

Rebecca O. Davis

College of Organizational, Computational, and Information Sciences
School of Library and Information Science
Simmons University, Boston MA

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

University of Tennessee	Knoxville TN	Communication and Information	Ph. D, 2015
University of Kentucky	Lexington KY	Library Science	M.S.L.S, 2009
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill NC	Information Studies	Ph.D. in Information Transfer, 1995

APPOINTMENTS

2018-Present	<i>Assistant Professor</i>	<i>School of Library and Information Science</i> Simmons University, Boston, MA
2017-2018	<i>Senior Lecturer</i>	<i>School of Library and Information Science</i> Simmons University, Boston, MA

AWARDS AND HONORS

- January 2023 – May 2023, North Star Collective Faculty Fellowship
- April 2021 – April 2022, Simmons Faculty Research Fund, Exploring the Information Needs of First-Generation Students Pursuing Graduate Education, Funded \$2,146.80, Co-PI
- November 2020 – June 2021, College of Organizational, Computational, and Information Sciences (COCIS) Innovation Fund, Exploring the Information Needs of First-Generation Graduate Students, Funded \$1,975.00, Co-PI

OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Simmons University

- Member, President's Advisory Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, fall 2022 -
- Faculty Marshal, 117 th Commencement, May 20, 2022
- Member, Simmons Faculty Subcommittee of the President's Diversity and Inclusion Committee (PDIAC), spring 2022 -
- Representative for the College of Organizational, Computational, and Information Sciences (COCIS), Academic Integrity Board, fall 2020 – spring 2022
- Member, Diversity, and Inclusion Action Council (DIAC), now the Office of Organizational, Culture, Inclusion, and Equity (OCIE), spring 2018-fall 2018

School of Library and Information Science (SLIS)

- Interim chair, SLIS Admissions and Awards Committee, fall 2022 -
- Co-chair, Libraries and Librarianship Concentration Messaging/Marketing Subcommittee, spring 2022 -
- Member, SLIS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEI), fall 2019 – spring 2022
- Member, SLIS Diversity Exploration Team, spring 2019
- Member, SLIS Curriculum Committee, fall 2018 – spring 2021
- Faculty Advisory, Special Libraries Association (SLA) Student Group, summer 2018 -

Grants

- October 2022 – National Science Foundation (NSF), Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL) Equity Resource Center, Funded, Advisor
- July 2022 – January 2025, Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Laura Bush 21 st Century Librarian Program, College Fluency Capacity Building: Empowering Librarians to Support Students Navigating College, Funded, \$383,224.63, Advisory Board
- September 2020 – February 2024, Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Early Career Development Grant, African American Undergraduate Students' Use of Academic Libraries, Funded \$140,834.00, PI
- September 2020 – July 2023, Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Laura Bush 21 st Century Librarian Program, Leading the Charge: Advancing the Recruitment, Retention and Inclusion of People of

Color within the Library and Information Sciences Field, Hampton University's William R. and Norma B. Harvey Library, Funded \$249,955.00, Advisory Board

- August 2020 – July 2025, National Science Foundation (NSF)/ECR-EHR Core Research Grant, TERC, Inc., Native STEM Portraits: A Longitudinal, Mixed-Methods Study of the Intersectional Experiences of Native Learners and Professionals in STEM, Funded \$1,500,000.000, Advisor
- AWARDS AND HONORS RECEIVED
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Professional Organizations

- Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Co-Chair, Juried Papers for the 2023 ALISE Conference, fall 2022 –
- iSchool Black Coalition, Co-Chair, summer 2022 -
- Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) /Norman Horrocks Leadership Award Committee, fall 2021 -
- American Library Association's Library Instruction Roundtable (LIRT) Awards Committee, Chair, July 2021 – June 2022
- American Library Association's Library Instruction Roundtable (LIRT) Awards Committee, Co- Chair, July 2020 – June 2021
- Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) ALISE/Bohdan S. Wymar
- Research Paper Competition Committee, fall 2019 – spring 2021
- American Library Association, Coretta Scott King Book Grant Standing Committee – July 2019 – June 2021
- American Library Association Library Instruction Roundtable (LIRT) Awards Committee, July 2019 – June 2022
- American Library Association's Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) Awards Committee, July 2019 – June 2020

PUBLICATIONS LIST

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- Davis, R. & Maurici-Pollock, D. (Forthcoming). Who are first-generation graduate students and why should LIS care? *Journal of Education in Library and Information Science*
- Davis, R. (2023). "My second home": Why undergraduate women in STEM use academic libraries. *portal: Libraries and the Academy*, 23(1), 197-214, 10.1353/pla.2023.0003
- Bettivia, R. & Davis, R. (2023). E-Support for E-Learning: A tool to empower students in online courses. *Journal of Education in Library and Information Science*, 63(1), 53-70, <https://doi.org/10.3138/jelis-2021-0047>
- Davis, R. & Saunders, L. (2020). Essential skills for corporate and special librarians. *Journal of Library Administration*, 60(7). <https://doi.org/10.1080/01930826.2020.1786984>
- Mehra, B. & Davis, R. (2015). A strategic diversity manifesto for public libraries in the 21st century. *New Library World*, 116(1/2), 15 – 36. <https://doi.org/10.1108/NLW-04-2014-0043>
- Davis, R. (2014). Women in STEM and human information behavior: Implications for LIS educators. *Journal of Education in Library and Information Sciences*, 55(3), 255 – 258. <https://www-jstor-org.ezproxy.simmons.edu/stable/43686988>

Non-Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- Davis, R. & Saunders, L. (2021). Beyond lip service: A call for research-informed services for Black and African-American students. *The Journal of Academic Librarianship*, 47(6), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acalib.2021.102479>

Book Chapter

- Sostack, M. & Davis, R. (2020). Health and Medicine Resources. In M. A. Wong & L. Saunders Editor (Eds.), *Reference and information services: An introduction*. (6 th ed.). Libraries Unlimited.