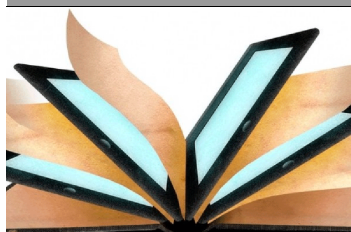


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# George Mason University Libraries

## University Librarian's Letter

*Dear Colleagues,*

*January - March 2014 has been another productive period for library faculty and staff. As usual, in these pages of the Letter, both collective and individual endeavors are noted. Particularly, the "Focus" section reports on the important reorganization within the Research and Educational Services division, involving Access Services at the Fairfax Campus along with the Teaching & Learning Services department in the reoriented and renamed Gateway Library@Johnson Center.*

*I would like to thank and offer best wishes to all of our colleagues who embarked in the pursuit of new and exciting initiatives. Also, congratulations to all those who made meaningful contributions through a variety of special projects or whose efforts and talents were recognized both internally or externally.*

*Lastly, much appreciation and thanks to all in the Libraries for your dedicated service to the broad community that is Mason!*

### Welcome!

#### Administrative Services

Renee Prokop, Human Resources Coordinator

#### Arlington Campus Library

Kiana White, Access Services Assistant

#### Office of the University Librarian

Diana Tippett, Administrative Assistant

#### Research Services, Fenwick Library

George Oberle, History Liaison Librarian

#### Resource Acquisition

Jane Atwell, e-Resources Specialist

Jeff Corber, e-Resources Specialist

#### Special Collections & Archives

Maura Pierce, Processing Archivist, C-SPAN Records & Archives

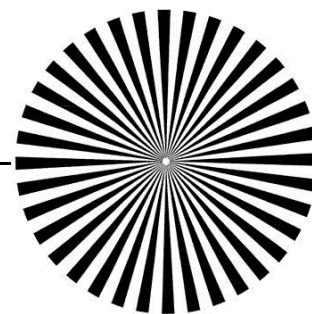
### Bravo!

**Greta Kuriger Suiter**, Processing Specialist, Special Collections & Archives, received the first George Mason University Libraries' *Staff Excellence Award* on January 8, 2014. Greta was recognized for her outstanding contributions to ensure library services exceed faculty and student expectations; as a valued team member fostering an environment of collegiality and teamwork, and as one who promotes the mission of the University Libraries. This new semi-annual award was established to recognize a staff member's extraordinary accomplishments during the periods July 1 to December 31 and January 1 to June 30. Nominations are reviewed by the Library Staff Council and candidates for the award are recommended to the University Librarian.



Greta Kuriger Suiter

# FOCUS: Access Services & Gateway Library@Johnson Center



In March 2014, **Diane Smith**, AUL, Research & Educational Services, announced the reorganization of Access Services on the Fairfax Campus as well as the Gateway Library@Johnson Center. New organization charts, on page 3, illustrate the changes.

## Access Services, Fairfax Campus

To ensure a consistent level of quality service for library users, access services in both Fenwick Library and Gateway Library are now consolidated under the leadership of **Jessica Bowdoin**, Head, Access Services. New user services will be developed and deployed, such as delivery of materials to faculty. Improvements in processing reserve materials and Consortium Loan Service (CLS) items will also be implemented. Access Services staff is responsible for circulation and stack management activities for all items in Fenwick and Gateway Libraries; all Reserves and Interlibrary Loan, CLS and intercampus resource sharing activities; circulation and core reference assistance; management of the two physical library facilities, and management of student employees.

## Gateway Library@Johnson Center

Johnson Center Library was renamed and is being rebranded as the Gateway Library@Johnson Center. Initially established as the University Center Library and renamed the Johnson Center Library almost 20 years ago, the facility's new name reflects the library's current mission to serve as the initial gateway for students new to the University learn about the Libraries, the services and resources provided, and integrate information use and skills into their scholarship. **Jessica Bowdoin** and **Patricia West** collaboratively manage the services and personnel of the Gateway Library.

## Teaching & Learning Services Department, Gateway Library@Johnson Center

Established as "Educational Services" in 2006 and subsequently recast as "Gateway Services" in 2013, the department is now called Teaching & Learning Services (TLS). Under the leadership of **Patricia West**, Head, Teaching & Learning Services, TLS library faculty and staff are responsible for information literacy instruction for undergraduates; outreach and marketing of the Gateway Library@Johnson Center to the academic community; instructional design and tutorials; learning technologies; distance education and media support for faculty, as well as pedagogical support for liaison librarians. Joining the Teaching & Learning Services team are **Tina Adams**, Distance Education Librarian and **Laura Jenemann**, Film & Media Librarian. **Kara Kiblinger** has also joined the group in the new role of Instruction Specialist. Steve Gerber and Andrew Lee are based at and continue to work in the Gateway Library. However, as subject liaisons, they now report administratively through the Research Services Department of Fenwick Library. Gateway Library's Teaching & Learning Services and Access Services staff will work together to ensure quality service at the integrated service desk.

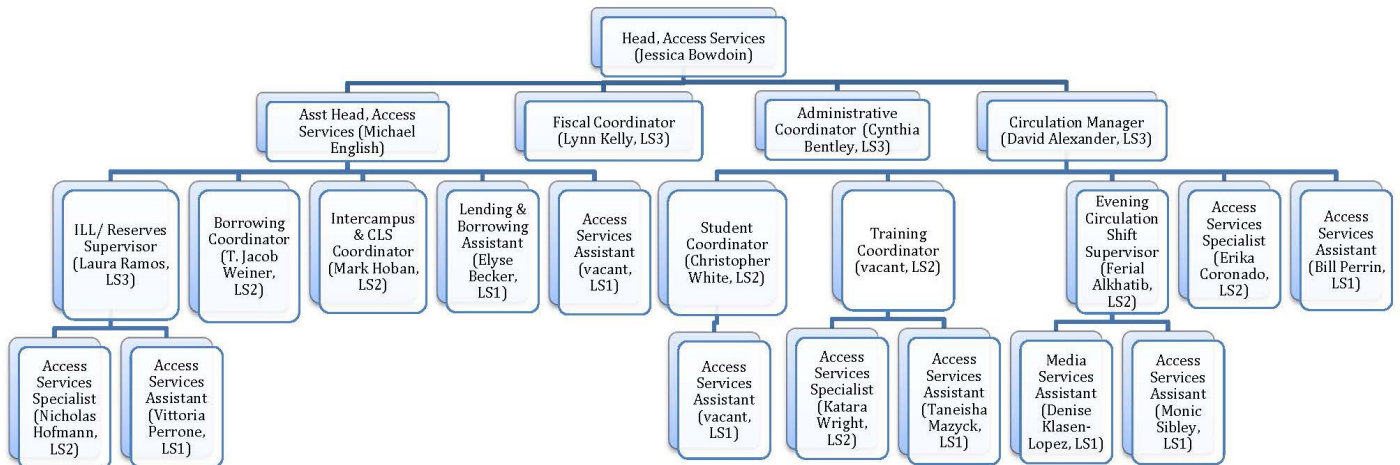
## Staff Moves

The realignment also provides the opportunity to put "like things together" for more efficient deployment of staff skills and more effective service for the Mason community. For example, Reserves & ILL processing complement each other based on the flow of the academic calendar and concomitant use of these services. In addition, consolidating student and staff training between the libraries will reinforce a solid service foundation for each site, as well as the ability to share staff between the libraries as needed. Assuming new roles and duties, several Fenwick and Gateway Library staff will move to different spaces through the beginning of May 2014. This chart indicates who will relocate where:

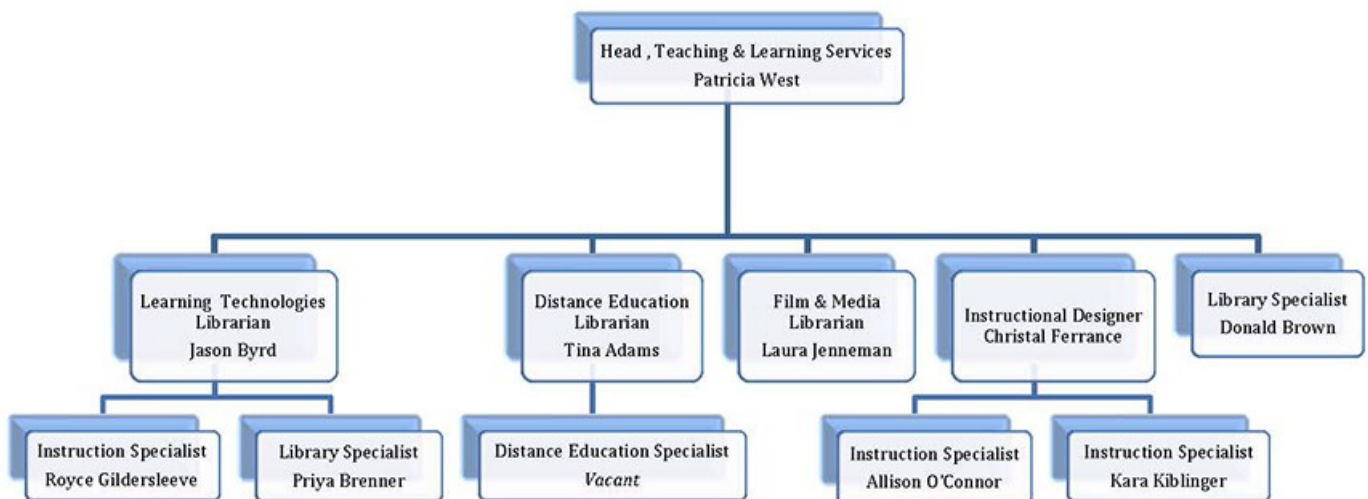
Staff Member	Fenwick Library Location	Gateway Library@Johnson Center Location
<b>David Alexander</b>	1st Floor (Jessica Bowdoin's former office)	
<b>Cynthia Bentley</b>	2B, Administrative Services Office	
<b>Jessica Bowdoin</b>		1st Floor (Cynthia Bentley's former office)
<b>Mark Hoban</b>	1st Floor, ILL Office	
<b>Nick Hoffman</b>	1st Floor, Access Services area	
<b>Lynn Kelly</b>		2nd Floor, Gateway Library Staff Office area
<b>Vittoria Perrone</b>	1st Floor, Access Services area	
<b>Lara Ramos</b>	1st Floor, Access Services area	

**Organization Charts**  
**Fairfax Campus Access Services**  
**Gateway Library@Johnson Center Teaching & Learning Services**  
**March 2014**

**Access Services: Fenwick Library & Gateway Library@Johnson Center**



**Teaching & Learning Services Department, Gateway Library@Johnson Center**



**Congratulations!**

**Yvonne Carignan**, Head, Special Collections & Archives, is the 2014 recipient of the American Library Association's Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) History Section *Gale Cengage Learning History Research and Innovation Award*. Yvonne's project, "History of Virginia Antebellum Social Libraries," aims to document all social libraries that existed in the Commonwealth of Virginia before the Civil War.

**Madeline Kelly**, Collection Development Support Specialist, is the 2014 recipient of the American Library Association's Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) Preservation and Reformatting Section (PARS) *Jan Merrill-Oldham Professional Travel Grant* to attend the 2014 American Library Association Annual Conference. Sponsored by the Library Binding Institute, the award provides librarians and paraprofessionals new to the preservation field with the opportunity to attend a professional conference and encourages professional development through active participation at the national level.

## Research & Professional Activities

**Yvonne Carignan**, Head, Special Collections & Archives

- Presentation. "Virginia Nineteenth-Century Social Libraries." The Virginia Forum 2014, George Mason University, March 14, 2014.

**Steve Gerber**, Music & Theater Liaison Librarian

- William Henry Fry's "Dying Soldier Symphony," edited and arranged for concert band. Commissioned and performed by Northeast Community Band, Minneapolis, MN, March 20, 2014.

**Doug Hernandez**, Research & Instruction Support Specialist

- Presentation. "Transformative Education, Public Advocacy and the Education Profession." 2014 Virginia Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (VACTE) Conference, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA, March 27, 2014.

**Elena Landry**, Global Programs, Foreign Languages & Latin American Studies Liaison Librarian

- Member, Phi Beta Delta, Honor Society for International Scholars, inducted March 3, 2014.

**George Oberle**, History Liaison Librarian

- Panel Moderator, "Traffic in Books and Business," The Virginia Forum 2014, George Mason University, March 14, 2014.

**Helen McManus**, Political Science & Public Policy Liaison Librarian

- Panelist, Librarian Focus Group, Society for Scholarly Publishing, Washington, DC, February 4, 2014.

**Sarah Sheehan**, College of Health & Human Services Liaison Librarian

- Certified as Senior Level member, Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP), 2014 - 2019.

## Research Leave

Recommended by the Librarians' Council Professional Development Committee, the following librarians were awarded research leave by the University Librarian for Spring 2014.

- **Tina Adams**, Distance Education Librarian, Gateway Library@Johnson Center, to prepare an article for submission to *College and Undergraduate Libraries'* special Fall 2014 issue, which is dedicated to addressing how academic libraries are involved in the scholarly communication process.
- **Janna Mattson**, Social Sciences Liaison Librarian, Mercer Library, to prepare an annotated bibliography for inclusion in the forthcoming book, *Dream Act Activists and Teacher Allies: Are You Listening?* by Professor Shelley Wong, College of Education and Human Development, George Mason University.
- **Patricia West**, Head, Teaching & Learning Services, Gateway Library@Johnson Center, to conduct a survey focusing on "onboarding" in academic libraries and subsequently write and publish an article in a library management journal.



## Around Campus

- **Kathy Butler**, Science & Psychology Liaison Librarian, was appointed to the Students as Scholars QEP Leadership Council, Faculty and Curricular Activities Subcommittee
- **Wally Grotophorst**, AUL, Digital Programs & Systems, was appointed to the University's Technology Leadership Council
- George Mason University Facilities Master Plan Team
  - **John Zenelis**, Steering Committee Member
  - **Anne Driscoll**, Education Liaison Librarian and **Diane Smith**, AUL, Research & Educational Services, Learning Spaces Committee Members
- **Jen Stevens**, Humanities Liaison Librarian, was appointed to the Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Committee
- **Patricia West**, Head, Teaching & Learning Services, Gateway Library@Johnson Center, was appointed the chair of Mason's [Assessment in Action Project](#), which is studying the impact of embedding librarians in Mason's Students as Scholars program (SaS).

To include your department's news and /or your professional activities in the *University Librarian's Letter*, please send the information to Debra Hogan by January 5, April 5, July 5, October 5.

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## Data Management Bootcamp

On January 8-10, 2014, George Mason University was a site for and co-sponsor of a state-wide Data Management Bootcamp, offered to students in any discipline or academic program. **Wendy Mann**, Head, Data Services Group, arranged and coordinated Mason's participation in the Data Management Bootcamp. This collaborative event was broadcast via the 4VA telepresence system to five sites: University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, James Madison University, George Mason University, and Old Dominion University.

Data management is an important topic for researchers and scholars across disciplines, especially as funding agencies increasingly require submission of data management plans with grant proposals. In addition to Understanding Research Data, Bootcamp topics included:

- Organizing Data
- Documentation and Metadata
- Data Protection Rights and Access
- File Formats and Transformation
- Storage and Security
- Preservation, Sharing and Licensing

35 Mason participants heard from experts across the state at this collaborative event. **Tricia Mackenzie**, Metadata Librarian, presented in the "Documentation and Metadata" session. **Wendy Mann** presented the session on "File Formats and Transformation." Other Mason presenters included David Attaway, PhD student, Earth Systems & Geoinformation Science, who provided a session on "Researcher Testimonial/Questions & Answers" as well as Aurali Dade, Office of Research Integrity and Assurance, who presented sessions on "Protection, Privacy, Confidentiality" and information on the George Mason Institutional Review Board. The Bootcamp concluded with the Libraries' Data Services staff providing local, hands-on practical application of what participants learned during the Bootcamp.

## Twin Sons of Different Mothers

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery! Modeling the research and writing space established by the Arlington Campus Library last fall, Fenwick Library created a Dissertation Writers' Room (DWR) in Room C-518 during the January 2014 intersession. Featuring 11 carrels and shelving space for research materials, Mason PhD students have a dedicated space for their dissertation work. All Fenwick DWR spaces were assigned and in use prior to Spring Break. The current student occupants have exclusive access to the Fenwick DWR through the first week of August 2014.

## N.B.

Mason Libraries became a Charter Member of [Knowledge Unlatched](#), a nonprofit group which is developing a new open-access model for publishing and acquiring monographs. [Read more!](#)

## Exhibit

Special Collections & Archives prepared and mounted a display in Fenwick Library featuring materials from the University Archives. Divided into two parts, *What's in a Name?* and *Broadside Images in Context*, the exhibit highlights materials from the George Mason University *Broadside* Photograph Collection and issues of *The Gunston Ledger*, *Broadside*, and *Fourth Estate* student newspapers.

*What's in a Name?* explores the history of the student newspaper at Mason from 1963 to the present by focusing on the publication's various name changes. The newspaper representing the student voice at Mason has always selected its name carefully and has been renamed three times: *The Gunston Ledger* (1963-1969), *Broadside* (1969-2013), and *Fourth Estate* (2013-present).

*Broadside Images in Context* investigates the *Broadside* student newspaper in detail, examining photographs taken by *Broadside* staff.

Thanks to a donation from the University's Office of Student Media, Special Collections & Archives now holds a vast pool of photographic negatives which accompany and enhance the Archives' collection of Mason student newspapers. Displaying both the newspapers and the photographs provides a deeper look into how the Mason student body and their interests changed over time.

