

Lisa German

Brief Biography

Lisa German is currently one of the Principals of re:work library consulting and the University Librarian and Dean of Libraries at the University of Minnesota. From 2015 to 2019 she was the Dean of University Libraries and Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair at the University of Houston Libraries. From 2005-2015, she was first the Assistant, and then Associate Dean at Penn State University Libraries. From 1996-2005, she served as the Head of Acquisitions and associate professor of library administration at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and she began her career in 1993 at Wright State University in Dayton in Acquisitions. She was part of the inaugural cohort of the ARL Research Library Leadership Fellows. She has been active in ALA, was on the boards of the Greater Western Library Consortia (GWLA), the Texas Digital Library (TDL), the Texas Medical Center Library, and on the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Research Coalition (SPARC) Steering Committee. Lisa is an author, presenter, and consultant particularly in the areas of leadership, collection management, technical services, and organizational workflows. Her work has been recognized by two awards from the American Library Association including the 2012 Harrassowitz Leadership in Library Acquisitions Award and the 2002 Esther J. Piercy Award.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Principal, re:work library consulting, 1/17 to present
- Dean of Libraries and Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair, University of Houston, 8/15 to present
- Associate Dean for Collections, Information, and Access Services, Penn State University, 7/11 – 7/15
- Assistant Dean for Technical and Collections Services, Penn State University, 9/05-6/11
- Technical Services Division Coordinator, Head of Acquisitions, and Associate Professor of Library Administration, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library, 7/03-8/05
- Head of Acquisitions and Assistant Professor of Library Administration, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library, 8/98-6/03,
- Assistant Acquisitions Librarian, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library, 11/96-7/98
- Head of Acquisitions, Wright State University Library, 1/96-10/96
- Acquisitions Team Leader, Wright State University Library, 7/94-1/96
- Assistant Head of Acquisitions, Wright State University Library, 2/93-6/94

EDUCATION

M.S.L.I.S., University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1992

B.A. History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1979

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

German, Lisa and Beth Sandore Namachchivaya. Innovation and R&D. SPEC Kit 339. Washington, DC: Association of Research Libraries, December, 192 pp. (2013)

German, Lisa, Robert Alan, Lynn Wiley, and Tina Chrzatowski. "Approval Plan Assessment in Two Large ARL Libraries." *Library Resources & Technical Services* 54 (2): 64-76 (2010).

German, Lisa, Victoria Owen, Jill Parchuck, and Beth Sandore. "RLLF in the Rear View Mirror: Report on the Impact and Value of the ARL Academic Library Leadership Fellows Program." *Journal of Library Administration* 49 (8): 795-809 (2009).

Ayers, Leighann, Beth Picknally Camden, Lisa German, Peggy Johnson, Caroline Miller and Karen Smith-Yoshimura. "What We've Learned from the RLG Partners Metadata Creation Workflows Survey." Report produced by OCLC Research. Published online at: <http://www.oclc.org/programs/publications/reports/2009-04.pdf> (2009).

German, Lisa B. and Karen A. Schmidt. "Finding the Right Balance: Campus Involvement in the Collections Allocation Process." *Library Collections and Technical Services* 25 (4): 421-433 (2001).

German, Lisa B. and Karen A. Schmidt. "Honoring Faculty: Book Plates to Celebrate Faculty Achievements." *College and Research Libraries News* 62 (11): 1066-1067, 1130 (2001).

German, Lisa B., Nancy Slight-Gibney, Dennis Lambert, and Kathleen Brown. *Guide to the Management of the Information Resources Budget: Collection Development and Management Series No. 9*. 32 pp. Scarecrow Press,

Lanham, MD (2001).

German, Lisa B. and Karen A. Schmidt. "Acquisitions," in *Advances in Librarianship* Vol. 24, pp. 139-155. Edited by Elizabeth A. Chapman and Frederick C. Lynden. Academic Press, San Diego, CA (2000).

German, Lisa B. "Acquisitions Personnel Management, Organization and Staffing Issues," in *Understanding the Business of Library Acquisitions*, pp.346-359. Edited by Karen Schmidt. American Library Association, Chicago, IL (1999).

German, Lisa B. "Serials Acquisitions: Trends and Prospects," in *Technical Services Today and Tomorrow*, pp. 43-52. Edited by Michael Gorman. Libraries Unlimited, Englewood, CO (1998).

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Consulting assignments for the United Arab Emirates University, Texas State University at San Marcos, Central Michigan, Clemson University, Rice University, University of Nebraska, University of Texas, University of Toronto, Washington University in St. Louis.

Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) Transforming Collections Task Force, 2011-2014

HathiTrust Discovery Interface Working Group, 2009-2011

ALCTS Board of Directors, 2004-2005

AWARDS AND PROGRAMS

Harrassowitz Leadership in Library Acquisitions Award, is given to a librarian in recognition of outstanding leadership and other contributions in the field of acquisitions, 2012

Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians at Harvard University, 2009

Penn State IT Leaders Program, class of 2009

Leadership Centre County, class of 2008

ARL Research Library Leadership Fellow, 2004-2006

Esther J. Piercy Award, Given by the Association of Library Collections and Technical Services to recognize the "contribution to those areas of librarianship included in library collections and technical services by a librarian with not more than ten years of professional experience who has shown outstanding promise for continuing contribution and leadership." 2002

University of Illinois Library Faculty and Staff Achievement Award, Group Award presented to members of the Integrated System Coordinating Committee, 2002

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