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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Student Affairs in Higher Education 2013

Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

First-year college students' perceptions of their experiences using information and communication technologies in higher education. <http://hdl.handle.net/2097/15787>

Master of Library and Information Science 1997

The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

Bachelor of Arts –English 1994

Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kansas State University Libraries 2001-present
Manhattan, KS

Academic Services Librarian, Arts, Humanities, & Design Team 2016-present
Professor 2019-present
Associate Professor 2016-2019

Head, Undergraduate and Community Services Department 2010-2016
Associate Professor

Instruction Coordinator
Associate Professor 2007-2010
Assistant Professor 2005-2007

Interim Head, General Information Services 2007
Associate Professor (July - Dec)

Business-Economics Librarian 2001-2005
Assistant Professor

Reference Generalist 2001

Librarian 1997-1999
K&L Gates
Washington, DC

GRANTS

Cro, Melinda; Johnson, Lori; **Kearns, S.K.**; Mocnik, Joe. (2021-2022). “K-State Passport to the World,” Kansas State University, CASE Collaborative Recruitment Grant. Matching grant: \$3000.

Denison, V.; **Kearns, S.K.**; Leimkuehler, R.; Rogova, I. (2022). “Archives and Primary Source Open Access Textbook.” Kansas State University, Open/Alternative Textbook Initiative Grant \$5000.

COURSES TAUGHT

UHP 189 Honors First Year Seminar, “Reading Old Stuff” Fall 2020, 2021, 2022

AWARDS

Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Instruction Section Innovation Award (with Joelle Pitts and Heather Collins), 2016.

Brice G. Hobrock Distinguished Faculty Award (Kansas State University), 2011.

KLA-CULS \$500 grant to attend the 2003 Association of College and Research Libraries Conference.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

National Service

New Literacies Alliance (founding member)	2012 –
Steering Committee	2012-2016
Greater Western Library Alliance Student Learning Task Force	2011– 2020
Data Collection	2015–2020
Grants team	2015
Planning team: <i>Librarians Partnering for Student Learning: Leadership, Practice & Culture Symposium</i>	2013
Interview team	2012

State Service

Kansas Notable Books award committee	2023 –
KU - K-State Professional Development Workshops (Co-Coordinator)	2009-2012, 2017
Kansas Digital Library Evaluation and Assessment Committee	2005-2007
Kansas Library Association (KLA) College and University Libraries	2004

(CULS) Summer Institute (Co-Coordinator)

University Service

Graduate Council	2017 –2022
Faculty Exchange for Teaching Excellence	2015 –2021
Fall 2016 Workshop (Co-Coordinator)	2016
Coordinator	2019-2020
Chapman Center Director Search Committee	2019-2020
K-State 2025 Innovation in Education Planning Group	2019-2020
Donnelly Faculty Award (English Department)	2017, 2018, 2020
Spotlight English (Planning Committee)	2018
Chapman Center for Rural Studies Visioning Committee	2018
Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship Awards Committee (various years)	2009-
Cultural Studies Initiative, Research Group	2016 –2019
Taekwondo Club (Advisor)	2013-2017
Search Committee	2014
Vice President for Research	
Women of K-State, Single Women of K-State Subcommittee	2012
Undergraduate Research Task Force	2011-2012
K-State First Guide to Personal Success	2010-2012
General Education/K-State 8 Implementation Task Force	2009-2010
Higher Learning Commission Student Learning & Effective	
Teaching subcommittee	2009-2010
Critical Thinking Task Force	2009
General Education Task Force	2007-2008
Content Areas Subcommittee (Chair)	2007-2008
Faculty Senate	2004-2008
Faculty Senate Executive Committee	2007-2008
Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning (FSCOUP)	2004-2007
Humanities Commons SWAT	2005-2007
General Education Task Force	2005-2007
Assistant Director for the Office of Assessment Search Committee	2004
General Education Steering Committee	2004
Assessment and Program Review Advisory Committee	2003-2004

K-State Libraries Service

For-Credit Classes ad hoc committee, Convener	2020-2022
Recruitment Team: Associate Dean for Collections, Discovery, and Information Technology Services	2022
K-State Libraries Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility	
Collections Subcommittee	2021 –
K-State Libraries Student Ambassadors (Co-Founder, Co-Advisor)	2013 –
Tenure and Promotion Committee	2007 –
Chair	2021-2022, 2016-2017,

	2009-2010
Full Professor Committee	2019–
Chair	2021
Secretary	2022
Libraries Faculty	2001–
Secretary	2003, 2004
Library Faculty <i>ad hoc</i> Discretionary Travel Funds (Chair)	2001–2002
Professional Development Committee	2015-2017, 2020-2022
Chair	2016-2017
Library Internal Conference, Coordinator	2016
Recruitment Team	2019-2020
Morse Family and Community Public Policy Scholarship, Selection Committee	2015 – 2019
Twitter Team	2014-2018
Digital Humanities ad hoc team	2016
Strategic Leadership Council	2010-2016
Textbook Affordability ad hoc team	2015
Search Committees	2015
Undergraduate Experience Librarian	
Search Committees	2014
Undergraduate Experience Librarian	
Head, Content Development and Acquisitions	
Library Help Redesign Task Force	2012
Undergraduate Research Journals Best Practices (Coordinator)	2012
Search Committees	2012
Faculty & Graduate Services Department Head	
Undergraduate Experience Librarian	
Instructional Design Resident (2 searches)	
Hobrock Award Committee	2012
Libraries/iTAC Help Desk Task Force (Co-chair)	2011
Search Committees	2011
Coordinator Access and Reference Services	
Undergraduate Specialist	
Search Committees - Undergraduate & Community Services Dept	2010
Undergraduate Librarians (5 filled)	
Undergraduate Specialists (6 filled)	
Coordinator of Access and Reference Services	
Faculty Tenure and Promotion Documents Review Committee (Chair)	2010
Usability Task Force (<i>ad hoc</i>)	2008-2010
InfoOasis (Coordinator)	2005-2010
College Committee on Planning	2009
<i>Talking in the Library</i> blog (Creator)	2006 -2009
Coordinator	2006-2008
Integrated Library Systems Task Force (Chair)	2008

Search Committee: Digital Learning Special Project Intern	2008
Information Literacy Task Force	2004-2007
Coordinator	2004-2006
LibQual Task Force	2007
Search Committee: Instructional Design librarian	2007
Search Committee: Instruction Resident	2007
Classroom Redesign Task Force (Chair)	2006-2007
Strategic Planning, Marketing & Promotions Task Force	2006
Search Committee: Resource Linking Librarian	2006
Search Committee: Humanities Librarian	2006
Quiet Zone Task Force (Chair)	2005- 2006
Weekly Bulletin/Staff Bulletin (Writer)	2004 -2006
Search Committee: Associate Dean, Public Services	2005
Assessing Student Learning Outcomes Committee	2004
Faculty Recruitment Team	2003-2005
Search Committee: Circulation Bill & Fine	2004
Search Committee: Circulation Reserves	2004
Organizational Communications Task Force	2003-2004
Reception Desk Advisory Team	2003
Search Committee: Circulation Bill & Fine	2003
Library Service Assessment	
Coordinator	2002–2009
Search for Mert Contest, Coordinator	2001-2005
Search Committee: Circulation Sorting/Searching Supervisor	2002
PR/Outreach Team	2001- 2007
Chair	2002 -2004
ad hoc Sign Committee	2001–2002
OPAC Committee	2001
“Innovative Austrian Architecture” Exhibit (Libraries Coordinator)	2001

Professional Membership

Bibliographic Society of America	2020 –
American Library Association	2002–2017
Association of College and Research Libraries	2002–2017
Kansas Library Association	2001–2009

MONOGRAPH

Pitts, J., **Kearns, S.K.**, & Collins, H. (2017). *Creating and sharing online library instruction : A how-to-do-it manual for librarians* (How-to-do-it manual for librarians). Chicago: ALA Neal-Schuman, an imprint of the American Library Association.

DISSERTATION

Kearns, S.K. (2013). *First-year college students' perceptions of their experiences using information and communication technologies in higher education*. Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS. <http://hdl.handle.net/2097/15787>

INVITED KEYNOTES & WORKSHOPS

Kearns, S.K. (2018, April). *From end user to partner: Using New Literacies Alliance lessons at your library*. Pre-conference workshop at the Kansas Library Association College and University Libraries Section (CULS) spring conference. Mayetta, KS

Collins, H., **Kearns, S.K.**, & Pitts, J. (2016, July). *Thriving in new landscapes: Metaliteracies, framework, and partnerships*. Keynote at unCOILED 2016. Tulsa, OK.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Gonzalez, A., **Kearns, S.K.**, Martin, D., and Reed, J. (2017) Two-Way Street: Ambassadors sharing the road. in C. Tomlinson and S. Arnold-Garza (Eds.), *Students lead the library: The importance of student contributions to the academic library*. Chicago: Association of College and Research Libraries, Neal-Schuman Publishers.
https://krex.k-state.edu/dspace/bitstream/handle/2097/35733/StudentsLead_Chapter14.pdf?sequence=1

Westman, K. E., **Kearns, S. K.**, & Stockham, M. G. (2007). Regenerating the collaborative triangle: Point-of-need assistance for English literature students. In T. Jacobson, & T. P. Mackey (Eds.), *Information literacy collaborations that work* (pp. 61-71). New York:

Kearns, S. K., Stockham, M. G., & Westman, K. E. (2006). Faculty/librarian/undergraduate collaboration for evaluating children's literature resources. In D. Cook, & N. Cooper (Eds.), *Teaching information literacy skills to social sciences students and practitioners: A casebook of applications* (pp. 58-67). Chicago: Association of College and Research Libraries.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Cro, M. A., & **Kearns, S. K.** (2020). Developing a process-oriented, inclusive pedagogy: At the intersection of digital humanities, second language acquisition, and new literacies. *Digital Humanities Quarterly*, 014(1).
<http://www.digitalhumanities.org/dhq/vol/14/1/000443/000443.html>

Heikkila-Furrey, J., **Kearns, S. K.**, & Littrell, L. (2007). Reference by your side: Redesigning the library help desk. *The Reference Librarian*, 48(2), 41-59.

Kearns, S.K. (2004). Marketing Library Service Assessment. *Technical Services Quarterly*, 22(2), 49-61.

REFEREED LEARNING OBJECTS

Anderson, A., Flinn, A., Hartwell, J., Healy, H., Iverson, G., **Kearns, S.K.**, Otto, K., Stark, A., Vukas, R. (2016) *Scholarship as conversation*. Peer-Reviewed Instructional Materials Online Database (PRIMO), Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Instruction Section. Reviewed and added November 2017.
<http://www.primodb.org/index.php>

Anderson, A., **Kearns, S.K.**, Pitts, J., Vukas, R. (2015) *Search strategies*. Peer-Reviewed Instructional Materials Online Database (PRIMO). Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Instruction Section. Reviewed and added November 2016.
<http://www.primodb.org/index.php>

PRESENTATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

Kearns, S.K., Pitts, J., Collins, H., & Huffman, A. (2013, November). *Grassroots academic consortia building: We built it, what if they don't come?* Roundtable discussion facilitators at e-Learning & Innovative Pedagogies, Madrid, Spain

Kearns, S.K., Pitts, J., Collins, H., & Huffman, A. (2013, November). *Timelines and scaffolds: Designing a ubiquitous e-learning environment and the inter-institutional collaboration to sustain it*. Poster session presented at e-Learning & Innovative Pedagogies, Madrid, Spain.

Kearns, S.K. (2010, June). *And we didn't even have to pay them! Library days for faculty and graduate students*. LOEX of the West, 2010. Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

PRESENTATIONS - NATIONAL

Anderson, A. and **Kearns, S.K.** (2018, August). *OER adoption: Moving beyond early adopters and empowering everyone else to use the OER, too*. Presentation at the Greater Western Library Alliance (GWLA) conference, OER from Vision to Action! Denver, CO.
https://newprairiepress.org/oer_fromvisiontoaction/2018/presentations/3/

Collins, H., **Kearns, S.K.**, & Pitts, J. (2015, May). *How to win partners and influence students: collaborating to teach new literacies online*. Presentation at the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Austin, TX.

Curtis, L. N., Denison, V., Joseph, B., **Kearns, S.K.**, Leimkuehler, R., Rosenberg Fooley, L.B., Sonna, M. (2022, May). *Fires, Pandemics, and Silenced Voices in Archival Collections: Processing, Access, and Outreach in Times of Disaster*. Panel session at Midwest Archives

Conference Annual Meeting, Madison, WI.

Kearns, S.K., Pitts, J., & Collins, H. (2015, March). *It takes a village: collaborating to teach new literacies online*. Poster presentation at the Association of College and Research Libraries conference, Portland, OR.

Kearns, S.K. (2014, February). *Mountains or molehills: First-year students and technologies*. Presented at 33rd Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience, San Diego, CA.

Kearns, S.K. (2008, June). *Crazy enough to advertise for mad library skills* [Pecha kucha]. LOEX of the West, 2008. Las Vegas, NV.

Heikkila-Furrey, J., **Kearns, S. K.**, & Littrell, L. A. (2007, March). *Research aid station: Redefining face to face reference services*. Poster session presented at the Association of College and Research Libraries 13th National Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Kearns, S.K., and Perez, E. (2006, February). *Collaborative learning space design for the humanities*. EDUCAUSE SW. Austin, TX.

Kearns, S.K. (2003, April). *Marketing library service assessment*. Poster session at Association of College and University Libraries, 11th National Conference. Charlotte, NC, April 11, 2003.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS - STATE AND LOCAL

Kearns, S.K. and Larson, M. (2021, December). *Know your news*. Kansas Farm Bureau 103rd Annual Meeting. Manhattan, KS.

Kearns, S.K., Moro, N., Shaffer, T.J., Wan, A., and Woods, H.S. (2022, February). *Using Network Analysis to Identify Polarization, Reduce Misinformation, and Improve Social Media*. Panel Discussion. Kansas State University Social Media Week. Manhattan, KS.

PRESENTATIONS - STATE AND LOCAL

Iqbal, Z., **Kearns, S.K.**, and Sevin, C. (2018, March.) *News literacy and citizenship*. League of Women Voters Manhattan/Riley County. Manhattan, KS.

Iqbal, Z. and **Kearns, S.K.** (2017, September). *Alternative facts*. Adulting 101. Manhattan Public Library. Manhattan, KS.

Ireton, D. and **Kearns, S.K.** (2022, February). *Social Media: What is it good for? Information!* Kansas State University Social Media Week. Manhattan, KS.

Ireton, D., **Kearns, S.K.**, and Sevin, C. (2018, April). *Media literacy: Workshopping engagement*. Kansas State University 2018 Engagement Symposium: Powerful dialogue: Engaging community issues in polarizing times. Manhattan, KS.

Kearns, S.K. (2012, January). *New Literacies in the Twitter era: Mentoring our students to be professionals using social media.*, Faculty Exchange for Teaching Excellence 2012 Teaching Retreat: Excellence in teaching & learning: Challenges & opportunities. Manhattan, KS.

Kearns, S.K. (2011, November). *When technology made literacy social: Exploring new literacies in the Twitter era.* Faculty Exchange for Teaching Excellence. Manhattan, KS.

Albin, T., Church-Duran, J., **Kearns, S.K.** and Starkey, A. (2006, October). *Playtime for teaching librarians.* Pre-Conference Workshop, College and University Libraries Section of the Kansas Library Association Annual Conference. Salina, KS.

Grame, R. and **Kearns, S.K.** (2006, May). *Collaborative learning space design for the humanities.* Conference on Higher Education Computing in Kansas (CHECK 2006). Manhattan, KS.

Kearns, S.K., Stockham, M. & Westman, K. (2005, January). “Wonder twin powers, activate!": *Strengthening student research skills through faculty-librarian collaboration.*" Mission Possible: Excellence in Teaching and Learning. Manhattan, KS.

Baillargeon, T., **Kearns, S.K.** & Stockham, M. (2003, October). *Can a national conference meet expectations? Learning to make a difference.* College and University Library Section of the Kansas Library Association Annual Conference. Wichita, KS.

Kearns, S. K. (2002, February). *The World of Librarianship! Be What You Want to Be* (Panel Session). SLIM/NMRT Workshop: Be What You Want to Be: Defining Your Role as an Information Professional. Manhattan, KS.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS - KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Kearns, S.K. (2016, November). *We have ways of making you talk.* GTA Professional Development Center, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

Kearns, S.K. (2016, March). *We have ways of making you talk.* College of Business Administration Teaching Series, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

Kearns, S.K. (2015, September). *Mind the gap: How first-year college students experience technology.* Department of Psychology Social and Cognitive Knowledge (SACK) Seminar, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

Kearns, S.K. (2015, November). *We have ways of making you talk.* GTA Professional Development Center, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

Kearns, S.K. (2014, August) *Embracing Our Mistakes*. Keynote. Kansas State University's National Society of Collegiate Scholars induction ceremony, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

INVITED COURSE GUEST LECTURES

Kearns, S.K. (2018, March) *Critical thinking and the scholarship of our professions post-graduation*. PSYCH 870. Practicum in Teaching Psychology. Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

Kearns, S.K. (2017, March) *In training for critical thinking*. PSYCH 870 Practicum in Teaching Psychology. Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

Kearns, S.K. (2016, March) *What I learn from listening to undergraduate students*. PSYCH 870, Practicum in Teaching Psychology. Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

Kearns, S.K. (2014, February) *Mountains or molehills: First-year students and technologies*. EDCEP 818 Principles Of College Student Personnel Services. Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

EXECUTIVE BOOK REVIEWS

Kearns, S. K. (2003). When goliaths clash: Managing executive conflict to build a more dynamic organization. (Review). *The Academy of Management Executive*, 17(4), 162-164.

Kearns, S. K. (2002). The agenda: What every business must do to dominate the decade. (Review). *The Academy of Management Executive*, 16(1), 170.

Kearns, S.K (2002). X-Engineering the corporation: Reinventing your business in the digital age. (Review). *Academy of Management Perspectives.*, 16(4), 167.

Katz, J. and **Kearns, S.K.** (2001). The money pitch: Baseball free agency and salary arbitration (Review). *The Academy of Management Executive*, 15(3), 142-143.

BOOK REVIEWS

Kearns, S. K. (2006). Revisiting outcomes assessment in higher education (Review). *Portal: Libraries and the Academy*, 6(4), 477.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians	2012
K-State New Departments Heads Orientation	2010-2011
Association of College & Research Libraries: Immersion, Program Track	2005