

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City, IA

Collections Analysis & Planning Librarian, 2006-present

Assist in the coordination and support for resource selection and the evaluation of existing resources. Perform collections budget analyses and identify trends and project future needs in the collection. Support outreach on scholarly communication and publishing.

Information Resources Librarian, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, 2004-2006

Performed collection management activities for materials in all formats; managed the serials collection and electronic resources; co-managed a materials budget of \$1.58 million; participated in all technical services operations; resolved e-resource access problems; and served as a liaison to appropriate University of Iowa Libraries departments and departments served by the Hardin Library.

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Libraries, Urbana, IL

Librarian and Visiting Assistant Professor for Collections, Acquisitions & Electronic Resources, 2003-2004.

Assisted on projects related to the acquisition and access of serials, the serials implementation project, and electronic resources; worked to develop access and acquisitions procedures for electronic resources and serials implementation. Position included research including reports on trends in the publishing marketplace, use of the collections, development of procedures, oversight of student and staff projects, web site development and maintenance, and help in policy development.

Graduate Assistant to the Associate University Librarian for Collections, 2001-2003.

Supported the AUL for Collections on a wide variety of short-term and long-term projects. Responsibilities ranged from coordinating electronic resources trials and usage statistics, to organizing gifts unit and writing gift acknowledgement letters, to implementing library exhibits.

Graduate Hourly Student, Conservation Department, Summer 2003.

Developed a database for tracking materials and their treatments. Learned and aided in the basic techniques to conserve and preserve library materials.

University of Georgia Libraries, Athens, GA

Library Associate, Acquisitions Department, 1999-2001.

Coordinated approval plans, continuations standing orders, and gifts unit. Primary duties included overseeing and managing the workflow in the unit; hiring, training and supervising 5 full-time staff and 2 student assistants; writing procedures and job descriptions; placing, canceling and claiming orders and copy-cataloging.

Approval/Continuations Order Receiver, Acquisitions Department, 1998-1999.

Duties included processing approval books, music scores, microfilm and fiche, paying invoices, claiming material and corresponding with vendors, and copy-cataloging.

EDUCATION

- MLIS, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2003
- B.A. in English, Kalamazoo College, Michigan, 1991

Additional coursework:

L'Université de Strasbourg, France, 1989-1990

Portland Community College, OR, 1992-1995

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 1995-1996

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Fischer, Karen S. *Spec Kit 310 Author Addenda*. Washington, DC: Association of Research Libraries, 2009.

Fischer, Karen S. "Scholarly Communication and Collection Development Librarians: Getting the Conversation Started." In: *Libraries Unlimited*, Forthcoming 2008.

Fischer, Karen S. *Scholarly Communication and Collection Development Librarians: Getting the Conversation Started, (Presentation)*. Charleston Conference, November 6, 2008.

Fischer, Karen S. "SERU - NISO's Simplified E-Resources Understanding (SERU) Project; and, Media Publishing Giants: Can they Get Even Bigger? (*Conference Reports*) ." *Against the Grain* 20, no. 1 and 2 (2008).

Fischer, Karen S. "The Landscape of Scholarly Communication: How Readers Navigate Content; how Users Naviage E-Journal Platforms; and eJournal Interface can Influence Usage Statistics: Implications for Publishers, Libraries, and Project COUNTER (*Conference Reports*)." *Against the Grain* 18, no. 1 (2006).

Fischer, Karen S. "Presentations that Keep You Alive and Awake! (*Conference Report*)." *Serials Librarian* 50, no. 3/4 (2006).

Fischer, Karen S. "Analyzing how Much Publisher Packages are Worth, Or, how Many Zoology E-Journals do You have and how Much are they Worth (*Conference Report*) ." *NASIG Newsletter* 20, no. 3 (2005).

Fischer, Karen S. "Content Access Options: One Size Doesn't Fix all Customers Part II (*Conference Report*)." *Against the Grain* 16, no. 6 (2005).

Fischer, Karen S. "Critical Views of LCSH, 1990-2001: The Third Bibliographic Essay." *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly* 41, no. 1 (2005).

Fischer, Karen S. "Review of Doody's Core Titles (DCT) (Review)." *Journal of the Medical Library Association* 93, no. 3 (2005).

Fischer, Karen S. and Hope Barton. *Uncovering the Landscape of E-Journals Management (Presentation)*. Medical Library Association, Midwest Chapter, Annual Conference. Fargo, ND. .Sept. 18, 2005.

Fischer, Karen S. and Hope Barton. "The Landscape of E-Journal Management." *Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries* 2, no. 3 (2005).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

Current:

- American Library Association, 2001-2003, 2006-
- Society for Scholarly Publishing, 2006-
- Reviewer, *Collection Management*, Oct 2008-Aug 2009
- Editorial Board Member, *Collection Management*, Sept 2009-

Previous:

- Section Officer, Web Content Committee, Collection Development Section, Medical Library Association (2005-2008)
- Medical Library Association, 2004-2007
- Member, *Journal of Clinical Oncology* Library Advisory Board, 2005-2007
- Member, McGraw-Hill Digital Advisory Board, 2005-2007
- Midwest Chapter, Medical Library Association, 2004-2006
- North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG), 2004-2006
- Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, 2002-2003
- Association for College and Research Libraries, 2001

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Current:

Editor, *Transitions: scholarly communication news for the UI Community*, 2007-
Collection Management Committee, Sept. 2004-
Scholarly Communication Task Force, Dec. 2007-
Iowa Research Online Advisory Panel, Oct. 2008-

Previous:

Project Management Task Force, November 2008-February 2009
New Intranet Pilot Project, September 2008-February 2009
Editor, *Hardin Scholarly Communication News*, 2004-2008
Verde Implementation Task Force, 2006-2008

Resources Management Needs Analysis Task Force, Web Advisory Committee, 2007
Primo Implementation Advisory Task Force, 2007
SFX v.3 Implementation Task Force (chair), 2005-2006
InfoHawk Working Group to Export Serials Holdings to OCLC, 2005-2006
Technical Services Advisory Committee, 2005-2006
Hardin Library Web Advisory Committee, 2004-2006
Hardin Library Exhibits Committee, 2004-2005
Vendor Evaluation Working Group, Fall 2004, Fall 2005
Libraries Sesquicentennial Exhibit Committee, 2005
Electronic Resources Management Task Force, 2005

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Charleston Conference, Charleston, SC, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008
ARL/SPARC Institute on Scholarly Communication, Dec. 5-7, 2007
Medical Library Association, Phoenix, AZ, May 20-24, 2006
American Library Association, Chicago, IL, 2005, 2004
North American Serials Interest Group, Minneapolis, MN, 2004, 2005
Iowa Library Association, Health Sciences Subdivision Meeting, Apr 14-15, 2005
Association of College & Research Libraries, Minneapolis, Apr 7-10, 2005
Information and Health at Iowa, Iowa City, Oct 28-29, 2004
Society for Scholarly Publishing, San Francisco, CA, June 2-4, 2004
Iowa Library Association, Health Sciences Sub-section Meeting, April 23, 2004

Continuing Education

U.S. Copyright Online (USCO): A Primer on U.S. Copyright Law, Feb-Mar 2009
EDUCAUSE Webcase on Copyright, Feb. 29, 2008
ACRL/ARL/SPARC e-Learning WebCast, "Author Rights," May 17, 2007

Teleconferences:

- Google Book Search: Its Impact on Scholarship and Libraries, MLA, 4/28/06
- Partnering for Public Health: Information, Librarians, and the Public Health Workforce, MLA, 3/9/05
- The Art and Practice of Electronic Journal, Book, and Database Licenses: Practical Tips for Health Care Organizations, MLA, 9/22/04
- Roles and Essential Skills for the Expert Searcher, MLA, 3/10/04

NLM Training: PubMed, National Library of Medicine, Mar. 22, 2004

NLM Training: NLM Gateway and ClinicalTrials.gov, National Library of Medicine, Mar. 24, 2004