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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 21<sup>st</sup> 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*.

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

- 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.
- Peterson, C., Oltmann, S. & **Knox, E.J.M.** (2017). The cultural work of internet filters: A case study of implementing web censorship in Alabama public schools & libraries. *International Journal of Communication*, 11, 4583–4609.
- 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* (5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. (2018, February). *Trigger Warnings*. Invited lecture. University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.

Knox, E. J. M. (2017, October). *Providing Ethical Services in Changing Times*. 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.

**PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE ACTIVITY****Papers & Presentations**

Mattson, R., **Knox, E.** Paris, B. & Laster, S. (2017, October). *Government Records and Data Transparency in the Digital Age: Describing the Problem, Imagining Solutions*. Digital Library Federation Forum, Pittsburgh, PA.

Krieb, D., **Knox, E.**, & Barnes, R. (2017, October). *Censorship: Looking in the Mirror*. Annual Conference of the Illinois Library Association, Tinley Park, IL.

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 and Workshops Organized**

- Oltmann, S. Kharzee, E., Knox, E. & Million, A.J. (2017, October). *The new information state: how information ethics and policy affects everyone*. Pre-conference workshop at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T), Washington, DC.

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** for the University of Illinois Library Research Spotlight Series (November 8, 2017).

**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).

## GRANTS RECEIVED

University of Illinois Scholars’ Travel Fund Recipient  
2017 Digital Library Federation Forum, Pennsylvania (\$650)  
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)

## 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 - )  
Dissertation: *Reading for democratic citizenship: A new model for readers’ advisory*  
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  
Ruohua Han – Intellectual Freedom and Archives – Fall 2016  
Rachel Suntop – Libraries and Makerspaces – Spring 2015  
Emily Lawrence – Genre Theory & Aesthetics – Summer 2015  
Joy Wohlman Boyce – Intellectual Freedom in Military Libraries – Fall 2015

Emily Wallace – Censorship and Harry Potter– Fall 2014

**Practicums**

Spring 2017 – Amanda Elzbiaciak, Felice Long-Lewis  
Spring 2016 – Nancy Bialek, Holly Soboroff, Michelle Urberg  
Fall 2016 – Kathleen Lucas  
Fall 2015 – Michelle Urberg  
Spring 2014 – Laura Kosrow, Melissa Low, Chatherine Sheeley  
Summer 2014 – Jessica McQuillan, Caitlin Stamm, Kristen Zidon  
Fall 2014 – Paula Albers, Melissa Alberran  
Summer 2013 – Jennifer Wall  
Fall 2013 – Lucas McKeever, Graham Stephensen

**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**

**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)  
**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 - )  
**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 - )
- Treasurer** of the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) Information Ethics and Policy SIG (2015 - 2017)
- 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

- Member** search committee for Senior Electronic Resources Coordinator for the Consortium of Academic Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) (2017)
- 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

- Reviewer** of submissions to the iConference (2015, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
- 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 2015 ProQuest Doctoral Dissertation Award
- 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)
- Article Reviewer** for *The Library Quarterly*, *Library and Information Science Research*, *Information & Culture*, *Space & Culture*, *The International Journal of Information, Diversity, & Inclusion*.

#### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Member** Campus Free Speech Task Force (2017 - )
- Senator** representing the School of Information Sciences (2017 - )

#### 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 - )

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

**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)