



NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the members of this year's USAIN Executive Council!

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Megan Kocher

SECRETARY: Suzie Teghtmeyer

DIRECTORS

- Kristen Cooper
- Kyrille (Kiri) DeBose
- Jodee Kuden
- Lorrie Pellack (filling for the remaining year of Megan Kocher's term)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PUBLICATIONS

Stephanie Ritchie, Carol Sevin, and Kelly Banya published the article, "**A Comparison of Selected Bibliographic Database Search Retrieval for Agricultural Information**" in *Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship* (<https://doi.org/10.29173/istl48>).

Michael Haddock and **Craig C. Freeman**'s book, *Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vines in Kansas*, won the **Author's Award of Excellence** from the Midwestern Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (University Press of Kansas, 2019, kansaspress.ku.edu/978-0-7006-2768-4.html).

Emily Lin received a USAIN Research Award and has sponsored an intern to compile information on state bibliographies.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

The 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge by the Racial Equity Institute aims to deepend understanding and communication surrounding racism in bite-sized pieces, delivered via email, for 21 days (<https://www.racialequityinstitute.com/>). **Recommended by Valrie Minson.**

The Research Data Management Librarian Academy program is an introductory, self-paced, free course for librarians to develop for data management comptencies (<https://rdmla.github.io>). **Recommended by Sabine Lanteri.**

PROMOTION, TENURE & RETIREMENTS - CONGRATULATIONS!

Kristen Mastel was promoted to Full Librarian at the University of Minnesota.

Valrie Minson was promoted to Assistant Dean of Assessment and Student Engagement and continues as Chair of Marston Science Library at the University of Florida.

Mary Ochs has retired after 11 years as Director of Mann Library and 36 years at Cornell University. She is now working as an agricultural information specialist and jack of all trades at Ochs Consulting, her husband's agricultural seed and agronomic consulting business. She says, "It has been a pleasure working with all my USAIN colleagues over the years!"

Martin Kesselman has retired from Rutgers University, but remains globally involved in a program on agriculture literacy.

TIPS ON THRIVING WHILE WORKING FROM HOME

Sabine Lanteri: The University of Delaware posted five key tips on working from home for newbies (bit.ly/UDWFH).

Emily Lin: Have a consistent schedule, especially if your kids are at home, too.

Amy Christian: If you do not have a scanner at home, the TinyScanner phone app works well. It senses page corners, saves to PDF or JPG, creates multi-page documents, and sends the results via email, text, etc.

Helen Smith: Set your Zoom preferences to automatically mute participants as they come into meetings so you do not have to remind participants to mute their mics in the middle of a presentation.

Sadie Skeels: Astronauts Christina Koch and Chris Hadfield dole out some expert advice on living in isolation (wapo.st/covid19astro).

Marty Kesselman: COVID-19 demonstrates that we are a just a small part of a global village. Our global community includes K-12, students, graduates, faculty, researchers, NGOs, and industry. We have so much to learn from each other and share in a global agriculture digital environment.



“We're almost like a new group of people now, operating within a completely different set of rules and under a completely different normal. What are the new things people can do on this new planet?”

ASTRONAUT CHRISTINA KOCH