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Message From the Dean

SLIM has been busy in recent months in updating our strategic plan to align with the recent change of our delivery mode, fully online asynchronous, and I'm happy to announce that the SLIM Council, which consists of SLIM faculty, staff, students, and alumni, approved the list of new goals of the updated SLIM strategic plan on November 18, 2022. The updated version is available at <https://www.emporia.edu/school-library-and-information-management/about/slim-mission-vision-strategic-plan/>. SLIM faculty and staff will continue to work on objectives under each goal in during the upcoming spring semester and the final version will be presented to the SLIM Council for approval at the end of the semester. We had booths at the state library conferences in Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas during the last 3 months, meeting many enthusiastic and supporting alumni and great prospective students. For those conferences we could not participate in person, SLIM put sponsorships for nationwide promotion of our online programs. SLIM plans to have booths at ACRL and ALA Annual Conferences next year along with a few state conferences in spring and summer. SLIM faculty members had a strong presence at scholarly conferences this fall, including ALISE and ASIS&T. Dr. Mirah Dow offered a timely webinar on book challenges and censorship and Drs. Emily Vardell and Michael Widdersheim presented their research projects in a webinar form. Recordings of these webinars are available at SLIM YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@schooloflibraryandinformat6154/videos>. With our new fully online asynchronous mode, SLIM alumni's help in networking for our students is more important than ever. Please, consider giving back your time in connecting with our students for their professional

development whenever we call you for your help. Your monetary help is always critical for our students' success in a form of scholarship. Your contribution can be done online here <https://hornetnation.emporia.edu/givenow>. COVID is still with us, so please be well and happy holidays!

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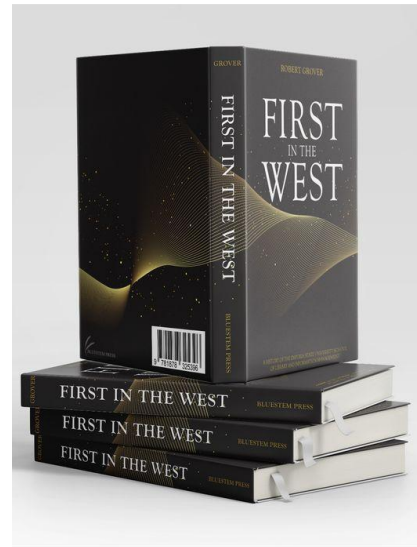
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Congratulations, Robert Grover, former Dean of SLIM! "The First in the West: A History of the Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management" has been published after a three-year project. Paper and electronic books are available from Bluestem Press.

<https://sites.google.com/g.emporia.edu/bluestem-press/home>



SLIM News

On Saturday, September 10, **Dr. Emily J. M. Knox** was the guest speaker for the Emporia State University, School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) fall 2022 Ph.D. Symposium. "There was excellent participation by new Ph.D. students, candidates, and faculty in an enthusiastic beginning to the new academic year," said **Dr. Mirah Dow**, Director of ESU's Ph.D. program.



Student News

Congratulation to our current MLS student **Mason Price**! Mason received a 15 weeks position with Library of Congress Internships Program and are one of 18 cohorts scattered across the country! She has been assigned to the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled Collection Division! We are so proud of you, congratulation again!



Join us in congratulating **Jennifer Muse** on receiving the LIS Fall Development Award offered by the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) Region 3. Jennifer presented at the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association (SCC/MLA) in September. Her presentation covered the NLM Traveling Exhibitions. She wants to especially thank Dr. Vardell for her support and encouragement at every step of the way.

Congratulations to **Dr. Paul Thomas** who on October 21, 2022 successfully defended Ph.D. dissertation research titled *The Information Behavior of Wikipedia Fan Editors: A Digital (auto)Ethnography*. Dissertation research is in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Emporia State University Doctor of Philosophy, Library and Information Management degree. This research was partially funded by a generous scholarship from the Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Beta Phi Mu International Library and Information Studies Honor Society.



Congratulations **Juliana M. Nykolaiszyn** on successful defense of dissertation research on November 1, 2022. The title of the research is An Analysis of Job



Crafting and World Engagement among Academic Librarians with a Focus on the COVID-19 Pandemic. Dissertation research is in partial fulfillment of requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy, Library and Information Management degree.



On November 18th, SLIM's Graduate Assistants **Congwen Wang** and **Nazmunnahar Jaly** represented their cultures at the Office of International Students' International Culture Show. Their performances were fun to watch and demonstrated the beauty of their cultures.



Alumni News



Colleagues, students, mentees and friends gathered at the Admire Community Building on Sunday afternoon to honor **Ann Birney** (SLIM '77) and **Joyce Thierer** (SLIM '80) upon their retirement from Ride Into History. Congratulations to both of you!

Beverley Olson Buller, a Kansas teacher, librarian and recognized authority on William Allen White, was the guest speaker during the Emporia State University Beta Epsilon Chapter of Beta Phi Mu annual program on October 28 at the 2022 Kansas Library Conference in Wichita. The program title was "70 Years of the William Allen Book Children's Book Award." Buller has had decades long involvement in the White Book Award, was contributor and star in the documentary by renowned independent filmmaker Kevin Willmott titled "William Allen White: What's the Matter with Kansas," and was honored as a 2022 ESU Distinguished Alumni. Buller authored popular books: *From Emporia: The Story of William Allen White* (2007) and *A Prairie Peter Pan: The Story of Mary White* (2010). Pictured left to right: **Carmaine Ternes** (MLS '00), **Jan Brooks** (MLS '09), **Mirah Dow** (MLS '95, PhD '99), **Beverley Olson Buller**, and **Amanda Harrison** (MLS '15).



Daria Bossman (SLIM '91), an ESU Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 2020, was recognized in person at ESU Homecoming gala on Friday,

October 28. The badge along with the award trophy is 31 years old and it is one of those given to Daria's cohort for their graduation. Daria's cohort is the first of SLIM's distance education cohorts, which started in 1988 in Sioux City, Iowa. Congratulations again, Daria!

Faculty & Staff News

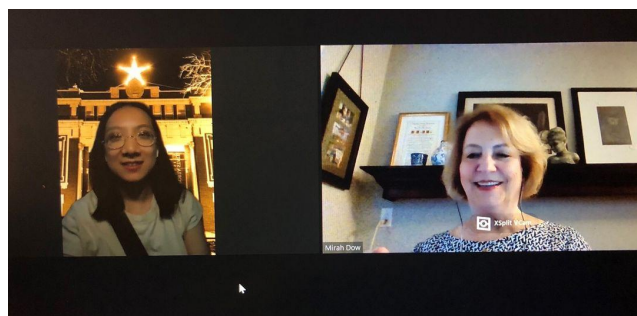
Join us in congratulating **Brenda Linares** on her new position as Associate Dean of Library Services at the University of Missouri Kansas City. She will lead eight department heads at UMKC Miller Nicholas Library. One of the department heads is from the UMKC health sciences library. The other seven are varied across the campus. It is a leadership position that will give Brenda the career opportunities for which she strives in academic libraries. We are very excited for her as she starts in this amazing position.



Congratulations to **Dr. Ting Wang** who received an ALISE/Jean Tague Sutcliffe Doctoral Student Research Award at the Ph.D. dissertation research competition during the 2022 Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) annual conference held in Pittsburg, PA on October 26. This prestigious award is sponsored by the University of Western Ontario, Faculty of Information and Media Studies. Dr. Wang's dissertation published in ProQuest Dissertations and Theses under the

title Rare Disease, Rare Information: Investigating Healthcare Information Use in Online Global Disability Support Groups. Dissertation committee members are: Mirah Dow, Ph.D., Chair, Professor, ESU SLIM; Emily Vardell, Ph.D., Committee Member, Assistant Professor, ESU SLIM; and Christy Robertsen, M.D., Children's Mercy, Kansas City Pediatrician in Neonatology, Director, Special Care Clinic-Neonatal; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine.

Congratulations to **Drs. Ting Wang** and **Mirah Dow** who presented at the 2022 Association of Education Communication Technologies International Conference yesterday, October 24. They presented the findings from a student satisfaction survey completed by Chinese American



undergraduate and master's students enrolled at the North China University of Engineering. Survey results revealed participants' expressed motivations for participating in the courses including a desire to learn new knowledge, about cultures and pedagogy style and to improve English proficiency. Researchers on this project included: Ting Wang, ESU SLIM. Brady Lund, ESU SLIM; Dusti Howell, East Oregon University; Jiayun Yan, School of Foreign Languages at North China Institute of Aerospace Engineering; Mirah Dow, ESU SLIM; and Ziang Wang, School of Education at Baker University.

SCALA News

- All SLIM students are welcome to attend our monthly SCALA meeting via Zoom to learn more about SCALA activities, ask questions, and share suggestions. Our next SCALA meeting will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 4pm CT.
 - <https://emporiastate.zoom.us/j/3546837307>
- SCALA will be holding elections for new SCALA Officers in Spring 2023. More information will be shared in early 2023, but if you are interested or have any questions, please reach out to SCALA President Dylan Baker (dbaker8@g.emporia.edu) or any other current SCALA Officer.

Alumni in Memorium

[Bennie Peters](#)- Class of 1975

[Larry Kramer](#)- Class of 2001

[Mabel Williams](#)- Class of 1956

[Adrienne Clevenger](#)- Class of 2012

[Guy Coffee](#)- Class of 1970

[Terrilyn Chun](#)- Class of 2009



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