

# **KATE McDOWELL**

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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 POSITIONS**

- 2024      Guest Researcher with the Center for Digital Narrative, Bergen, Norway (April-May).
- 2023      Visiting Researcher with the Centre for Critical Data Practices, Århus University, Århus, Denmark (October-December).
- 2013-      Associate Professor, School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2018-20   Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2014-16   Interim 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.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

- 2014-23   Storytelling consultant for non-profits including Prairie Rivers Network (Illinois statewide water conservation), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO, World Health Organization affiliate), the Consortium of

Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), and others.

1999-03 Children's Librarian, Urbana Free Library, Urbana, IL.

### **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, and OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS**

- 2022 ASIS&T Outstanding Information Science Teacher. This international award recognizes and honors excellence in teaching in information science through sustained and unique contributions, impact on students, innovative and imaginative methods, and professional and research activities related to teaching excellence.
- 2020-23 List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students, University of Illinois, for IS 410 Storytelling (fa20), IS 509 History and Foundations of Information Science (sp21, fa22), IS 457 Data Storytelling (sp21 and both sections fa21), IS 410 Storytelling (sp22), IS 509 History and Foundations of Information Science (fa22), Introduction to Data Storytelling (fa23).
- 2018-19 Fellow, Academic Leadership Program, Big Ten Academic Alliance.
- 2018 Excellence in Online and Distance Teaching Award, University of Illinois. This campus-wide award recognizes one faculty member annually who has 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 Illinois water conservation non-profit for its 50th anniversary.
- 2007-18 List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students, University of Illinois, received every semester taught for at least one section from 2007 to 2018.
- 2012 Centennial Scholar Award, School of Information Sciences, 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, School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 1997 Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarship, American Library Association, one of six national scholarships supporting Master's level library and information science studies.

**INVITED LECTURES**

- 2024 Keynote, "Data storytelling and the practice of teaching and learning," Iowa Courses Online (ICON) Annual Conference, all faculty at the University of Iowa. Iowa City, IA, November 1, 2024 (forthcoming).
- 2024 Keynote, "Library Data Storytelling: Sharing Information with Emotion," Pennsylvania Library Association, College and Research Division, Harrisburg, PA, October 7, 2024 (forthcoming).
- 2024 Keynote speaker, Library Research Seminar VIII at the University of Kentucky School of Information Science, sponsored by the Library Research Roundtable, American Library Association, Lexington, KY, September 16 2024 (forthcoming).
- 2024 "Data Storytelling 101." WebJunction, a division of OCLC. June 18. (forthcoming)
- 2024 "Library Data Storytelling: Strategies for Sharing Information with Emotion," New Director's Institute, Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), May 23. (forthcoming)
- 2024 "Storytelling Strategies for Research Communication Impact." Taylor & Francis, Events for Researchers series, May 15, 2024 (forthcoming).
- 2024 "Data Storytelling and the DIKW framework: theory, practitioners, and pedagogy." Center for Digital Narrative, Bergen, Norway, May 2.

- 2024 Keynote, "Library Data Storytelling: Information and Emotion." Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE), April 19.
- 2024 Keynote, "Library Data Storytelling." KB/AUL Kontaktbibliotekardag 2024: Synlighed og Partnerskaber (The Royal Danish Library/Aarhus University Library Annual Academic Librarian Conference 2024: Visibility and Partnerships), Århus, Denmark, February 7.
- 2024 Keynote, "Inspire, Advocate, Communicate: Library Data Storytelling" State Data Coordinators, Institute of Museum and Library Services (invitation-only conference), Washington D. C., January 23.
- 2024 Keynote, "Goals, Motivations, Successes: Library Data Storytelling," Supporting Transparent & Open Research Engagement & Exchange (STOREE) conference, University of British Columbia Vancouver, Canada, January 19.
- 2023 Keynote, "Library Storytelling with Data: Argument, Evidence, and Emotion," Tampa Bay Library Association, Tampa Bay, FL, September 1.
- 2023 "Data Storytelling for Libraries: Argument, Evidence, and Emotion," Measures that Matter Conference, Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), Champaign, IL, August 10.
- 2023 "Library Storytelling with Data: Argument, Evidence, and Emotion," Plenary Session, Research Institute for Public Libraries, Madison, WI, July 23-26.
- 2023 "The Data Storytelling Toolkit for Librarians," American Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, June 24.
- 2023 Keynote, "Library Storytelling with Data: Argument, Evidence, and Emotion," Alliance for Public Library Impact, Chicago, IL, June 21-22.
- 2023 "Library Storytelling with Data," New Directors' Institute, Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), May 24.
- 2023 "Data Storytelling as Library Advocacy," Augusta Baker Diversity Lecture Series, University of South Carolina, April 20.

- 2023      Keynote, "Data Storytelling Strategies," Measures of Success Educator Impact, virtual conference for Michigan institutions of higher education, hosted by the University of Western Michigan, March 21.
  
- 2022      "Storytelling and the Information Sciences: Explorations and Applications" six-lecture series, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, National Chung Hsing University, Taipei City, Taiwan, June 20-26.
  
- 2022      "Data Storytelling: Advocating for the Library and Community," webinar in the Census Data Literacy project, Public Library Association, February 2, 2022.
  
- 2021      "Anti-Infodemic Storytelling: Evidence and Response," for the Misinformation Research Symposium, Center for Social and Behavioral Science, November 12, 2021.
  
- 2021      "Storytelling: From story times to epistemological divides," 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Center for Children's Books, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. March 3, 2021.
  
- 2020      "Communicating Value through Storytelling," International Council of Library Consortia (ICOLC), Professional Development Alliance. December 16, 2020.

**OFFICES HELD IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

- 2024-25    Elected Chair of ASIS&T Arts & Humanities SIG.
  
- 2023-24    Vice-Chair of ASIS&T Professional Development Committee.
  
- 2022-      Inaugural Co-Chair, Qualitative Research Group, iConference, iSchools.
  
- 2015-16    Co-Chair, Annual Conference, Association for Library and Information Science Education.

**GRANTS**

- 2023-      "Implementing the Data Storytelling Toolkit for Librarians," Second-round invited submission, Implementation Grant, Institute of Museum and Library Services. \$550,000.

- 2021-24 "Data Storytelling Toolkit for Libraries", planning grant with co-PI Matt Turk, Institute of Museum and Library Services, \$99,330. [Project website](#).
- 2020-21 "Data Storytelling for Community Organizations," Small Grants program (Digital Revolution category), Center for Social and Behavioral Science (CSBS), University of Illinois, \$20,000.
- 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.
- 2008-09 "Toward a History of Children as Readers, 1890-1930," Campus Research Board, University of Illinois, \$10,695.

## CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

\* peer-reviewed

+ invited

- 2024 +McDowell, Kate. "Storytelling as/in Misinformation." In *Governing Everyday Knowledge Commons*, Melissa Ocepek and Madelyn Sanfilippo eds., Cambridge University Press (in press).
- 2019 +McDowell, Kate. "Storytelling, Young Adults, and Three Paradoxes." In *Transforming Young Adult Services, Second edition*, Anthony Bernier ed., ALA Editions.
- 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.

## ARTICLES IN JOURNALS

- 2024 McDowell, K. and Turk, M. "Teaching Data Storytelling as Data Literacy." *Information and Learning Sciences*, in press, summer 2024 (forthcoming).
- 2024 \*McDowell, K. (2024). "Library Data Storytelling: Obstacles and Paths Forward." *Public Library Quarterly*, 43(2), 202-222.
- 2023 +McDowell, K. (2023). "Making Sense of a Gap: Data Storytelling and Libraries." *Public Libraries Magazine*, 62(6), 28-35.
- 2023 McDowell, K. "Data Storytelling for Libraries," *Library Journal*, June 29, 2023.
- 2023 Bettivia, R., Bonn, M., Campbell-Meier, J., Cheng, J. Y-Y. Corieri, I. L., Dinh, L., Ehlinger, S., Enwald, H., Hossain, MD. K., Meuschke, N., Ocepek, M., Anwar, M., & Sharma, S. (2023, June 21). "Future applications for data storytelling toolkits." *Information Matters*, Vol. 3, Issue 6.
- 2023 McDowell, K. (2023, April 6). "Storytelling dynamics and misinformation: The bad S-DIKW framework." *Information Matters*, Vol. 3, Issue 4.
- 2023 \*Brooks, Ian; D'Agostino, Marcelo; Marti, Myrna; McDowell, Kate; Mejia, Felipe; Betancourt-Cravioto, Miguel; et al. "An anti-infodemic virtual center for the Americas." *Rev Panam Salud Publica* (March 10, 2023).
- 2023 \*McDowell, Kate. "Book Stories: 20 Years of Library Book Plate Celebrations." *College and Research Libraries* (January 2023).
- 2022 \*McDowell, Kate, and Nicole A. Cooke. "Social Justice Storytelling: A Pedagogical Imperative." *The Library Quarterly* 92 (4) (2022): 355-78 (October 2022).
- 2021 \*McDowell, Kate. "Storytelling Wisdom: Story, information, and DIKW." *Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology* (March 16, 2021).

- 2021 \*McDowell, Kate and Miller, Deborah. "Great Storytelling: Best Practices for Advancement." *Journal of Educational Advancement & Marketing*, (December 1, 2021).
- 2021 +McDowell, K. "Storytelling as information part 1: The S-DIKW framework." *Information Matters* (October 19, 2021).
- 2021 +McDowell, Kate. "Storytelling as information part 2: Future S-DIKW research." *Information Matters* (October 19, 2021).
- 2019 \*McDowell, Kate. "Teaching 'between:' Reflections on learning inter-organizational collaboration." *Education for Information* 35:2 (June 10, 2019): 149-153.
- 2018 \*McDowell, Kate. "Storytelling: Practice and Process as Non-Textual Pedagogy." *Education for Information* 34:1 (January 2018): 15-19.
- 2018 McDowell, Kate. "Paradoxes of Storytelling in Librarianship." *Journal of New Librarianship* (2018): 32-37.
- 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).
- 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.

## **CREATIVE WORKS**

- 2021 "Tell Your Story: Alumni Story Swap." American Library Association Annual Conference, School of Information Sciences Alumni, June 24, 2021.
- 2020 "Saturday Stories: Online stories and reflections recorded for all-ages audiences during the covid-19 pandemic," March through May 2020.
- 2007-18 Director, Storytelling Festival, annual fundraising event for the Center for Children's Books, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2016 Guest Storyteller, Kenwood Elementary School library, May 4, 2016.
- 2015 Co-Director with Amy Atkinson, Storytelling Festival, Center for Children's Books, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 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.

## **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.

## **CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS**

- 2022 McDowell, Kate. "Storytelling as Epistemological Bridge." *Proceedings of the Association for Library and Information Science Education Annual Conference: ALISE 2022*, October 2022.
- 2021 McDowell, K., Cooke, N., Del Negro, J., Patin, B., Tenney, C. "Storytelling and/As Resilience." Panel with Dr. Nicole Cooke, Dr. Janice Del Negro, Dr. Beth Patin, and Curtis Tenney, *Proceedings of the Association for Library and Information Science Education Annual Conference: ALISE 2021*, September 22, 2021.
- 2014 McDowell, K., Stevenson, D., & Mabbott, C. (2014). Closing the app gap: From plan to project I. *Proceedings of the ASIST Annual Meeting*, 51(1).

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, and WORKSHOPS**

- 2024 (forthcoming) "Developing Library and Data Storytelling Toolkits: Scenarios and Personas" iConference 2024, April.
- 2023 "Storytelling as Information Research and Critical Data Storytelling," Digital Aesthetics Research Center and Center for Critical Data Practices, Århus Universitet/Aarhus University, Denmark, November 24.
- 2023 "Storytelling for Translational Research Impact," ASIS&T Annual Conference, London, UK, October 31.
- 2023 "Data Storytelling Toolkit for Librarians", American Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, June 24.
- 2023 "Building Data Storytelling Toolkits: Theory to Practice," workshop, iConference, Barcelona, Spain, March 28.

- 2022 "Many Narratives: Storytelling as Epistemological Bridge," juried paper, ALISE conference, Pittsburgh, PA, October 25.
- 2022 "Storytelling and Qualitative Research," Interactive event, iConference 2022 (online), February 28.
- 2021 "Storytelling and/As Resilience," panel with Dr. Nicole Cooke, Dr. Janice Del Negro, Dr. Beth Patin, and Curtis Tenney, ALISE conference, September 22.
- 2021 "Storytelling as Information in Organizational Change," ASIS&T SIG Arts and Humanities Online Symposium, on How Arts & Humanities Within Information Science Technology Convey Understanding of Justice in Society, June 23.
- 2019 "Books Scholars Love: Tenure Bookplate Dedications as Mini-Auto-Ethnographies," with Daphne Bechrakis, International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, May 17.
- 2019 "Troubleshooting Data Storytelling" with Matthew Turk and Michael Twidale (invited half-day workshop), iConference, March 31.
- 2018 "Tell Me About Yourself: Storytelling and Strengths Quest," with Jerome Ng (invited workshop), Midwest Association of Colleges and Employers, July 23.
- 2018 "Storytelling Your Career," National Storytelling Network, July 28.
- 2018 "Data Story SLAM" Session for Interaction and Engagement, iConference 2018, Sheffield, England, UK, March 26.
- 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 "Integrating Community Engagement in Online Education," WISE Pedagogy Pre-conference Workshop, ALISE conference, Chicago, IL, January 27.
- 2014 "Closing the App Gap: From Plan to Project I," ASIS&T Poster with Deborah Stevenson and Cass Mabbott, November 3.
- 2014 "21st Century Library and Information Science Education," On the Frontlines conference, Springfield, IL, September.

- 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 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.

**PEER REVIEWING**

- 2023 *Psychology Research and Behavior Management*
- 2023 *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*
- 2023 *The Lancet Public Health*
- 2023 iConference submissions
- 2022 *Information & Culture*
- 2020 Johns Hopkins University Press (book manuscript)
- 2020 *Library Quarterly* (two-article series)
- 2018 *Libraries: Culture, History, and Society*
- 2017 *Libraries: Culture, History, and Society*
- 2017 *School Library Research*
- 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 *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*

## **OTHER TALKS and WORKSHOPS**

- 2023 On the Record: How storytelling can help us understand the impacts of the Covid-19 infodemic, workshop hosted by the World Health Organization. Invited members of the WHO infodemic manager community and academic colleagues with storytelling and community engagement experience, March 10.
- 2023 Keynote, "Storytelling and Global Leadership: Information, Trust, and How We Show Up," Global Leaders Program, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, January 21.
- 2022 "Storytelling as Information: From Data Storytelling to Misinformation," Syracuse University iSchool Speaker Series, Syracuse University, December 2.
- 2022 "Social Justice Storytelling," Centre for Excellence on Empathy, Equity & Diversity, Empathy, Equity & Diversity Awareness Week, November 13.
- 2022 "Communicating Research with Storytelling," CARLI Counts seminar, Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois, March 3, 2022.
- 2021 "Data Storytelling Concepts and Strategies," Network of Illinois Learning Resources in Community Colleges (NILRC), webinar series, March 23.
- 2021 "Book Stories, Storytelling Wisdom, and Data Storytelling Toolkit for Librarians." iSchool Colloquium, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, February 3.
- 2021 "Minute to Win It Elevator Pitch Workshop," Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), New Directors Institute, February 12.
- 2020 "Data Storytelling Strategies, Structures, and Troubleshooting," for AbbVie, June 30.

- 2020 "Data Storytelling and Developing Data Stories," Illinois Library Association, Noon Network talk, June 29.
- 2020 "Storytelling, Data, Information, and Design," for ARTD 304 Industrial Design IV, School of Art + Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts, University of Illinois, March 7.
- 2019 "Storytelling Thinking," for Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), July 17.
- 2019 Keynote, "Storytelling Your Career," Graduate Career Consortium, Midwest conference, February 1.
- 2019 "Nonprofit Storytelling Structures and Strategies," School of Information Sciences Alumni Weekend, University of Illinois, July 13.
- 2019 "Storytelling Your Career," Women's Panhellenic Society, University of Illinois, April 4.
- 2018 "Data Storytelling: Structures and Strategies," sponsored by Library UX Chicago, May 4.
- 2018 "Storytelling, Data, and Listening, or Telling the Story of Your Organization," Corporate Showcase, sponsored by School of Information Sciences, April 24.
- 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.
- 2017 "Storytelling Paradoxes: Reevaluating library wisdom for effective organizational storytelling," iSchool Research Showcase, November 8.
- 2017 "Storytelling Your Career," workshop for James Scholars, College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences, October 24.
- 2017 "Storytelling Your Career," workshop series for the MBA, College of Business, Business Instructional Facility, September 1, 2017 and September 8.
- 2017 "Storytelling for Advancement," Leading Forward program, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, August 27.

- 2017 "Storytelling Thinking for Nonprofit Environmental Organizations," Prairie Rivers Network, Champaign, IL, April 27.
- 2017 "Storytelling Thinking for Nonprofits," Forefront (statewide nonprofit network), Champaign Public Library, April 20.
- 2017 "Storytelling Your Path," Engineering Ambassadors (undergraduate engineers and public speaking), April 19.
- 2017 "Storytelling Thinking for Librarians," Urbana Free Library, February 20.
- 2017 "Storytelling Thinking," Pecha Kucha Volume 23, Champaign-Urbana Design Organization (CUDO), Virginia Theater, February 11.
- 2017 "Storytelling Thinking," PACE Inc.-Center for Independent Living (disability services and rights organization), January 11.
- 2016 "Storytelling Thinking for Engineering," Collins Scholars (seminar for new Engineering faculty), Engineering Hall, November 11.
- 2016 "Storytelling and Fundraising," AFP Association of Fundraising Professionals, Anita Purvis Nature Center, November 18.
- 2016 "Storytelling for Advancement," Leading Forward program, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, August 25.
- 2016 "Endings: Storytelling and Conclusions in Leadership," Leading Forward program, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, May 12.
- 2015 "Telling the Illinois Story for Chief Advancement Officers," University of Illinois Foundation, February.
- 2015 "Storytelling and Fundraising," College of Fine and Applied Arts, Administrative Council Retreat, August 13.
- 2015 "Telling the Illinois Story: Storytelling and Advancement," Bootcamp program for new Advancement professionals, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, August 27.
- 2014 "Telling the Illinois Story," workshop, University of Illinois Foundation,



September.

- 2014 "Storytelling: The Art of Sharing Values," workshop, University of Illinois Foundation, April.
- 2014 "Young Adult Fantasy and Race: From Representation to Imagination," *English in the World* lecture series for undergraduates, English Department, Saint Louis University, March.
- 2011 Keynote, "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, October.

### **SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH**

(Committees at University of Illinois unless otherwise indicated)

- 2024 Jack Brighton, field exam committee member.
- 2023 Advisor to Daniel Almanza, doctoral student.
- 2023 Sam Walkow, dissertation defense committee member. Dr. Walkow works as Senior Data Analyst at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.
- 2023 Morgan Lundy, proposal defense committee member.
- 2023 Independent study students.
- 2023 Annual review committee member for doctoral students Letticia Terrones, Jack Brighton, Divya Patel, Togzhan Seilkhanova, Morgan Lundy, and Rawdah Alfadhley (spring).
- 2023 Independent Study student Sushama Shankar, MS in Industrial Engineering, major in Advanced Analytics (spring).
- 2022 Andrew Zalot, field exam committee member.
- 2022 Annual review committee member for doctoral students Letticia Terrones and Jack Brighton (spring).
- 2022 Research Practicum supervisor for Hem Kamdar and Nikita Bangale, MS in information sciences. Topic: data storytelling interactive visualization (fall).
- 2021- Committee member for doctoral student Sam Walkow (Matt Turk advisor), Informatics. Proposal defended.
- 2021- Committee member for doctoral student Andy Zalot (Rachel Magee, advisor), Information Sciences.

- 2021-23 Committee member for doctoral student Aimee Lantzy (Juliana Pare-Blagoev, advisor), Doctoral Candidate in Education, Johns Hopkins University. Student shifted focus to business and away from storytelling.
- 2021-22 Committee member for doctoral student Courtney Richardson (Kathryn La Barre, advisor), Information Sciences. Shifted focus away from storytelling.
- 2021 Committee member for Lisa Brown, EdD program in Human Resource Development (Ronald Jacobs, advisor), dissertation defended October 29, 2021.
- 2020-21 Committee member for Shafagh Hadinezhad, Industrial Design MFA (David Weightman, advisor), thesis defended July 25, 2021.
- 2016-21 Committee member for PhD student DeAnza Williams, PhD earned April 2021, employed as Teaching Faculty at The Information School, University of Wisconsin Madison.
- 2018-21 Chair and Advisor, Dr. Kirstin Phelps, PhD earned March 2021, employed as Associate Site Lead & Market Research Team Coordinator, AbbVie Innovation Center, Academic Partnerships.
- 2016-19 Chair and Advisor, Dr. Alaine Martaus, PhD earned May 2019, employed as Research Development Coordinator, Information Sciences.
- 2017 Second reader for Master's thesis, Christy Moss, MS/LIS earned August 2017, Employed as Senior Director of Strategic Engagement.
- 2014-17 Chair and Advisor, Dr. Mikki Smith, PhD earned May 2017, employed as Reference and Visitor Services Librarian at the Corning Museum of Glass Archives, Corning, NY.
- 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)

\*Introduction to Data Storytelling, IS 357 (created spring 2023)

Communicating with the right audience in the right way connotes creation of ways and approaches that can serve diverse populations within and beyond a particular or specific culture. In the context of our school, the iSchool at the University of Illinois, we propose to approach strategic communication from the perspective of storytelling thinking. The goal is to introduce

students to the philosophical, social, and relational dynamics of "story" among people as all human storyteller as well as organizations of all sizes across a wide spectrum of fields including library as storytelling organizations. It also aims to draw students to explore how a story foregrounds bridge-building dialog, affects the power of information, and thus maximize human potential. Students will be exposed to a range of opportunities to apply storytelling thinking as a tool to identify the audience, design means to communicate with them, and develop dynamic triangle of people sharing stories, engaging in constructive dialogs and reinterpreting etc.

+Storytelling (2007-present)

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.

\*#Data Storytelling (2017-present)

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-informed decisions.

+ History and Foundations of Information Science (2021, 2022)

Provides an introduction to the historical foundations of IS. Examinations of the interactions of socio-cultural, technological and professional factors underlying the emergence of IS provide a basis for exploring more recent developments in theory and practice. 4 graduate hours. Required course for PhD.

Libraries, Information, and Society (2013)

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.

\*# Fantasy Literature and Media for Youth (2007-2016)

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 (2010)

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 (2012-2015)

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 (2007-2014)

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 (2007-2011)

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 & International)**

- 2024- Elected Chair, ASIS&T SIG Arts & Humanities.
- 2023- Advisory board member, Curating Data: Developing a Tool-kit for Data Literacy, sponsored by SHAPE, Shaping Digital Citizenship. Affiliate of Centre for Critical Data Studies, School of Communication and Culture - Department of Digital Design and Information Studies, Århus, Denmark (Dr. Magdalena Regina Tyzlik-Carver, Associate Professor).
- 2023- Vice-Chair, ASIS&T Professional Development Committee.
- 2022- Co-Chair, Qualitative Research Group, iSchools.
- 2022-23 Co-Chair, iConference Early Career Colloquium, North America.
- 2022-23 ASIS&T Outstanding Information Science Teacher award committee.
- 2022-23 Advisory board member, Curating Data to Enhance Public Library Effectiveness, the University of Michigan's Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (Dr. A.J. Million) and the University of Missouri's School of Information Science & Learning Technologies (Dr. Denice Adkins)
- 2021-22 ALISE Advancement Committee.
- 2019 Member, External Review Panel, Committee on Accreditation of the American Library Association, site visit.
- 2018-19 Member, internal committee on accreditation, author of Standard I for the Self-Study, lead iSchool representative at the once-per-seven-year session at the American Library Association.
- 2018 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 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, The ALISE Pratt-Severn Faculty Innovation Award.
- 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 (UNIVERSITY- Campus)**

- 2021 Teaching Advancement Board, Office of the Provost, fall.
- 2019 Member of review team for Provost's office review of the Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning, April 15-17.
- 2019 Member of Provost's office Council for Faculty Excellence, spring.
- 2018 Leading from the Middle: Administrative Career Paths. Invited Panel, Thriving as an Associate Professor, Provost's Office, November 6.
- 2018 Research Live! Judge, Graduate College, October 23.
- 2018 Campus Strategic Planning Panel, giving input on the campus-level strategic plan, April 20.
- 2018 iSchool and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign representative, Targeting Autism National Forum, Illinois State Library, Springfield, IL, May 17-18.
- 2017 Member, mock interview panel, Marshall Scholarship interviews, National and International Scholarship Programs (David Schug), November 9.
- 2015-17 Member (and frequent guest Chair) of the Subcommittee on Student Conduct, Office of Student Conflict Resolution, Office of the Dean of

- Students.
- 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 (UNIVERSITY-College/Department)**

- 2022- Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Director of the Center for Children’s Books, committee Dr. Sarah Park Dahlen, Dr. Elizabeth Hoiem, Dr. Daniel Tracy, and hiring manager Dr. Sara Schwebel, Director of the Center for Children’s Books.
- 2023 “Storytelling Thinking,” Global Leaders Program, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Siebel Design Center, April 17.
- 2020-22 Member, iSchool Library and Information Science Program Committee (monthly meetings) and subcommittee on Assessment (bi-weekly meetings)
- 2020-22 iSchool Social committee.
- 2020-21 Center for Children’s Books Strategic Planning Committee, led by Director Sara Schwebel (monthly meetings).
- 2021 “Storytelling as Information Research” iSchool Colloquium, November 3.
- 2021 “Storytelling and Misinformation,” with Dr. Ian Brooks, iSchool Research Showcase, October 17.
- 2021 Lightning talk for new student orientation, iSchool, August 20.
- 2017-19 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 2019.
- 2018 Guest speaker, Teach Talks for Welcome Weekend, organized by IM Advisor Jessica Williams, February 23.
- 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 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 Guest Storyteller, iSchool Holiday Party, December 19.
- 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 per iSchool 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).
- 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).
- 2016-17 Leader, iSchool Campus Charitable Fund Drive.
- 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 lecture series.
- 2016 Guest speaker for Storytelling, instructor Dan Keding.
- 2016 Co-sponsor with Nicole Cooke of Julia Hersberger as Research Fellow.
- 2016 Chair, search committee for Web and Marketing Specialist.
- 2016 Attended conference and participated in workshop, spring.
- 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 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.
- 2015 Careers Panel for Doctoral Students, GSLIS PhD Proseminar.
- 2015 Abstract Writing Workshop, GSLIS ALA student chapter.
- 2014-16 Executive Committee (elected for 2 terms).
- 2014-16 Board member, Targeting Autism project, with Illinois State Library.
- 2014 Inaugural Chair, Diversity Committee, founded spring.
- 2014 Research Showcase poster session, "Comparing Leep with Other Online Programs," with Wei Gao, Caroline Nappo, and Mikki Smith.
- 2014 Brown Bag presentation, Youth Services in Korea, Center for Children's Books.
- 2012-14 Reading Around Race, reading group organizer, focusing on critical race theory in librarianship and information studies.
- 2011 Member, Doctoral Studies Committee.
- 2011 Guest Lecturer, CMN 368, Sex in the Media, Communications
- 2010 Keys to Success in Graduate School, presentation, GSLIS Advising Panel.
- 2009 Guest Lecturer, LIS LIS409A and LIS409B, Storytelling.
- 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 Committee.
- 2008 Guest Storyteller and Lecturer, LIS409, Storytelling.
- 2008 Guest Lecturer, LIS590BTW, Serving Children in Schools and Communities.
- 2008 Guest Lecturer, LIS490ITG, Entrepreneurial IT Design.
- 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.
- 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 Centers.
- 2001-03 Member, Blue Ribbons Award Committee, Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books.

**SERVICE (PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT)**

- 2023 Storytelling Consultant for River Forest Public Library, Director Emily Compton, July 20.
- 2023 Storytelling Consultant for State Library South Australia, <https://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/home>, Associate Director Hanlie Erasmus, May 9.
- 2023 Storytelling Consultant for Partners in Literacy Haiti, <https://www.haiti-literacy.org/>, Sara Mansbach, May 10.
- 2023 Invited podcast guest, The Librarian Linkover, Lorene Kennard, <https://thelibrarianlinkover.com/about-this-podcast/> May 8.
- 2023 Data Storytelling Toolkit for Librarians demo, California State Library, Meg DePriest, California State Library, April 19.
- 2018 Guest storyteller, Benefit Storytelling Concert for the Wesley Food Pantry, December.
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- 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.
- 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](http://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).
- 2007-14 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.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- 2020- iSchools individual member.
- 2019- Association for Information Science & Technology.
- 2003- Association for Library and Information Science Education.
- 2004- American Library Association.
- 2007-14 SHARP (Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing).
- 2006-14 Children's Literature Association.
- 2004-14 Young Adult Library Services Association.