

April M. Dawkins, Ph.D.

Curriculum Vita

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Education

- Ph.D. 2017 University of South Carolina, School of Library and Information Science
Columbia, South Carolina. Library and Information Science
Advisor: Dr. Karen W. Gavigan
Dissertation: *Worth Fighting For: Factors Influencing Selection Decisions in School Libraries*
Member of NxtWave Cohort, Emerging Leaders in School Librarianship (IMLS funded)
- MLS 2000 North Carolina Central University, School of Library & Information Sciences
Durham, North Carolina. School Librarianship.
- BA 1993 Meredith College
Raleigh, North Carolina. History

Professional Experience

- 2017-Present UNC Greensboro, Department of Information, Library, and Research
Sciences, Greensboro, NC. Assistant Professor. Serve as member of the faculty.
- 2013-2017 University of South Carolina, School of Library and Information Science, Columbia, SC. Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant. Adjunct and doctoral student.
- 2015-2017 South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
Reference and Circulation Graduate Assistant.
- 2007-2014 Porter Ridge High School, Union County Schools, Indian Trail, NC.
School Librarian. Served as a tenured member of the faculty.
- 2000-2007 Richmond Senior High School, Richmond County Schools, Rockingham, NC.
School Librarian. Served as a tenured member of the faculty.
- 1999-2000 Millbrook High School, Wake County Public School System, Raleigh, NC.
School Librarian. Served as a member of the faculty.
- 1993-1999 Scotland High School, Scotland County Schools, Laurinburg, NC.
Social Studies Teacher. Served as a tenured member of the faculty.

Teaching in Higher Education

- 2021-present LIS 684 Seminar in Legal & Ethical Issues in School Libraries (UNCG)*
- 2021-present LIS 664 Reading, Literacy, & the Library (UNCG)
- 2017-present LIS 618 Materials for Adolescents (UNCG)

2017-present	LIS 653 The School Library (UNCG)
2017-present	LIS 670 Educational Foundations for School Librarians (UNCG)
2019-2020	LIS 672 Instructional Design (UNCG)
2014-2017	SLIS 757 Literature for Adolescents (USC)
2017	SLIS 756 Literature for Children (USC)
2014-2016	SLIS 202 Introduction to Information Literacy and Technology (USC)

*New course I developed

Guest Teaching/Lectures/Panels

- UNCG, ILRS Department, LIS 655 The Public Library (November 14, 2023)
- UNCG, ILRS Department, LIS 653 The School Library (February 20, 2023 & others)
- UNCG, ILRS Department, LIS 665 Information Literacy (March 2019 & others)
- East Carolina University, MLIS Program, Panel on Advocacy (November 29, 2022)
- University of Washington iSchool. (September 21, 2022). *Intellectual Freedom Advocacy: A Panel on Today's Chaotic Conversations*.
- Antioch University, MLIS Program. (March 1, 2022).

Student Supervisions

Directed/Independent Research & Study (Masters):

- Kate Harrell, "Using Book Competitions to Increase Student Engagement", LIS Department, Spring 2019
- Leslie Perry Redmond, "Educational Standards for School Librarians", LIS Department, Spring 2022
- Amy Tucker, "Legal & Ethical Issues in School Libraries", ILRS Department, Summer 2024
- Clare Crabtree, "Legal & Ethical Issues in School Libraries", ILRS Department, Summer 2024

Doctoral Dissertations (Committee):

- Alissa Tudor, PhD Candidate in Library & Information Science, Gatekeeping Theory and the Self-Censorship of Library Collections, University of North Texas, Completed 2024.
- Carl Harvey II, PhD Candidate in Instructional Design, School Librarians Implementing What They Learned in their Preparation Programs: Three Case Studies, Old Dominion University, Expected 2024.
- Dr. Laura Haverkamp. PhD in Library & Information Science. *Schoolwide digital devices and the impact on the role of school librarians*. School of Library and Info Science, University of South Carolina. Completed 2021.

Publications¹

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Dawkins, A.M. & Moorefield-Lang, H.M. (2024). School and youth libraries: Supporting education and young people. Chapter in *Encyclopedia of Libraries, Librarianship, and Information Science* by D. Baker & L. Ellis., Eds., Vol. 1, 257-262. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-323-95689-5.00217-0>

¹ Publications with multiple authors have authorship listed as published in the original source. Names are listed according to the amount of contribution and responsibility. For instance, if I am listed as a second author, then the first author had more responsibility in writing the publication. The one exception is the *School Library Manger* where the other authors are listed first because of their status in the profession.

Dawkins, A.M. (2023). Community college library service to early college high school students. *College & Undergraduate Libraries*, 30(1). <https://doi.org/10.1080/10691316.2023.2240313>

Dawkins, A.M., & Branyon, A.P. (2022). Prepared to defend? Results of a gap analysis to measure school librarian students' prior knowledge and learning of intellectual freedom concepts. *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*, 63(4), 461-476. <https://doi.org/10.3138/jelis-63-2-2021-0046>

Dawkins, A.M., & Eidson, E. (2022). A content analysis of district school library selection policies in the United States. *School Library Research*, 24. <http://www.ala.org/aasl/slr/volume24/dawkins-eidson>

Burns, E.A., & **Dawkins, A.M.** (2021). School librarian preparation and practice: An exploration of the AASL National School Library Standards and ALA/AASL/CAEP School Librarian Preparation Standards. *School Library Research*, 24.

https://www.ala.org/sites/default/files/aasl/content/pubs/slr/vol24/SLR_SchoolLibrarianPrep_V24.pdf

Dawkins, A.M., & Gavigan, K.W. (2019). E-book collections in high school libraries: Factors influencing circulation and usage. *School Library Research*, 22. <http://www.ala.org/aasl/slr/volume22/dawkins-gavigan>

Branyon, A.P., & **Dawkins, A.M.** (2018). Riding the NxtWave to library leadership: Two participants reflect on their experiences. *School Libraries Worldwide*, 24(2), 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.14265.24.2.001>

Dawkins, A.M. (2018). The decision by school librarians to self-censor: The impact of perceived administrative discomfort. *Teacher Librarian*, 45(3), 8-12.

Dawkins, A.M., & Gavigan, K. W. (2017). The school librarian's role in writing instruction: Research, perceptions, and practice. *International Journal of Libraries and Information Studies (LIBRI)*, 67(4), pp. 299-312. <https://doi.org/10.1515/libri-2017-0034> .

Scholarly Publications

Dawkins, A.M. (2020). Digital citizenship, digital legacy, and school librarians. In H. Moorefield-Lang (Ed.), *Digital Legacy: Library Technology Report 56*(5), 17-21. Chicago, IL: ALA Editions.

Books/Book Chapters/Edited Works

Dawkins, A.M. (Forthcoming 2025). *Protecting Children's Information Access: The School and Youth Librarians' Intellectual Freedom Toolkit*. Bloomsbury Libraries Unlimited.

Woolls, B., Valenza, J.K., & **Dawkins, A.M.** (2023). *The School Library Manager: Leading Through Change*. 7th ed. New York: Bloomsbury Libraries Unlimited.

Professional reviews: *Booklist* (January 2024).

Dawkins, A.M. (Ed.). (2021). *Intellectual Freedom Issues in School Libraries*. ABC-CLIO. (Note: Four chapters in this book were authored by A.M. Dawkins.)

Professional reviews: *School Library Journal* starred review (2021, February).

Individual Chapters Authored by Dawkins listed below:

Dawkins, A.M. (2021). Ex post facto self-censorship: When school librarians choose to censor (pp. 93-96)

Dawkins, A.M. (2021). Ten steps to creating a selection policy that matters. (pp. 55-57)

Dawkins, A.M. (2021). Ten steps to creating reconsideration policies and procedures that matter. (pp. 58-61)

Dawkins, A.M. (2021). Whose history is it? Diversity in historical fiction for young adults. (pp. 191-194)

Dawkins, A.M. (2017). Fostering the next generation of school library researchers. In S. Alman (Ed.), *School Librarianship: Past, Present, and Future*. Rowman & Littlefield. (pp. 135-142)

Professional review: *School Library Journal* (September 2017).

Professional Articles (Non-Peer Review) & Other Publications

Dawkins, A.M. (2022). Censorship and silence: How book bans and removals threaten diverse stories and voices. *Literacy Today*, 39(4), 34-38.

Dawkins, A.M. (2022, January). School libraries and student privacy. *School Library Connection*.

Dawkins, A.M. (2021, March/April). Feeling triggered? The good and bad of content warnings. *School Library Connection*, 23-24.

Branyon, A.P. & **Dawkins, A.M.** (2020, September). Why intellectual freedom and equitable access are even more important today. *Knowledge Quest*, 49(1), 10-17.

Dawkins, A.M., Gangwish, K., & Harlan, M.A. (2020, May). New school librarian preparation standards: How does reading fit in? *Knowledge Quest*, 49(5), 32-38.

Dawkins, A.M. (2020, March). Creating reconsideration policies that matter. *School Library Connection*, 12-13.

Dawkins, A.M. & Gavigan, K.W. (2020, March). Exploring eBook use in high schools. *School Library Connection*, 41-44.

Dawkins, A.M. (2018, October). Ten steps to creating a selection policy that matters. *School Library Connection*.

Dawkins, A.M. (2017, October). Ex post facto self-censorship: When school librarians choose to censor. *School Library Connection*.

Dawkins, A.M. (2017, May/June). Whose history? Diversity in young adult historical fiction. *School Library Connection*.

Community of Concern. (2022-2023). – Column in *School Library Connection*

Dawkins, A.M. (2023, May/June). Censorship lawsuits and civil rights complaints

Dawkins, A.M. (2023, March/April). Your advisory committee as IF Advocates.

Dawkins, A.M. (2023, January/February). Legislation of Concern.

Dawkins, A.M. (November/December 2022). Digital redlining: Challenges to databases and EReader platforms.

Dawkins, A.M. (2022, October). Building a community network to defend intellectual freedom.

Intellectual Freedom Blog. (2016-2018). Office for Intellectual Freedom, ALA – News editor & Blog author.

Dawkins, A.M. (2018, February 1). Introducing the new selection & reconsideration policy toolkit.

<https://www.oif.ala.org/introducing-new-selection-reconsideration-policy-toolkit/>

Dawkins, A.M. & Lechtenberg, K. (2018, January 20). Making the Intellectual Freedom News: How do our news editors make selections?
<https://www.oif.ala.org/making-intellectual-freedom-news-news-editors-make-selections/>

Dawkins, A.M. (2017, November 7). The Pico Case – 35 years later.
<https://www.oif.ala.org/pico-case-thirty-five-years-later/>

Dawkins, A.M. (2017, October 12). Overdue fees: Barriers to access in school libraries.
<https://www.oif.ala.org/overdue-fees-barriers-access-school-libraries/>

Dawkins, A.M. (2017, August 15). The problem with reading levels.
<https://www.oif.ala.org/problem-reading-levels/>

Dawkins, A.M. (2017, July 6). Out of sight, out of mind.
<https://www.oif.ala.org/out-of-sight-out-of-mind/>

Dawkins, A.M. (2017, June 6,). School yearbooks as free speech.
<https://www.oif.ala.org/school-yearbooks-free-speech/>

Dawkins, A.M. (2017, May 9). Surveillance in the school library.
<https://www.oif.ala.org/surveillance-school-library/>

Dawkins, A.M. (2017, March 23). ‘Jacob’s New Dress’: When politicians become bullies.
<https://www.oif.ala.org/jacobs-new-dress-politicians-become-bullies/>

Dawkins, A.M. (2017, March 8). Access to information: A universal human right.
<https://www.oif.ala.org/access-information-universal-human-right/>

Dawkins, A.M. (2017, January 31). Mangaman: The power and weakness of policy.
<https://www.oif.ala.org/mangaman-power-weakness-policy/>

Dawkins, A.M. (2017, January 7). Resolved: Become an intellectual freedom champion in 2017.
<https://www.oif.ala.org/resolved-become-intellectual-freedom-champion-2017/>

Dawkins, A.M. (2016, December 1). Warning: Explicit content.
<https://www.oif.ala.org/warning-explicit-content/>

Special Reports

Dawkins, A.M. (2022). Expert Witness Report. Missouri State Conference of the NAACP, St Charles County Missouri Unit of the NAACP, CK-W, a minor, and DL, a minor, v. Wentzville R-IV School District. Case 4:22-cv-99181-MTS

Grant Funding

2023-2025	READCON: A curriculum for Library Readiness, Advocacy, and Community Empowerment. Principal Investigator. Laura Bush/Institute for Museum and Library Services. University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro, NC (\$249,841 Awarded)
2022	DELTA Scholars Lifelong Learning Program. Co-Principal Investigator. Laura Bush/Institute for Museum and Library Services. University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro, NC (\$700,207 Unfunded)
2021	DELTA Scholars Lifelong Learning Program. Co-Principal Investigator. Laura Bush/Institute for Museum and Library Services. University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro, NC (\$522,207 Unfunded)

- 2018 Bridging the Gap: Community College Library Service to Early College Students.
UNCG Faculty First Internal Grant.
University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro, NC
(\$5,000 Awarded)
- 2018 Take AIM (Advancing Informal Mentoring): Training Librarians in a Community (TLC).
Principal Investigator. Laura Bush/Institute for Museum and Library Services.
University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro, NC
University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA
(\$485,607 Unfunded)
- 2017 National Leadership Community Anchors Research Grant.
Principal Investigator. Institute for Museum and Library Services.
University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro, NC.
(\$363,113 Unfunded)

Other Grant Funding

- 2022 UNCG Textbook Affordability Program (Open Ed Resources)
(\$3,000 Awarded)

Research and Scholarly Presentations (Selected)

Peer-Reviewed Paper Presentations

Dawkins, A.M. & Meier, K. (2022, July). *Tis the Season: Exploring Diversity in Read Aloud Choices*. Paper presented at the International Forum on Research in School Librarianship (IASL), University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Dawkins, A.M. (2019, October 16). *Bridging the Gap: Community College Library Service to Early College High School students*. Paper presented at Library Research Seminar VII sponsored by the Library Research Round Table (ALA), University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Dawkins, A.M. (2019, August 18). *The Irony of Censorship: Speaking Up and Speaking Out in 'Speak' and 'The Hate U Give'*. Paper presented at International Research Society for Children's Literature Congress, Stockholm, Sweden.

Juried Panels

Dawkins, A.M. (2020, January 25). *News You Can Use: Introducing the New CAEP Preparation Standards*. Panel presentation at the ALA Midwinter Meeting, American Library Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Dawkins, A. M., et al. (2019, October 17). *NxtWave: LIS Education Preparing Scholars and Scholar-Practitioners*. Panel presentation at Library Research Seminar VII sponsored by the Library Research Round Table (ALA), University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Dawkins, A.M., et al. (2018, February). *Protecting Your Pages with Policy: The Unveiling of a Comprehensive Selection Policy Toolkit*. Presentation for the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting. Denver, CO.

Juried Presentations

Dawkins, A.M. (2023, October 20). *Developing & Revising your Selection & Reconsideration Policies*. Presentation at the AASL 2023 Conference. Tampa, FL.

Dawkins, A.M., Churchill, S., Soulen, R.R., Branyon, A.P., & Wine, L. (2021, October 22). *Apply Research to Practice with the NxtWave Scholars*. Presentation at the American Association of School Librarians National Conference. Salt Lake City, UT.

Dawkins, A.M. & Eidson, E. (2019, November 15). *School District Selection and Reconsideration Policies in the United States*. Research poster presentation at the American Association of School Librarians National Conference. Louisville, KY.

Professional Presentations, Seminars, and Workshops

2024

Dawkins, A.M. (2024, April 15). *Leading the Reconsideration Process*. Invited presentation at the NW Regional Educational Service Alliance School Library Media Coordinator Summit. North Wilkesboro, NC.

Dawkins, A.M. (2024, April 15). *Preparing for Difficult Conversations*. Invited presentation at the NW Regional Educational Service Alliance School Library Media Coordinator Summit. North Wilkesboro, NC.

Dawkins, A.M. & Moorefield-Lang, H.M. (2024, January 18,). *Roles of the School Librarian & Building a Culture of Reading*. Invited presentation at the Principal Preparation for Excellence & Equity in Rural Schools (PPEERS) cohort. Browns Summit, NC.

2023

Dawkins, A.M. (2023, December 15). *Trends in Censorship: 2023 Edition*. Keynote Presentation for NC Region 5 School Library Media Coordinator Conference. Greensboro, NC.

Dawkins, A.M., Green, L. S., & Byrd Fort, V. (2023, November 8). *Get Ready, Stay Ready: Supporting Proactive Community Advocacy for Library Professionals*. Webinar for United for Libraries.

Dawkins, A.M. (2023, October 21). *A Content Analysis of District School Library Selection Policies 2022 AASL Research Grant Award*. Presentation at the AASL 2023 Conference. Tampa, FL.

Dawkins, A.M., Valenza, J.K., & Morris, R. (2023, October 20). *A Tale of Two (New Bloomsbury Titles)*. Presentation at the AASL 2023 Conference. Tampa, FL.

Dawkins, A.M., & Soulen, R. (2023, October 19). *Community of Scholars*. Presentation for the AASL Research Symposium at the AASL 2023 Conference. Tampa, FL.

Dawkins, A.M., & Meier, K. (2023, October 6). *Where are all the nonfiction read-alouds?*. Presentation for the NC School Library Media Association Annual Conference. Winston-Salem, NC.

Dawkins, A.M. (2023, October 5). *Empowering your community to stand up for students' right to read*. Presentation for the NC School Library Media Association Annual Conference. Winston-Salem, NC.

Henning, J., Crow, S., & **Dawkins, A.M.** (2023, July 19). *Book Challenges and the Impact on Student's Intellectual Freedom: How are school districts handling the onslaught of book challenges?* Education SIG Panel Discussion at the International Association of School Librarians Conference. Rome, Italy.

Santos Green, L., Fishel, A., Byrd Fort, V., & **Dawkins, A.M.** (2023, June 24). *Get Ready, Stay Ready: Supporting Proactive Community Advocacy for Library Professionals*. Panel discussion at the American Library Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL.

Dawkins, A.M., & Byrd Fort, V. (2023, June). *The Get Ready Stay Ready Toolkit*. Presentation for the Library 2.2023 Web Conference.

Dawkins, A.M. (2023, May). *Intellectual Freedom for Educators in Challenging Times*. Keynote presentation at the NC Association of Educators Law Conference. NC.

Dawkins, A.M. (2023, April). *Defending Students' Right to Read in Challenging Times*. Keynote presentation at the NE Regional School Library Media Coordinator Bootcamp. NC.

Dawkins, A.M. (2023, March). *Defending Students' Right to Read in Challenging Times*. Presentation at the NC Reading Association Conference. Winston-Salem, NC.

2022

Dawkins, A.M. (2022, October 8). *Worth Fighting For*. Keynote presentation at the NC School Library Media Association annual conference. Winston-Salem, NC.

Dawkins, A.M. (2022, October 7). *Building Coalitions to Fight Book Bans*. Presentation at the NC School Library Media Association annual conference. Winston-Salem, NC.

Dawkins, A.M. et al. (2022, September 20). *Support Children's Right to Read*. Panel for the Children's Literature and Reading SIG of the International Literacy Association.

Dawkins, A.M., Santos-Green, L. & Harper, M. (2022, July 13). *Alphabet Soup: Developing Resources to Support SEL, DEI/IDEA and LGBTQIA+*. Presentation for the International Association of School Librarians Conference. Columbia, SC.

Dawkins, A.M. & Meier, K. (2022, June 26). *Building Diversity in Read Aloud Choices*. Presentation for the American Library Association Annual Conference. Washington, DC.

2021

Dawkins, A.M. (2021, November). *Book Challenges and You*. Virtual Webinar for the North Carolina School Library Media Association.

Dawkins, A.M., & Soulen, R. (2021, October 21). *5 Audits**5 Tools**5 Minutes*. *Idealab Session at the American Association of School Librarians*. Salt Lake City, UT. (National Conference).

Dawkins, A.M., & Meier, K. (2021, September). *Partnerships for Learning: Developing Relationships Between Universities and Districts*. North Carolina Association of School Librarians. NC. (Virtual conference due to COVID-19).

Dawkins, A.M., Gruer, T., & Sands, L. (2021, September). *Fifty Fantastic Finds in Kids Lit*. North Carolina Association of School Librarians. NC. (Virtual conference due to COVID-19).

Dawkins, A.M. (2021, June). *Difficult Conversations: What Does Intellectual Freedom Actually Mean in Today's World?* South Carolina Association of School Librarians. SC (Virtual Summer Conference)

Dawkins, A.M., & Gavigan, K.W. (2021, July). *Make Your eBooks Fly*. International Association of School Librarians. TX (Virtual Summer Conference).

Dawkins, A.M., Gruer, T., & Sands, L. (2021, July). *Passport to Multicultural Literature: Tearing down the barriers to diversity in literature*. International Association of School Librarians. TX (Virtual Summer Conference).

Dawkins, A.M., & Newsum, J. (2021, July). *Exploring the new ALA/AASL/CAEP School Librarian Preparation Standards*. International Association of School Librarians. TX (Virtual Summer Conference).

2020

Dawkins, A.M., Gruer, T., & Sands, L. (2020, October). *Fifty Fantastic Finds in Kids Lit*. NC School Library Media Association. NC (Virtual conference due to COVID-19).

Dawkins, A.M., et al. (2020, April). *Introducing the new ALA/AASL/CAEP School Librarian Preparation Standards*. American Associations of School Librarians. Six-part webinar series.

2019

Dawkins, A. M. (2019, November 16). *Expanding Our Horizons: Building Diverse Collections in School Libraries*. American Association of School Librarians. Louisville, KY.

Dawkins, A. M., & Gavigan, K. W. (2019, November 16,). *AASL Research Grant Award Recipients*. American Association of School Librarians. Louisville, KY.

Dawkins, A. M., & Wine, L. (2019, November 15). *Fighting Fake News with Visual Literacy*. American Association of School Librarians. Louisville, KY

Dawkins, A.M. (2019, July). *Bridging the Gap: Community College Library Services to Early College High School Students*. NC Community College Library Directors' Institute. Smithfield, NC.

Dawkins, A.M. (2019, July). *Successfully Hosting Library Practicum Students*. Invited Panelist, NC Community College Library Directors' Institute. Smithfield, NC.

Dawkins, A.M. (2019, March). *Bridging the Gap: Community College Library Services to Early College High School Students*. NC Community College Library Association Conference. Asheville, NC.

Dawkins, A. M. (2019, January 26,). *School Library Research: Where We've Been and Where We're Going*. Invited panelist for American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, Seattle, WA.

2018

Dawkins, A.M., & Wine, L. (2018, November). *Fighting Fake News with Visual Literacy*. Virginia Association of School Librarians Conference. Williamsburg, VA.

Dawkins, A.M. (2018, November). *Gearing Up for NBPTS Certification Renewal*. Virginia Association of School Librarians Conference. Williamsburg, VA.

Dawkins, A.M. (2018, October). *Creating the Amazing School Librarians of the Future*. NC School Library Media Association Conference. Winston-Salem, NC.

Dawkins, A.M. (2018, October). *Defending Your Pages with Policy: Developing and Revising your Selection & Reconsideration Policies*. NC School Library Media Association Conference. Winston-Salem, NC.

Dawkins, A.M. (2018, April 18). *Growing Where You are Planted: Transition from Graduate Student to Faculty*. Colloquium panelist. USC School of Library and Information Science, Columbia, SC.

2017

Dawkins, A.M. (2017, October). *Intellectual Freedom Fighters*. NC School Library Media Association Conference. Winston-Salem, NC.

Dawkins, A.M. (2017, October). *Make your eBooks Fly*. NC School Library Media Association Conference. Winston-Salem, NC.

Contract/Consulting Work, Interviews, & Advisory Boards

Professional Webinar Presenter

Webinar, *Diversity in Historical Fiction*, AASL, 2017.

Training webinar series for the *ALA/AASL/CAEP Preparation Standards for School Librarians*, 2019.

Expert Interviewee

Dr. April Dawkins (Episode 4), *School Library Research Chats Podcast*. (2023, August 16).

How school libraries buy books, struggle for funds, and confront book bans: An explainer, *EdWeek*. (2023, February 27).

Research roundup: A content analysis of selection policies in the United States, *School Library Connection*. (2023, January).

Intellectual Freedom Issues in School Libraries, *UNCG School of Education Transform Magazine*. (2022).

Censoring school libraries with April Dawkins and Emerson Sykes, *High School SCOTUS Podcast*. (2022, March 14).

Rising book bans: Groups for moral panic?, *Christian Science Monitor*. (2022, February 9).

Yanking books from school libraries: What the Supreme Court has said, and why it's murky, *Education Week*. (2021, December 15).

Research Into Practice. Exploring preparation and practice: An interview with Elizabeth Burns and April M. Dawkins, *School Library Connection*. (August 2021).

School librarians can protect intellectual freedom, an interview with April Dawkins, *Intellectual Freedom Blog*. (2021, January 25,).

<https://www.oif.ala.org/school-librarians-can-protect-intellectual-freedom-an-interview-with-april-dawkins/>

Research Roundup: Exploring eBook use in high schools, *School Library Connection*. (2020, March).

Professional Development Provided

Dawkins, A.M. (2024, February-April). *Handling Challenges in Difficult Times*. Professional development series for The Lovett School library staff. Atlanta, GA.

Dawkins, A.M. (2022, May). *Handling Patron Content Concerns in Challenging Times*. Presentation for the NE Ohio Regional Library System. (Virtual)

Dawkins, A.M., & Rockwell, J. (2021, September). *Censorship in Children's Services*. Virtual webinar for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library. NC.

Dawkins, A.M. (2020-2021). *Evaluating Your Collection for Diversity*. Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools. NC. (6-part online webinar series offered twice).

Dawkins, A.M. (2020, November). *Fighting Fake News with Visual Literacy*. Laurens SC School District School Librarians. (Seminar).

Dawkins, A.M., Gruer, T., & Moorefield-Lang, H.M. (2019, August 8). *iDEAL School Library Professional Development Day*. UNC Greensboro.

Dawkins, A.M., & Cusick, M. (2018, October). *Advocacy Bootcamp*. NC School Library Media Association Conference. Winston-Salem, NC. (Half Day Pre-Conference Workshop).

Dawkins, A.M. (2017, October). *Information Literacy and Fake News*. NC School Library Media Association Conference. Winston-Salem, NC. (Half Day Pre-Conference Workshop).

Intellectual Freedom Consultant (private advisor)

PEN America v Escambia County Schools, FL, February 2024 – present

Missouri State Conference of the NAACP, St Charles County Missouri Unit of the NAACP, CK-W, a minor, and DL, a minor, v. Wentzville R-IV School District. (2021-2022)

Selendy Gay Elsberg Attys, PLLC, July 2023

Freedom to Read Foundation, Texas SB900 litigation, September 2024

Professional Video Presenter

Trauma-Informed Professional Practice (TIPP) K-12 Training Program, Contributor, 2024

Service

UNC Greensboro

2023-present	ILRS Department Faculty Search Committee, Member
2022-present	LIS Department Curriculum Committee, Member
2021-2023	UNCG Academic Policies and Regulations Committee
2017-present	LIS Department School Library Program Committee, Member
2021-2022	LIS Department Faculty Student Welfare Committee, Member
2020-2022	SOE Faculty Council, Member
2020-2022	SOE Research Council, Member
2020-present	SOE Institute for Partnerships in Education (i-PiE) Advisory Board, Member
2019-2020	UNCG Faculty Senate Research Grants Subcommittee, Grant Reviewer
2019	SOE Mentoring, Advising, and Supervision Award Committee, Member
2018-2019	SOE Online Learning Task Force, Member
2018-2020	SOE Partnership Institute Planning Team, Member
2018-2020	LIS Department Capstone Rubric Revision Committee, Member
2018	Moss Street School - School Librarian Search Committee, Member
2017-2019	LIS Department Curriculum Committee, Member
2017-2018	LIS Department Faculty Search Committee, Member

External Universities

Workshop on Intellectual Freedom & Challenges, Appalachian State University, February 2022

External Reviewer, LIS program, Univ of West Georgia, 2019 & 2022

Longwood University, new course development, 2023—2024

Antioch University, course revision, 2020

Service to the Profession

2024-present	ALA Executive Director Search Committee, Member
2023-2025	AASL Board of Directors, Director-at-Large
2022-present	Get Ready Stay Ready, Advisory Board
2022-present	IASL School Library Education SIG, Chair
2022-present	AASL Community of Scholars, Member
2023-present	<i>The Library Quarterly</i> , Reviewer
2021-present	<i>School Libraries Worldwide</i> , Reviewer
2021-present	<i>Journal of Intellectual Freedom & Privacy</i> , Reviewer
2020-present	<i>School Library Research</i> , Editorial Board member & reviewer
2020-present	AASL National Recognition Task Force member
2018-present	AASL-CAEP Lead Program Reviewer for School Library Programs
2019	NC School Library Advocacy Summit, planning committee
2017-2023	NCSLMA Intellectual Freedom Committee, Chair
2018-2021	NCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee, Chair
2019-2020	YALSA Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee, Member
2017-2020	ALA Education Assembly, Member

2017-2020	AASL-CAEP Coordinating Committee, Chair
2016-2018	ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee Working Group on Selection Policy
2016-2017	AASL Intellectual Freedom Award Committee, Member
2015-2016	AASL Presidential Think Tank, Member
2014-2015	AASL Leadership Award Committee
2013-2016	NCSLMA Leadership Development Committee, Chair
2013-2014	AASL Region 4 Representative
2012-2013	NC School Library Media Association, President
2011-2013	AASL Affiliate Assembly, Representative
2010-2011	NC School Library Media Association, Secretary
2010-2015	NCSLMA Young Adult Book Award Committee, Member

Community Service

Dawkins, A.M. (2024, January 21,). *Facing Censorship Challenges: Librarians & Community Members Working Together*. Invited presentation at the Ethical Humanist Society of the Triangle. Chapel Hill, NC.

Dawkins, A.M. (2023, October 11). *Facing Censorship Challenges: Librarians & Community Members Working Together*. Great Decisions Lecture Series. Pittsboro, NC.

Professional Memberships

Associations

2000-present	American Library Association
2000-present	American Association of School Librarians
2000-present	Young Adult Library Services Association
2000-present	NC School Library Media Association
2018-present	International Association of School Librarians
2019-2020	International Research Society for Children's Literature
2017-2020	NC Library Association
2014-2017	SC Association of School Librarians
2016-2018	Association for Library and Information Science Education

Roundtables & Sections (ALA & AASL)

Educators of School Librarians Section
Intellectual Freedom Roundtable
Library Research Roundtable

Honors and Awards

2022	Nominee, UNCG SOE Teaching Excellence Award
2022	AASL Research Grant Award (received for 2021 selection policies paper)
2020	Frances Bryant Bradburn Distinguished Service Award, NCSLMA
2020	Nominee, UNCG Joyner Alumni Teaching Excellence Award
2019	AASL Research Grant Award (received for 2019 e-book paper)
2019	Nominee. UNCG SOE Teaching Excellence Award
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2017	Robert V. Williams Graduate Research Award, SLIS, University of South Carolina
2017	Top 10 ALISE Doctoral Poster

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