Spotlights: Faculty, Alumni, Course

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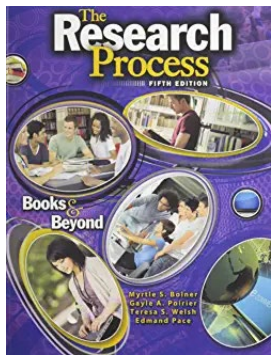DOI: 10.18785/slis.1102.02
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Spotlight—Faculty:

Mr. Edmand Pace graduated from USM with a B.A. in History in 2007 and earned his MLIS from USM in 2011. He joined the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) School of Library and Information Science in Fall 2011 as a Visiting Instructor. Shortly

after that, he was hired as a full-time instructor. In 2022, he was promoted to the rank of Lecturer and Coordinator for the undergraduate LIS program. He was instrumental in revising the LIS B.A. degree to a LIS B.S. degree and in developing the LIS minor. In 2013, he co-authored the book, *The Research Process: Books and Beyond*, which focuses on information literacy and basic library research.

Mr. Pace has taught a variety of undergraduate courses at USM since 2011, including Introduction to Information Literacy, Rural and Small Libraries, History of the Book, and Library Management. As the faculty supervisor for the Library Practicum course, Mr. Pace helps connect seniors in the undergraduate program with internship opportunities in libraries throughout the United States.

Mr. Pace serves as the lead academic undergraduate advisor for SLIS and is highly involved undergraduate recruitment events. He was nominated for the College's Excellence in Mentoring and Advising Award in 2017 and was nominated for the College's Distinguished Teaching and Mentoring Award in 2020.

Spotlight—Alum:

Growing up, **Sarah Hodge-Wetherbe** was known to read numerous books and write reams of her own stories. Her family joked that they would look first at the local public library if she was ever missing.

Sarah started her library career as an undergrad at Westfield State College in Westfield, MA, in the late 1990s. She worked as a student employee while earning her BA in English. After graduation, she went to work part-time as a circulation clerk for the East Longmeadow Public Library. At East Longmeadow, she discovered her love of all things nerdy was a great asset to a public library. She used her knowledge as a fan to help develop the graphic novels collection, started the first Anime club for teens, and ran the popular tabletop RPG club for the seven years she stayed with the East Longmeadow library. During this period, she also found part-time employment in her hometown library in Springfield, MA, where she started many programs, including the library comic con called Chibicon, which is still held annually.

In 2007, Sarah moved on to full-time employment with the Springfield City Library. As a library associate, she was able to focus on working with teens, creating programming for the library, and using her knowledge of pop culture and fandom to improve what the library offered young patrons. Sarah also began delivering talks around New England on the educational side of nerd culture. She spoke at venues such as the Norman Rockwell Museum and the Massachusetts Library Association.
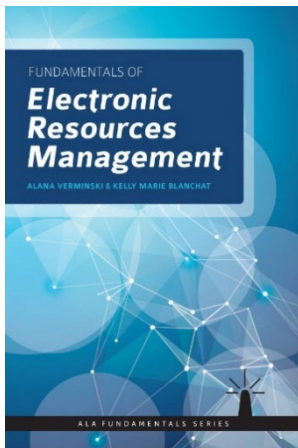
In 2020, Sarah began the Masters of Library and Information Science program at Southern Miss. She graduated with her degree and a Youth Services Certificate in the summer of 2022. She was promoted to the head of Teen Services for the Springfield City Library in June of 2021 and continues to work passionately to offer the teens of her city the services, entertainment, and safe space they crave.

When she's not at the library, she has many hobbies, including performing with local community theater productions, cosplay, and letterboxing. She has staffed multiple conventions around New England, including a 3-year run as the Head of Guest Relations at Anime Boston in 2009 and 2013-14.

Sarah lives in Springfield Ma with her husband of 22 years and two cats.

Spotlight—Course: LIS 654. E-Resources Management.

E-Resources Management is a three-credit hour course that focuses on the planning, implementation and management of electronic resources in various library and information settings. Today's libraries depend heavily on electronic resources from databases, to electronic books (e-books), to streaming video services. How those resources are incorporated into libraries' collections and services is a complex process involving many issues.

Using the e-book, *Fundamentals of Electronic Resources Management* by Verminksi and Blanchat (2017), students work their way through the e-resource cycle, purchasing and evaluating electronic resources, managing open access resources, and negotiating and licensing for electronic resources. In addition to looking at management of electronic resources, students will look at the job landscape of electronic resource librarians, discuss how electronic resources play a role in diversity, equity, and inclusion, and do some scenario-based assignments.

This course is geared toward e-resources in all types of libraries but will be especially beneficial for students wanting to work in technical services, academic libraries, and public libraries. It is being taught in Summer 2023 by Dr. Holly Miller, the Electronic Resources Librarian for Cook Library at Southern Miss.

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