2020 MCMLA Leadership Elections

Chair Elect

Kate Anderson

Kate Anderson, Head of the Zalk Veterinary Medical Library and interim Assistant University Librarian for Science Libraries at the University of Missouri, has been a member of MCMLA since 2006. She currently serves as a member of the MCMLA Finance Committee. She has also served as Recording Secretary, Chapter Council Alternate, chair of the Research Committee, and a member of the planning committee for MCMLA 2017 in beautiful Columbia, Missouri (M-I-Z)!

At Mizzou and previously at the University of Wisconsin, Kate has worked in a number of academic libraries – education, pharmacy, engineering, health sciences, veterinary—a variety that has spurred a deep interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and communication. She earned her bachelor's degree at Colorado College and her graduate degrees at the University of Wisconsin (MA in English; MA in Library and Information Studies).

Kim Harp

Kim Harp is passionate about medical librarianship and arming nurses with the best information available so they may provide the best care possible. Kim earned her MLS from Emporia State University in Kansas in 2005. Kim is the Nursing Liaison for the Education and Research Services Department at McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center. Kim previously served as a hospital librarian for four years at Stormont Vail regional hospital in Topeka and nine years as a legislative reference librarian at the State Library of Kansas.

Kim has been a member of MCMLA since 2014. Kim serves on the MCMLA Executive Committee as the Chapter Council Representative alternate and on the MCMLA advocacy committee. Kim previously served as the Recording Secretary and on the MMLA membership committee from 2015-2018.

Kim believes that the field of medical librarianship moves forward only through the continued collaboration and advocacy of library colleagues. She hopes to promote and mentor future librarians and support the ongoing needs of the MCMLA membership and its initiatives.
Liz Kellermeyer is the Biomedical Research Librarian at National Jewish Health in Denver. She handles a lot of their bibliometric work with faculty and researchers, and is interested in how they can better partner with the clinic to bring patients to the library. She thinks much of what she does in the library world is beyond the strict scope of her job, with some of the most valuable parts happening in collaboration with others. As a member of her institution's Diversity & Inclusion Council, she has worked hard to make the library an integral part of executing the council's mission by partnering on educational offerings and launching a D&I print collection with an NNLM grant. She is active in our professional organizations, serving on committees for the Colorado Council of Medical Librarians and MLA, as well as MCMLA. She thinks MCMLA is a great bridge between what we do locally and what we can accomplish nationally, and she always interested in new ways the organization can help members grow and network. In her down time, she loves heading to the mountains with her family, baking, and can mix a mean mock/cocktail.
Secretary

Angela Spencer

Angela Spencer is a former hospital librarian, now working as a health sciences reference librarian at Saint Louis University. She served on the MCMLA Advocacy committee for 3 years and is currently on the ballot for the MLA Nominating Committee. Spencer is the current chair of the hospital library caucus of MLA. She is interested in advocacy, benchmarking, informatics and research.

Gwen Wilson

Gwen Wilson’s current position is the Medical Librarian in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Missouri – Columbia. In this position she supports the clinical practice and research of family physicians who work at primary care clinics in Columbia and the surrounding rural areas. Previously she worked as the Health Informatics Coordinator/Librarian at Washburn University in Topeka, KS for seven years. She received her Master of Library Science from Emporia State University in 2012. She has been an active member of MCMLA since 2012 and a member of MLA since 2014. Her passion for medical librarianship began when she was hired as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in a Nursing Library. She loves the challenges of being a medical librarian and how she never knows what research question she will be asked to answer next. Today her main research interests focus on the role information literacy has in Evidence-Based Practice, the role of librarians in inter-professional education, and the challenge of reporting meaningful metrics in relation to research impact.
Chapter Council Representative

Rebecca Graves

Rebecca Graves, the Educational Services Librarian at the J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library at the University of Missouri, has been a member of MCMLA since 1996. She has served in MCMLA on the Continuing Education Committee (Chair 1998-1999), as the Annual Meeting Advisor (1999-20017), and is currently Chair of the Nominating Committee. Graves joined MLA in 1997 and earned her AHIP accreditation in 2002. She is currently credentialed at the Distinguished Level. In her position at the University of Missouri, she instructs students in their classes and one on one, runs literatures searches for systematic reviews and faculty research, and is in her second term as Faculty Council Representative for the librarians and archivists. She has published several articles and chapters on education.

Chapter Council Alternate

Kristen DeSanto

Kristen DeSanto is an Assistant Professor and Clinical Librarian at the Strauss Health Sciences Library at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. She collaborates with the clinical faculty, interns, and residents on campus, as well as clinical staff at the University of Colorado Hospital. She teaches evidence-based practice principles and conduct extensive literature searches for systematic reviews and other types of publications. She has been an MCMLA member since 2012 and has participated in the following committees and offices: Publications Committee member, 2012-2015; recording secretary, 2013-14; and Honors and Awards Committee member, 2015-2018. In her previous career, she practiced as a registered dietitian in an inpatient hospital setting. In her free time she enjoys reading, baking, camping, and skiing with her husband, Tony.
MCMLA Candidate to MLA Nominating Committee

Jeanne Burke

Ms. Burke is the Education & Liaison Coordinator for the Creighton Health Sciences, and earned her master’s in Library & Information Sciences and Education from University of Missouri with additional post-graduate courses work in higher and adult education. Before coming to Creighton University, Ms. Burke was Head of the Nebraska Legislative Research Library and oversaw the Government Documents Department at the UMC School of Law Library.

Jeanne is a long-time member of MCMLA, MLA, and ICON; and, has held committee and officer positions in all of these organizations. The wide range and variety of positions she has held has allowed her to work closely with both MLA and MCMLA. The most relevant positions include Section Council Representative, MLA Annual Meeting Programming Committee, Chair of EMTS Section, Chair of the MCMLA Membership Committee, MLA Membership Advisory Group, and Co-Chair of the MCMLA 2019 Annual Meeting. She is currently the MCMLA Chapter Council Representative to MLA.

In addition to her work with professional library organizations, she currently serves as an Academic Partner for the Creighton Center for Promoting Health and Health Equity (CHPPE) and Chair of its Research Committee. She has served on the Steering Committee (Board) of the Immunization Task Force of Metro Omaha since 2014. Jeanne is a member of APHA (American Public Health Association), CGEA (Central Group on Educational Affairs, AAMC) and other organizations that promote the teaching, universal access to medical information, evidence-based practice, interprofessional education, and accessibility to quality health care.

Jerry Carlson

Jerry Carlson has been the Medical Librarian for Poudre Valley Hospital, then Poudre Valley Health System, now UCHealth, since 1989. He has served MCMLA as its Recording Secretary and Chair in addition to serving on numerous committees. He is also active in the Colorado Council of Medical Librarians, having held every elected office and as its Parliamentarian for over 20 years. In 2010 he was presented with its highest honor, the Marla Graber Award. He also belongs to the Medical Library Association and held offices and done committee work for its Hospital Library and Nursing & Allied Health Sections.
Shawn Steidinger

Shawn Steidinger, MLS, AHIP, is on the faculty of the Spencer S Eccles Health Sciences Library at the University of Utah as an Assistant Librarian for Clinical Services. She serves as liaison to the University's hospital staff and patients, as well as health sciences faculty and students. A librarian since 1993, she has been engaged in project management, system administration, and staff support, as well as having a strong foundation in classic librarianship with experience as a cataloger and reference librarian in both research and public library settings. Her primary responsibilities include providing research support, embedding information literacy into health sciences curricula, and providing library services to hospital and clinic personnel and their patients. She has been professionally active in national, regional and state library organizations, currently holding positions on MLA's Credentialing Committee, and the Innovation and Research Practice Domain Hub, as well as serving as the MCMILA Chapter Credentialing Liaison, and chairing the Utah Society for Health Sciences Librarians. Her side-gigs include voice-acting, skiing in-bounds, and raising two men to adulthood.

Susan Swogger

Susan E. Swogger, MLIS, is the Missouri Campus Library Branch Manager at A.T. Still University in Kirksville, Missouri. She is also the Librarian Liaison for A.T. Still University’s College of Graduate Health Studies and the Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health. She received her MLIS and an Endorsement of Specialization in the Design and Structure of Digital Resources from the University of Texas at Austin in 2002. She was previously Collections Development Librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Health Sciences Library. She is Subject Editor for the Health Sciences and Medicine section for ALA’s Resources for College Libraries, a selector for Doody’s Core Titles, co-editor of the 6th edition of Introduction to Reference Sources in the Health Sciences, and has published a number of book chapters, articles, and reviews. She has held leadership positions in the Collection Development and LGBTQIA+ Caucuses of the Medical Library Association, and is currently on the Board of Directors of the MOBIUS Consortium.