



This **About Our Leaders** provides a short biography of our leaders for our LYRASIS Leaders Forum in Jacksonville, FL on June 7, 2018. The Leaders Forums are face-to-face meetings across the US, Canada and soon the globe, to gather leaders to discuss, explore and workshop ideas, problems and potential solutions. Our theme this year is **Experiments in Innovation**.

Experts from the LYRASIS team and from the community will discuss new concepts, trends and ideas surrounding innovation. Forum participants are members of the LYRASIS Leaders Circle, the general LYRASIS membership and invitation only community drivers within the archive, library and museum profession. By reading each short biography below, you'll get to know our leaders engaging in our LYRASIS Leaders Forum, *Experiments in Innovation*.

Our Forum Leaders

Matt Armstrong is the Collections Coordinator at the Governor's House Library in St Augustine, a part of the Special and Area Studies Department of the University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries. Starting at the library in 2012, he manages the research library, museum object collection, as well as a digital preservation lab (with 3 different sized scanners available to digitize a wide array of material). In August of 2016, he started the St Augustine Archival Society, a group of archival and museum professionals that meets once a month. He has lived in St Augustine since 2004 and loves sharing the history of the Ancient City.

Scott Bacon is the Web Services and Emerging Technologies Librarian at Coastal Carolina University. He is the administrator of the university's new institutional repository and primary developer for the Kimbel Library website, web applications and digital collections (using LYRASIS hosted Islandora). He identifies, assesses and implements emerging technologies that increase and enhance access to library resources and services, such as mobile applications, discovery services and content management systems.



Jae Bass is the Technical Services Manager for the St Johns County Public Library System where she has been for 21 years and has worked at four of the six branches. Her department is part of library administration and is responsible for all Cataloging, Acquisitions, Technology, Website, Social Media and most recently, Public Relations, for the library system. She enjoys reading mostly nonfiction, including biographies, travel, humor and how to organize life. She is a mom, singer/songwriter, list maker, nature lover, music snob, traveler, and podcast addict.

Felicia Beaudry is a trainer with Equinox Open Library Initiative, a nonprofit dedicated to the support and development of open source software for libraries, but she has experience in public, academic, and special libraries. She earned her MLIS from the University of South Carolina, where she interned with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. She feels lucky to have witnessed an evolution of library services through the integration of technology and is excited about the future of libraries.

Wendy Cornelisen is the Assistant State Librarian for Library Innovation and Collaboration at the Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS), a unit of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia that is dedicated to empowering libraries to improve the lives of Georgians by fostering a culture of learning statewide. Cornelisen is an advocate for equal access to information resources, no matter where you live. She has 15 years of experience working in and with public libraries. She holds numerous leadership roles in the Georgia Library Association and is a past president of the Tennessee Library Association. GPLS is a member of the Leaders Circle.

Cornelisen earned a bachelor's degree from Iowa State University and a Master's in Information Science from the University of Tennessee. She and her husband reside in Atlanta, where she makes pickles and jam.

Lisandra Carmichael is the Associate Dean of the Thomas G. Carpenter Library. Prior to working at UNF, she worked at the University of West Florida where she was the Associate Dean of University Libraries and at the University of Missouri-St. Louis where she has the Head of Access Services. She has over 20 years of library work experience. Lisandra was a Captain in the U.S. Air Force and a school teacher before working in academic libraries.

Jolene DuBray is the Archives Specialist at Flagler College. She began working in the Flagler College Archives in 2011 as a work-study student. She graduated from Flagler College in 2013 with a Bachelor in Fine Arts and Art History. Jolene continued her duties assisting in the College Archives after graduation until July 2014, when she was



hired as the Archives Specialist, her current position. Since then she has been working towards making the archives more accessible, which includes working with students to create the Flagler College Archives Digital Collections which became available online in May 2017.

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Harland Harris is the Archivist at the Bryan-Lang Historical Archives in Georgia. He recently moved to Georgia after serving as the Director/Multimedia and Systems at Newseum in DC.

Jennifer Murray is the Director of Library Systems and Technology at the University of North Florida's Thomas G. Carpenter Library. With seventeen years working in academic libraries, she has a diverse history in the field, ranging from enhancing and migrating library systems, managing technical services, working on key projects such as assisting ProQuest to build a new, web-scale library management system, to using Tableau to develop informative, user-centric visualizations utilizing library data. Jennifer began her career at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo, where for sixteen years she provided leadership in the management and support of the SUNY libraries' integrated library system (Aleph), cataloging and metadata services, electronic resources, and the web-based applications used for discovering all-library materials through the University library's website. In 2017, she joined the UNF Library where she currently provides leadership and oversight for all aspects of cataloging, acquisitions and collection development, electronic and continuing resources, digital projects and preservation, the integrated library system, the library's technologies and aesthetic web presence. Jennifer is passionate about the future of libraries and how she can help to ensure the discovery and delivery of digital resources remain accessible and user-friendly. She holds a MLS from University of Buffalo.

Richard Mott is the Manager of Strategic Initiatives at Jacksonville Public Library since 2011. After trying out many career options in his 20s and 30s, he chose information studies, earned a MLIS at FSU. Richard took the first job he was offered, to be a librarian for the Jacksonville Public Library in 2003. Before his current position, he served the training coordinator. Though Richard holds degrees from a number of Florida institutions, he is a loyal Gator fan.

Mark Nicolou is the Director at the Florida Memory Project. He also serves as the Operations Consultant at the Florida Department of State. He was the Collection Manager at the Chris Hodge Fire Art in Rome, Georgia. He earned his MLIS from Florida State University.



Katherine Owens is the Special Collections Librarian at Flagler College. She is a 2007 graduate of the University of South Florida's Library Science program. She has worked at Flagler College since September 2007 first as a Reference & Instruction Librarian and now in her current role. She has also worked for the Hillsborough County Public Library System, the University of South Florida, and St. Johns River State College. Her volunteerism includes the Washoe County Public Library System; the Library for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Reno Branch; Sparks High School; the Hillsborough County Public Library System; and library consultant to the Fort Blanding Museum and Memorial Park. Katherine has worked at all levels of librarianship short of management. Her current position includes oversight of students earning credit in either internships, independent studies, or research assistantships depending on the academic need of students interested in either librarianship or Special Collections.

Jennifer Pratt is the Executive Director of SEFLIN (Southeast Florida Library Information Network) one of five multi-type library cooperatives in Florida. The SEFLIN region includes Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach counties with a service population of just over six million.

Jennifer earned a BS in Broadcast Journalism from the University of Florida and a MLS from the University of South Florida. She began her library career in 1991 as the Public Services Librarian at the Haywood County Public Library in Waynesville, NC and became the Library Director in 2000. In 2007, Jennifer accepted the Chief of Library Development position at the State Library of North Carolina where she managed the section, the state's Aid to Public Libraries fund and the federal Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) program. In 2010 Jennifer led the establishment of the NC Cardinal consortium, a statewide project focused on resource sharing across public libraries that now includes almost half of the state's public libraries. Jennifer returned to her home state of Florida in September 2016 to lead SEFLIN.

Kaleena Rivera is the Digital Initiatives Librarian at Florida Gulf Coast University Library Archives, Special Collections, & Digital Initiatives. Kaleena Rivera holds a Master of Science in Information from Florida State University. Her work duties primarily focus on collection, preservation, and global accessibility via the Digital FGCU repository.

Tim Rogers is the Library Director at the Jacksonville Public Library. Tim previously was the Director at Metropolitan Library System in Oklahoma. Tim has served as a Senior Advisor to LYRASIS on public libraries. He also served for many years as the Executive Director of NCLIVE. Tim received his MLS from Indiana University Bloomington. Jacksonville Public Library is a member of the Leaders Circle.



Adam Solomon is the Digital Services Specialist at Jacksonville University.

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Susan Swiatosz is the new Head of Special Collections and University Archives at the University of North Florida. Susan has been an archivist for over 15 years. After a career as a historic preservationist in New York City, Susan received her MLIS at Pratt Institute with a focus in archives and records management. After several years of working in the Washington D.C. area with the archival consulting firm History Associates, Inc., Susan moved back to her home state of Florida in 2005. Since that time, she was the 'lone arranger' at the Flagler Museum in Palm Beach, and most recently at the Boynton Beach City Library. Susan has just relocated to Jacksonville.

Brad Ward is the Executive Director of the Northeastern Florida Library Network (NEFLIN) which serves the communities surrounding the Jacksonville Forum. A Florida native, Brad earned his undergraduate degree at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, OK and his M.L.S. degree at the University of South Florida in Tampa. He has worked for the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (under Bernadette Storck), the Tampa Bay Library Consortium (under Barbara Stites) and has been with NEFLIN since 1997. Brad and his wife Marilyn are the proud parents of a beautiful boy and girl. He also manages to find some time to enjoy his extensive music collection and his TiVo.

For more information

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