

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Another holiday season arrived with the lingering COVID-19. I really hope everybody is well in spite of increasing risk of those variants of the virus. Thank you very much for your vaccinations and other measures to make your communities safe. Let's hope we will get out of this pandemic soon. Recently ALA (American Library Association) announced its 2022 Class of Emerging Leaders. It is my great pleasure to tell you that out of the 49 members, SLIM has three on the list: Hyunjin Han (SLIM 2016), Danica White (SLIM 2019), and Sam Jack (current student). Congratulations, all three Emerging Leaders! As you already know, earlier this year, Amy Delpo (SLIM 2009) and Todd Deck (SLIM 2014) were selected as 2021 Library Journal's Movers & Shakers. Elizabeth Moreau Nicolai (SLIM 2006) and Sean Bird (SLIM 2008) were honored with 2021 I Love My Librarian! Award. All of these accolades proved SLIM's quality learning experiences. We will continue to offer excellent instruction and advising regardless of delivery mode. Along with our MLS program, our doctoral program is now fully online, meaning it does not require any in person classes. From our experience through the pandemic, we believe we can deliver our doctoral program in a fully online mode with great technical support. We are still accepting applications for the fall 2022 doctoral cohort, so please consider it if you have been thinking of a doctoral degree. You have been generous all year long, but still many of our students need financial assistance because of COVID, so please keep helping us at [Donation Form - Emporia State University](#). Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. Happy Holidays!

SLIM NEWS



What great news! **Ting Wang, Brady Lund, and Dr. Mirah Dow** had new publication. Here is the publication information:

Wang, T., Lund, D., Dow, M., (2021). A bibliometrics study of library and information science doctoral dissertations in China from 2011 to 2020. *Education for Information*, 1-15.
https://content.iospress.com/search?q=A+bibliometrics+study+of+library+and+information+science+doctoral+dissertations+in+China+from+2011+to+2020&published_between=&from_year=&to_year=

Congratulation to Ting, Brady, and Dr. Dow. Nice job!



Congratulation to **Dr. Mirah Dow, Dr. Bobbie Sartin Long, and Brady Lund**! Here is their newest publication in the *College & Research Libraries* journal. Way to go!

Dow, M. J., Long, B. S., Lund, B. D. (2021). Reference and instructional services to postsecondary education students with intellectual disabilities. *College & Research Libraries*, 82(7), 1017-1034.
<https://doi.org/10.5860/crl.82.7.1017>



What a great way to kick off the morning! This is the Fall 2021 Pipeline, the newsletter of the Beta Phi MU, The international honor society of library and information professions. See the article from the Emporia State University Beta Epsilon Chapter of BPM that includes news from the annual meeting and initiation of 10 new members.

Follow this link for the newsletter:

https://www.betaphimu.org/uploads/3/8/2/2/38222371/bpm_newsletter_fall_2021.pdf

Want more information about BPM, please contact **Dr. Mirah Dow** mdow@emporia.edu



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<https://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2021/11/ala-announces-2022-class-emerging-leaders>

STUDENT NEWS

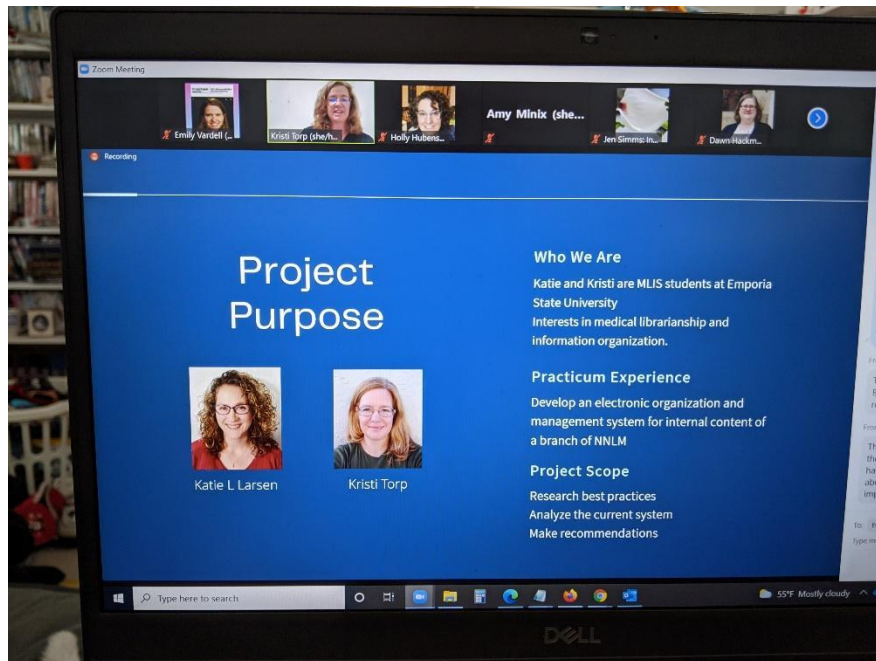


Congratulation to our current SLIM Student **Alex Boeckman**! She recently accepted the Senior Library Information Specialist position with Zalk Veterinary Medical Library at the University of Missouri - Columbia.



We are excited to share that current SLIM student **Kristen Burroughs** was selected for the NNLM Region 3 LIS Fall Development Award! Congratulations Kristen!





Congratulations to SLIM students **Katie Larsen** and **Kristi Torp** for their presentation “Improving Information Storage for Online Group Collaboration” at the Midwest/MCMLA Joint Conference in October! It was very well received with over 145 attendees during their presentation.



Collection Highlight: *Health in the Workplace*

Written and narrated by Jordan Jedry, Archives Assistant

Presented by Historical Collections & Archives | www.ohsu.edu/historical-collections-archives

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SLIM MLS student **Jordan Jedry** created this short collection highlight video, “Health in the Workplace,” as part of their job as a student worker in Historical Collections & Archives at Oregon Health & Science University. Enjoy! https://bit.ly/OHSU_Jedry



Congratulations to our doctoral candidate **Liz Ferguson** was selected to be featured in the ALA Game Round Table's Gaming Librarian Spotlight. Click the link to read the Spotlight Article.

Keep up the great work Liz!

<https://games.ala.org/gaming-librarian-spotlight-elizabeth-ferguson/>



Congrats to SLIM student **Alex Boeckman**! She is the winner of the NNLM Region 3 LIS Fall Development Award (Network of the National Library of Medicine).

ALUMNI NEWS



Congratulations to our SLIM Alumni **Kristy Martin ('20)**. Kristy was in our Portland Cohort. She was hired on full time at the Lucasfilm Film Archives as a Film Archives Associate and has been invited to be on the Society of American Archivists Foundation Board as the early career member.



Congratulations to our SLIM Alumni **Mike Wetta ('21)**. He accepted a position as an Associate Librarian at the Painted Desert Campus of Northland Pioneer College in Holbrook, AZ. Good job, Mike!



Congratulations to SLIM Alumni **Justin Iverson ('21)**. He has accepted a faculty position at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Law Library. Way to go Justin!





Our congratulations to **Lindsay Kufahl ('14)**, the school librarian at Farley Elementary in the Auburn Washburn Unified School District 437, Topeka, Kansas, who received the 2021 Kansas School Library Association President's Distinguished Library Media Specialist award. This annual award was presented on October 29 during the 2021 Kansas Library Association conference in Wichita, KS.



Congratulations to ESU Hornet, **Elizabeth Mock ('21)**!

Elizabeth Mock is a new Public Services and Instruction Librarian at the AMDA College of the American Musical and Performing Arts and Dramatic Academy with campuses in Los Angeles and New York City. Elizabeth is joining the LA campus in Hollywood. The AMDA Performing Arts Libraries are students' comprehensive resource for study and performance. For over 50 years, AMDA has launched some of the most successful careers in theatre, film and television. According to the website, AMDA creates industry professionals who don't just wait for life to happen—they stage their own career path.

<https://www.amda.edu/> Elizabeth described her second day saying that she shadowed an information literacy class and chatted with two students “about finding peer reviewed sources for different projects and I helped clarify assignment questions.” We are proud of you, Elizabeth. Students at AMDA are fortunate to have you there!



Congratulations to **Art Gutierrez ('10)**! He was recently chosen as President Elect of the Kansas Association of School Boards. What an exciting achievement!





Congratulations to **Sara McNeil ('19)**. She was being named part of the 2021-2022 Emerging Leader Class in Wichita's Business Journal in! What an exciting achievement!



We are very proud of the brilliant, timely professional work of **Jenny Cook ('09)** and **Hazlett Henderson ('21)** at the Lawrence Public Library in Lawrence, Kansas.

Check out this article regarding their work about the personal narratives surrounding the pandemic within the Lawrence community:

<https://www2.ljworld.com/news/general-news/2021/nov/27/library-collecting-stories-about-pandemic-experiences-to-share-through-diy-zines/?fbclid=IwAR3p-1q0Ljkh0ocLvFUvzmyBPnfeXK-XeW7tjXHQP5gCsxiDIFmfF1OwkVo>

Job well done!



Congratulations to **Sandy Biewer ('21)**, who was recently named Library Associate with teaching responsibilities in the Public Services Department at Hilton M. Briggs Library at South Dakota State University (SDSU). SDSU is the largest university in the State with 12,000 students. We wish you all the best, Sandy!

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS





Congratulations to **Dr. Emily Vardell** for her new article that was published in *JELIS (The Journal of Education for Library and Information Science)*. In their article, Dr. Vardell and coauthor Sara Beth Nelson discuss using comedy improv to teach reference skills.

Vardell, E. & Nelson, S. B. (2022). Teaching reference interview skills with improv. *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*, 63(1) (*in press*) doi: 10.3138/jelis-2020-0098





Dr. Brendan Fay gave the talk "Nazi Conspiracy Theories: The Röhm Plot in the Nazi Imagination" as part of the panel "The Big Hoax: The Conspiracy of the 'Other': Revolution, Replacement, and Reinvention" at the Toronto International Festival of Authors in October. Way to go Dr. Fay!





Congratulation to **Dr. Emily Vardell**. She was interviewed for an NPR article “Picking Health Insurance is Hard. Experts Offer These 5 Tips” on how to navigate health insurance. Here is the link for the article: <https://www.kmuw.org/2021-10-28/picking-health-insurance-is-hard-experts-offer-these-5-tips>



Congratulations to **Dr. Stan Trembach**! His new co-authored article on adaptive leadership response to COVID-19 challenges in academic libraries has been published in *College & Undergraduate Libraries*.

Trembach, S., & Deng, L. (2021). A window of opportunity: Sustained excellence in academic library response to the challenges of COVID-19, *College & Undergraduate Libraries*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/10691316.2021.1995921>

SCALA NEWS



SCALA invites everyone to participate in the Holiday Book Exchange 2021!

Last day to register is Thursday, December 9.

Follow this link to register: [Holiday Book Exchange 2021 | Elfster](#)

ALUMNI IN MEMORIUM



[Dwayne Schrag](#)- Class of 1967

[Florence Gieber](#)- Class of 1977

[Jeri Vick](#)- Class of 1982

[Sandy Hetrick](#)- Class of 1963

[Nanette Martin](#)- Class of 1968

[Alfred White](#)- Class of 1971