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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., College of Communication and Information, Florida State University, Dec. 2009  
Dissertation title: *The Rural Public Library as Place in North Florida: A Case Study*. Directed by Wayne A. Wiegand, Ph.D.  
M.A., History, Florida Atlantic University, 2003  
M.S.L.I.S., Library Studies, School of Information Studies, Florida State University, 1996  
B.A., English, Goucher College, Baltimore, MD, 1978

## **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

**Assistant Professor**, Valdosta State University, Master of Library and Information Science program.  
Fall 2009 – present. Tenure Track. Primary responsibilities include teaching graduate courses in Library and Information Science via distance learning technology.  
MLIS 7000 Foundations of Library and Information Science  
MLIS 7200 Management of Libraries and Information Centers  
MLIS 7220 Public Libraries  
MLIS 7999 Adult Services in Public Libraries

## **OTHER TEACHING**

**Lead Instructor**, College of Information, Florida State University  
LIS 5916 Business Information Sources and Services  
LIS 5603 Information Sources and Services  
**Teaching Assistant**, College of Information, Florida State University  
LIS 5603 Introduction to Information Services  
LIS 5703 Information Organization  
LIS 5576 Information Needs of Adults  
LIS 3602 Information Sources and Services (undergraduate)  
LIS 3021 Technical Writing for the Information Professional (undergraduate)

## **CONSULTING**

Florida State University, School of Library and Information Studies - Florida Leaders & Managers project, Summer 2010, Summer 2011.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Most, Linda R. (2011, in press). The rural public library as place: A theoretical analysis. *Advances in Library Administration and Organization*, v.30.  
Most, Linda R. (2011, October, in press). Hands on from a distance: Using community-embedded learning theory to contextualize an online course assignment. *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science [JELIS]*, 52(4).  
Mon, Lorri , Bradley Wade Bishop, Charles R. McClure, Jessica McGilvray, Linda Most, Theodore Patrick Milas, and John T. Snead. (2009). "The Geography of Virtual Questioning." *The Library Quarterly*, 79(4): 393-420.

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- Most, Linda R. (2007). *The Library as Place: History, Community, and Culture*, edited by John E. Buschman and Gloria J. Leckie [book review]. *The Library Quarterly*, 77(3).
- Most, Linda R. (2006). *Books and Libraries in American Society during World War II: Weapons in the War of Ideas*, by Patti Clayton Becker [book review]. *The Library Quarterly*, 76(3).

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Canadian Association for Information Science, June 2, 2011. *Modeling the Public Library as Place*. Selected as best conference paper and keynote presentation.
- ALISE 2011 Juried Papers Competition, January 5, 2011: *Hands on from a Distance: Using community-embedded learning theory to contextualize an online course assignment*. May 2011, selected for publication in JELIS as one of four best conference papers.
- Georgia Library Association Annual Conference [GaCOMO], October 14, 2010 juried panel presentation: *Building Communities and Public Libraries: The GPLS-VSU MLIS IMLS Grant*.
- Southeastern Library Association biannual meeting, September 26, 2010, *The Rural Public Library as Place: The People's Place for Community, Reading, and Information* [juried selection].
- Public Library Association, March 25, 2010, Talk Table co-convenor, *Educating Community-building Librarians*.
- Online Lifeline Conference, February 18, 2010 Juried poster session, Valdosta State University, *Enriching online courses with experiential learning*.
- ALISE 2010 Juried Papers Competition: *Fostering collaboration in the field: The Florida Leaders & Managers project*, Michelle M. Kazmer, John C. Bertot, Tom Sloan, Linda Most, Corinne Jorgensen, Paul F. Marty, Presented by Michelle M. Kazmer and Linda R. Most, Jan. 13, 2010.
- Georgia Library Association Annual Conference [GaCOMO], October 15, 2009 – *The Library as Place*, [juried panel presentation].
- ALA Library Research Round Table - 4 Star Research Papers, American Library Association, July 12, 2009: *The Rural Public Library as Place: The People's Place for Community, Reading, and Information* [juried selection].

### CONFERENCE POSTER SESSIONS

- ALISE Jean Tague Sutcliffe Doctoral Student Poster Competition, January 2009: *The Rural Public Library as Place in North Florida: A Case Study*
- ALISE works in progress poster session, January 2008: *The Public Spaces of the Public Library System in an African American Community: A Case Study of the Role of Library as Place in a Rural Majority Minority County in Florida*
- ALISE works in progress poster session, January 2007: *Mentors, Muses, and Role-Models: Preparing the Next Generation of LIS Faculty to Teach*.
- ALISE works in progress poster session, January 2006: *Learning through Doing, the graduate assistantship experience at the Harold Goldstein Library, Florida State University College of Information*.
- ALISE doctoral poster session, January 2005: *Kreimer v. Morristown, Fifteen years later*.

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## **FUNDING, HONORS AND AWARDS**

Valdosta State University, Spring 2011, Research course release. Project title: *Hands on from a distance, Part II.*

Library Research Seminar V, University of Maryland, October 2010 – Junior Faculty Fellowship

Valdosta State University Faculty Scholarship, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011 – support for conference presentations - \$750 each

Valdosta State University eTuition grant, Spring 2010 – distance learning course development - \$5700

Eugene Garfield Beta Phi Mu Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, May 2009 - \$3,000

ALISE/Norman Horrocks Leadership Award, 2009 – inaugural recipient - \$500

Magalathlin Research Scholarship, College of Information, FSU, 2005, 2006, \$2,000 each

Invited participant, Library Leadership Institute at Snowbird, 1999

Invited Speaker, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, School of Information Studies, FSU, 1997

John David Marshal Scholarship, School of Information Studies, FSU, 1996

Member, Phi Kappa Phi, national academic honor society, inducted 2002

Member, Beta Phi Mu, honor society for Library and Information Studies, inducted 1996

## **SERVICE**

IMLS National Leadership Grants Review Panelist, May 2011.

Valdosta State University: University and departmental service

Faculty Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, member 2010-2012

Environmental Issues Committee, member 2010 – 2012

Search Committee for University Librarian 2011

MLIS Department, New Student Orientation Committee co-chair, Fall 2010 - present

MLIS Department, Student Affairs Committee, chair, 2010 – 2011

MLIS Department, Planning and Budget Committee, member 2010 – present

MLIS Department, IMLS “Librarians Build Community” Scholarship Administration Committee, Fall 2009 - present

MLIS Department, Student Scholarships Committee member, 2009 - 2010

MLIS Department, Website Development Committee member, 2009 - 2010

ALISE - Association for Library and Information Science Education

2011-2012 New Faculty SIG co-convener.

2011-2012 Committee member – ALISE Service Award selection committee.

2011 Conference: Co-facilitator New Faculty SIG Panel Presentation: Getting Published in a Competitive World.

2011 Conference Facilitator: Public Libraries round-table at Birds of a Feather session

2010 Chair: ALISE/Norman Horrocks Leadership Award Committee, awarded January 2011

2010 Co-Convener – New Faculty Special Interest Group

2010 Conference Facilitator: Public Libraries round-table at Birds of a Feather session

2009 ALISE/Norman Horrocks Leadership Award Committee - member

2009 Nominating Committee - member

2008 Co-chair: Doctoral Student Research Poster Competition

2008, 2007 Convener: Doctoral Student Special Interest Group

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2006 Co-convenor: Doctoral Student Special Interest Group  
2006 Committee assignment: Doctoral student recruitment initiative  
Beta Phi Mu – member, Gamma Chapter, inducted 1996  
Chapter Adviser – Valdosta State University, 2010, 2011  
Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Florida State University, 2006 – 2008  
Chapter Fiftieth Anniversary Committee co-chair, Florida State University 2003 – 2007  
Chapter President, Florida State University 2002 – 2003  
Georgia Library Association, Awards Committee 2010, 2011  
Florida State University:  
Search Committee member for Director of University Libraries, 2006  
College of Information, Doctoral Program Team, 2005 - 2007  
College of Information, Quality Enhancement Review, 2006  
College of Information Doctoral Research Society, Vice President 2005 – 2006

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Library Association  
Association for Library and Information Science Education  
Canadian Association for Information Science  
Georgia Library Association  
Public Library Association

### **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

**Graduate Assistantships**, College of Information, Florida State University:  
Reviews Section Coordinator, *The Library Quarterly*, 2006 - 2010. Revamped and expanded reviews section to include physical and virtual exhibit reviews, website, and database reviews. Responsible for selection of review items, identification and recruitment of reviewers, follow-up on reviews to publication.  
Research Assistant, “Florida Leaders and Managers,” IMLS funded graduate scholarship project, 2007 - 2009. Facilitate and support administrative and academic grant-funded programs and activities for FLM scholars.  
Research Assistant, “Librarians Serving the Public,” IMLS funded scholarship project, 2005-2006. Facilitate and support administrative and academic grant-funded programs and activities for LSP scholars.

**Business Librarian II**, Palm Beach County Library System, West Palm Beach, Florida, February 2000 – August 2004.

Provided both specialized business and general reference services by appointment and on demand, in person, by telephone, and via internet chat reference service. Taught business information searching skills to the public and to library professional staff. Wrote business reference articles for library publications, wrote and maintained business information bibliographies and business information resources web page. Conducted outreach to community service organizations about business resources at the public library. Managed collection development for business related sections of reference and circulating collections and for

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Audubon-funded ornithological reference and circulating collection, supervised Audubon chapter's library volunteer.

**Archivist and Librarian**, Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, West Palm Beach, Florida, June 1998 – February 2000.

Created and implemented corporate records retention program. Implemented re-organization and preservation of archival collection. Maintained collection catalog using Microsoft Access. Supervised volunteers cataloging and preserving the photograph collection. Arranged and supervised staff archival research projects. Wrote preliminary archival management policy submitted to organization's Board of Directors.

**Reference Librarian I**, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Business, Science, and Technology Department, Baltimore, MD., January 1997 – June 1998.

Provided subject reference services in person, by telephone, and by e-mail, using print and electronic resources. Provided state-wide subject reference services via Maryland Interlibrary Loan Service. Managed selected subject collections including those in the natural sciences. Managed weekly staff and volunteer schedules.

#### **ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Director of Development**, Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach, FL, 1994 – 1995.

Managed all staff and outreach activities in support of annual fund-raising plan.

**Grants Administrator**, Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, West Palm Beach, FL, 1990 -1994.

Wrote and managed all foundation and corporate grant solicitation during building campaign. Successfully applied for \$185 million construction grant from State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, Cultural Facilities program. Supported donor-related activities.

**Assistant to the Director of Development**, Planned Parenthood of the Palm Beach Area, West Palm Beach, FL, 1987-1989.

Club Med, Inc., New York and Paris, 1982 – 1987. Accommodations manager and sports instructor at ten international resort locations.

MAI Creations, Inc. Salem, MA, 1980 – 1982, Sales and Shipping coordinator, giftware manufacturer.

New England Telephone Co., Boston MA, 1978 – 1980, Management trainee, marketing.