

Jennifer Benedetto Beals

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EDUCATION

1995, M.S. in Library Science, Kent State University

Thesis Title: "User Survey of the Foreign Language Collection in the Columbus Metropolitan Library," Thesis Advisor: Rick Rubin.

1987, B.A., Art History, *Summa cum Laude*, University of Cincinnati

EXPERIENCE

June 2008-present **Associate Professor and Head, Special Collections**
UT Libraries, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

- Responsible for acquiring, organizing, preserving, and providing enhanced access to a broad array of primary materials including rare books, manuscripts, historical artifacts, maps, the university archives, and digital items.
- Oversees the management of Special Collections space and facilities.
- Defines the mission, collection and service policies of the unit.
- Guides efforts to actively engage in outreach and integrate special collections into the university's curriculum.
- Preserves and disseminates collections and archival materials through digital initiatives in order to meet the needs of the community at large.
- Works closely with the Library Administration and Library Development to acquire valuable and rare items, collections, and papers and to build relationships with donors.
- Participates in writing and managing grants.

Aug. 2002-May 2008 **Assistant Professor and Art & Architecture Librarian,**
UT Libraries, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

- Provide reference service, bibliographic instruction, and collection development for the School of Art, College of Architecture & Design, and Cinema Studies program.
- Participate in the planning and work of the Reference and Instructional Services Team and the Humanities Group.
- Serve as library liaison to students and faculty in assigned areas.
- Provide support as needed to digital library initiatives and digital image collections.

2001-2002 **Acting Chief Librarian**
Albany Institute of History & Art, Albany, New York

- Responsible for acquisition, organization, and preservation of the institute's collection of rare materials documenting life and culture of the Upper Hudson Valley region from the late 17th century to the present. The collection included 1500 linear ft. of manuscripts and museum archives, 14,000 volumes, 300 architectural drawings and maps, 85,000 photographs and over 1000 items of ephemera.
- Completed first online library catalog for the collection.
- Moved the library collection into newly renovated reading room and collection storage facility.
- Supported curatorial staff in creating exhibitions.
- Supervised library volunteers and interns.
- Worked with potential donors and the Board of Trustee's Collection Committee.
- Participated in fund raising events.
- Provided research assistance by appointment.

1997-2000 **Fine Arts Librarian**
Columbus Metropolitan Library, Columbus, Ohio

- Provided reference service and collection development for the fine arts and humanities department.
- Developed the Ohio Online Visual Artist Slide Registry, a joint project with the Ohio Arts Council Percent for Art Program representing original artwork from over 600 artists and including over 6,000 images.

1996-1997 **Periodicals Librarian**
Columbus Metropolitan Library, Columbus, Ohio

- Provided reference service and collection development for the periodicals department.
- Conducted career and job finding presentations for the community.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2000 Staff Achievement and Recognition Award, Columbus Metropolitan Library
- 2006 Personal Achievement Award for Student Art in the Library Exhibition Program, UT Libraries' Spirit Award
- 2008 Accepted into UT Libraries' Leadership Development Program
- 2008 Summer Fellow with the Peabody Professional Institute for Academic Library Leadership at Vanderbilt University
- 2008 Emerald Literati Network Highly Commended Award

MEMBERSHIPS

American Library Association, 1991-1995
Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA), 1998-2008
Southeast Chapter of ARLIS/NA, 2002-2008
Association of Architecture School Librarians, 2002-present
University of Tennessee Women's Faculty Association, 2002-2005
Tennessee Library Association, member 2003-2005
Society of American Archivists, 2008-present
Society of Tennessee Archivists, 2008-present

STATEMENT OF RESEARCH INTEREST

My research is driven by projects I have particularly enjoyed and has run the gamut from instruction and collection development to art exhibitions. I have worked extensively with developing applications for different collection assessment tools. Most recently, I collaborated in a study to explore the visualization styles and personality characteristics of design students in relation to library instruction.

PUBLICATIONS**Manuscripts Submitted for Publication**

Benedetto Beals, Jennifer and Jeanine Williamson. "Characteristics of First Year Architecture Students in the Context of a Library Instruction Class."

Articles Published in Refereed Journals

Benedetto Beals, Jennifer. "Assessing Library Collections using Brief Test Methodology." *E-JASL: The Electronic Journal of Academic and Special Librarianship* 7, n.3 (Winter 2006).
<http://southernlibrarianship.icaap.org/indexv7.html> (accessed August 1, 2007).

Benedetto Beals, Jennifer, and Ron Gilmour. "Assessing Collections Using Brief Test and World Cat Collection Analysis." *Collection Building* 26, n.4 (2007): 104-107. (primary author)

Articles Published in Non-refereed Journals

Benedetto Beals, Jennifer. "Integrating Information Literacy into the Curriculum: a four-year plan for design students." *LOEX Quarterly* 33, n.1-2 (Spring/Summer 2006): 2-3.

Benedetto Beals, Jennifer. "Student Art in the Library Juried Exhibition Program." *Art Documentation* 26, n.1 (Spring 2007): 56-58.

Contributions to Edited Volumes

Assistant Editor of the *Central Ohio Union List of Serials*, Columbus, OH: Public Library of Columbus and Franklin County, Franklin University, 1997-1998.

Co-editor of *Library Development Review 2008-2009*, Knoxville, TN: University of Tennessee Libraries, 2009.

Benedetto Beals, Jennifer. "A Year in Special Collections", *Library Development Review 2008-2009*, Knoxville, TN: University of Tennessee Libraries, 2009.

Articles Appearing in In-house Organs

"AMICO Library." *Library News: Spotlight on Databases*, The University of Tennessee Libraries, (August 2002).

Book Reviews

Benedetto Beals, Jennifer. Review of *Franz Kline 1910-1962*. New York, NY: Skira, 2004. *Art Documentation* 24, n.1 (Spring 2005): 55.

Benedetto Beals, Jennifer. Review of *Reading Abstract Expressionism: Context and Critique*, by Ellen G. Landau. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005. *Art Documentation* 24, n.2 (Fall 2005): 51-60.

Benedetto Beals, Jennifer. Review of *When We Were Young: new perspectives on the art of the child*, by Jonathan Fineberg. Berkeley and Los Angeles, CA: University of California Press, 2006. *ARLIS/NA Reviews* (February/March 2007).

<http://www.arlisna.org/resources/reviews/index.html> (accessed August 1, 2007).

Creative Accomplishments

Ohio Online Visual Artist Slide Registry, a collaborative project between the Columbus Metropolitan Library and the Ohio Arts Council Percent for Art Program, 2000.

Student Art in the Library Exhibitions. Knoxville, Tennessee: University of Tennessee Libraries, Hodges Library. Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008.

PRESENTATIONS

Professional Conferences

"Information Literacy for Architecture Students." Panelist at the Association of Architecture School Librarians Annual Conference, Miami, Florida, March 19, 2004.

"A Four-Year Plan for Information Literacy." Presenter at the College and Universities Section of the Tennessee Library Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, October 15, 2004.

Invited

"Collaborative Collection Development Project using Brief Test Methodology." Presenter at the Information Alliance Collection Management Seminar, Lake Cumberland, Kentucky, September 29, 2004.

"Using World Cat Collection Analysis Tools to Support Accreditation Reports and Program Reviews." Presenter for WCA Speakers Series session, OCLC Online Computer Library Center, October 25, 2007.

“Using World Cat Collection Analysis Tools to Support Accreditation Reports and Program Reviews.” Presenter for WCA Speakers Series session, NELINET (New England Regional Network for OCLC), August 28, 2008.

Refereed

“Building Blocks: Integrating Information Literacy into the Curriculum.” Presenter at the Georgia Conference on Information Literacy, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia, September 30, 2005.

In-house

“Assessing Collections using Brief Test Methodology.” Presenter at W.R.A.P.S (Working to Reach Academic and Professional Success) Spring Faculty Research Forum Series, University of Tennessee Libraries, Knoxville, Tennessee, May 16, 2006.

“Personality, Visualization Styles, and Library Skills” Co-presenter at W.R.A.P.S (Working to Reach Academic and Professional Success) Spring Faculty Research Forum Series, University of Tennessee Libraries, Knoxville, Tennessee, March 17, 2009.

SERVICE

Service to the Libraries

Reference Environment and Space Use Study Group, 2002-2003

Database Evaluation Task Force, 2003

Faculty Research Incentive Awards Committee, 2003

Information Literacy Planning Group, 2003-2005

Faculty Executive Committee, 2003-2006

Library Faculty, Co-Chair, 2004-2005

Planning Committee, Co-Chair, 2004-2005

Spirit Awards Committee, 2004

Environmental Semester Committee, 2004-2005

Search Committee for Cataloging Librarian, 2005-2006

Reference Futures Study and Planning Group, 2005-2006

Reference Space Use Group, Convener, 2005-2006

Reference Staffing Group, 2005-2006

Reference Hot Topics/Cools Books Display Oversight Group, 2005-2006

Planning Advisory Group for Instructional Services, 2005-2007

Database Advisory Group, 2006

Reference Space and Environment Oversight Group, 2006-2007

Teaching Enhancement Group, Convener, 2007

Study Group (Quiet and Group Spaces in Hodges Library), 2007

Search Committee for Librarian for Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, 2008

Student Art in the Library Committee, Chair, 2004-present

Newfound Press Editorial Board, 2005-present

Library Bylaws Committee, 2007-present

Digital Library Initiatives Advisory Group, 2008-present

Advisory Board for Trace: Tennessee Research and Creative Exchange, 2008-present

Library Council, 2008-present

Virtual Library Steering Group, 2008-2010
Search Committee for Archivist, Chair, 2009
Friends of the Library Executive Committee, 2009-2012

Service to the University

Campus Chest Campaign Representative for the Libraries, 2003 and 2004
Faculty Senate, 2004-2007
Faculty Affairs Committee, 2004-2007
University Strategic Planning Subcommittee: Interdisciplinary Directions, 2008
Hoskins Building Representative, 2008-present

Service to the Profession

Association of Architecture School Librarians
Secretary/Treasurer, 2004-2009
Programming Committee, Annual Meeting, Miami, FL, 2004
Travel Awards Committee, 2007-2008

Southeast Chapter of ARLIS/NA (Art Librarians Society of North America)
LoPresti Book Awards Committee, 2004 and 2007

Society of American Archivists
Faculty Advisor to UT Student Chapter, 2008-present