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EDUCATION

Ph.D. – Communication, Information & Library Studies, Rutgers University (2012)
M.S. – Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2003)
M.A. – Religious Studies, the University of Chicago Divinity School (2000)
B.A. – Religious Studies, Smith College (1998)
Junior Year Abroad at Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1996 - 1997)

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

School of Information Sciences (formerly GSLIS)
The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Illinois
Assistant Professor (2012 - present)

St. Mark's (now Keller) Library
The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, New York, New York
Associate Director and Reference Librarian (2006 - 2008)
Reference Librarian (2003 - 2006)

BOOKS

Knox, E.J.M. (2015). *Book Banning in 21st Century America*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.
Knox, E. (2009). *Document Delivery and Interlibrary Loan on a Shoestring*. New York, NY: Neal Schuman.

EDITED VOLUME

Knox, E.J.M. (Ed.) (2017). *Trigger warnings: History, theory, context*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Knox, E.J.M. & Oltmann, S. (Accepted). Social responsibility, censorship, and the ALA: The 2015 Banned Books Week controversy. *The Library Quarterly*.
Peterson, C., Oltmann, S. & **Knox, E.J.M.** (Accepted). The cultural work of internet filters: A case study of implementing web censorship in Alabama public schools & libraries. *International Journal of Communication*.

- Knox, E.J.M. (2017). Indoctrination and common sense interpretation of texts: The Tucson Unified School District book banning. *Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy*, 2(2), 11-23.
- Oltmann, S., Peterson, C. & **Knox, E.J.M.** (2017). Analyzing challenges to library materials: An incomplete picture. *Public Library Quarterly*, 36(3), 1-19.
- Oltmann, S.M., **Knox, E.J.M.**, Peterson, C. & Musgrave, S. (2015). Using open records laws for research purposes. *Library & Information Science Research*, 37(4), 323-328.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2014). Society, institutions, and common sense: Themes in the discourse of challengers in 21st century United States. *Library & Information Science Research*, 36(3-4), 171-178.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2014). Intellectual freedom and the agnostic-postmodernist view of reading effects. *Library Trends*, 63(1), 11-26.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2014). The books will still be in the library: Narrow definitions of censorship in the discourse of challengers. *Library Trends*, 62(4), 740-749.
- Knox, E.J.M. (2014). Supporting intellectual freedom: Symbolic capital and practical philosophy in librarianship. *The Library Quarterly*, 84(1), 8-21.
- Knox, E. (2007). How one part-time library staff member can provide interlibrary loan service. *Journal of Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery & Electronic Reserve*, 17(4), 87-94.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Knox, E.J.M. (2016). Ethics and reference services. In L. Smith and M. Wong (Eds.), *Reference and Information Services* (5th ed.) (pp. 27-72). Englewood, CO: Libraries Unlimited.
- Knox, E. (2014). Religion and intellectual freedom. In M. Alfino & L. Koltutsky (Eds.). *The Library Juice Handbook of Intellectual Freedom* (pp. 321-333). Sacramento, CA: Library Juice Press.
Winner of the 2016 Eli M. Oboler Memorial Award for the best published work in the area of intellectual freedom.
- Knox, E. (2013). The challengers of West Bend: An institutional approach. In L.S. Robbins & C. Pawley (Eds.). *Libraries and the Reading Public in Twentieth-Century America* (pp. 200-216). Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press.

INVITED PUBLICATION

- Knox, E.J.M. (2017). Opposing censorship in difficult times. *The Library Quarterly*, 87(3), 268-276.

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

- Darch, P. & **Knox, E.J.M.** (Submitted). Ethical perspectives on data and software sharing in the sciences: A research agenda. *Library & Information Science Research*.

EDITED BOOK UNDER CONTRACT

Burgess, J.T.F. & **Knox, E.J.M.** (Eds.) (Expected 2018). *Foundations of Information Ethics*. Chicago, IL: American Library Association.

INVITED TALKS

Knox, E. J. M. (2017, October). *Ethics and Access*. Keynote. Annual conference of the Health Science Librarians of Illinois. Bloomington, IL.

Knox, E. J. M. (2017, September). *Censorship and the Power of Reading*. Keynote. Byrnes-Quanbeck Library and the Mayville State Office of Diversity. Mayville State University. Mayville, ND.

Knox, E. J. M. (2016, March). *Understanding Book Challengers*. Panelist on Libraries and Public Access to Books: The Lawrence Clark Powell Lecture. 2016 Tucson Festival of Books. University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.

GRANTS RECEIVED

University of Illinois Scholars' Travel Fund Recipient

2016 American Library Association Annual Conference 2016, Florida (\$650)

2016 SHARP Annual Conference, France (\$1050)

2014 Outlawed: The Naked Truth About Censored Literature for Young People, California (\$750)

2014 SHARP Annual Conference 2014, Belgium (\$1050)

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers & Presentations

Knox, E.J.M. (2016, November). *Understanding book challenges*. Annual Conference of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), Atlanta, GA.

Knox, E.J.M. (2016, July). *This book is inappropriate: Language, order, and reading*. Paper presented Annual Conference of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading & Publishing (SHARP), Paris, France.

Knox, E.J.M. (2016, June). *"Dirty" materials out of place: Inappropriate books and social classification*. Paper at the Annual Conference of the American Library Association (ALA), Library History Roundtable, Orlando, FL.

Knox, E.J.M. (2016, January). *Fundamentals of information ethics*. Presented on co-organized panel: Burgess, J., **Knox, E.**, Mon, L., Perry, H.B., Ross, J.M., & Steele, J. Radical change and ethical practice in the LIS classroom. Annual Conference of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Boston, MA.

Augusto, A., Goldsmith A. & **Knox, E.** (2015, June). *Discourse analysis*. Presentation for panel Voices from the field: Methodology and more in library research. Annual Conference of the American Library Association (ALA), San Francisco, CA.

Knox, E. (2015, April). *Teenagers are not young adults: Age, innocence, and the censorship of children's literature*. Paper presented at Outlawed: The Naked Truth About Censored Literature for Young People, Fresno, CA.

Garner, M. & **Knox, E.** (2015, March). “Ethical issues of open access.” Presentation at Biannual Conference of the Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL), Portland, OR.

Knox, E. (2015, January). *The books will still be in the library: Narrow definitions of censorship in the discourse of challengers*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Chicago, IL.

Knox, E. (2014, November). *It's the book's fault: Youth, intellectual freedom & librarianship*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Social Science History Association (SSHA), Toronto, Canada.

Knox, E. (2014, September). *Reading should edify the soul: Religious reading and book challenges in the contemporary United States*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading & Publishing (SHARP), Antwerp, Belgium.

Knox, E. (2014, March). *The geography of censorship: Communities, challenges, and Harry Potter*. Note presented at the iConference, Berlin, Germany.

Knox, E. (2013, July). *Harry Potter and the geography of censorship*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading & Publishing (SHARP), Philadelphia, PA.

Knox, E., Pekoll, K., Perez, N. & Reimers, S. (2013, June). *How a book is saved: Challenges and how to fight them*. Presentation at the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Knox, E. (2012, September). *Political protest and interpretation: The Tucson Unified School District book “ban.”* Paper presented at Protest on the Page: Print Culture History in Opposition to Almost Anything* (*you can think of): A Conference of the Center for the History of Print and Digital Culture, Madison, WI.

Knox, E. (2011, January). *Agnostic vs. traditional: An historical analysis of competing reading effects models*. Paper presented at the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Conference, San Diego, CA.

Panels Organized

Buckland, A., Fenwick, B., Joseph, H. & **Knox, E.** (Co-organizer and moderator). (2017, March) *You say you want a revolution? The ethical imperative of Open Access*. Biannual Conference of the Association of College & Research Libraries, Baltimore, MD.

Burgess, J. & **Knox E.** (2017, January). *Trends in the Ethics of Community Engagement*. Annual Conference of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Atlanta, GA.

Discussant

“Reading without Books: Experiences of Print in Everyday Life in Imperial China, Tang through Qing” International Conference, Urbana, IL (September 2014).

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE POSTERS

Knox, E. (2013, February). *Reading practices and intellectual freedom research*. Poster presented at the iConference, Fort Worth, TX.

Knox, E. (2012, January). *The discourse of censorship: Understanding the worldviews of challengers*. Semi-finalist in ALISE/Jean Tague-Sutcliffe Doctoral Student Research Poster Competition presented at the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Conference, Dallas, TX.

Knox, E. (2011, February). *A confirmatory factor analysis of library use*. Poster presented at the iConference, Seattle, WA.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Knox, E.J.M. (2016, September 28). Banned books are often diverse books. Check the stats. *School Library Journal*. <http://www.slj.com/2016/09/censorship/banned-books-are-often-diverse-books-check-the-stats/>

Knox, E.J.M. (2015, September 30). Study to explore link between book challenges and diverse books. *School Library Journal*. <http://www.slj.com/2015/09/industry-news/study-to-explore-link-between-book-challenges-and-diverse-books/>

Knox, E. (2011). Intellectual freedom: Internet resources. *Public Services Quarterly*, 7(1), 49-55.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Presenter on Banned Books at Rantoul Public Library (September 27, 2017).

Presenter on Makerspaces to the Urbana Free Library Board (June 13, 2017).

Respondent for the Unit for Criticism Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series: Technological Futures and Networked Time at the Periphery by Anita Say Chan. (March 13, 2017).

Presenter on “Burn Before Reading: Social Justice and book Censorship” for the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations, Diversity & Social Justice Education Conversation Café lunch series (February 10, 2017).

Panelist for History of Intellectual Freedom and Censorship webinar sponsored by the Freedom to Read Foundation (November 11, 2016).

Panelist for “Dialogues: Trigger Warnings: Balancing Academic Freedom and Survivor Support.” Illinois Women’s Resource Center, (April 11, 2016).

Panelist for Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL) webinar “Academic Freedom in the Digital Age,” (September 30, 2015).

Co-Moderator for “Should I tweet that? Academic freedom and social media” at the Annual Conference of the American Library Association (ALA), San Francisco, CA. (June 27, 2015).

Panelist on Laura Poitras's documentary *Citizenfour* at the Art Theater Co-Op, Champaign IL. (January 7, 2015).

Presenter on Makerspaces at the Heartland Maker Fest, Urbana, IL (October 18, 2014).

Presenter on the "Geography of censorship and mapping information access" for the GSLIS Youth, Literature & Culture Research Group (September 26, 2014).

Presenter on "The geography of censorship: Communities, challenges, and Harry Potter," GSLIS Research Showcase (March 14, 2014).

Panelist for "Experiences from the Field," LIS Access Midwest Program (LAMP) 2013 Summer Institute (May 31, 2013).

Presenter on "Reading practices and intellectual freedom research," 2013 GSLIS Research Showcase (March 29, 2013).

Moderator for post-screening discussion of *Precious Knowledge* (March 7, 2013).

Co-Presenter on career exploration for GSLIS student advising Nuts 'n' Bolts session (February 7, 2013).

Co-Presenter on research for GSLIS Connections (October 24, 2012).

Panelist on academic librarianship during fall 2012 LEEP Weekend (October 6, 2012).

Panelist for "E-reserves and copyright," American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Annual Conference, St. Louis (June 20, 2009).

Creator and presenter of "Web 2.0 and your library: Figuring out what works" for New York Area Theological Library Association (NYATLA) (November 28, 2008).

Co-moderator for roundtable "Dealing with challenging patrons." American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Annual Conference, Ottawa (June 27, 2008).

Panelist for "Social networking by Facebook: Case studies for libraries." American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Annual Conference, Ottawa (June 28, 2008).

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2014 SHARP Annual Conference 2014, Belgium (\$1050)

AWARDS & HONORS

2015 WISE Instructor of the Year

2015 Illinois Library Association Intellectual Freedom Award

2014 Rutgers University School of Communication & Information iConference Doctoral Dissertation Award Nominee

2012 Recipient of the SC&I Ph.D. Program Outstanding Continuing Doctoral Student Award

2011 Recipient of the SC&I LIS Faculty Teaching Assistant Award

2011 Center for International Scholarship in School Libraries Barham Scholar

2008 School of Communication and Information Diversity Fellow

Beta Phi Mu (inducted 2004)

TEACHING & ADVISING EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (August 2012 – present)

School of Information Sciences (formerly GSLIS)

Courses Taught

Intellectual Freedom and Censorship (Fall 2012, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)

Information Policy (Spring 2016)

Information Ethics (Spring 2015, Summer 2016, 2017)

Information Organization and Access (Fall 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017)

Libraries, Information, and Society (Spring 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)

Reference and Information Services (Spring 2013, Fall 2013)

Advising

Doctoral Student – Emily Lawrence (2014 -)

Master's Student Thesis – Jessica Colbert (2017)

Thesis: Comparing Library of Congress Subject Headings to
Keyword Searches Involving LGBT Topics: A Pilot Study

Supervision

Independent Studies

Emily Wallace – Censorship and Harry Potter– Fall 2014

Rachel Suntop – Libraries and Makerspaces – Spring 2015

Emily Lawrence – Genre Theory & Aesthetics – Summer 2015

Joy Wohlman Boyce – Intellectual Freedom in Military Libraries –
Fall 2015

Ruohua Han – Intellectual Freedom and Archives – Fall 2016

Practicums

Summer 2013 – Jennifer Wall

Fall 2013 – Lucas McKeever, Graham Stephensen

Spring 2014 – Laura Kosrow, Melissa Low, Chatherine Sheeley

Summer 2014 – Jessica McQuillan, Caitlin Stamm, Kristen Zidon

Fall 2014 – Paula Albers, Melissa Alberran

Fall 2015 – Michelle Urberg

Spring 2016 – Nancy Bialek, Holly Soboroff, Michelle Urberg

Fall 2016 – Kathleen Lucas

Spring 2017 – Amanda Elzbieciak, Felice Long-Lewis

Rutgers University (August 2010 – August 2012)
School of Communication & Information
Department of Library and Information Science

Instructor

Reference Sources and Services (Summer 2012)
Retrieving and Evaluating Online Information (Summer 2012)
Introduction to Information Technology and Informatics (Fall 2011)

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Information Technology and Informatics (Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2012)

SERVICE

To the Profession

National Boards

Director-at-Large Association for Information Science & Technology (2017 -)
Board Member National Coalition Against Censorship (2016 -)
Board Member Freedom to Read Foundation (2016 -)
Director & Treasurer Beta Phi Mu Executive Board (2015 -)

Editorial & Advisory Boards

Member of the *Journal of Intellectual Freedom & Privacy* Editorial Board (2016 -)
Member of the *Library Trends* Advisory Board (2016 -)
Member of *The Library Quarterly* Editorial Board (2015 -)
Member of the Editorial Advisory Board for *Foundations of Library and Information Science* by Richard E. Rubin (American Library Association, 2015)

Association Committees

Member of the Illinois Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee (2017 -)
Treasurer of the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) Information Ethics and Policy SIG (2015 -)
Co-convener Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Information Ethics SIG (2015 -)
Vice-chair of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Professional Values Committee (July 2015 -)
Member of the ACRL Professional Values Committee (July 2013 -)
Member of the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Membership Advisory Committee (2006 - 2009)
Member of American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Public Services Interest Group Steering Committee of the (2006 - 2009)

Other Service

Co-editor of Spanning the information sciences: A celebration marking seventy years of the doctoral program in the School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, *Library Trends*, 65(4)
Organizing Chair of the 2017 Information Ethics Roundtable: Data Ethics
Chair of the 2017 Beta Phi Mu Scholarship Committee

Invited Participant to White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
Nation of Makers - Makerspace Organizers Meeting and Workshop (August
24, 2016)

Invited Participant to Revisiting the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA):
Ten Years Later Symposium. Sponsored by Google, ALA Office for
Information Technology Policy, and ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom
(July 29-30, 2013)

Reviewing

Jury Member for 2015 ProQuest Doctoral Dissertation Award

Article Reviewer for *The Library Quarterly*, *Library and Information Science Research*,
Information & Culture, *Space & Culture*

Reviewer of submissions to the iConference (2015, 2015, 2016, 2017)

Reviewer of submissions to the Association for Information Science and
Technology (ASIS&T) Annual Conference (2015, 2016, 2017)

Reviewer of submissions to the Rutgers Media Studies Conference: Extending Play
(2015, 2016)

Jury Member for Library Juice Press Annual Paper Contest (2014)

Reviewer of submissions to the Library Research Seminar VI (2014)

Metareviewer of submissions to the Association for Information Science and
Technology (ASIS&T) Annual Conference (2014)

Jury Member of Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIST)
Book Award Committee (2013)

School of Information Sciences

Member of the Executive Committee (2014 - 2016, 2017 -)

Member of the Admissions Committee (2016 - 2017)

Head of the Undergraduate Degree Steering Committee (2015 -)

Faculty Liaison to the Alpha Chapter of Beta Phi Mu (2014 -)

Member of the Curriculum Committee (2012 - 2014)

Representative to Task Force for Inclusion for the Curriculum Committee (2012 -
2013)

Previous Service

Treasurer of the Rutgers University Graduate Students Association (2010 - 2012)

Treasurer of the SC&I Doctoral Students Association (2008 - 2010)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Library Association (ALA)

- Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL)
- Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA)
- Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF)

Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T)

Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE)

Society for the History of Authorship, Reading & Publishing (SHARP)

Illinois Library Association (ILA)

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, St. Mark's (now Keller) Library, New York, New York

Associate Director and Reference Librarian (July 2006 - August 2008)

- Managed day-to-day operation of the library including all public and technical services functions.
- Supervised and evaluated full-time library staff.
- Trained, supervised, and evaluated student workers and part-time library assistants.
- Assisted in the planning and implementation of library policies and procedures.
- Assisted library director in preparation of library budget.
- Performed all reference librarian duties.

Reference Librarian (August 2003 - June 2006)

- Provided in-person and virtual reference services to students, faculty, staff, and outside researchers at 240,000-volume academic library.
- Taught research and preservation skills to students including FirstSearch, Voyager, and Internet searching.
- Maintained all aspects of electronic research including electronic journals control.
- Handled all aspects of interlibrary loan lending approximately 250 items per year.
- Provided access to 30,000 volume special collection of rare books and manuscripts.
- Supervised two interns in various special projects.
- Managed implementation of Endeavor Voyager integrated library system including uploading and maintenance of clients and installation of proxy server.
- Designed, developed, and maintain library website.

McGarry Library, St. Francis College, Brooklyn, New York

Part-Time Reference Librarian (January 2007 - July 2008)

- Provided in-person reference services to students and faculty for a college with 2,000 students.
- Provided instruction for print and electronic resources including ProQuest, WilsonWeb, and EbscoHost.
- Supervised circulation and periodical staff.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & SERVICE

Keymember of Makerspace Urbana (2012 - present)

Member of the planning committee for the Champaign-Urbana Mini Maker Faire and the Heartland Maker Fest (2012 - present)

Treasurer of the William Alexander Proctor Board Foundation (2011 - 2013)

Treasurer of the Junior League of Brooklyn (2006 - 2008)

Assistant Treasurer of the Junior League of Brooklyn (2004 - 2006)