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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. – Communication, Information & Library Studies, Rutgers University (2012)
- M.S. – Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (2003)
- M.A. – Religious Studies, the University of Chicago Divinity School (2000)
- B.A. – Religious Studies, Smith College (1998)

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

School of Information Sciences (formerly GSLIS)

The University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, Champaign, Illinois

Professor (2024 -)

Director of Graduate Studies (January 2022 - August 2022)

Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Director of Graduate Studies (January 2020 - December 2021)

Program Director for the B.S. in Information Sciences (2018 - 2020)

Associate Professor (2018 - 2024)

Assistant Professor (2012 - 2018)

St. Mark's (now Keller) Library

The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, New York, New York

Associate Director and Reference Librarian (2006 - 2008)

Reference Librarian (2003 - 2006)

BOOKS

Knox, E.J.M. (2023). *Foundations of Intellectual Freedom*. ALA/Neal-Schumann.

Winner of the 2022 Eli M. Oboler Memorial Award for the best published work in the area of intellectual freedom.

Knox, E.J.M. (2015). *Book Banning in 21st Century America*. Rowman & Littlefield.

Knox, E. (2009). *Document Delivery and Interlibrary Loan on a Shoestring*. Neal-Schuman.

EDITED VOLUMES

Burgess, J.T.F. & **Knox, E.J.M.** (Eds.) (2019). *Foundations of Information Ethics*. ALA/Neal-Schumann, Facet.

Knox, E.J.M. (Ed.) (2017). *Trigger warnings: History, theory, context*. Rowman & Littlefield.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Knox, E.J.M. (2024). Embodiment, endorsement, and policy: Considerations for intellectual freedom in the library. *Information & Culture*, 59(2), 109-124.

Charles, A., Hare-Duke, L., Nudds, H., Franklin, D., Llewellyn-Beardsley, J., Rennick-Egglestone, S., Gust, O., Ng, F., Evans, E., **Knox, E.**, Townsend, E., Yeo, C. & Slade, M. (2022). Typology of content and trigger warnings: Systematic review, *PLoS One*.
(Contribution: Methodology; Validation; Writing – reviewing and editing)
<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0266722>.

Oltmann, S.M., **Knox, E.J.M.**, Peterson, C. (2021). The significance of access to information—and the challenges it faces in librarianship. *Library Philosophy and Practice*.
<https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/libphilprac/5094/>.

Knox, E.J.M. (2020). Intellectual freedom and social justice: Tensions between core values in librarianship. *Open Information Sciences*, 4(1). 10.1515/opis-2020-0001.

Knox, E.J.M. (2019). Silencing stories: Challenges to diverse books. *International Journal for Information, Diversity & Inclusion*, 3(2). 10.33137/ijidi.v3i2.32592.

Knox, E.J.M. & Oltmann, S. (2018). Social responsibility, censorship, and the ALA: The 2015 Banned Books Week controversy. *The Library Quarterly*, 88(1), 5 – 22.

- Knox, E.J.M. (2017). Indoctrination and common sense interpretation of texts: The Tucson Unified School District book banning. *Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy*, 2(2), 11-23.
- Darch, P. & **Knox, E.J.M.** (2017). Ethical perspectives on data and software sharing in the sciences: A research agenda. *Library & Information Science Research*, 39(4), 295-302.
- Peterson, C., Oltmann, S. & **Knox, E.J.M.** (2017). The cultural work of internet filters: A case study of implementing web censorship in Alabama public schools & libraries. *International Journal of Communication*, 11, 4583-4609.
- Oltmann, S., Peterson, C. & **Knox, E.J.M.** (2017). Analyzing challenges to library materials: An incomplete picture. *Public Library Quarterly*, 36(4), 274-292.
- Oltmann, S.M., **Knox, E.J.M.**, Peterson, C. & Musgrave, S. (2015). Using open records laws for research purposes. *Library & Information Science Research*, 37(4), 323-328.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2014). Society, institutions, and common sense: Themes in the discourse of challengers in 21st century United States. *Library & Information Science Research*, 36(3-4), 171-178.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2014). Intellectual freedom and the agnostic-postmodernist view of reading effects. *Library Trends*, 63(1), 11-26.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2014). The books will still be in the library: Narrow definitions of censorship in the discourse of challengers. *Library Trends*, 62(4), 740-749.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2014). Supporting intellectual freedom: Symbolic capital and practical philosophy in librarianship. *The Library Quarterly*, 84(1), 8-21.
- Knox, E. (2007). How one part-time library staff member can provide interlibrary loan service. *Journal of Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery & Electronic Reserve*, 17(4), 87-94.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Knox, E.J.M. (2022). Censorship and children's literature. Karen Coats & Deborah Stevenson (Eds.) *A companion to children's literature*. New York, NY: Blackwell.
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/9781119038276.ch33>

Knox, E.J.M. (2021). Agility in an age of information ubiquity: Freedom of expression and information policy. In Duff, A.S. (Ed.) *Research Handbook on Information Policy*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Knox, E.J.M. (2020). Ethics. In M. Wong and L. Saunders (Eds.), *Reference and Information Services* (6th ed.) (pp. 27-49). Englewood, CO: Libraries Unlimited.

Knox, E.J.M., Oltmann, S.M. & Peterson, C. (2019). Designing research using FOI requests in the USA. Kevin Walby (Ed.) *Freedom of Information and Social Science Research Design*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Knox, E.J.M. (2019). Information access. In Burgess, J.T.F. and Knox, E.J.M (Eds.), *Foundations of Information Ethics*. (pp. 37-46). Chicago, IL: American Library Association.

Knox, E.J.M. (2016). Ethics and reference services. In L. Smith and M. Wong (Eds.), *Reference and Information Services* (5th ed.) (pp. 27-72). Englewood, CO: Libraries Unlimited.

Knox, E. (2014). Religion and intellectual freedom. In M. Alfino & L. Koltutsky (Eds.). *The Library Juice Handbook of Intellectual Freedom* (pp. 321-333). Sacramento, CA: Library Juice Press.
Winner of the 2016 Eli M. Oboler Memorial Award for the best published work in the area of intellectual freedom.

Knox, E. (2013). The challengers of West Bend: An institutional approach. In L.S. Robbins & C. Pawley (Eds.). *Libraries and the Reading Public in Twentieth-Century America* (pp. 200-216). Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press.

INVITED PUBLICATIONS

Campbell, H., **Knox, E.**, Saunders, R., & Totleben, K. (2025). Developing ALA's Journal Publication Ethics Policy. *College & Research Libraries*, 86(1), 2. doi:<https://doi.org/10.5860/crl.86.1.2>

Knox, E.J.M. (2021, September/October). LIS and the Next Crisis: Learn from COVID-19 to plan for the future. *American Libraries*.
<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2021/09/01/lis-education-the-next-crisis>

Dapier, J. and **Knox, E.** (2020, July 8.) When not to call the cops: A plea to protect Black patrons. *American Libraries*.
<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2020/07/08/rethinking-when-to-call-the-cops/>

Knox, E.J.M. (April 2020). Books, censorship, and anti-intellectualism in schools. *Phi Delta Kappan*, 101(7): <https://kappanonline.org/books-censorship-anti-intellectualism-schools-knox/>

Knox, E.J.M. (2017). Opposing censorship in difficult times. *The Library Quarterly*, 87(3), 268-276.

WHITE PAPER

Knox, E., Koh, K., & Zalot, A. (2022). Measuring the Impact and Value of Makerspaces in Public Libraries. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign School of Information Sciences. <https://hdl.handle.net/2142/116311>

BOOK UNDER REIVEW

Knox, E.J.M. (expected 2025). *Book Banning in 21st Century America*. (2nd Edition). Rowman & Littlefield.

INVITED TALKS & PANELS

Congressional Testimony

Knox, E. (2023, September 12). *Book Challenges and the Targeting of Public Institutions*. Testimony before the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Book Bans: Examining How Censorship Limits Liberty and Literature. <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/committee-activity/hearings/book-bans-examining-how-censorship-limits-liberty-and-literature>

Research Audience

Knox, E. (2024, April). *Intellectual Freedom and Social Justice*. 2024 Augusta Baker Lecture. University of South Carolina. Columbia, SC.

Knox, E. (2024, March). *Books and the Culture War*. 2024 Womack Lecture. Fresno State University Library. Fresno, CA.

Knox, E. & Pierceson J. (2023, November). *The Navy Censored My Book! Modern Day Book Bans and the Ongoing Fight for Intellectual Freedom*. Speaker for Engaged Citizenship Common Experience (ECCE) Speaker Series. University of Illinois at Springfield.

Knox, E. (2023, November). *What's the Point of Banning Books? Book Banning and the Culture Wars*. Virtual talk for Frederick Douglass Institute Lunch Enounters Series. West Chester University.

Chen, A., **Knox, E.**, Zimmerman, J & Policastro, M. (Moderator). (2023, October). *Curriculum Wars: The Battle to Control our Schools*. Virtual panel at American Dream Reconsidered Conference. Roosevelt University.

- Knox, E. (2023, April). *Books and the Culture War*. 2023 Annual Bobinski Lecture. School of Information Science. University at Buffalo, NY.
- Knox, E. (2023, March). *Intellectual Freedom and Social Justice*. Virtual talk at Florida State University School of Information.
- Knox, E. (2023, March). *Teaching in the Age of Book Bans: Supporting and School Leaders with Controversial Topics*. East Carolina University, NC.
- Knox, E.**, Kumas, K., Irvin, V. (2022, December). *Banning Books, Banning Readers: Balancing Intellectual Freedom in the Winds*. Virtual panel for University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education's Hub for Equity, Anti-oppression, Research and Development (HEARD).
- Knox, E.** & Oltmann, S. (2022, October). *What's so critical about intellectual freedom?* #CriticalConversations in LIS. Virtual talk at University of South Carolina.
- Knox, E. (2022, September). *Why Ban Books?* Invited lecture. Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, IN.
- Behe, C., Dawkins, A., **Knox, E.**, Seasholes, C., Martin, M., Hunt, C. (moderator). (2022, September). *Intellectual Freedom Advocacy: A panel on today's chaotic conversations*. University of Washington Information School (Virtual) Panel Series.
- Knox, E. (2022, September). *Why Ban Books?* The Albion College Richard M. Smith Common Reading Experience Keynote Lecture. Albion, MI.
<https://www.albionpleiad.com/2022/09/behind-the-banned-books-a-conversation-with-author-dr-emily-knox/>
- Knox, E.J.M. (2022, June). *On Open Access and the Gendered History of Libraries*. University of Cambridge Department of History and Philosophy of Science Feminist Colloquy.
<https://hpsfeminist.wixsite.com/hpsfeminist>
- Knox, E.J.M. (2022, May) *Why Ban Books? Understanding the Discourse of Censorship*. Invited talk at Marymount Manhattan College.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2022, April). *Intellectual Freedom and Social Justice: Understanding the Discourse of Censorship*. 2022 Masha Dexter Lecture on Gender, Sexuality, and Public Policy at Brown University.

Knox, E.J.M., Lawrence, P.S., Price, R. & Whitted, Q. (2022, March).

Panelist for *Roots and Ramifications of 21st-Century Challenges to the Freedom to Read*, Winthrop University, South Carolina.

Knox, E.J.M. (2022, March). *Information access and ethics*. Lecture for Gates Scholars Community, University of Cambridge, UK.

Knox, E.J.M. (2022, March). *Why ban books?* Keynote at Obscenity! Blasphemy! Treason!: An Interdisciplinary International Conference on Censorship, National Taiwan University.

Bendler, B., Knox, E., & Ramdarshan Bold, M. (2020, September). *Beyond the Book List: How Can LIS Professionals Engage with Diverse Books to Advance Social Justice?* Invited virtual panel. Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

Knox, E.J.M. (2020, October). *Intellectual Freedom and Social Justice*. Invited virtual talk. Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
<https://tockify.com/carnegie.mellon.student.affairs/detail/803/1601506800000>

Knox, E.J.M. (2018, April). *Trigger Warnings*. Invited talk. University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.

Knox, E.J.M. (2018, April). *Trigger Warnings*. Invited talk. School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Knox, E.J.M. et al. (2018, March). *Allies Not Enemies: Intellectual Freedom and Social Justice*. Invited panelist with J. Gray and J. La Rue. University of Oregon Knight Library. Eugene, OR.

Knox, E. J. M. (2017, September). *Censorship and the Power of Reading*. Keynote. Byrnes-Quanbeck Library and the Mayville State Office of Diversity. Mayville State University. Mayville, ND.

Professional Audience

Knox, E. (2025, February). *Weaponized Buzzwords: How to Remove Their Power*. Legal Landscape of Librarianship (L3) Forum. University of Iowa. Virtual Talk.

Knox, E. (2025, February). *Freedom of Expression, Intellectual Freedom & Censorship*. Digital Literacy workshop co-hosted by Yonsei University's Research Institute for Academic Library Development and the Korea Society for Information Management. Virtual talk.

- Duncan, J., Kimery, L., **Knox, E.** & Lamdan, S. (2025, February). Unpacking Digital Censorship in Schools and Libraries. Library Futures Virtual Panel.
- Knox, E. (2025, January). Foundation of Intellectual Freedom. HELIN: The Higher Education Library Information Network. Virtual Talk.
- Knox, E. (2024, December). Intellectual Freedom and Book Banning. 24th Round Table on Free Access. Croatian Library Association – Commission for Free Access to Information and Freedom of Speech. Virtual Talk.
- Knox, E. (2024, October). Foundations of Intellectual freedom. Curatorial convening on Intellectual Freedom. Pulitzer Arts Foundation. St. Louis, MO.
- Alcántara-Antoine, S., Cole Adams, S., Creely, W. & Knox, E. (2024, September). *The Library as a Public Good for Flourishing in a Democratic Society*. Invited Panel. Free People Read Freely: A National Summit on Democracy, intellectual Freedom, and Book Censorship in the 21st Century. Library of Congress, Washington, DC.
- Drabinski, E., Knox, E. & Reimer, T. (Moderator). (2024, July). Confronting Book Bans: A Panel Discussion. University of Chicago Libraries. Virtual Panel Discussion.
- Knox, E. (2024, March). Intellectual Freedom & Censorship. Contra Costa (CA) County Library All Staff Training Day, Pleasant Hill, CA.
- Knox, E. (2024, March). Intellectual Freedom & Libraries. Multnomah County (WA) Public Library. Virtual training.
- Knox, E. (2024, February). Book Banning In 21st-Century America: A Book Talk with Emily J. M. Knox. Metropolitan New York Library Council (METRO).
- Hayes, N., Knox, E., Sotilleo, S. & Desire, M. (Moderator). (2024, February). Courage is Contagious: Celebrating Black History Month amidst Anti-Black Racist Propaganda. iBCALA Speakers Series.
- Knox, E. (2023, October). Connecting, Cultivating, and Collaborating in a Time of Crisis. Keynote. Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, Springfield, IL.
- Knox, E. (2023, September). Understanding Intellectual Freedom. Brooklyn Public Library Staff Development Keynote.

- Knox, E. (2023, September). Foundations of Intellectual Freedom. Monroe County Public Library Staff Development Day Keynote.
- Knox, E. (2023, September). Book Bans and the Culture Wars. Smith College Libraries invited lecture. Northampton, MA.
- Drabinski, E., Jaeger, P., **Knox, E.**, Thomas, F. & Hughes-Watkins, L. (Moderator). (2023, August). Safeguarding Intellectual Freedom. University of Maryland Librarians virtual Webinar.
- Knox, E. (2023, August). Understanding Intellectual Freedom and Censorship. Virtual Webinar. Niche Academy.
- Knox, E. (2023, July). Why Ban Books? Virtual Keynote for Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN) Annual Meeting.
- Knox, E. (2023, June). On Intellectual Freedom. ALA Continuing Education Webinar.
- Knox, E. (2023, June). What's the point? Books and the Culture War. Lecture for Fighting for the First Amendment and Fighting Against Book Bans in School and Public Libraries. EveryLibrary Summer Webinar Series.
- Jamison, A., Jones, L., **Knox, E.**, Oltmann, S., Sotilleo, S. & Garner, M. (Moderator). (2023, June). Opening keynote panel for Library 2.023 mini-conference. Banned Books and Censorship: Current Intellectual Freedom Issues in the Library.
- Knox, E. (2023, May). Intellectual Freedom in the Library and On Intellectual Freedom. Leader-in-Residence Talks for Managers and the Board. Edmonton (AB) Public Library.
- Knox, E. (2023, February). *You Can't Have Social Justice Without Intellectual Freedom*. Heterodoxy in the Stacks.
<https://hxlibraries.substack.com/p/you-cant-have-social-justice-without>
- Knox, E. (2023, February). *On Intellectual Freedom and Thinking Through Wicked Problems* (Workshops). Sponsored by Western Michigan University Library and Midwest Collaborative for Library Services.
- Knox, E. (2023, January). *Intellectual Freedom, Book Challenges, and Best Practices*. Keynote speaker for staff in-service for Prospect Heights (IL) Public Library.

- Knox, E. (2023, January) *Why ban books? Understanding the discourse of censorship*. Keynote speaker for the Central Illinois School Library Censorship Summit sponsored by Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE).
- Burgess, J., Haykal, A., **Knox, E.** & Gamboa, C. (Moderator). (2022, November). *What's the role of the librarian in supporting intellectual freedom?* Charleston Conference: Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition, Virtual.
- Burgess, J., Haykal, A., Knox, E., Gamboa, C. (moderator). (2022, September). *Banned Books Week Webinar: What's the role of the Higher Ed community in supporting intellectual freedom?* SAGE Publishing.
- Knox, E. (2022, September). *The PhD Journey and Understanding Book Challenges*. Keynote lecture for the Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management PhD Symposium.
- Knox, E. (2022, August). *Understanding Book Challenges*. New York University Division of Libraries Days of Learning Keynote.
- Knox, E. (2022, August). *Book Banning: Understanding Challenges*. Center for Success for High Needs Schools Professional Development Network, Virtual Annual Meeting,
- Garner, M., Kemper, C., **Knox, E.** & Weeks, R. (2022, July). *Provocation Panel on Where Intellectual Freedom and Social Justice Meet: A Call to Action*. Freedom to Read Foundation, virtual symposium.
- Knox, E.**, Lewis, C., Lukoff, K., McNerney, S., Pekoll, K. (2022, June). *Fight Censorship in your School and Public Library* panel presented by *Booklist*. American Library Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2022, June). *Thinking Through Wicked Problems: Misinformation, Disinformation & Media Literacy* (Lecture) and *Finding Support When You Have a Challenge* (Workshop). iSchool at Illinois Summer Getaway 2022: Media Literacy Professional Development for School Librarians.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2022, May). *Free Speech, the Myth of Neutrality, and Libraries as Intended Safe Spaces*. *Library Journal* and *School Library Journal* Professional Development Online Workshop & Guest Speaker Program: Equity in Action: Solidarity in Social Justice.
<https://www.libraryjournal.com/event/equity-in-action-april-2022>

- Davis, M., **Knox, E.**, Sass, R.K., Thomas, B. & Chrastka, J. (Moderator). (2022, April). *The Battle for Free Expression: Indie Publishers and Libraries in the Fight Against Censorship*. Keynote Panel for the Independent Book Publishers Association (IBPA) Publishing University.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2022, April). *Intellectual Freedom and Social Justice: Tensions between Core Values of Librarianship*. Keynote for British Columbia Library Association Annual Conference.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2022, April). *Intellectual Freedom and Social Justice: Core Values of Librarianship*. Keynote for Resource Sharing Alliance Day, Washington IL.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2022, March). *Intellectual freedom and social justice*. Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) Professional Development Alliance (PDA) lecture.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2022, January). *Intellectual Freedom and Social Justice: Core Values of Librarianship*. Association for College and Research Libraries Chapters Council.
- Anderson, A., **Knox, E.J.M.**, Regalla, L, & Van Halsema, P. (2021, December). *Long Term View on Investments in Making at the Institute of Museum and Library Services*. Capitol Hill Maker Faire Panel sponsored by Nation of Makers, IMLS & Congressional Maker Caucus.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2021, November). *Intellectual Freedom and Social Justice: Core Values of Librarianship*. Illinois Heartland Library System Member Day.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2021, November). *After the Fire: LIS Education in a Changed World*. Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) Member Day.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2021, November). *Media Literacy: The Problems of Misinformation and Disinformation and (Some) Ways to Address Them*. Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AILSE) Annual Conference.
- Dapier, J. & **Knox, E.** (2021, July). *Policing, Libraries, and #BLM: What have we learned?* National Conference of African American Librarians. <https://ncaal-virtual-conference.heysummit.com/talks/policing-libraries-and-blm-what-have-we-learned/>

Strossen, N. & **Knox, E.J.M.** (2021, April). *Intellectual Freedom in an Age of Political Polarization: A Conversation with Nadine Strossen and Emily Knox*. Illinois Library Association Noon Network:
<https://www.ila.org/events/ila-noon-network/remote-learning/intellectual-freedom-in-an-age-of-politi>

Knox, E. (2021, April). Understanding challenges to library materials and how to respond. Illinois Library Association Reaching Forward Illinois, Virtual Conference.

Knox, E.J.M. (2021, March). *Intellectual freedom AND social justice in libraries*. Elements of Empowerment: Defeating the Bullies and Trolls in the Library. Featured speaker for virtual conference:
<https://sites.google.com/view/elementsofempowerment/home>.

Knox, E.J.M. (2018, October). *Intellectual Freedom in the Age of Trigger Warnings*. Invited pre-conference program. Iowa Library Association, Cedar Rapids, IA.

Knox, E.J.M. et al. (2018, February). *Are Libraries Neutral? Have They Ever Been? Should They Be?* Debate with C. Bourg, E. Drabinski, E.C. Knowles, D. Lankes, J. LaRue, K. de la Pena McCook, K. Watson. ALA Midwinter President's Program. Denver, CO.

Knox, E. J. M. (2017, October). *Providing Ethical Services in Changing Times*. Keynote. Annual conference of the Health Science Librarians of Illinois. Bloomington, IL.

General Audience

Knox, E., Jones, B., McIntosh, J. (2024, August). *Panel: Book Banning and Libraries*. Free People Read Freely: Literacy, Inclusion and Democracy Symposium. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL.

Coulter, N., **Knox, E.**, McIntosh, Joyce & Alcántara-Antoine, S. (Moderator). (2024, February). *Book Lovers Bash: Public Libraries and Our Freedom to Read*. Baltimore County Public Library.

Eden, M., **Knox, E.** & Jenkinson, C. (Moderator). (2024, February). Conversations on Controversial Issues moderated by Clay Jenkinson: *Books Under Siege in America*. Vail Symposium.

Jensen, K., **Knox, E.**, & Santos-Green, L. (2023, November). *Barbara Ballinger Lecture: Discussion on Intellectual Freedom, Book Bans & Censorship*. Panel at Oak Park (IL) Public Library.

- Knox, E. (2023, November). *What's the Point of Banning Books?* Virtual talk for Society of Active Retirees (SOAR) Farmington Hills, MI.
- Eidelman, V., Jacobs, M., **Knox, E.**, Meehan, K., Trexler, J., White, T., Wright, A. & Shableski, J. (Moderator). (2023, October). *Book Bans and Censorship: The New American Epidemic*. New York Comic Con.
- Fee, K., **Knox, E.**, Robinson, C.M., Rodems, K. & Yohnka, E. (Moderator). (2023, October). *Beyond the Pages: Defending Your Right to Learn*. Panel organized by ACLU of Illinois.
- Bradley Hobbs, T., Knox, E., Roopnarine, S. & Grubbs, A. (Moderator). (2023, May). *Freedom to Read: Intellectual Freedom and a Healthy Democracy*. Keynote panel at Broward County (FL) Public Library.
- Ahmad, F., Arbeit, M., Knox, E., Martin, P., Moore, H. & Stewart-Bouley, S. (Moderator). (2023, May). *Confronting White Supremacy Symposium*. Community Change, Inc.
- Chrastka, J., Jenson, K. Jones, A., Knox, E., Miller, R. & Albanese, A. (Moderator). (2023, May). *Book Banning in America: What's Driving the Nationwide Surge in Book Bans—and How Freedom-to-Read Advocates Can Win*. Publisher's Weekly/U.S. Book Show.
- Knox, E. (2023, May). *You Can't Have Social Justice Without Intellectual Freedom*. Keynote for Leader-in-Residence Program. Edmonton (AB) Public Library
- Knox, E. (2023, April). *Why Ban Books?* Central Illinois Reads Kickoff Keynote Lecture. Peoria Public Library.
- Knox, E. (2023, February). *Intellectual Freedom and the Rise of Banned Books* (Keynote). *On Intellectual Freedom* and Western Michigan University Library.
- Knox, E. (2023, January). *Censorship Is No Friend of Social Justice: Protecting Intellectual Freedom in Polarized Times*. In conversation with Toni Samek. Centre for Free Expression at the Creative School. Toronto Metropolitan University.
- Knox, E. (2023, January). *Why ban books?* Invited virtual talk at Deerfield (IL) Public Library.
- Knox, E. (2022, September). *Banned books and CRT*. Invited lecture for the Cleveland Heights (OH) Library.

Auerbach, E., Hickson, M., **Knox, E.**, Mock, G., Samuels, C. (2022, September). *Amnesty International's Jailed for Words and Art: Uplifting Critical Voices Fighting Censorship*. Virtual panel.

Knox, E.J.M. (2022, April). *Why Ban Books: Foundations of Intellectual Freedom*. Oakton Community College Chicago Writers Series.

Knox, E.J.M. (2022, February). What's the point of banning books? University of Illinois Campus Honors Program Scholar Adventurers Series (SAS) lecture.

Knox, E.J.M. (2022, February). *Why ban books: Foundations of intellectual freedom*. University of Illinois Alumni Association Speakers' Series.

Knox, E. J. M. et al. (2016, March). *Understanding Book Challengers*. Panelist on Libraries and Public Access to Books: The Lawrence Clark Powell Lecture. 2016 Tucson Festival of Books. University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers, Panels, & Presentations

Zalot, A., **Knox, E.**, Oltmann, S. (2025, March). Libraries' responses to book challenges: Digging into the data. iConference. Bloomington, IN.

Knox, E., Myers, L., Zalot, A. & Martin, S.E.M. (Moderator/Coordinator). (2024, July). Obscenity, Authoritarianism, and Blasphemy: The Global Context of Book Banning. American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), Chicago, IL.

Bonn, M., Coward, C., **Knox, E.**, Marzullo, K., Subramaniam, M., Palmer, C., & Thomer, A. (2023, October). *Advancing LIS in iSchools: Building a Coalition to Ensure a Vibrant Future*. Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T), London, UK.

Ball, L.H., Bothma, T., Chowdhury, G., Cruickshank, P., Holmner, M., **Knox, E.** van Wyk, B. (2023, October). *Towards a Curriculum for Teaching the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence within the 4IR and Society 5.0*. Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T), London, UK.

Knox, E. McMenemy, D. & Oltmann, S. (2023, October). *Neutrality in Library and Information Ethics: A Debate in Alternative Foundations*. Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T), London, UK.

Essig, L., Snyder, J., Khalid, A., **Knox, E.**, Nguyen, T. & Jusova, I. (Moderator). (2023, October). Trigger warnings and intergenerational

concerns surrounding academic freedom. National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Oltmann, S. & **Knox, E.** (2022, October) *Censorship is Not a Panacea: Access to Information in a Resilient Society*. Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T), Pittsburgh, PA.

Cooke, N., Hands, A., **Knox, E.**, Rorissa, A., Singh, V. (2022, October). *LIS Leadership: Opportunities and Barriers for People of Color*. Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Pittsburgh, PA.

Currier, J., Suliman, H., **Knox, E.**, Zimmerman, M. (2022, October). *Who owns us in perpetuity?: A question of intellectual property, copyright, and information policy*. Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Pittsburgh, PA.

Alder, S., Lawrence, E. & **Knox, E.** (2022, July). "Whose Books? Diversity, Publishers, and 'Smiling Slaves.'" Paper for panel *Would you mind suggesting the sort of story...I could do best': The Power of the Publisher*. Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Oltmann, S., Ndumu, A., Burgess, J. & **Knox, E.** (2021, October). *Information Injustice and Intellectual Freedom: Polarizing Concepts for a Polarizing Time*. Association for Information Science and Technology Annual Conference (ASIS&T), Virtual and Salt Lake City, UT.

Chancellor, R., Collins, S., **Knox, E.** & Lim, A. (2021, June). *Confronting the Myth of Neutrality: Academic Libraries, Advocacy, and Free Speech*. American Library Association (ALA), Virtual Conference.

Harrant, A., Houghton, S., **Knox, E.** & Orellana Cabrera, J. (2021, January). *Advancing Social Justice Through the 9th Principle of the Code of Ethics*. American Library Association LibLearnX.

Knox, E. & Oltmann, S. (2020, June). *More Than Just Banned Books: Recent Research on Intellectual Freedom*. IFRT Chair's Program. American Library Association (ALA), Virtual Conference.

Dapier, J., Flanagan, N., **Knox, E.** & Ward, E. (2019, June) *Confronting White Nationalism in Libraries: A Panel Discussion*. American Library Association (ALA), Washington, DC.

- Kreib, D. & **Knox, E.** (2018, October). *Censorship: Looking in the Mirror – Part 2*. Annual Conference of the Illinois Library Association (ILA), Peoria, IL.
- Mattson, R., **Knox, E.** Paris, B. & Laster, S. (2017, October). *Government Records and Data Transparency in the Digital Age: Describing the Problem, Imagining Solutions*. Digital Library Federation Forum, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Krieb, D., **Knox, E.**, & Barnes, R. (2017, October). *Censorship: Looking in the Mirror*. Annual Conference of the Illinois Library Association (ILA), Tinley Park, IL.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2016, November). *Understanding book challenges*. Annual Conference of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), Atlanta, GA.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2016, July). *This book is inappropriate: Language, order, and reading*. Paper presented Annual Conference of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading & Publishing (SHARP), Paris, France.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2016, June). “*Dirty*” materials out of place: *Inappropriate books and social classification*. Paper at the Annual Conference of the American Library Association (ALA), Library History Roundtable, Orlando, FL.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2016, January). *Fundamentals of information ethics*. Presented on co-organized panel: Burgess, J., **Knox, E.**, Mon, L., Perry, H.B., Ross, J.M., & Steele, J. Radical change and ethical practice in the LIS classroom. Annual Conference of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Boston, MA.
- Augusto, A., Goldsmith A. & **Knox, E.** (2015, June). *Discourse analysis*. Presentation for panel Voices from the field: Methodology and more in library research. Annual Conference of the American Library Association (ALA), San Francisco, CA.
- Knox, E. (2015, April). *Teenagers are not young adults: Age, innocence, and the censorship of children’s literature*. Paper presented at Outlawed: The Naked Truth About Censored Literature for Young People, Fresno, CA.
- Garner, M. & **Knox, E.** (2015, March). “Ethical issues of open access.” Presentation at Biannual Conference of the Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL), Portland, OR.

Knox, E. (2015, January). *The books will still be in the library: Narrow definitions of censorship in the discourse of challengers*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Chicago, IL.

Knox, E. (2014, November). *It's the book's fault: Youth, intellectual freedom & librarianship*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Social Science History Association (SSHA), Toronto, Canada.

Knox, E. (2014, September). *Reading should edify the soul: Religious reading and book challenges in the contemporary United States*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading & Publishing (SHARP), Antwerp, Belgium.

Knox, E. (2014, March). *The geography of censorship: Communities, challenges, and Harry Potter*. Note presented at the iConference, Berlin, Germany.

Knox, E. (2013, July). *Harry Potter and the geography of censorship*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading & Publishing (SHARP), Philadelphia, PA.

Knox, E., Pekoll, K., Perez, N. & Reimers, S. (2013, June). *How a book is saved: Challenges and how to fight them*. Presentation at the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Knox, E. (2012, September). *Political protest and interpretation: The Tucson Unified School District book "ban."* Paper presented at Protest on the Page: Print Culture History in Opposition to Almost Anything* (*you can think of): A Conference of the Center for the History of Print and Digital Culture, Madison, WI.

Knox, E. (2011, January). *Agnostic vs. traditional: An historical analysis of competing reading effects models*. Paper presented at the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Conference, San Diego, CA.

Discussant

"Reading without Books: Experiences of Print in Everyday Life in Imperial China, Tang through Qing" International Conference, Urbana, IL (September 2014).

"Information Ethics SIG and Information Policy SIG: More Data, More Problems: Strategically Addressing Data Ethics and Policy Issues in LIS Curricula and Courses" Annual meeting of the Association for Library

and Information Science Education (ALISE), Knoxville, TN (September 24, 2019).

Panels, Conferences, and Workshops Organized

Oltmann, S., Caldwell-Stone, D., **Knox, E.**, Peterson, C. (Organizing Committee). (2022, April). Internet Filtering Symposium. Hosted by the School of Information Science, University of Kentucky. IMLS Grant #LG-12-19-0051--S. Oltmann- PI.
<https://www.uky.edu/internetfilteringsymposium/home>

Cooke, N., Minow, M., Reyes, D., Valenza, J. La Rue, J. & **Knox, E. (Organizer)**. (2018, June). *Fake News or Free Speech: Is there a right to be misinformed?* Annual Conference of the American Library Association, New Orleans, LA.

Jones, B., **Knox, E.**, Rhinesmith, C., Winters, CM & and Wolske, M. (2018, April). *New Ways of Thinking About Digital Equity*. Pre-conference workshop at the Net Inclusion Conference, Cleveland, OH.

Oltmann, S. Kharzee, E., **Knox, E.** & Million, A.J. (2017, October). *The new information state: How information ethics and policy affects everyone*. Pre-conference workshop at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T), Washington, DC.

Knox, E. (Organizer). (2017, April). Information Ethics Roundtable. School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
<https://ier2017.wordpress.com/>

Buckland, A., Fenwick, B., Joseph, H. & **Knox, E.** (Co-organizer and moderator). (2017, March). *You say you want a revolution? The ethical imperative of Open Access*. Biannual Conference of the Association of College & Research Libraries, Baltimore, MD.

Burgess, J. & **Knox E.** (2017, January). *Trends in the Ethics of Community Engagement*. Annual Conference of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Atlanta, GA.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE POSTERS

Knox, E. (2013, February). *Reading practices and intellectual freedom research*. Poster presented at the iConference, Fort Worth, TX.

Knox, E. (2012, January). *The discourse of censorship: Understanding the worldviews of challengers*. Semi-finalist in ALISE/Jean Tague-Sutcliffe Doctoral Student Research Poster Competition presented at the

Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE)
Conference, Dallas, TX.

Knox, E. (2011, February). *A confirmatory factor analysis of library use*.
Poster presented at the iConference, Seattle, WA.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Krieb, D., **Knox, E.** & the Illinois Library Association Intellectual Freedom
Committee. (2018, April). Censorship: Looking in the Mirror. *Illinois
Library Association Report*, 36(2), 20-23.

Knox, E.J.M. (2016, September 28). Banned books are often diverse books.
Check the stats. *School Library Journal*.
<http://www.slj.com/2016/09/censorship/banned-books-are-often-diverse-books-check-the-stats/>

Knox, E.J.M. (2015, September 30). Study to explore link between book
challenges and diverse books. *School Library Journal*.
<http://www.slj.com/2015/09/industry-news/study-to-explore-link-between-book-challenges-and-diverse-books/>

Knox, E. (2011). Intellectual freedom: Internet resources. *Public Services
Quarterly*, 7(1), 49-55.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Note: All popular media appearances and interviews are posted to
emilyknox.net/media

Presenter for ASIS&T Webinar Series on “5 (or More) Tips for Thriving in
Your Ph.D.” Program Sponsored by the ASIS&T Midwest Chapter
(February 2, 2023).

Panelist with Millie Davis on Banned Books and the Culture Wars for Osher
Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Illinois (November 21, 2022).

Moderator for PEN America/Booklist virtual program “Breaking Bans: A
Celebration of Challenged Books” with Nikole Hannah-Jones, Renée
Watson Kim Johnson, and Kyle Lukoff (September 21, 2022).

Facilitator with Pennie Gray and Karen Schmidt for “Banned & Burned:
Book Censorship Then & Now.” Illinois State University’s Lifelong-
Learning Program (April 15, 2022).

Panelist with Shannon Oltmann and Patty Wong for American Library Association Connectivity Corner Instagram Live Program on Digital Inclusion (March 30, 2022).

Moderator for PEN America/Penguin Random House virtual program “Banned Books: When Books are Threatened, Where Do We Turn?” with Ibram X. Kendi, Nikole Hannah-Jones, and Nic Stone (March 29, 2022).

Panelist with Sara Dallas and Peter Coyl for “Standing Up for Intellectual Freedom Townhall.” Public Library Association Virtual Conference (March 25, 2022).

Presenter with Jarrett Dapier on “Policing In Libraries and the Fog of Implicit Bias.” Northeast Ohio Regional Library System. (October 21, 2021).

Co-Presenter with Ryan Lamare on Alternative Summative Assessments for the Illinois Summer Teaching Institute (June 23, 201).

Moderator for National Coalition Against Censorship Virtual Luncheon “Have We Gone Too Far in Protecting Free Speech?” with Martin Garbus and Randall Kennedy (June 15, 2021).

Presenter with Deborah Caldwell-Stone on “Oh, the Places You’ll Go”: The Intersection of Intellectual Freedom & Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Mid-Hudson Valley and South Adirondack Library Systems (June 4, 2021).

Presenter with Jarrett Dapier on “Policing and #BLM.” Black Caucus of the American Library Association President’s Program (May 11, 2021).

Presenter with Jarrett Dapier on “When Not to Call the Cops.” Black Caucus of the American Library Association President’s Program (March 22, 2021).

Panelist for the Education Justice Project Panel discussion on UIUC’s “Call to Action” (April 16, 2021).

Presenter for the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning’s Art of Teaching Series on “Effective and Efficient Teaching for Student Success” (February 4, 2021).

Presenter for ASIS&T Meet the Author Series with John T.F. Burgess on *Foundations of Information Ethics* (July 23, 2020).

Panelist on mentoring. SHARP Coffeehouse on Diversity, Equity and

Inclusion (June 18, 2020).

Speaker on Banned Books at Rantoul Public Library (September 25, 2019).

Panelist on hate speech. Defeating the Bullies and Trolls in the Library. Skokie Public Library (March 8, 2019).

Presenter on trigger warnings. University of Illinois Psychology Diversity Seminary (February 15, 2019).

Presenter with Vedat Diker. Undergraduate programs: Notes from the field. Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Webinar (February 7, 2019).

Speaker on Banned Books at Rantoul Public Library (September 26, 2018).

Panelist for Your Right to Say It at the Annual meeting of the American Civil Liberties Union - Champaign County (April 8, 2018).

Panelist on Why Free Speech is Seen as an Obstacle to Social Justice for the Free Expression Network (March 28, 2018).

Presenter on Banned Books at the University of Illinois Laboratory School (December 1, 2017).

Presenter for the University of Illinois Library Research Spotlight Series (November 8, 2017).

Speaker on Banned Books at Rantoul Public Library (September 27, 2017).

Presenter on Makerspaces to the Urbana Free Library Board (June 13, 2017).

Respondent for the Unit for Criticism Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series: Technological Futures and Networked Time at the Periphery by Anita Say Chan (March 13, 2017).

Presenter on “Burn Before Reading: Social Justice and book Censorship” for the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations, Diversity & Social Justice Education Conversation Café lunch series (February 10, 2017).

Panelist for History of Intellectual Freedom and Censorship webinar sponsored by the Freedom to Read Foundation (November 11, 2016).

Panelist for “Dialogues: Trigger Warnings: Balancing Academic Freedom and Survivor Support.” Illinois Women’s Resource Center (April 11, 2016).

Panelist for Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL) webinar “Academic Freedom in the Digital Age,” (September 30, 2015).

Co-Moderator for “Should I tweet that? Academic freedom and social media” at the Annual Conference of the American Library Association (ALA), San Francisco, CA (June 27, 2015).

Panelist on Laura Poitras’s documentary *Citizenfour* at the Art Theater Co-Op, Champaign IL (January 7, 2015).

Presenter on Makerspaces at the Heartland Maker Fest, Urbana, IL (October 18, 2014).

Presenter on the “Geography of censorship and mapping information access” for the GSLIS Youth, Literature & Culture Research Group (September 26, 2014).

Presenter on “The geography of censorship: Communities, challenges, and Harry Potter,” GSLIS Research Showcase (March 14, 2014).

Panelist for “Experiences from the Field,” LIS Access Midwest Program (LAMP) 2013 Summer Institute (May 31, 2013).

Presenter on “Reading practices and intellectual freedom research,” 2013 GSLIS Research Showcase (March 29, 2013).

Moderator for post-screening discussion of documentary *Precious Knowledge* (March 7, 2013).

Co-Presenter on career exploration for GSLIS student advising Nuts ‘n’ Bolts session (February 7, 2013).

Co-Presenter on research for GSLIS Connections (October 24, 2012).

Panelist on academic librarianship during fall 2012 LEEP Weekend (October 6, 2012).

Panelist for “E-reserves and copyright,” American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Annual Conference, St. Louis (June 20, 2009).

Creator and presenter of “Web 2.0 and your library: Figuring out what works” for New York Area Theological Library Association (NYATLA) (November 28, 2008).

Co-moderator for roundtable “Dealing with challenging patrons.” American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Annual Conference, Ottawa (June 27, 2008).

Panelist for “Social networking by Facebook: Case studies for libraries.” American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Annual Conference, Ottawa (June 28, 2008).

GRANTS RECEIVED

The 2023 Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) National Leadership Grants for Libraries

Project: Public Libraries’ Responses to Censorship: Analyzing the Implementation and Effects of Best Practices (LG-254856-OLS-23)
Principal Investigator (PI): Dr. Shannon Oltmann at the University of Kentucky & Co-PI: Dr. Emily Knox at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign School of Information Sciences. \$445,000.

The 2020 Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) National Leadership Grants for Libraries

Project: Measuring the Impact and Value of Makerspaces in Public Libraries (LG-246251-OLS-20)
Principal Investigator (PI): Dr. Emily Knox & Co-PI: Dr. Kyungwon Koh at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign School of Information Sciences.

Project Directors (PDs): Brian Shepherd, Ryann Uden & Jenn Hovanec at Indian Trails Public Library District. \$100,000.
<https://www.measuringmakerspaces.com/>

University of Illinois Scholars’ Travel Fund Recipient

2019 American Library Association, Washington, DC

2017 Digital Library Federation Forum, Pennsylvania (\$650)

2016 American Library Association Annual Conference 2016, Florida (\$650)

2016 SHARP Annual Conference, France (\$1050)

2014 Outlawed: The Naked Truth About Censored Literature for Young People, California (\$750)

2014 SHARP Annual Conference 2014, Belgium (\$1050)

AWARDS & HONORS

2024 ALISE Excellence in Teaching Award (Senior Faculty)

2024 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Campus Excellence in Public Engagement Emerging Faculty Award

- 2023 Illinois Library Luminary – Illinois Library Association
- 2023 Eli M. Oboler Memorial Award for the best published work in the area of intellectual freedom
- 2023 American Library Association/Beta Phi Mu Award of achievement for distinguished service to education for librarianship
- 2023 Beta Phi Mu Distinguished Member Award
- 2022 iSchool Alumni Association (ISAA) Distinguished Alumnus Award
- 2022 Chicagoan of the Year for Books. Named along with library workers by the Chicago Tribune:
<https://www.chicagotribune.com/entertainment/books/ct-ent-books-chicagoan-of-the-year-2022-20221221-4skuyfmfqrhjjf56nxiwsnlwsq-story.html>
- 2020-21 University of Illinois Building Pathways for Emerging Leaders at Illinois Program Participant
- 2019-20 University of Illinois School of Information Sciences Centennial Scholar
- 2019-20 University of Illinois Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning (CITL) Faculty Fellow
- 2015 WISE Instructor of the Year
- 2015 Illinois Library Association Intellectual Freedom Award
- 2014 Rutgers University School of Communication & Information iConference Doctoral Dissertation Award Nominee
- 2012 Recipient of the Rutgers SC&I Ph.D. Program Outstanding Continuing Doctoral Student Award
- 2011 Recipient of the Rutgers SC&I LIS Faculty Teaching Assistant Award
- 2011 Center for International Scholarship in School Libraries Barham Scholar
- 2008 School of Communication and Information Diversity Fellow
Beta Phi Mu (inducted 2004)
- Teacher Ranked as Excellent (Fall 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2024; Spring 2016, 2017; Summer 2017)

TEACHING & ADVISING EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (August 2012 – present)
School of Information Sciences (formerly GSLIS)

Courses Taught

- Social Aspects of Information Technology (Spring 2018, 2019, 2020)
- Intellectual Freedom and Censorship (Fall 2012, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023)
- Information Policy (Spring 2016)
- Information Ethics (Spring 2015, Summer 2016, 2017)
- Information Organization and Access (Fall 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019; Spring 2024)

Libraries, Information, and Society (Spring 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, Summer 2018, Fall 2024)
 Reference and Information Services (Spring 2013, Fall 2013)
 Colloquium (Fall 2020, 2021, 2023; Spring 2021, 2022, 2024; Summer 2022)

Advising

Doctoral Student Advisor

Lawrence, Emil (E.E.) (2019). *Reading for democratic citizenship: A new model for readers' advisory*. Received Berner-Nash Award for the iSchool's best PhD Thesis of the year. First employment: Assistant Professor, Rutgers University, School of Communication & Information.

Jean Kanengoni. (Expected 2025). *Measuring up: public libraries discovering their impact in Zimbabwe*. Advisor since 2022.

Zalot, Andrew (co-advisor) (2020 -)

Jenkins, Karen (2022 -)

Erttah, Fobazi (2022 -)

Wilder, Devyn (2023 -)

Bennet, Sydney (co-advisor) (2023 -)

Dissertations:

Member, Dissertation Committee: Erika Casburn, A *Comparative Discourse Analysis of Book Challengers and Defenders on Online Platforms*, Graduate School of Leadership and Change, Antioch University (expected 2025).

Member, Dissertation Committee: Amy L. Strong, *Voices silenced: A content analysis of book challenges and the erosion of intellectual freedom in culturally responsive education*. Department of Education, Marymount University, 2024.

Member, Dissertation Committee: Myrna Morales, *Towards a theory of trust in democracy and libraries*. School of Information Sciences. University of Illinois, 2023.

Member, Dissertation Committee: Kate Lechtenberg. *Complex conversations about Literature: A participatory action research study*. College of Education. University of Iowa, 2020.

Member, Dissertation Committee: Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga, *The political economy of Tanzania's information policies: A Focus on language and citizens' right to information*. School of Information Sciences. University of Illinois.

Master's Theses:

Chair, Master's Thesis: Jay Colbert. *Comparing Library of Congress Subject Headings to Keyword Searches Involving LGBT Topics: A Pilot Study*. School of Information Sciences. University of Illinois, 2017.

Member, Master's Thesis Committee: Maria Battor. *A Study of Children at Play*. College of Education. University of Illinois, 2019.

Supervision

Independent Studies

Jonathan Engel – Wikipedia and Controversial Topics – Spring 2022

Kelsey Ganser – Health Information Privacy – Spring 2018

Ruohua Han – Intellectual Freedom and Archives – Fall 2016

Rachel Suntop – Libraries and Makerspaces – Spring 2015

E.E. Lawrence – Genre Theory & Aesthetics – Summer 2015

Joy Wohlman Boyce – Intellectual Freedom in Military Libraries – Fall 2015

Emily Wallace – Censorship and Harry Potter– Fall 2014

Rutgers University (August 2010 – August 2012)

School of Communication & Information

Department of Library and Information Science

Instructor

Reference Sources and Services (Summer 2012)

Retrieving and Evaluating Online Information (Summer 2012)

Introduction to Information Technology and Informatics (Fall 2011)

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Information Technology and Informatics (Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2012)

SERVICE

To the Profession

International Advisory and Executive Boards

Member of the Advisory Board for the African Centre of Excellence for Information Ethics (ACEIE), Department of Information Science, University of Pretoria, South Africa (2022 -)

Expert Advisor to the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) Advisory Committee on Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Information (FAIFE) (2022 - 2023)

Director-at-Large Association for Information Science & Technology (2017 - 2020)

National Advisory Committee

Member of the Knight Foundation Advisory Panel for Book Restrictions Study (2024)

National Executive Boards

Member of the LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund Board of Trustees (2022 -)
Board Member University of the People Library Services Board (2020 - 2024)
Board Member National Coalition Against Censorship (2016 -)
Chair (2022 -)
Board Member Freedom to Read Foundation (2016 - 2020)
President (2019 - 2020)
Vice-President (2018 - 2019)
Beta Phi Mu Executive Board (2015 – 2022; 2024)
President-Elect, President, Past President (2019 - 2022)
Chair Scholarship Committee (2017 - 2019)
Director & Treasurer (2015 – 2019)

National Editorial Boards

Member of *The International Journal of Information, Diversity, & Inclusion Board* (2024 -)
Member of the *Public Library Quarterly* Editorial Board (2023 -)
Editor of the *Journal of Intellectual Freedom & Privacy* (2022 -)
Co-editor of *Spanning the information sciences: A celebration marking seventy years of the doctoral program in the School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Library Trends, 65(4)*
Member of the *Journal of Intellectual Freedom & Privacy* Editorial Board (2016 - 2022)
Member of the *Library Trends* Advisory Board (2016 -)
Member of *The Library Quarterly* Editorial Board (2015 -)
Member of the Editorial Advisory Board for *Foundations of Library and Information Science* by Richard E. Rubin (American Library Association, 2015)

Association Committees

Member of the ALA Core Values Task Force (2022 - 2023)
Member of the ALA Merritt Fund Committee (2021 -)
Member ALA Publications Committee (2018 – 2020, 2022 - 2024)
Member Search Committee for ALA/Neal-Schuman Publisher (2019 - 2020)
Member ALA Meeting Room Interpretation Revision Committee (2018)
Member of the Illinois Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee (2017 - 2019)
Co-convener Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Information Ethics SIG (2015 - 2018)

Member of the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) Information Ethics and Policy SIG (2013 -)
Treasurer (2015 - 2017)

Member of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Professional Values Committee (July 2013 - 2020)
Vice-chair (July 2015 - June 2016)

Member of the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Membership Advisory Committee (2006 - 2009)

Member of American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Public Services Interest Group Steering Committee of the (2006 - 2009)

Other Service

Member of the Right to Read Working Group (2024 -)

Invited participant to the O'Reilly Social Science Foo Camp hosted by O'Reilly Media and Meta (February 10-12, 2023)

Invited Participant to Preservation of Electronic Information (PEGI) National Forum (December 9-10, 2018)

Member search committee for Senior Electronic Resources Coordinator for the Consortium of Academic Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) (2017)

Organizing Chair of the 2017 Information Ethics Roundtable: Data Ethics

Invited Participant to White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Nation of Makers - Makerspace Organizers Meeting and Workshop (August 24, 2016)

Invited Participant to Revisiting the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA): Ten Years Later Symposium. Sponsored by Google, ALA Office for Information Technology Policy, and ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom (July 29-30, 2013)

Reviewing

Reviewer of submissions to the iConference (2015 -)

Reviewer of submissions to the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) Annual Conference (2015 -)

Reviewer of submissions to the Rutgers Media Studies Conference: Extending Play (2015, 2016)

Jury Member for 2015 ProQuest Doctoral Dissertation Award

Jury Member for Library Juice Press Annual Paper Contest (2014)

Reviewer of submissions to the Library Research Seminar VI (2014)

Metareviewer of submissions to the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) Annual Conference (2014)

Jury Member of Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIST) Book Award Committee (2013)

Article Reviewer for *Collection Management*; *The Library Quarterly*; *Library and Information Science Research*; *Information & Culture*; *Space & Culture*; *The International*

Journal of Information, Diversity, & Inclusion; The Journal of Information Science; Translation and Interpreting Studies; Libraries: Culture, History, and Society; Open Information Science; Communication & Democracy; Discourse Studies in the Cultural Politics of Education, PLOS

University of Illinois System

Member of Gender Inclusive Leadership Council (2022 - 2024)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Member of the Digital Accessibility and Excellence Steering Committee (2024 -)

Member of the Council for Learning Outcomes Assessment (2020 - 2023)

Member of Community Action and Public Engagement Committee (2020 - 2021)

Member Promotion and Tenure Working Group (2020)

Member of the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs Advisory Committee (2019 - 2024)

Member of the Informatics Review Committee (2019 -)

Member Undergraduate Enrollment Management Strategy Group (2019 - 2020)

Member Senate Education Policy Committee (2018 - 2020)

Member 8th Senate Review Committee (2018)

Member Data Science Education Committee (2018 - 2020)

Reviewer Graduate Student Leadership Award (2018)

Member Campus Free Speech Task Force (2017 - 2020)

Member Undergraduate Education Strategy Task Force (2018)

Member iSchool Dean Search Committee (2018)

Senator representing the School of Information Sciences (2017 - 2019)

Co-Director of the Prairie Futures Research Group: Recovering Technological Imaginaries and Innovation Histories. Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities (IPRH) Research Cluster (2017 - 2019)

School of Information Sciences

Chair of the Downs Intellectual Freedom Award Committee (2023 -)

Director of Graduate Studies (2021-2022)

Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Director of Graduate Studies (2020 - 2021)

Member of the Strategic Planning Committee (2021- 2022)

Program Director of the B.S. in Information Sciences (2018 - 2020)

Member of the Fundraising Committee (2018 -)

Member of the Infrastructure Committee (2017 - 2019)

Member of the ALA Accreditation Committee (2017 - 2019)
Member of the Executive Committee (2014 - 2016, 2017 - 2019)
Member of the Admissions Committee (2016 - 2017)
Head of the Undergraduate Degree Steering Committee (2015 - 2018)
Faculty Liaison to the Alpha Chapter of Beta Phi Mu (2014 -)
Member of the Curriculum Committee (2012 - 2014)
Representative to Task Force for Inclusion for the Curriculum
Committee (2012 -2013)

Previous Service

Treasurer of the Rutgers University Graduate Students Association
(2010 - 2012)
Treasurer of the SC&I Doctoral Students Association (2008 - 2010)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Library Association (ALA)

- Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA)
- Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF)
- Intellectual Freedom Round Table (IFRT)
- Social Justice Round Table (SJRT)

Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T)

Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE)

Beta Phi Mu – The Library and Information Science Honor Society

Society for the History of Authorship, Reading & Publishing (SHARP)

Illinois Library Association (ILA)

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, St. Mark's (now Keller) Library, New York, New York

Associate Director and Reference Librarian (July 2006 - August 2008)

- Managed day-to-day operation of the library including all public and technical services functions.
- Supervised and evaluated full-time library staff.
- Trained, supervised, and evaluated student workers and part-time library assistants.
- Assisted in the planning and implementation of library policies and procedures.
- Assisted library director in preparation of library budget.
- Performed all reference librarian duties.

Reference Librarian (August 2003 - June 2006)

- Provided in-person and virtual reference services to students, faculty, staff, and outside researchers at 240,000-volume academic library.
- Taught research and preservation skills to students including FirstSearch, Voyager, and Internet searching.

- Maintained all aspects of electronic research including electronic journals control.
- Handled all aspects of interlibrary loan lending approximately 250 items per year.
- Provided access to 30,000 volume special collection of rare books and manuscripts.
- Supervised two interns in various special projects.
- Managed implementation of Endeavor Voyager integrated library system including uploading and maintenance of clients and installation of proxy server.
- Designed, developed, and maintain library website.

McGarry Library, St. Francis College, Brooklyn, New York

Part-Time Reference Librarian (January 2007 - July 2008)

- Provided in-person reference services to students and faculty for a college with 2,000 students.
- Provided instruction for print and electronic resources including ProQuest, WilsonWeb, and EbscoHost.
- Supervised circulation and periodical staff.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & OTHER SERVICE

Member of the Central Illinois American Civil Liberties Association
Steering Committee (2025 -)

Member of the Executive Committee of the Friends of Smith College
Libraries (2022 -)

Keymember of Makerspace Urbana (2012 - 2024)

Member of the planning committee for the Champaign-Urbana Mini
Maker Faire and the Heartland Maker Fest (2012 - 2019)