



Candidate for USAIN President 2024-2026



Randa Lopez Morgan

Employment

- Agriculture Librarian, Louisiana State University, Present- 2018
- Agriculture Support Librarian, Louisiana State University, 2018-2015

Education

- MLIS, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
- Bachelor's in Communication, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA

USAIN Experience

Member since 2016

Elected positions:

- Secretary 2022-2024

Non-elected positions:

- Communications Committee Member, Current-2022
- Business Records & Archives Committee Member, Current- 2022
- Website Committee Member, Current-2022
- Advocacy and Action Committee, Current, 2023
- Social Issues/Rural Information Group Participant and Executive Council Member, Current- 2016
- Membership Committee Co-Chair 2021-2022 • Membership Committee Member

- Social Issues/Rural Information Interest Group Co-Convener 2016-2018

USAIN Conferences where you've presented papers, posters, or been on a panel:

- **Teaching Them Where They Are: Evolution of Librarian Instruction of Agri 1001 at Louisiana State University, USAIN 2022**
- **Myths and Misinformation in Agriculture, Panel Discussion, USAIN 2018**
- **Nurturing a New Crop of Ag Librarians, Poster Presentation, USAIN 2016**

Involvement in Other Professional Organizations

- ACRL 2018- Present
 - ULS Academic Outreach Committee
- ALA 2018- Present
- Louisiana Library Association 2018-2019

Recent Publications

- Greene, M., Houghtaling, B., Sadeghzadeh, C., De Marco, M., Bryant, D., Morgan, R., & Holston, D. (2022). African Americans' Perceptions of Nutrition Interventions: A Scoping Review. *Nutrition Research Reviews*.
- Greene, M., Houghtaling, B., Sadeghzadeh, C., Marco, M. D., Bryant, D., Morgan, R., & Holston, D. (2022). Nutrition Interventions Addressing Structural Racism: A Scoping Review. *Nutrition Research Reviews*, 1–53.

<https://doi.org/10.1017/s0954422422000014>

- Houghtaling, B., Balis, L., Minaker, L., Kheshaifaty, K., Morgan, R., & Shanks, C. B. (2022). A systematic review of trucking food, physical activity, and tobacco environments and tractor-trailer drivers' related patterns and practices in the United States and Canada, 1993–2021. *Preventive Medicine Reports*, 26, 101760. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmedr.2022.101760>
- Morgan, R. (2020). Supporting Student Wellness and Success through the LSU Libraries Relaxation Room. *Journal of Library Outreach and Engagement*, 1(1), 104–115. <https://doi.org/10.21900/j.jloev1i1.469>
- Morgan, R. (2021). We Belong Together. *Louisiana Libraries*.

Other Professional Activities/Contributions (Editorial Boards, Awards, Grants, Events Coordinator, etc):

- Since 2019, I have co-chaired the LSU Libraries Open House committee seeing on average 400 students per yearly event and bringing resources and services to students' attention.
- Since 2022, I have worked with LSU Student Health center to create an event leading into finals week called, "Paws for Finals." This event has reached over 1000 students since it's initial creation.
- (2020) LOUIS, Best Outreach Program Award (Nominated).
- (2019) Center for Community Engagement, Learning, & Leadership, The Happy Award (Nominated). LSU award.

Personal Statement of your interest for this USAIN position

I would like to be the next USAIN President. Since joining in 2016, I have been an

active member in USAIN, taking on Interest Group leadership, Committee Memberships, and eventually joining the Executive Council in 2022 as Secretary. Since joining USAIN, this organization has stood out to me as a perfect example of what an organization should be. USAIN is full of the friendliest, most helpful, hardest working, people on the planet who have so much knowledge about Agriculture, and they want to share it. How cool is that? I know I have learned so much from my time being involved, and it would be such an honor to serve as the next USAIN President.

As President I would strive to continue to help represent Agriculture Information Professionals as we walk into whatever future the world gives us. I would bring my passion for engagement and community to USAIN by working hard to continue to build our membership and reach out to those who are not members but should be. I would also continue to explore ways to grow our profession as a whole and to support and encourage research in our field.

As Secretary I have learned much about this organization and how it runs, and I believe that having that knowledge can only help me be a better President. It would truly be an honor to serve you and to be a part of this legacy and I only hope that I get the opportunity.



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Isabella Baxter

Employment

- Agriculture & Natural Resources Librarian, University of Maryland, College Park— 2021 - Present
- Agriculture & Natural Resources Librarian, University of Tennessee, Knoxville— 2017 - 2021

Education

- MLIS, Syracuse University, 2017
- BA, Gettysburg College, 2015

USAIN Experience

Member since 2017

Elected positions:

- N/A

Non-elected positions:

- Member, Nominations and Elections Committee, 2022 - 2023
- Member, Preservation and Digital Library Committee, 2019 - 2021

USAIN Conferences where you've presented papers, posters, or been on a panel:

- 2024 [accepted], Poster, Plant Patent Color Image Database and Visualization
- 2020, Presentation, Librarians and Extension Professionals: Expanding Our Partnerships

Involvement in Other Professional Organizations

- AgNIC:
 - Elected, Executive Board Member-at-Large, 2019 - 2022
 - Member, Data Working Group, 2018 - Present
- ACRL, Science and Technology Section:
 - Co-Chair & Member, Hot Topics Committee, 2019 - 2023

Recent Publications

- Upendram, S., Lerner, M., Minnie, J., Jensen, K., & **Baxter, I.** (2023). Challenges and Opportunities for Digital Divide in Rural Tennessee. *University of Tennessee Extension, W 1173*.
- **Baxter, I.**, & Upendram, S. (2022). Broadband Impact on Education and Workforce During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Southern Rural Development Center, Broadband Issues Brief 2022-3*. <https://scholarsjunction.msstate.edu/srdc/topics-digitalaccess/3>
- **Baxter, I.**, & Viera, A. (2020). Evaluating the readability of veterinary client handouts from Vetlexicon, Veterinary Partner, and ClientEd. *Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship, 94*. <https://doi.org/10.29173/istl52>

Other Professional Activities/Contributions (Editorial Boards, Awards, Grants, Events Coordinator, etc):

- Subcontractor, Tennessee 4-H Tech Changemakers. National 4-H Council.

- Primary Investigator, Digital Literacy in Tennessee, University of Tennessee System.

Personal Statement of your interest for this USAIN position

I am excited to run for Secretary of USAIN. I joined USAIN in 2017 when I was a new librarian fresh out of grad school and it has consistently been one of my favorite organizations to be a member of. USAIN has been immensely helpful to me as I learned how to be an agriculture librarian and I value the conferences I attended, the colleagues I connected with, and the wider work that USAIN does. I appreciate how the organization incorporates DEI work into its initiatives and always seeks to ensure that it is supporting agriculture librarians in our work, especially as the library field changes. As a candidate for Secretary, I am very detail-oriented and organized and have served in leadership positions with AgNIC and ACRL's Science and Technology Section. My skills and experience would support me in the role of Secretary and on the USAIN Executive Council.

I would be honored to serve as Secretary of USAIN. Thank you for your consideration!



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Emily MacKenzie

Employment

- Head Librarian, Macdonald Campus Library, McGill University, Montréal, QC, Canada (2015-current)
- Liaison Librarian, McGill University, Montréal, QC, Canada
 - Macdonald Campus Library (2011-15)
 - Schulich Library (2008-11)

Education

- Master of Library & Information Science, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, Canada (2024)
- Bachelor of Science, Major in Biology, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada (2022)

USAIN Experience

Member since 2012

Non-elected positions:

- Collections Interest Group; Co-convenor (2016-present)
- Professional Development Committee; Member (2022-24)
- Membership Committee; Member (2016-22)
- Conference planning subcommittees:
 - 2022 Conference, Subcommittee for Sponsors and Exhibits; Chair
 - 2020 Conference, Subcommittee for Sponsors and Exhibits; Co-chair

- 2014 Conference, Subcommittee for Contributed Papers and Posters

USAIN Conferences where you've presented papers, posters, or been on a panel:

- 2022 conference, presentation: Badia, G., Ingalls, D., **MacKenzie, E.**, & Pinard, M. Has the pandemic changed users' favorite spots in the library? A follow-up analysis of seating use in McGill University's Macdonald Campus Library.
- 2020 conference, presentation: Badia, G., Ingalls, D., **MacKenzie, E.**, & Pinard, M. Analysis of seating use in the Macdonald Campus Library, McGill University.
- 2016 conference, poster: **MacKenzie, E.**, & Waters, N. Identification and analysis of a historical collection: a case study of the Lyman entomological library collection.

Involvement in Other Professional Organizations

- American Library Association; Association of College & Research Libraries, Science & Technology Section; Liaison to USAIN (2022-24)
- Workshop for Instruction in Library Use; Conference planning, Volunteers subcommittee, Chair (2021-23)

Recent Publications

- Waters, N., & MacKenzie, E. (2018). Uncovering the McGill Library Lyman Collection: The lasting legacy of an amateur entomologist. *Library & Information History*, 34(3), 148-159. doi: [10.1080/17583489.2018.1515709](https://doi.org/10.1080/17583489.2018.1515709)
- Canuel, R., MacKenzie, E., Senior, A., & Torabi, N. (2017). Apps for academic success: Developing digital literacy and awareness to increase usage. *Education for Information*, 33(3), 135-152. doi: [10.3233/EFI-160085](https://doi.org/10.3233/EFI-160085)
- MacKenzie, E. (2014). Academic libraries and outreach to the sciences: Taking a closer look at research groups. *Science & Technology Libraries*, 33(2), 165-175. doi: [10.1080/0194262X.2014.914011](https://doi.org/10.1080/0194262X.2014.914011)
- Colosimo, A. L., & Kasuto, E. (2012). Library video tutorials to support large undergraduate labs: Will they watch? *Issues in Science & Technology Librarianship*, 68. doi: [10.5062/F46H4FBH](https://doi.org/10.5062/F46H4FBH)
- Waters, N., Kasuto, E., & McNaughton, F. (2012). Partnership between engineering libraries: Identifying information literacy skills for a successful transition from student to professional. *Science & Technology Libraries*, 31(1), 124-132. doi: [10.1080/0194262X.2012.648104](https://doi.org/10.1080/0194262X.2012.648104)

Personal Statement of your interest for this USAIN position

At the Macdonald Campus Library, we serve McGill University's Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Shortly after starting work here, I joined USAIN (in 2012), and found it to be a very welcoming and active community, that has proved essential to my professional development as a librarian in agriculture. To date, my experiences in contributing to USAIN committees have been very rewarding, and if elected to the position of Secretary, I'd be very happy to contribute to the association at this next level.



Candidate for USAIN Secretary 2024-2026



Mylene Pinard

Employment

- Associate Librarian, McGill University

Education

- MLIS, Université de Montréal

USAIN Experience

Member since 2017

Non-elected positions:

- Co-convener Technology Trends Interest Group, co-convener, 2019 – present
- Invited Speakers Committee, chair, 2023 – present
- Contributed Papers and Posters Committee, member, 2020-2022
- Pre-conference Committee, member, 2019-2020
- Professional Development Committee, member, 2018-2022

USAIN Conferences where you've presented papers, posters, or been on a panel:

Badia, G., Ingalls, I., MacKenzie, E., & Pinard, M. (2022, April). *Has the Pandemic Changed Users' Favorite Spots in the Library? A follow-up analysis of seating use in the Macdonald Campus Library*. Presentation.

Kiester, L., & Pinard, M. (2022, April). *Increasing student participation with PollEverywhere*. Presentation.

Badia, G., Ingalls, I., MacKenzie, E., & Pinard, M. (2020, July). *Analysis of seating use in the Macdonald Campus Library*. Presentation.

Pinard, M. (2018, May). *Can touch this! Using an interactive experience to bring the history of the campus to life*. Presentation.

Involvement in Other Professional Organizations

Fédération des milieux documentaires, Director, 2022 – 2024, elected position, 2-year term

McGill Association of University Teachers – Librarians' Section – Professional Issues Committee (PIC), 2018-2020, elected member

Quebec Library Association (ABQLA) – Conference Planning Committee, 2017-2019

Recent Publications

Pinard, M. (2020). [Un jeu d'évasion pour développer les compétences informationnelles](#). *Documentation et bibliothèques*, 66(3), 29-37.

Other Professional Activities/Contributions (Awards, Editorial Boards, Grants, Events Coordinator, etc):

Partnership, the Canadian journal of library and information practice and research, proofreader, 2017 – current (2-year term, competitive selection, renewed)

Personal Statement of your interest for this USAIN position

For an organization like USAIN, the saying “good things come in small packages” is apt. This organization works on a human scale and what it may lack in size, it makes up in helpfulness, friendliness, and relevance. USAIN is very committed to supporting its members and meeting their needs. When I started as an agricultural librarian, I was impressed with how welcoming and supportive the organization was, providing new members multiple opportunities to learn more about the organization and get involved. I have served on several USAIN committees over the years, and I would welcome the opportunity to learn more about the governance of the organization by running for secretary. Thank you for your consideration!



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Janis Shearer

Employment

- Public Services & Engagement Librarian, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; 2019-present
- Office Manager, St. Catherine University, 2016-2019

Education

- MLIS, St. Catherine University
- Certificate in Project Management, University of Minnesota
- MAg, University of Minnesota
- BS, Environmental Geography, Ohio University

USAIN Experience

Member since 2017

Elected positions:

- None

Non-elected positions:

- Member, USAIN Communications Committee, 2023-present
- Member, USAIN Awards & Honors Committee, 2021-2022
- Member, USAIN Awards & Honors Committee, 2019-2020

USAIN Conferences where you've presented papers, posters, or been on a panel:

- Shearer, J. & Larsen, K. (2022). Hacking the Algorithm: TikTok and Outreach for Science Libraries. Poster presented at USAIN's 2022 Virtual Conference.

- Shearer, J. (2020). Agricultural Communication & Climate: Understanding ACDC's Users & Collection. Poster presented at USAIN's 2020 Virtual Conference.

Involvement in Other Professional Organizations

- Beta Phi Mu-Beta Beta Xi Chapter
 - President-Elect/President, 2022-present
- The Council on Botanical & Horticultural Libraries
 - Membership Manager, 2019-2022
 - Member, 2017-present
- Illinois Association of College & Research Libraries
 - Communications Committee, 2022-present
 - Member, 2020-present
- Special Libraries Association-Food, Agriculture & Environmental Resources Division
 - Director, 2018-present
 - Member, 2017-present
- Minnesota Library Association
 - Academic & Research Library Division; Communications Officer, 2019-2020
 - Member, 2017-present

Recent Publications

- Shearer, J. (2024). Libraries Engaging BIPOC Communities with STEMM: A Scoping Review.

Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship, Accepted for publication.

- Shearer, J., & Chiewphasa, B. (2021). Radical re-imagination: Centering a BIPOC library workforce in an asset-based autoethnography. *Reference Services Review*, Vol. 50 No. 1, pp. 113-126.

Other Professional Activities/Contributions:

- Grants
 - 2024-2025 Illinois Chancellor's Call to Action Research Program Grant, \$100,000
 - 2023-2024 Illinois Chancellor for Engagement's Engaged Unit Program Grant, \$15,000
- Editor
 - Co-Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Library Outreach & Engagement; 2023-present
- Awards
 - 2018-2020 ARL Diversity Scholar
 - 2018 USAIN Conference Scholarship for a Graduate Student

Personal Statement of your interest for this USAIN position (max 250 words)

I am excited to express my interest in serving as secretary for USAIN. My journey with USAIN began in 2017 when I joined as a graduate student and continues to help serve and guide my professional career.

During my time with USAIN, I have been actively involved in the Awards & Honors Committee and the Communications Committee, in addition to attending and presenting my research at USAIN Conferences. I have found that these activities are beyond supportive and encouraging - they are truly rewarding and motivate me to become more involved.

In addition to my professional activities, I also serve as the current Co-Chair of my library's Outreach & Engagement Committee. I feel that serving as secretary would be an opportunity to

continue leveraging my leadership, administrative, and outreach experiences in support of an organization that has consistently supported me through my professional journey.

As secretary, I would utilize my proven organizational skills and proactive approach to contribute to the Executive Council's efficient operation, from maintaining accurate records to fostering open communication and supporting USAIN's goals. Finally, as an early career librarian, I believe my energy and perspective can contribute positively to our ongoing success and sustainability.

I am grateful for this opportunity and thank you for your consideration.



Candidate for USAIN Director 2024-2026



Emily Atkinson

Employment

- STEM Librarian for Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, University of California, Davis (2022 – Present)

Education

- MLIS, San Jose State University, 2024
- PhD, Geoscience, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2015
- MS, Geoscience, San Diego State University, 2009
- BS, Public Policy, University of California, San Diego, 2004

USAIN Experience

Member since 2022

Elected positions:

- None

Non-elected positions:

- USAIN Bylaws Committee, 2023-24

USAIN Conferences where you've presented papers, posters, or been on a panel:

- USAIN/CBHL Conference 2024

Involvement in Other Professional Organizations

- Member, Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)
- Member, American Library Association (ALA)
- Member, California Association of Research Libraries (CARL)

Selected Publications

- Tiemann, L.K., Grandy, A.S., Atkinson, E.E., Marin-Spiotta, E., & McDaniel, M.D. (2015). Crop rotational diversity enhances belowground communities and functions in an agroecosystem. *Ecology letters*, 18(8), 761–771. doi: 10.1111/ele.12453
- Atkinson, E.E. & Marin-Spiotta, E. (2015) Land use legacy effects on structure and composition of agroecosystems in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. *Forest Ecology and Management*, 335, 270–280. doi: 10.1016/j.foreco.2014.09.033

Other Professional Activities/Contributions (Editorial Boards, Awards, Grants, Events Coordinator, etc):

- Steering Committee, [UC Love Data Week](#)
 - Plans annual virtual conference
- Program Committee, Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC-D)
 - Plans activities including speaker series, lightning talks, and spring reception
- Nominations and Elections Committee, Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC-D)

Personal Statement of your interest for this USAIN position

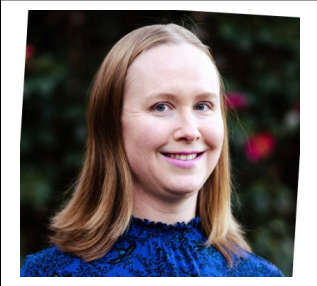
Before becoming a librarian, I was a geoscience researcher studying agroecosystems and public

policy. I became a librarian to support and collaborate with agriculture researchers and broadcast their vital research.

I want to serve as a USAIN Director so that I can give back to the professional association that has served me most as a librarian. I am the only agriculture librarian at UC Davis, and USAIN provides me with the best agriculture-specific professional development opportunities compared to other professional associations. USAIN is such a supportive and committed group of librarians, and I know that I can help continue their work.

As Director, I would like to focus on continued programming between biennial conferences and outreach to other information professionals that aren't currently a part of USAIN. I hope to contribute my expertise in coordinating large, disparate groups around a central theme. For example, I currently serve on the steering committee for UC Love Data Week, which brings together ten UC campuses for a week-long conference focused on all aspects of research data.

I would appreciate any support to help me support and serve USAIN!



Candidate for USAIN Director 2024-2026



Karen Burton

Employment

- Science Librarian, Clemson University Libraries, 2022-present.
- Continuing Medical Education Coordinator, University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville, 2021-22.

Education

- MLIS, University of South Carolina, 2021.
- BS, Entomology, Clemson University, 2003.

USAIN Experience

- Member since 2022

Elected positions:

- None yet, but I am hoping to change that.

Non-elected positions:

- None yet, but my goal is to become more involved in USAIN.

USAIN Conferences where you've presented papers, posters, or been on a panel:

- I am presenting ***Herding Cats: A Librarian's Guide to Launching a Veterinary Medicine Program*** at the 2024 conference.

Involvement in Other Professional Organizations

- ALA member, 2019-2023
- ACRL member, 2022-23
- AgNIC member, 2022-23

- South Carolina Library Association, 2021-22

Recent Publications

- Burton, K. (In Press) (2025). Continuing medical education coordinator. In Shontz, P.K. (Ed.), *Career Options in Library and Information Services: First-Hand Accounts from Working Professionals*. Bloomsbury Libraries Unlimited, 2025.
- Burton, K. (In Press) (2025). Surfing the Digital Deluge: Mastering Cognitive Overload Through Critical Ignoring. In McAllister, C., Elliot, C., and Kern S. (Eds.), *From Chaos to Order: Addressing Cognitive Overload in the Learning Journey*. Rowman and Littlefield, 2025.
- Burton, K. (2024, January 11). *Keeping Up With... Predatory Publishing* [Text]. Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL). https://www.ala.org/acrl/publications/keeping_up_with/predatory_publishing
- Smith, S., Smith, A., Baird, L., McLeod, A. T., Carroll, S., & Burton, K. (2023). Supporting Early Career Academic Librarians: A Scoping Review of Research Literature on Early Career Professional Development Initiatives (Protocol). <https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/3ZH4A>
- Burton, K. (2022). "What's the Big Deal? User Experience and Interlibrary Loan Following Cancellation of a Big Deal," *Weave: Journal of Library User Experience*, 5(2).

- Sheffield, M. & Burton, K. (2022). "Research Data Management needs assessment of Clemson University," *Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication*, 10(1).
<https://doi.org/10.31274/jlsc.13970>

**Other Professional Activities/Contributions
(Editorial Boards, Awards, Grants, Events
Coordinator, etc):**

- Clemson University Open Access Publishing Fund Manager, 2023-24.
- Peer reviewer, *The Reference Librarian*, 2024.

**Personal Statement of your interest for this
USAIN position**

I am the liaison to the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Life Sciences at Clemson University, which is my first academic librarian job. This position came with the requirement to serve as the Clemson representative to USAIN and AgNIC, and I have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the opportunities USAIN offers its members. The welcoming environment cultivated by USAIN leaders and members has not only benefited my professional development but has also provided valuable lessons through the examples set by others. Serving as a Director would not only be an honor, but also a chance to contribute meaningfully to an organization that has greatly enriched my professional journey. As a Director, I would aim to facilitate effective communication between the Council and committees or interest groups and ensure that all voices are heard at the table. Thank you for considering my candidacy, and I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the growth and impact of USAIN.



Candidate for USAIN Director 2024-2026



Madeleine Charney

Employment

- University of Massachusetts Amherst, Librarian for Stockbridge School of Agriculture, and other areas

Education

- University of Rhode Island, MLIS
- Conway School of Landscape Design, MALD

USAIN Experience

Member since 2007

Elected positions:

- Director, USAIN (2012-2015)
- Chair, Legislative and Governmental Relations Committee (2007-2008)

Non-elected positions:

- Member, Speaker Committee, USAIN Conference (2014)

Involvement in Other Professional Organizations

- ALA Sustainability Round Table (co-founder, past Coordinator)
- Blue Marble Librarians, Massachusetts (co-founder, Leadership Team)

Recent Publications

- Society of the Quarter: American Herbalists Guild, *Journal of Agricultural and Food Information* (forthcoming)

- Going Green: Implementing Sustainable Strategies in Libraries Around the World: Buildings, Management, Programmes and Services. Edited by: Petra Hauke, Madeleine Charney and Harri Sahavirta. 2018.
<https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110608878>

Other Professional Activities/Contributions (Editorial Boards, Awards, Grants, Events Coordinator, etc):

- ALA Mover and Shaker award, 2017
- *Journal of Agricultural and Food Information*, Book & Internet Editor (2006-2012)

Personal Statement of your interest for this USAIN position

Madeleine Charney serves as the librarian for Stockbridge School of Agriculture, School of Earth & Sustainability and the departments of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Regional Planning at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Her areas of interest include permaculture design and community herbalism. She also facilitates nature therapy and labyrinth walks on campus to encourage individual, professional, and societal transformation. It would be her great honor to return to USAIN as a Director as she thoroughly enjoyed the role from 2012-2015.



Candidate for USAIN Director 2024-2026



Hillary Fox

Employment

- NC State University, 2019-Present
- University of West Florida, 2014-2019

Education

- MSLS, UNC Chapel Hill 2014

USAIN Experience

Member since 2019

Elected positions:

- None

Non-elected positions:

- Co-convener for AHIG

USAIN Conferences where you've presented papers, posters, or been on a panel:

- The Digital Divide & Smart Farms: What do our Extension colleagues need?, Poster, 2020 (with Tisha Mentnech)
- Extending Science Engagement through NC State's Extension Cooperative, 2022, Panel Presentation for Research Fellows (with Tisha Mentnech)

Involvement in Other Professional Organizations

- ACRL, Science & Technology Section
- UNC School of Information & Library Science Alumni Association

Recent Publications

- *Improving Engagement in the Field: Supporting Faculty + Extension at Land-Grant Universities*, Chapter in *Collaboration Efforts on How to Work with Academic Faculty* (2024)

- McKinney, E., Jewell, M., Fox, H., Lewis, D., and Mentnech, T. (2022). Beyond the Western Cannon: Improving STEM Representation with Teaching Resources. Presented at the Open Education Southern Symposium conference (July 2022).

Other Professional Activities/Contributions (Editorial Boards, Awards, Grants, Events Coordinator, etc):

- Recipient of 2020 USAIN Research Fellows Award
- Open Textbook Network's Certificate in OER Librarianship, 2019

Personal Statement of your interest for this

USAIN position I have been a member of USAIN since 2019 and since then, my passion to serve in a larger capacity has increased over the years. Since 2020, I have worked extensively with NC State's Cooperative Extension program, been involved with collection development for ag at a national level (including advocating for publications by/about historically excluded groups), and most recently served as a convener for AHIG. I've greatly enjoyed this work and want to learn/contribute more to USAIN by acting as a liaison between different groups and the Executive Council. I believe my experience with Extension can also provide unique insight as a Director since USAIN activities involving Extension seem to be increasing! Thank you for considering me.



Candidate for USAIN Director 2024-2026



Kimberly Michelle Gay

Employment

- Head of Reference and Information Services Department, Academic Librarian II. John B. Coleman Library, Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), a part of Texas A&M University Systems College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (2014-Present)
- Interim/Acting Head of Reference and Information Services Department. John B. Coleman Library, PVAMU. (2013-2014)
- Academic Reference and Instruction Librarian I. John B. Coleman Library, PVAMU. (2006-2013- moved to interim head of reference in 2013)
- Online Graduate Teaching Assistant. School of Library Science and Information Studies, Texas Woman's University (2005-2006)
- Library Assistant II. Library Reference Department, Texas A&M University-Commerce. (2004-2006)
- Library Research Student Assistant. Blagg Huey Library, Texas Woman's University. Texas (1999-2003)

Education

- Texas Woman's University: Denton, TX. Master's in Library Science and Information Technology Studies. (M.L.S) 2006. Sum Cum Laude. (GPA 4.0)
- Texas Woman's University: Denton, TX. Bachelor's in Science. 2003. Magna Cum Laude. (GPA 3.89)

USAIN Experience

Member since 2019

- Member, USAIN Advocacy and Action Committee, 2023
- Member, USAIN Awards & Honors Committee, 2021-2022.
- Member, USAIN Social Issues & Rural Information Interest Group, 2023-present
- Awarded *USAIN Conference Scholarship For Librarians Representing Historically Black Colleges And Universities*, 2020

Involvement in Other Professional Organizations

- Member, Conference Planning Committee, Extension Leadership Conference, National Association of Extension Program & Staff Development Professionals (NAEPSD). 2023-2024
- Liaison for NAEPSD to Joint Council of Extension Professionals, May 2023- Jan 2024
- Member, DLF Forum Planning Committee, 2023
- Director, Beta Phi Mu International Library and Information Studies Honor Society. 2021-2023
- Texas Library Association (2003 to present). Numerous leadership roles including Black Caucus Councilor Alternate 2007-2010, Councilor 2010-2013, Scholarship Chair 2010-2014, Chair-Elect 2014-2015, Chair 2019-2020; Executive Board Representative at Large-Academic 2015-2018; Local History and Archives/Genealogy Chair-elect 2007-2008, Chair- 2008-2009; District Awards Committee 2023-2024; Nomination

Committee 2023-2024; Councilor SMART 2023-2026.

- Spectrum Scholar for Texas Library Association and the American Library Association, 2003

Recent Publications

- Crawford, M.D., Young, C. B. H., Gay, K. M., Moore, Q. C. (2024) *The Honors Research Project: Embracing Intellectual Discovery through Storytelling*. Honors in Practice-Online Archive, National Collegiate Honors Council <https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/nchchip>
- Gay, Kimberly. 2021. "PVAMU's Cooperative Extension Programs a Force for Texas Minority Rural Farm Families." *The CEP Headlines. The Monthly Newsletter of the Cooperative Extension Program*. Prairie View A&M University.
- Gay, K. Contributing editor of library resources to the textbook: *Public Speaking Handbook with additional readings.*, 2008, 2010, 2011. Prairie View A&M companion to *Public Speaking Handbook*, 2nd ed. by Steven A. Bebe and Susan J. Bebe, 2007.
- Kethineni, S, et al. 2021. Protocol: Effectiveness of parent-engagement programs to reduce truancy and juvenile delinquency: a systematic review. *Campbell systematic Reviews*, 17(3):e1189. <http://doi.org/10.1002/cl2.1189>
- Gay, K. (in process) Commissioned author of children's book about [Mytris Dightman Sr.](#), first African-American Bull Rider in the Professional Rodeo Association.

Other Professional Activities/Contributions (Editorial Boards, Awards, Grants, Events Coordinator, etc):

- PVAMU Bookstore Advisory Committee Board 2023-present

- PVAMU Academic Affairs Academic Integrity Review Executive Board 2023-present
- Elected Board member of the PVAMU Staff Council- serving as the Historian and Researcher

Personal Statement of your interest for this USAIN position

USAIN fosters life-long literacy skills, creating networks of collaborations through the field of librarianship and creating pathways for new ideas for librarians and other information professionals who are working in agriculture. USAIN librarians and other information professionals who are working in agriculture are well-versed on noting how to demonstrate the library research literacy skills needed to disseminate information regarding all aspects of agricultural sciences. My interest in serving as a Director is to help share that can-do spirit of supporting, maintaining, and cultivating USAIN in reaching new areas of opportunities and services it can offer its members. The world of agriculture continues to be a relevant part of my family's life for more than 85 years as a Grade A USDA Dairy Farmer. Through USAIN's three motto words: *Leadership, Policy, and Cooperation*, I continue to be excited, enlightened and engaged with like-minds in the fields of agriculture who understand the value of educating the masses on sustainability in the mist of climate change, food deserts and food insecurities, eco-friendly land, soil erosion and depletion, environmental biology, and technological advancements. If elected to a directorship, I will work to ensure USAIN stays a vital part to the structure of its members through promoting the missions of USAIN.



Candidate for USAIN Director 2024-2026



Nancy Marshall

Employment

- South Dakota State University

Librarian, 2016-present
Professor, 2007-2016
Reference and instruction librarian
Subject librarian for agriculture, food & environmental sciences

Associate Professor, 2002-2007
Reference and instruction librarian

Assistant Professor, 1997-2002
Government documents librarian

Lecturer 1993-1997
Library instruction coordinator

Education

- M.S., South Dakota State University, 1998
Communication Studies & Journalism
- M.L.I.S., University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, 1993
Library Science
- B.A., University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, 1991
Organizational Communication & Public Relations

USAIN Experience

Member since 2000

Elected positions:

Non-elected positions:

- Membership Committee, 2016-present
 - Co-chair 2023-2024
- Bylaws Committee, 2005-2007

USAIN Conferences where you've presented papers, posters, or been on a panel:

Involvement in Other Professional Organizations

- The Rangelands Partnership, 2003-present
 - Executive Committee, 2020-2023
 - Chair, 2022-2023
 - Vice Chair, 2021-2022
 - Secretary, 2020-2021

Recent Publications

Other Professional Activities/Contributions (Editorial Boards, Awards, Grants, Events Coordinator, etc):

- Higher Learning Commission Peer Reviewer, 2015-present

Personal Statement of your interest for this USAIN position

Membership in USAIN has allowed me to connect with an outstanding group of librarians and has provided invaluable opportunities for learning and growth. It would be a privilege to further support the work of this organization by serving as a Director.

As a librarian from a smaller land-grant institution and as someone who has served in several roles at my library, I feel that I would bring a unique perspective and breadth of knowledge to the Executive Council. In addition to my work supporting students and faculty from SDSU's College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences, I have significant general reference and library instruction responsibilities. My current and recent library and university committee work has been related to assessment, academic affairs and curriculum, and technology. As a peer reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission, I have had the opportunity to see the work of various other universities in a highly detailed manner.

USAIN's strength comes from the organization's focus and its members. I am consistently impressed by the work that we accomplish and the opportunities that we provide. I hope to play a role in continuing those practices. Thank you for your consideration!