

Candidate for USAIN President 2022-2025



Kyrille (Kiri) DeBose

Employment

- Associate Director, Health Sciences Libraries | Virginia Tech, 2021-present
 - Head, Veterinary Medicine Library & Liaison to Animal Sciences
 - Head, FBRI HS&T Library
- Head of the Veterinary Medicine Library & Liaison to Animal Sciences and Interim Head of the FBRI HS&T Library | Virginia Tech, 2017-2021
- College Librarian for Natural Resources & Environment and Liaison to Animal Sciences | Virginia Tech, 2009-2017
- College Librarian for Natural Resources | Virginia Tech, 2005-2009

Education

- MLIS University Maryland
- BS Animal Science University Wisconsin, River Falls

USAIN Experience

Member, 2006-present

Non-elected positions:

- AHIG (Animal Health Information Interest Group)
 - Convener or Co-convener: July 2014 – present
 - Convener: July 2008-June 2010
- USAIN Professional Development Committee
 - Co-chair, January 2021-present
 - Chair, July 2016 – June 2017
 - Chair, Research Fellows Award Committee, July 2017-June 2018
- USAIN Pre-conference Planning Committee
 - Chair, January 2011–May 2012

USAIN conferences at which you've presented papers, posters, or been on a panel:

- **DeBose, K.** (2018). *Data Management and Graduate Students: A One-Credit Course Case Study*. Poster session presented at the 16th USAIN Biennial Conference.

- Miller RK., **Goldbeck DeBose K.**, & Merrill M. (2014). *Stewarding our First Year Experience Students into the Information Ecosystem*. Presentation at the 14th USAIN Biennial Conference.
- Merrill M., **Goldbeck K.**, & Reddy D. (2010). *Libraries and Librarians, a Potential Resource for the Local Foods Movement*. Presentation at the 12th USAIN Biennial Conference.
- **Goldbeck K.** (2010). *LibX: Reconnecting Users and Libraries*. Poster presented at the 12th Biennial USAIN Conference.
- Merrill M., **Goldbeck K.**, & Aschmann A. (2008). *Social Issues-Rural Information Interest Group: National Animal Identification System: A Trojan Horse or National Need?* Presentation at the 11th Biennial USAIN Conference.

Recent Publications

- Comer, C., & **DeBose, K.** (2021). Response to an Emerging Need: Developing an Evidence Synthesis Service. In *Lake Superior Library Symposium*.
- Shinn, R., Park, C., **Goldbeck DeBose, K.**, Hsu, F. -C., Cecere, T., & Rossmeisl, J. (2021). Feasibility and Accuracy of 3D Printed Patient Specific Skull Contoured Brain Biopsy Guides. *Veterinary Surgery*, 50(5), 933-943. doi:[10.1111/vsu.13641](https://doi.org/10.1111/vsu.13641)
- Becksford, L., **Goldbeck DeBose, K.**, Lener, E., Pannabecker, V., & Saylor, K. (2020). Sustaining Graduate Information Literacy Instruction: A Case Study of Best Practices. In C. Forbes, & P. Keeran (Eds.), *Academic Library Services for Graduate Students: Supporting Future Academics and Professionals*. Libraries Unlimited.

- **DeBose, K.** (2020). Virtual Anatomy: Expanding Veterinary Student Learning. *Journal of the Medical Library Association*, 108(4), 647-648. doi:[10.5195/jmla.2020.1057](https://doi.org/10.5195/jmla.2020.1057)

**Other Professional Activities/Contributions:
(Editorial Boards, Awards, Grants, Events
Coordinator, etc.)**

- Reviewer, *Journal of Agricultural & Food Information*, May 2014-present

**Please provide a personal statement/statement of
interest for the USAIN position (up to 250 words).**

I am interested in serving as a president for USAIN. I have attended every conference since 2006 when I first became a member (it is with many thanks to Margaret Merrill who first introduced me to USAIN!). My background is in animal science, so it is no surprise that I have been a member of the AHIIG since it came into existence in 2008 and have served as convener and co-convener for a number of terms. In addition to the chair positions listed in the

CV above, I've also served as a member for a number of USAIN conference committees including the Invited Papers committee for the 2010 and 2016 conferences, and the 2020 Papers and Posters committee. I am also interested in mentoring, continually growing professionally, and seeking new ways librarians can develop or strengthen a wide range of services.

As a USAIN president, I would bring my experiences through these different committees forward and continue to seek ways for the membership to remain strong as it carries its work into the future. USAIN is a great family to be a part of, and I would like to give back to the organization in a new capacity. I thank you for your time and consideration of my qualifications to serve in this role.

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Patricia Hartman

Employment

- Research & Instruction Librarian, 2013-present
Biological Sciences, Forestry & Wildlife, & Mathematics Librarian
Auburn University, Auburn, AL

Education

- MLS, University of Kentucky, 2013
- MS, Forestry & Wildlife, University of Kentucky, 2005
- BA, English, University of Florida, 1998

USAIN Experience

Member since 2015

Elected positions:

- Director, 2021-2023

Non-elected positions:

- Co-chair, Communications Committee, 2018-2022
- USAIN Honors & Awards Committee, 2017, 2019, 2021
- USAIN Virtual Conference Planning Committee, 2020
- Member, Preservation & Digital Library Committee, 2016-2018
 - Project Ceres Subcommittee, 2017-2018

USAIN conferences at which you've presented papers, posters, or been on a panel:

- 2020: The power (and limits) of personal outreach to populate an institutional repository
- 2018: Data-driven identification of core journals to support cutting-edge climate change research (with Pam Whaley, George Stachokas, Claudine Jenda).
- 2016: Interdisciplinary engagement with a climate change research group.

Involvement in Other Professional Organizations

- ACRL Science & Technology Section
 - Member, Hot Topics Discussion Group, 2020-present
 - Co-chair, Membership & Recruitment Committee, 2018-2020
 - Member, Conference Programming Committee, 2015-2017
 - Member, Research Agenda Task Force, 2013-2015

Recent Publications

- Price Tack, J., P. Hartman, R. Gitzen, S. Zohdy, C. Lepczyk. (*in revision*). Structuring the ecosystem engineering debate: A literature review and an approach for addressing linguistic uncertainty.
- Hartman, P. (2017). Reviews of science for science librarians: The role of large-scale forestry in climate

change mitigation and emissions reductions. *Science and Technology Libraries*.

- Hartman, P. (2016). Keeping current with climate change resources: It's always the day after tomorrow! *Reference Reviews* 30(1).

Other Professional

Activities/Contributions: (Editorial Boards, Awards, Grants, Events Coordinator, etc.)

- Auburn University ORCID Representative, 2015-present
- Auburn University Libraries Faculty Excellence Award, 2019
- Cultural History of Alabama Wildlife, Oral History Project
 - IGP Grant Award 2017-2019
- Conference Scholarship for Members New to USAIN 2016

Please provide a personal statement/statement of interest for the USAIN position (up to 250 words).

Being a member of USAIN inspires me to be a better librarian every day. Since joining 2015, I have been consistently impressed by the collective dedication of its members. More than any professional organization with which I've been involved, USAIN has a clear mission that guides its actions and people who carry that mission out with intention. On a personal level, I have benefited from the welcoming, creative, collaborative environment fostered by USAIN leaders and members. But more importantly, I have learned from the examples they provide. I believe that these, along with my committee work and experience as Director, have prepared me well to take on the greater leadership responsibilities of a USAIN President.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your role in making this organization a success!

Candidate for USAIN Secretary 2022-2024



Randa Lopez Morgan

Employment

- Louisiana State University
 - Events and Programming Librarian and Liaison to the College of Agriculture, Coast and Environment, and Geology and Geophysics

Education

- Masters, May 2015
Library and Information Science
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA
- Bachelors, May 2013
Communication, General
Northwestern State University
Natchitoches, LA

USAIN Experience

Member since 2016

Elected positions:

- None Yet

Non-elected positions:

- Membership Committee Co-Chair 2021-2022
- Membership Committee Member
- Social Issues/Rural Information Interest Group Co-Convener 2016-2018

USAIN conferences at which you've presented papers, posters, or been on a panel:

- Myths and Misinformation in Agriculture, Panel Discussion, USAIN 2018
- Nurturing a New Crop of Ag Librarians, Poster Presentation, USAIN 2016

Involvement in Other Professional Organizations

- ACRL 2018- Present
 - ULS Academic Outreach Committee
- ALA 2018- Present
- Louisiana Library Association 2018-2019

Recent Publications

- Greene, M., Houghtaling, B., Sadeghzadeh, C., De Marco, M., Bryant, D., Morgan, R., & Holston, D. (2022). "Nutrition Interventions Addressing Structural Racism: A Scoping Review". *Nutrition Research Reviews*, 1-53.
doi:10.1017/S0954422422000014
- Morgan, R. L. (2021). We Belong Together: "Academic Libraries, Third Place, and Programs". *Louisiana Libraries*, 83(1), 4-8.
- Morgan, R. L. (2020). Supporting Student Wellness and Success through the LSU Libraries Relaxation Room. *Journal of Library Outreach & Engagement*, 1(1), 98-108.

Other Professional Activities/Contributions: (Editorial Boards, Awards, Grants, Events Coordinator, etc.)

- (2020) LOUIS, Best Outreach Program Award (Nominated).
- (2019) Center for Community Engagement, Learning, & Leadership, The Happy Award (Nominated). LSU award.

Please provide a personal statement/statement of interest for the USAIN position (up to 250 words).

I am running for the position of USAIN Secretary. USAIN has been an integral part of my library career and I can think of no other way to repay all I have gotten from USAIN then by running for this position. I have been an active member of USAIN for six years. I am currently Co-Chair of the USAIN Membership Committee along with Helen Smith, served previously as a Membership Committee Member and I have served as a co-convenor for the Social Issues/Rural Information Interest Group from 2016-2018.

I would like to continue to serve USAIN and feel that the Secretary position is a great way for me to contribute my talents. I am organized, prompt, and no-nonsense when it comes to my work. I have lots of experience with secretarial work from previous organizations I have been involved with including more recently, my libraries Faculty Policy Committee (LFPC). I intend to bring my hard work ethic, curious mind, and can-do attitude to the Secretary Role. I believe in the importance of USAIN and want to help it continue to grow in any way I can. I have gained so much from this organization and want to give back in any way I can. Thank you for your consideration.

Candidate for USAIN Director 2022-2024



Erin Eldermire

Employment

- Head, Flower-Sprecher Veterinary Library (2016-present)
- Veterinary Outreach & Scholarly Services Librarian (2014-2016)

Education

- MLIS, Syracuse University
- BA in Biology, University of Montana

USAIN Experience

Member since February 2020

Elected positions:

- None yet ☺

Non-elected positions:

- Chair of the invited speakers committee for USAIN 2022 conference

USAIN conferences at which you've presented papers, posters, or been on a panel:

- I haven't had the opportunity to attend a USAIN conference yet. I'm very much looking forward to the upcoming conference in April!

Involvement in Other Professional Organizations

- Medical Library Association (since 2014)
 - Chair of the Animal and Veterinary Information Specialist Caucus (2018-2021)
- Association of College & Research Libraries (since 2014)

Recent Publications

Eldermire, E.R.B. and Shinwari, W. (2022). Brewing tranquili-tea at an academic library to support student wellness. *College & Research Libraries News*. 83(1), 8-12. DOI: 10.5860/crln.83.1.8

Akers, K.G., Aaronson, E.M., Amos, K., Bartley, K., Carroll, A.J., Chambers, T., Cyrus, J.W., **Eldermire, E.R.B.**, Linares, B., Murphy, B., Norton, M.J.,

Pionke, J.J., and Reyes, A. (2021). Striving for equity: An update from the Journal of the Medical Library Association. *Journal of the Medical Library Association*. 109(3), 359-361. DOI: 10.5195/jmla.2021.1279

Ghezzi-Kopel, K., Ault, J, Chimwaza, G., Diekmann, F., **Eldermire, E.**, Gathoni, N., Kelly, J., Kinengyere, A., Kocher, M., Lwoga, E. T., Page, J., Porciello, J., and Young, S. (2021). Making the case for librarian expertise to support evidence synthesis for the Sustainable Development Goals. *Research Synthesis Methods*. DOI: 10.1002/jrsm.1528

Baltenweck, I., Cherney, D.J., Duncan, A.J., **Eldermire, E.R.B.**, Lwoga, E.T., Labarta, R.A., Rao, E.J.O., Staal, S.J. and Teufel, N. (2020). A scoping review of feed interventions and livelihoods of small-scale livestock keepers. *Nature Plants*, 6, 1242-1249. DOI: 10.1038/s41477-020-00786-w

Cazer, C., **Eldermire, E.R.B.**, Scott, H.M., Murray, S., Grohn, Y. and Lhermie, G. (2020). The effect of tylosin on antimicrobial resistance in beef cattle enteric bacteria: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Preventive Veterinary Medicine*, 176. DOI: 10.1016/j.prevetmed.2020.104934

Other Professional Activities/Contributions: (Editorial Boards, Awards, Grants, Events Coordinator, etc.)

- Editorial board member of the Journal of the Medical Library Association
 - Member of the Equity Task Force 2020-2021
- Recipient of the USAIN Research Fellow Award, 2021. Project title, "Closing the gaps in agricultural evidence synthesis: Addressing grey literature, global information, and capacity development needs."
- Co-recipient of Librarians Without Borders / Research4Life grants to teach evidence synthesis methods to librarians and researchers in Zimbabwe

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For a long time, I have heard many colleagues rave about the fantastic USAIN community. In 2020, when I was freed up from other professional commitments, I joined USAIN and I see what all of the rave was about! I find the USAIN community to be very welcoming, collaborative, and full of passionate individuals. As chair of the Invited Speakers Committee for the USAIN 2022 conference, I've gotten an insider's view of what it takes to organize such a conference (a first for me!), and I've truly enjoyed getting to know colleagues within this community.

I am excited to become even more involved in this professional organization if elected as a Director. I believe strongly in working towards equity across all

axes. You can see some evidence of my work in this arena if you peruse my recent publications listed, above. I strongly believe that we librarians have an important role in steering the conversation towards a more just, equitable and healthy place for us all to live and thrive. Some of my work in this arena includes encouraging researchers to incorporate librarians on their research teams, trying to understand and share out how to make the publishing world more equitable, and breaking down barriers for access to information. If elected as Director, I would look forward to the opportunity to continue that work with you all through this USAIN position. Thank you for considering me as one of your next Directors for USAIN!

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Erica M. Johns

Employment

- Mann Library, Cornell University, 2014-present
- CUSP, NYU, 2013-2014
- NCAR, 2012-2013
- NCDC, 2012
- Sustainability Research Coordinator, UGA Trial Garden, 2005-2008

Education

- Master of Science: Information Science, University of Tennessee (2013)
- Bachelor of Science: Horticulture, UGA (2006)

USAIN Experience

Member since 2018

Non-elected positions:

- Research Services Interest Group (co-convenor (2019-2020), convenor (2020-2021), member (2021-present).

USAIN conferences at which you've presented papers, posters, or been on a panel:

- 2020

Involvement in Other Professional Organizations

- AgNIC Data Working Group, chair (2018), membership 2017-present
- RDAP Association, president (2018-2019); past president (2019-2020)
- RDAP Association, education & resources committee (2020-2021)
- RDAP Future Vision Task Force, chair (2016-2018)
- American Geophysical Union, 2014-2017

Recent Publications

Johnson, K., Eldermire, E., Fournier, C., Ghezzi-Kopel, K., Kallaher, A., Kibbee, M., **Johns, E.M.**, Miller, C. (2021) Researcher-librarian partnerships will enhance search literacy skills. *Research Synthesis Methods*.

Moore, E.K., Arthur, D., Barford, C.L., Geil, K., Haugen, I., **Johns, E.M.**, Jackson, C.S., Kriesberg, A., Parr, C., Ritchie, S.M., Schroeder, S.G., Sheffield, M. (2021) Agricultural Data Management and sharing: Best practices and case study. *Agronomy Journal*.

<https://doi.org/10.1002/agj2.20639>

Johns, E. M., Parr, C. (2019) The AgNIC Data Working Group: University Collaboration with the National Agricultural Library. RLI 298. *Association of Research Libraries*.

<https://doi.org/10.29242/rli.298.5>.

Eldermire, E. R., **Johns, E. M.**, Newberry, S., & Cole, V. A. (2019). Repackaging library workshops into disciplinary bootcamps: Creating graduate student success. *College & Research Libraries News*, 80(7), 394.

<https://crln.acrl.org/index.php/crlnews/article/view/17808/19633>

Mayernik, M., Gross, M., Corson-Rikert, J., Daniels, M., **Johns, E.**, Khan, H., ... & Stott, D. (2016). Building geoscience Semantic Web applications using established ontologies. *Data Science Journal*, 15. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5334/dsj-2016-011>.

Other Professional Activities/Contributions: (Editorial Boards, Awards, Grants, Events Coordinator, etc.)

- DataQ Editorial Board (2015-2017)
- RDAP conference planning (2015-2017)

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I have a long-standing interest in the USAIN community through my work at Cornell's Albert R. Mann Library. I have presented at USAIN on the shift Mann Library took from the liaison to team-based service model and found the community to be highly engaged and interested in solution applications for their local institution. My professional service for USAIN has been as convener and co-convener for the Research Services Interest Group (RSIG). For the 2020 conference, I co-developed a panel discussion on the buzzing topic of publisher agreements. I found this experience to be instructive in learning about USAIN's governance structure and enjoyed working with the USAIN president to realize her vision for the conference. In 2021, I spent most of my time revising the scope and charge of the RSIG and was happily met with enthusiastic support from the USAIN Executive Board. The direction I

proposed focused on liaison/researcher collaborations, evidence synthesis, data management, research impact, GIS, and open scholarship. In conjunction with these redefined interest areas, I advocated for the growth of stronger connections between USAIN, AgNIC working groups, and functionally focused professional associations like the Research Data Access & Preservation (RDAP) Association. I hope these relationships will increase USAIN's professional development opportunities and inform our field's growth in specific research service areas (e.g. an RDAP data practitioner presented to USAIN librarians about structuring data management consultations). Thank you for considering my nomination for USAIN director. I am excited about increasing my involvement in this revered organization.

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Jodee Kuden

Employment

- University of Alaska Anchorage, Professor, Head of Collection Development, 2008- present
- Montana State University, Collection Development Team Leader, 2002-2008; Reference Librarian and liaison to Agriculture, Extension, Economics, Nursing, Engineering, Biological Sciences, 1990-2002

Education

- Master of Science, Agricultural Education, minor in Soils, Montana State University, 1994
- Master of Library Science, University of Arizona, 1989
- Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Education, Montana State University, 1986

USAIN Experience

Member since 1992

Elected positions:

- Director, 2020-2022
- President 2003-2004

Non-elected positions:

- 1995 Joint USAIN/IAALD Conference Planning Committee, 1994-1995
- Moderator for two sessions at 1995 Conference
- 1997 USAIN Conference Planning Committee, 1995-1997
- Moderator for two sessions at 1997 Conference
- Convener Rural Information Interest Group, 1995-1998
- Chair, 1999 USAIN Conference Program and Planning Committee, 1997-1999
- Moderator for two sessions at 2001 Conference
- Chair, Nominations and Elections Committee, 2005
- Co-Convener Collection Management Interest Group 2009- present

- Co-Chair, 2018 USAIN Conference Program and Planning Committee, 2016-2018
- Co-Chair, 2022 USAIN Conference Program and Planning Committee, 2020-2022

USAIN conferences at which you've presented papers, posters, or been on a panel:

- "Electronic Information Literacy for Extension Professionals." Presented at United States Agriculture Information Network. *USAIN '93 Rural Information at the Crossroads: Issues and Opportunities*. Auburn, Alabama. October 28-30, 1993.
- "Indexing of Core Agriculture Serials." Presented at United States Agriculture Information Network. *USAIN '99 From Production to Consumption: Agricultural Information for All*. Manhattan, Kansas. April 22-24, 1999.
- "Building a western regional rangelands web resource: an AgNIC initiative" poster session at the United States Agricultural Information Network *USAIN '03, Agricultural Information for the New Millennium: new crops, biotechnology, and saving the past*. Champaign, IL. April 25-28, 2003. (With 10 others from the regional partnership)
- "Indexing of the 2002 Core Agriculture Serials." Presented at United States Agriculture Information Network. *USAIN '03, Agricultural Information for the New Millennium: new crops, biotechnology, and saving the past*. Champaign, IL. April 25-28, 2003.
- "Animal Information Bites: information access resources for individual practitioners of the animal health and veterinary sciences" Poster session at the IAALD/USAIN Joint International Conference. Lexington, KY, USA. May 15-19, 2005. (co-presenter Heather Moberly and Heather Cameron)

- "Rural Leaders Bridge the Digital Divide" Presented at the IAALD/USAIN Joint International Conference. Lexington, KY, USA. May 15-19, 2005.
- "Collection Development Strategies for the 21st Century Library" Panel member. *USAIN '06, Delivering Information for the New Life Sciences* Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Oct. 8-11, 2006.
- "Storage and weeding of agriculture collections" Presented at United States Agriculture Information Network. *USAIN '10 Agriculture Without Borders* Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. May 9-12, 2010.
- "Animal welfare information: supporting research and IACUC at your institution" Panel member. *USAIN '10 Agriculture Without Borders* Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. May 9-12, 2010.
- "New Strategies for Collection Development in the Animal Sciences" Presented at United States Agriculture Information Network. *USAIN '12 Soil, Water, Food and Energy: Agriculture in an Era of Global Climate Change* University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. April 29-May 2, 2012. (co-presenters Vicki Croft, Sandy Weingart, and Helen Smith)
- "Sticky Maple Syrup vs. Sticky Collection Management" Presented at United States Agriculture Information Network. *USAIN '14 Sustainability Ecosystems* University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. May 4-7, 2014. (co-presenters Natalie Waters)
- "Sharing Collection Management Ideas & Experiences" Presenter and Moderator at United States Agriculture Information Network. *USAIN '16 Interdisciplinary Agriculture: Meeting Tomorrow's Global Challenges* University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. April 24-27, 2016. (co-presenters Natalie Waters, Luti Salisbury, & John Cruickshank)
- "Collection Management Strategies Discussion" Presenter and Moderator at United States Agriculture Information Network. *USAIN '18 Consuming Information: Agriculture at the Crossroads of Sustainability* Washington State University, Pullman, WA. May 13-16, 2018. (co-presenters Emily MacKenzie)

Involvement in Other Professional Organizations

- Rangelands Partnership (AgNIC), Alaska Rangelands
- Alaska Library Association
- Due to Alaska's distance and travel costs, I had to limit my professional involvement since 2008.
- Prior to 2008 IAALD, SLA, PNLA, MPLA.

Recent Publications

- *Agriculture to Zoology: Information Literacy in the Life Sciences.* (2017) Chandos Information Professional Series. Cambridge, MA: Chandos, an imprint of Elsevier. Co-Editors: Jodee L. Kuden, Julianna E. Braund-Allen, and Daria O. Carle. Also, I co-authored Chapters 1 and 2.
- "Mentoring MLIS Grad Students." (2012) In *Mentoring in Librarianship: Essays on Working with Adults and Students to Further the Profession.* Tolley-Stokes, R. & Smallwood, C. (eds.). North Carolina: McFarland Press. p.129-133.

Other Professional Activities/Contributions: (Editorial Boards, Awards, Grants, Events Coordinator, etc.)

- "Communicating Information to Remote Places Takes Training." Presented at International Association of Agricultural Information Specialist's IAALD IXth World Congress *Communication Agricultural Information in Remote Places: technologically, geographically, linguistically, culturally, use of electronic networks to overcome isolation.* Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. January 22-26, 1995.
- "Rural Economic and Telecommunications Development in the USA." Presented at Agricultural Information Association of Australasia's (AGRILIA) Conference Information Specialists: Key to Economic Development. Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia. March 15-16, 2000.
- "Preserving the History of Montana Agriculture and Rural Life: State and Local Literature 1820-1945." USAIN Preservation Initiative. Funded by the National Endowment of the Humanities, \$52,270.00, July, 1998-June, 2000. Project Manager
- "Rangelands Partnership: information to spur innovation in rangelands research, education, and practice." Presented at 18th Australian Rangeland Society Conference Innovation in the Rangelands, Alice Springs, NT, Australia. April 12-17, 2015.
- UAA Chancellor's Award: Stewardship for Operational Effectiveness, 2017

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I have a longstanding interest and commitment to the U. S. Agricultural Information Network (USAIN) and for the continued success of this organization and its members. My work with USAIN has included conference planning, committee work, presentations, interest groups, conference attendance, and moderating sessions, which all serve as valuable experience I can contribute to the Executive Council (EC). As a director, I would continue this support by bringing years of experience and knowledge to the position. In my current work, I collaborate with a variety of colleagues both in the library and across campus. I serve on campus-wide planning committees which has expanded my experience with budgeting and planning. These will be useful skills I would bring to the EC. I have enjoyed being involved with this organization and I always gain new knowledge when attending the conferences. Through my long history of involvement with USAIN, I know that the organization needs to keep current with the members' professional needs to stay relevant. I am dedicated to mentoring colleagues and finding ways to best support their needs. The members of USAIN make the organization strong through sharing current information, inspiring each other's professional growth, and supporting agricultural information issues, policies, and research. For these reasons I've devoted much of my library career to supporting USAIN and working with agricultural information.

Candidate for USAIN Director 2022-2024



Kendra Spahr

Employment

Academic Services Librarian, Assistant Professor
Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
August 2016-Present

Education

Master of Library and Information Science
University of Denver, Denver, CO
November 2006

USAIN Experience

Member since 2018

Elected positions:

- None

Non-elected positions:

- Co-Convener for the Agricultural Economics Research, Information, and Education Interest Group (AERIE) Interest Group, 2019-
- Member, Contributed Papers and Posters Committee, Conference Planning Committee, 2020

USAIN conferences at which you've presented papers, posters, or been on a panel:

- Olsen, L., Sevin, C., & Spahr, K. (2020, July). *Subterranean collection blues: Big decisions, small timeframe* [Paper presentation]. United States Agricultural Information Network (USAIN) 2020 Virtual Conference, online.
- Olsen, L., Sevin, C., & Spahr, K. (2018, May). *Becoming a scientist: What is the librarian's role.* [Paper presentation]. United States Agricultural Information Network (USAIN) 2018 - 16th Biennial Conference, Pullman, WA, United States.

Involvement in Other Professional Organizations

- I'm also involved in the Business Reference and Services Section (BRASS) of the ALA Reference and User Services Association.

Right now I'm serving on the BRASS Conference Planning Committee and the BRASS Vendor Relations Committee

Recent Publications

- Bonella, L., Finch, E., & Spahr, K. (2021). *Teaching with data in the social sciences at Kansas State University: How can K-State Libraries support undergraduate instruction?* [Local Ithaka S+R research report]. <https://krex.k-state.edu/dspace/handle/2097/41696>
- Spahr, K., & Olsen, L. (2019). *Supporting the pedagogical needs of faculty teaching undergraduate business students at Kansas State University* [Local Ithaka S+R research report]. <https://krex.k-state.edu/dspace/handle/2097/40292>

Other Professional Activities/Contributions: (Editorial Boards, Awards, Grants, Events Coordinator, etc.)

- Conference scholarship for members new to USAIN or agricultural information to attend United States Agricultural Information Network (USAIN) Biennial Conference in Pullman, WA, May 2018

Please provide a personal statement/statement of interest for the USAIN position (up to 250 words).

When I started working with agricultural economics and agribusiness researchers, USAIN was the perfect community for me to learn from other librarians who support agricultural researchers. I was awarded a conference scholarship to attend my first USAIN biennial meeting in 2018 and found a community of supportive colleagues who love to play cornhole! I've benefited professionally from that expertise and hard work of others in the organization—the 2020 post-conference on systematic reviews in agriculture was a highlight for me—and I'd be excited to take on new responsibilities. Serving as a USAIN director would be an opportunity for me to take on a new role in the organization, develop my

leadership skills, and support members of the organization that's supported me. A little about me personally: I'm currently working on a graduate certificate in qualitative research. I love riding my bike, hanging out with my husband and our cats, and listening to audio books (mostly literary fiction).