

Laura Slavin

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

Lincoln Memorial University School of Business, Harrogate TN, Master's Degree, 2010

University of South Florida School of Library and Information Science, Tampa FL, Master's Degree, 1998

Millsaps College, Jackson MS, Bachelor of Arts Degree, English Literature / History minor, 1994

Honors

- Beta Phi Mu
- Phi Kappa Phi

Experience

Electronic Resources Librarian

The University of Alabama in Huntsville, Huntsville, AL, February 2017 to present

- Manage the daily operation of the ExLibris PrimoVE Discovery System.
- Member of the ExLibris Alma/Primo migration team.
- Team leader for the ExLibris Primo migration.
- Member of the ExLibris PrimoVE migration team.
- Manage the daily operations of electronic resources.
- Participate in vendor relations and meetings.
- Create and monitor resource trials.
- Manage Sushi vendor database and ExLibris Primo statistics.
- Assist students by completing regular duties at the research desk.
- Participate in committee work as a member of the library faculty.

Systems Librarian

Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, Huntsville, AL, June 2014 to February 2017

- Manage the daily operations of the Koha Integrated Library System.
- Perform testing of bug fixes and regular upgrades of the Koha System.
- Educate and train the library staff of Koha System related changes and updates.
- Participate in the library initiative to change to one budget across the system.
- Perform monthly and annual statistics for the Library Director and Executive Board.
- Participate in computer related hardware and software management in the ITS Department.
- Participate in committee work as a member of the library staff.

Systems Librarian

Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN, October 2006 to May 2014

- Manage the daily operations of the technical services department and supervise employees.
- Perform regular cataloging in and maintenance of the Voyager integrated library system.
- Initiated an ILS change to OCLC WorldShare. Responsible for planning and implementation including the configuration of the new system and staff training.
- Revise, update, and maintain the library Website.
- Responsible for managing a new ILL project which included installing ILLiad and continuing to configure and maintain the system.
- Participate in the collection development process including selection, ordering, budgeting, and processing of materials for the Business and History Departments.
- Assist students by completing regular circulation and reference duties.
- Chaired a taskforce improving supervision and productivity of over 15 student workers.
- Information Literacy instructor for junior level Business and History courses where students must complete a research paper requirement for graduation.

Cataloging Librarian

Troy University Library, Troy, AL, September 2002 to October 2006

- Completed the cataloging of materials using the SIRSI integrated library system.
- Worked closely with IT in the maintenance of the SIRSI integrated library system.
- Assisted students by completing regular circulation and reference duties.
- Participated in a statewide digitization and metadata project.

Access Services Librarian, part time

Troy Public Library, Troy, AL, February 2004 to October 2006

- Provided regular collection development recommendations.
- Supervised the circulation desk.
- Closed the library on a regular basis.

Supervisor

Bookworld, Franklin, TN, January 1993 to August 1996

- As the only supervisor, supervised 15–20 full and part-time associates.
- Responsible for the daily operations of the store as part of a three-person management team.
- Assisted in the hiring and training of sales associates.
- Responsible for training and management of the IBID online book system.
- Managed and supervised author visits and book signings.

Teaching Experience

- Information Literacy (online), August 2006–May 2007
- Information Literacy instructor for Business and History, 2008 to 2014

Bibliographic Instruction

- History 201, Lincoln Memorial University, 2006 to 2014
- MBA/DO program, Lincoln Memorial University

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Professional Development

Presentations

- "Live Chat with a Twist" poster session, with Lisa Vardaman and Brian Webb at the Alabama Library Association Conference, April 21, 2004
- "Live Chat with a Twist" poster session, with Lisa Vardaman and Brian Webb at the Southeastern Library Association Biennial Conference in Charlotte, NC, November 12, 2004
- "Let's Talk! Live Chat 24/7" poster session, with Lisa Vardaman at the Association of College and Research Libraries 12th National Conference in Minneapolis, MN, April 8, 2005
- "The Status of Information Commons in the Southeast Region" poster session, with Lisa Vardaman and Brian Webb at the Alabama Library Association Conference, April 21, 2005
- "The Status of Information Commons in the Southeast Region" poster session, with Lisa Vardaman at the Tennessee Library Association/Southeastern Library Association (SELA) Conference in Memphis, TN, April 5, 2006
- "Teaching with Technology" ACA/NITLE workshop at Lee University, February 20, 2008
- "Beginning Teacher Experiences on Teaching Information Literacy" with Jessica Mead at the Tennessee Library Association Conference, April 11, 2008
- "Library 2.0: Social Networking and You" October 4, 2008 at the Southeastern Library Association Conference, organizer and panelist
- "Open Source Software Applications in Libraries" with Joshua Dodson at the 2008 Appalachian College Association Summit, October 16, 2008
- Serial Solutions Workshop (ACRL) March 11, 2009
- "WordPress for library 2.0 and Beyond," a webinar with Joshua Dodson, part of the Technology Essentials Online Conference 2010, February 10, 2010
- "From migration to implementation: the pros and cons of OCLC WorldShare," October 4, 2012 at the joint Southeastern Library Association and Georgia COMO conference
- "OCLC WorldShare: an ILS no longer?" November 14, 2012 at the Appalachian College Association Wimba webinar, "Tech trends: what is your library using to improve service and function?"
- "How OCLC WorldShare Transformed LMU." April 25, 2013 at the Tennessee Library Association Conference
- "How Web-Scale Systems are changing the Face of Cataloging." May 16, 2013 at the Appalachian College Association Library Professional Development Day
- "WorldShare Management Services at Lincoln Memorial University: Two Years Later." May 29, 2014 at the Appalachian College Association Library Professional Development Day
- "Library Online: Bringing library services to online-only classes." October 2, 2014 at the Georgia Counsel of Media Organizations/Southeastern Library Association Conference

- “What’s In It For Me? Professional Development for Library Staff,” with Crystal Gates, Muriel Nero, and Kathy Wheeler. November 1, 2018 at the joint Southeastern Library Association and South Carolina Library Association Conference
- “Academic Libraries and Their Communities: Two Approaches to Community Engagement,” with Rebecca Rose. September 27, 2019 at the joint Southeastern Library Association and Arkansas Library Association Conference
- “Navigating a Transition from COUNTER4 to COUNTER5,” Panel Moderator. With Brian George, Kristin Rogers, and Kathy Wheeler. September 27, 2019 at the joint Southeastern Library Association and Arkansas Library Association Conference
- “From Birth to Void: The Lifecycle of Library Resources, Managing a Unique Database, Article Galaxy Scholar,” Mississippi Library Association Technical Services Roundtable Featured Speaker. October 13, 2022 at the joint Southeastern Library Association and Mississippi Library Association Conference
- “The Uncensored Truth: Addressing Diversity and Inclusion in a Collection Development Policy,” with Jia He, Muriel Nero, Kathy Wheeler, and Debra West. October 13, 2022 at the joint Southeastern Library Association and Mississippi Library Association Conference

Association Memberships and Committees

- American Library Association, 1996–1998; 2001–2012, 2023 to present
- Southeastern Library Association, 2002–present • President-Elect, 2023–present • Continuing Education and Staff Development Committee, 2004–present; Chair 2010–2021 • Electronic Resources Roundtable, 2018–present; Co-Chair 2018–2021 • University and College Library Section, 2019–present; Chair-Elect 2021 • ArLA/SELA Conference Planning Committee, 2023 • SELA Annual Conference Planning Committee, Chair 2023–2024
- Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries, 2002–2006, 2018–present
- Network of Alabama Academic Libraries, 2002–2006, 2017–present • Digital Content Committee, 2005–2006 • Online Content Committee, 2019–present
- Alabama Library Association, 2002–2006, 2018–present
- Tennessee Library Association, 2006–2014
- Florida Library Association, 1997–2001
- Alabama Women Leaders Association, 2022–2023
- UAH Faculty Senate Finance Committee, proxy for Ron Schwertfeger, 2019–present
- UAH SACS COC Committee, 2024–present

Publications

- Slavin, L. (1999). Student Voices: The advent of the virtual meeting. *Florida Libraries*, 41(7), 149.
- Mead, J., & Slavin, L. (2008). I’m not a teach, am I? Teaching information literacy at the college level for the first time. *Tennessee Libraries*, 58(1).
- Dodson, J. & Slavin, L. (2010). What Wordpress can do for you. *Smart Libraries*, 30(3), 6–.
- Dodson, J. & Slavin, L. (2011). Creating dynamic subject guides. *Library Technology Reports*, 47(3), 34–60.

- Slavin, L. (2015). Library Services Online: Introducing Library Services for Online MBA Classes. *Journal of Library & Information Services in Distance Learning*, 9(3), 221–229. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1533290X.2015.1023879>

Continuing Education

Certifications

- WordPress for Beginners, July 19, 2008
- Fundamentals of Electronic Resources Acquisitions Web-based Course (ALCTS), November 17, 2008 to December 12, 2008
- How to Build Your Library Website with WordPress (ALA Editions), January 16, 2012 to February 16, 2012
- Primo Certified Administrator, April 13, 2018
- Primo VE Certified Administrator, May 4, 2018
- Project Management in Libraries Web-based Course (RUSA), May 14, 2018 to June 11, 2018
- Elsevier Scopus Certification Course, June 1, 2019 to July 3, 2019

Lynda.com Training

- OneNote 2010 Essential Training
- WordPress 3: Creating and Editing Custom Themes
- Word 2010 New Features
- XHTML and HTML Essential Training
- Computer Literacy for the Mac
- Acrobat 9 Pro Essential Training
- Windows 7 Essential Training
- Word 2008 for Mac Essential Training
- Access 2007 Essential Training
- SharePoint 2007 Essential Training
- Operating System and software troubleshooting
- Library Staff software and web design training

Systems

- Article Galaxy Scholar
- ExLibris Alma
- ExLibris Analytics
- ExLibris Voyager
- Voyager Solaris Server
- Voyager Microsoft Access Reports
- ExLibris Primo
- Koha
- OCLC WorldShare
- OCLC ILLiad
- Serials Solutions

- Sirsi
- WorldCat Local
- Software and Web Design
- Adobe Acrobat Pro
- Marc
- OCLC Connexion
- LC Classification
- WordPress
- HTML
- Blackboard
- FRBR
- RDA
- LibGuides