, Westview Elementary School

- 2009 Invited Speaker, "Read It Again! Great Books for Preschool Classes," Early Reading First grant, Danville, IL. Based on this talk, created "Read It Again! Great Books for Preschool Classes" list and distributed to local public libraries
- 2009 Interviewee for 'Learning Technologies Online,' online learning courses co-authored by Caroline Haythornthwaite, created by company Epigeum (U.K.)
- 2009 Interviewee, segment, Intelligent T.V. (Peter Kaufman)
- 2009 Faculty member contributing in-kind time donation, Mix IT Up! Grant, IMLS funded, with Principal Investigator Rae Anne Montague
- 2008 Interviewee, WILL AM 580, on the topic Playing With Books (radio)
- 2007- Member of Champaign Area Elementary Librarians and Library Educators Group (CALLEG), meets bi-annually
- 2007 Interviewee for Illinois Library Association (ILA) newsletter article by Jane Chamberlain on the roles of library trustees
- 2007 Interviewee for newspaper article "Once Upon a Time: libraries keep up with the ages through digital storytelling" by Kate Houlihan, Naperville Sun Times
- 2006-10 Consultant to Char Williams of Tolono Public Library, recommending student summer story time internships, yearly
- 2006 Storyteller, "How Possum Brought Fire: A Story from Mexico," Booker T. Washington Afterschool Program (coordinated by Ann Bishop)
- 2003-08 Trustee, The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees. Served as Co-Chair of the Executive Director Search Committee, May 2006-May 2007. Served as Vice-President of the Board June 2006-June 2007.
- 1999- Member, Urbana Children's Librarians group, meets annually

**ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2014- Storytelling Consultant for Non-Profits, Local and Statewide Fundraising Organizations, Public-Private Partnerships
- 1999-03 Children's Librarian, Urbana Free Library, Urbana, IL

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**



2014-17 American Library Association  
2007-14 SHARP (Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing)  
2006-14 Children's Literature Association  
2004- Young Adult Library Services Association  
2003- Association for Library and Information Science Education  
1997-99 American Library Association  
1997- Association for Library Service to Children