

THE ACADEMIC SENATE CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM

Name:

Dr. Melissa L. Miller

Academic Track and Rank:

Associate University Librarian with continuing-appointment

Department/School:

USC Libraries

Graduate degrees (with year, university, and discipline):

- 2026 Master of Heritage Conservation (MHC), School of Architecture,
University of Southern California
- 2018 Doctor of Education (EdD), Educational Leadership, Rossier School of Education,
University of Southern California
- 2014 Master of Management in Library and Information Science (MMLIS), Marshall School of
Business, **University of Southern California**
- 2013 Bachelor of Arts (BA), Psychology, Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences,
University of Southern California

Major academic responsibilities:

- 2018 – Present: Head of the Hoose Library of Philosophy
- 2018 – Present: Faculty Librarian for Humanities, Philosophy, Classics, Religion, Anthropology, Linguistics
- 2019 – Present: Associate Professor of Management in Library and Information Science, USC Marshall School of Business
- 2022 – 2025: Faculty Fellow, USC Center for Excellence in Teaching (CET)

Previous service on USC, Senate, or school committees:

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- 2023-2024: Academic Senate, Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee Member
- 2022-2024: Lead Judge, Social Sciences I (Applied, Analytical) category, USC Undergraduate Symposium for Scholarly and Creative Work
- 2022-2023: Faculty Mentor, Hire LA's Youth Summer Employment Program, USC Civic Engagement & Economic Partnerships Office, USC Community & Local Government Partnerships Office
- 2022-2023: Faculty Curriculum Committee, Marshall School of Business, Master of Management in Library and Information Science
- 2021-2023: Faculty Recruitment and Development Committee, Marshall School of Business, Master of Management in Library and Information Science
- 2020-Present: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Access (DEIA) +Anti-Racism (AR) Working Group Marshall School of Business, Master of Management in Library and Information Science

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- 2024-2026: Faculty Council Vice President/President elect
- 2023-2025: Faculty Governance: Peer Review Panel, Personnel Steering Committee
- 2023-2024: Faculty Annual Performance and Merit Review Advisory Committee
- 2023-2024: Faculty New Unit Head and New Reporting Officer On-boarding Advisory Committee
- 2023-Present: Dual Mentor; Administrative Unit Head and Continuing-Appointment track
- 2022-Present: Collection Development & Management Committee (CDMC)
- 2019-2024: Juror of the University Libraries' Research Award Committee
- 2021-2022: Chair of the Research Committee
- 2020-2021: Member of the Research Committee
- 2019-2020: Chair of the Faculty Elections Committee
- 2018-2019: Member of the Faculty Elections Committee
- 2019-Present: USC Vision & Voices, USC Libraries Resource Theme Guides Project Manager
- 2015-Present: Member of the University Libraries' Reference Committee
- 2018-Present: Member of the University Libraries' Digital Humanities Interest Group

Previous administrative responsibilities at USC:

- 2018 – Present: Head of the Hoose Library of Philosophy

Previous service to scholarly or professional associations:

- 2021: External reviewer. David Gustavsen, Librarian II in the Business, Humanities, and Social Sciences Reference Department – Tenure Promotion at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.
- 2021: Reviewer. The European Conference on Arts and Humanities (ECAH), The International Academic Forum (iafor). The UCL Institute of Education, London, United Kingdom.
- 2017: Associate Editor. *Ubiquitous Learning: An International Journal*. New Directions in the Humanities Journal Collection, Common Ground Publisher.

Member of the following Professional Associations:

- 2012-Present: International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
- 2014-2020: IFLA: Reference & Information Services Section Standing Committee Member
- 2013-Present: American Library Association (ALA)
- 2013-Present: Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL)
- 2013-Present: California Library Association (CLA)

Personal statement: why do you want to serve in this role for the Senate? What are your goals for the Senate?

I'm honored to be a candidate for the role of Member-at-Large on the Executive Board of our Academic Senate.

My career trajectory, both personal and professional, underscores my commitment to lifelong learning. I am a dedicated advocate for an interdisciplinary and inclusive approach in research, learning, and teaching, with a focus on the progression of knowledge, equity, and accessibility.

Let me give you a little bit about my background, as a non-traditional, first-generation college student, I transferred to USC in 2011. My academic journey includes a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Dornsife, a Master's degree in Management of Library and Information Science from Marshall, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Rossier. I am also on track to complete a second Master's degree in Heritage Conservation from the School of Architecture.

Since 2018, I have been serving the USC community as the Head of the Hoose Library of Philosophy and, since 2019, as an Associate Professor for the Master in Management of Library and Information Science program at the Marshall School of Business. My leadership roles and committee participation have reinforced my dedication to active engagement in faculty governance. In fact, I am the incoming Vice President/President-elect of the USC Libraries Faculty Council and a current member of the Academic Senate Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee.

If elected, my primary objectives will be to further enhance transparency, communication, and equity, specifically regarding faculty salary and compensation across all schools and units. I am committed to nurturing robust relationships between faculty councils, the faculty they represent, and the USC administration.

With your vote, I am eager to serve on the Academic Senate executive board which I feel offers the opportunity to shape academic policies, and advocate for faculty rights and interests. It's a platform to foster transparency, equity, and collaboration among faculty, administration, and students, thereby contributing to the university's mission and vision.

Thank you, and I look forward to contributing to USC's continued success.
Melissa Miller