

MOVING ON UP

Several K-State Libraries staff gain new titles and responsibilities

JULIE BELL Director of Information Technology Services

Bell has worked at K-State in IT services for more than 20 years, including the last 8 years at K-State Libraries.

As director of information technology services, Bell develops and maintains IT services that Libraries staff and K-State students and faculty rely on. Bell also provides oversight for desktop support staff, IT system administrators and developers and works with them to seek opportunities for staff growth.

"One of my goals is to build our team with efficient and hard-working staff," Bell said. "I also want to improve technical services in the Libraries for staff and patrons."

Bell received her bachelor's degree in agriculture from Kansas State University.



JEFF SHELDON Associate Director of the Sunderland Foundation Innovation Lab

Sheldon works with students, instructors and researchers to develop services through the lab's equipment and programs. He provides strategic direction for engaging the campus community and other stakeholders.

"We've received a tremendous amount of enthusiasm from faculty and students about how the Innovation Lab can assist with teaching and research," Sheldon said. "I'm excited to work with so many talented people at K-State."

Sheldon previously worked for K-State Libraries' department of information technology services as an IT administrator. Sheldon received his bachelor of fine arts degree from Louisiana State University and has an extensive history of system administration and leadership.



VERONICA DENISON University Archivist

Denison serves as the main point of contact for the university archives, oversees the department's reference services and teaches primary source instruction classes. Denison said one of her goals as university archivist is to build relationships with campus organizations.

"I want to work with more diverse and multicultural student organizations at K-State," Denison said. "Their experiences are important and we need to include more of those histories in our archival material."

Denison served as the assistant university archivist at K-State Libraries from 2019 to earlier this year. Denison received her master's degree in library and information science from Simmons College. She also has bachelor's degrees in archaeology and culture of the ancient Near East and religion from Lycoming College.



LAURA BONELLA Department Head of Academic Services

Bonella has worked for K-State Libraries since 2001. As the department head of academic services, Bonella provides leadership in promoting, advocating and assessing services and resources.

Besides providing guidance for graduate students in the College of Education and department of communication studies, Bonella meets with students and faculty to help with research questions and help faculty develop research assignments for students using library resources. She also visits classes to teach information literacy skills.

Bonella received her master's degree in library science from Emporia State University. She also has a master's degree in communication studies and a bachelor's degree in communication studies and political science, both from Kansas State University.



ABOVE & BEYOND

K-State Libraries honored several employees at its annual recognition ceremony in 2021.

HOBROCK AND SUPPORT STAFF AWARDS ARE FUNDED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE K-STATE LIBRARIES.

THE MORSE SCHOLARSHIP

The \$3,000 Marjorie J. and Richard L. D. Morse Family and Community Public Policy Scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate project that encourages the development of public policy for improving the quality of family and community life. The 2021 winners were seniors Cade Ciesielski, majoring in Spanish and philosophy, and Alissa Cunningham, a dietetics major.



BRICE G. HOBROCK DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

Ryan Leimkuehler, university records manager, was recognized for outstanding librarianship and superior accomplishments among the K-State Libraries faculty.

Ryan's ability to adapt was reflected in his response to the Hale Library fire when many previously analog operations needed to transition to an electronic/digital domain. His passion for tackling tough records issues helps ensure that many voices across campus are heard.



DEAN'S AWARD

Raymond Deiser, library specialist, received the Dean's Award, which recognizes a non-tenure-track professional's contributions to K-State Libraries in the previous two academic years.

Deiser did extensive work with the API tool, Grima, to make it work well for sorting materials for the return to Hale Library, saving staff hours worth of extra work and headaches. Raymond has been an essential team member in the effort to bring books back to Hale Library.



SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR AWARD

Felisa Osburn, library assistant III, was recognized for her special contributions, dedication to daily tasks and ability to work successfully across the organization.

As the only staff member at the Math/Physics Library this past year, Felisa was responsible for handling the challenges the pandemic brought to the library. She quickly took the initiative by working with others to find space to store furniture and training student workers on cleaning and quarantining procedures.

THE KIRMSEY UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

The Kirmser Awards, which are made possible through a gift from the Philip and Jeune Kirmser estate, recognize and promote outstanding undergraduate scholarship. Applications are evaluated in part on use of library resources. Each grand

prize winner receives \$1,000, and their work is uploaded to the K-State Research Exchange.

Group research category: Social work majors Conor Bird, junior, Great Bend; Jessi Kindscher, sophomore, Hoisington; and Kristen Collom, junior,

Topeka; completed their project, "The Association Between Childhood Trauma and Social Anxiety Among Adults."

Individual non-freshman category: Tom McClain, senior in economics and biology, Leawood, completed "The Role of Economics in the

Fight against Climate Change."

Individual freshman category: Matthew Murphy, freshman in architecture and French, Merriam, completed "Émile de Rousseau: La pédagogie, la volonté, l'indépendance."



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