

## Shannon M. Oltmann, Ph.D.

### Education

Ph.D. Indiana University, 2012

Information Science

**Dissertation: Multiple motives, conflicting conceptions: Parsing the contexts of differentiated access to scientific information in the federal government**

(Doctoral minor: Political Science)

M.I.S. Indiana University, 2007

Information Science

B.A. DePauw University, 2000

*(magna cum laude)*

English Composition

### Summary of Accomplishments

Awarded multiple internal and external grants, funding consistent, growing line of research. Publications include **38 articles, two books, and six book chapters**; invited to give 40 talks to a range of audiences, including **national and international**. Served in numerous leadership positions, including: led the creation of the library science program strategic plan; appointed **inaugural library science program coordinator**; selected as Associate Editor for *Library Quarterly*; chosen by peers to serve on **leadership council of University Faculty Senate**; appointed to serve on State Board for Certification of Public Librarians; collaborated in planning and implementing Library Research Seminar 8 Conference and two ALA reaccreditation reports (including using the new COA standards). Selected to participate in **University Chairs' Academy** to hone leadership skills. **Mentored** several junior colleagues. Appointed to and/or convened numerous University, College, and School committees, including search committees, promotion and tenure committees, and curriculum committees.

### Employment

2024 – present

Program Coordinator, Library & Information Science program, School of Information Science, University of Kentucky, Lexington KY

2018 – present

Associate Professor, School of Information Science, University of Kentucky, Lexington KY

2017 – 2020

College Diversity Officer & Chair of Diversity & Inclusion Committee, College of Communication & Information, University of Kentucky, Lexington KY

2012 – 2018

Assistant Professor, School of Information Science, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

2011-2012

Online Content Developer, Option Six, Bloomington, IN

2009 – 2012

Adjunct Instructor, School of Library & Information Science, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

2002 – 2004

Career Center Director, Career Concepts Executive Options, Oklahoma City, OK

## Grants/Fellowships Awarded

G9: 2023 – 2026: **\$445,281**. Institute of Museum & Library Services. National Leadership Grant # LG-254856-OLS-23. *Public libraries' response to censorship: Analyzing the implementation and effects of standard practices*. Co-principal investigator.

G8: 2022: **\$6,680**. College of Communication and Information's Research and Creative Activities Program (RCAP). *Perspectives on York book censorship*. Co-principal investigator.

G7: 2021: **\$1,865**. College of Communication and Information Research Award. *Louisville Latinx immigrants' use of social media*. Co-principal investigator.

G6: 2020: **\$7,200**. College of Communication and Information's Research and Creative Activities Program (RCAP). *Access to LGBTQ-themed websites in Kentucky public libraries: An investigation of internet filtering implementation*. Principal investigator.

G5: 2019: **\$2,500**. *Library staff and drag queen perspectives and decision-making about drag queen storytimes*. American Library Association. Co-principal investigator.

G4: 2019 – 2021: **\$54,901**. Institute of Museum & Library Services. National Leadership Grant # LG-12-19-0051-19. *Internet filtering, digital literacy, and information poverty: Intersections and challenges*. Principal investigator. (Note: Timeline affected by COVID-19 pandemic).

- G3: 2015 – 2016: **\$1,500**. Faculty Fellows (Cohort #3). *Presentation U!* at University of Kentucky. Fellowship to redesign course to include multimodal communication. Co-principal investigator.
- G2: 2014: **\$2,500**. American Library Association. Annual Diversity Research Grant. Title: *In-depth investigation of LGBT collections in school media centers*. Principal investigator.
- G1: 2013: **\$7,000**. University of Kentucky. Summer Faculty Research Fellowship. Title: *Investigating the frequency of dual use research across multiple scientific disciplines*. Principal investigator.

## Publications

+ Indicates publication with current/former mentee and/or student

### Refereed Articles: Published/In Press

- A38: **Oltmann, S. M.** (Revise & Resubmit). The afterlife of the cypherpunk movement: Active encryption use post-Snowden. [Journal anonymized]
- A37: **Oltmann, S. M.,** & Dowell, M. (Accepted). A badge of honor? Ongoing threats to academic freedom. *Journal of Intellectual Freedom & Privacy*.
- A36: Espinoza-Vasquez, F., & **Oltmann, S.M.** (Accepted). Information precarity and microaggressions: How race-based trauma mediates Latinx information practices. *Journal of Documentation*.
- A35: Wagner, T., Martell, A., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2024). 'It's not the materials themselves, it's the attitude of the donors': The role of community accountability in the sustainability of queer archives. *Archivaria*, 98(November), 136-163. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/943259>.
- A34: **Oltmann, S. M.,** & Espinoza-Vasquez, F. (2024). How social media affordances mediate the digital diaspora: Latinx perspectives. *The International Journal of Information, Diversity, & Inclusion (IJIDI)*, 8(2), 7-28. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/48786445>.
- A33: + Barriage, S., Betler, S., Lawler, R., Fort, V. B., Myers, J., Kitzie, V., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2024). A content analysis of picture books read during drag storytimes in public libraires. *Public Libraries Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01616846.2024.2358609>
- A32: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2023). Accessing queer content in one U.S. state: the role of CIPA and internet filters. *Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy*, 8(4), 10-21. <https://doi.org/10.5860/jifp.v8i4.8040>

- A31: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2023). Outcomes and affordances: Examining why people use encryption. *International Journal of Communication*, 17, 7203-7223. <https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/21271>
- A30: Espinoza Vasquez, F., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2023). Information precarity and the agentic practices of marginalized communities: Puerto Rican activists addressing the crisis before, during, and after Hurricane Maria. *Journal of the Association for Information Science & Technology*, 74(5), 517-530. <https://doi.org/10.1002/asi.24742>
- A29: + **Oltmann, S. M.**, Kitzie, V., & Barriage, S. (2023). ‘For me, it is an intellectual freedom issue’: Drag storytimes, neutrality, and ALA core values. *Journal of Librarianship and Information Science*, 55(3), 734-743. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09610006221100853>  
**\*Nominated for Eli M. Oboler Award from American Library Association.**
- A28: + Kitzie, V., Floegel, D., Barriage, S., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2022). How visibility, hypervisibility, and invisibility shape library staff and drag performer perceptions of and experiences with drag storytimes in public libraries. *Library Quarterly*, 92(3), 215-240. <https://doi.org/10.1086/719915> **\*Winner of Jesse H. Shera Award for Distinguished Published Research, from the Library Research Roundtable, American Library Association.**
- A27: **Oltmann, S. M.**, Samek, T., & Cooke, L. (2022). Intellectual freedom: Waving and wavering across three national contexts. *IFLA Journal*, 48(3), 439-448. <https://doi.org/10.1177/03400352221085294>
- A26: Greenhalgh, S. P., Krutka, D. G., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2021). Gab, Parler, and (mis)educational technologies: Reconsidering informal learning on social media platforms. *Journal of Applied Instructional Design*, 10(3). [https://edtechbooks.org/jaid\\_10\\_3/gab\\_parler\\_and\\_mised](https://edtechbooks.org/jaid_10_3/gab_parler_and_mised). **\*Winner of McJulien Scholar Award from the Culture, Learning and Technology division of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology.**
- A25: + Barriage, S. Kitzie, V., Floegel, D., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2021). Public library staff perceptions of and experiences with drag queen storytimes. *Children and Libraries*, 19(2), 14-22. <https://doi.org/10.5860/cal.19.2.14> **\*Nominated for Eli M. Oboler Award from American Library Association.**
- A24: Espinoza Vasquez, F., Proferes, N., Cooper, T., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2021). Going rogue: Reconceptualizing government employees’ contentious politics on Twitter. *First Monday*, 26(6). Available at: <https://firstmonday.org/ojs/index.php/fm/article/view/11631/10147>

- A23: **Oltmann, S. M.**, Knox, E. J. M., & Peterson, C. (2021). The significance of access to information—and the challenges it faces in librarianship. *Library Philosophy and Practice*, March 2021. Article #5094. Available at: <https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/libphilprac/5094/>.
- A22: + von Wiegen, L., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2020). A different democratic divide: How the current U.S. online court record system exacerbates inequality. *Law Library Journal*, 112(2), 257-273. <https://scholars.uky.edu/en/publications/a-different-democratic-divide-how-the-current-us-online-court-rec>
- A21: **Oltmann, S. M.**, Cooper, T., & Proferes, N. (2020). How Twitter’s affordances empower dissent and information dissemination: An exploratory study of the rogue and alt government agency Twitter accounts. *Government Information Quarterly*, 37(3). Article 101475. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.giq.2020.101475>
- A20: **Oltmann, S. M.**, & Reynolds, S. D. (2020). When libraries aren’t challenged: Librarians discuss a lack of patron challenges to their collections. *Journal of Research on Libraries & Young Adults*, 11(2). Available at: [http://www.yalsa.ala.org/jrlya/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/LibrariesArentChallenged\\_Oltmann\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.yalsa.ala.org/jrlya/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/LibrariesArentChallenged_Oltmann_FINAL.pdf)
- A19: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2019). Important factors in Midwestern public librarians’ views on intellectual freedom and collection development (Part II). *Library Quarterly*, 89(2), 156-172. <https://doi.org/10.1086/702203>
- A18: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2018). Important factors in Midwestern public librarians’ views on intellectual freedom and collection development (Part I). *Library Quarterly*, 89(1), 2-15. <https://doi.org/10.1086/700659>
- A17: Knox, E. J. M., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2018). Social responsibility, censorship, and the ALA: The 2015 Banned Books Week controversy. *Library Quarterly*, 88(1), 5-22. <https://doi.org/10.1086/694870>
- A16: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2018). Ethics, values, and intellectual freedom in school libraries. *School Libraries Worldwide*, 24(1), 71-86. <https://doi.org/10.29173/slw8218>
- A15: Peterson, C., **Oltmann, S. M.**, & Knox, E. J. M. (2017). The inconsistent work of web filters: Mapping information access in Alabama public schools and libraries. *International Journal of Communication*, 11, 4583-4609. <https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/6944>
- A14: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2017). Intellectual freedom in academic libraries: Surveying deans about its significance. *College and Research Libraries*, 78(6), 741-760. <https://doi.org/10.5860/crl.78.6.741>

- A13: **Oltmann, S. M.**, Peterson, C., & Knox, E. J. M. (2017). Analyzing challenges to library materials: An incomplete picture. *Public Library Quarterly*, 36(4), 274-292. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01616846.2017.1324233>
- A12: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2016). The paradox of shock: Artists' experience of censorship. *Journal of Information Ethics*, 25(2), 59-76.
- A11: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2016). "For all the people": Public library directors interpret intellectual freedom. *Library Quarterly*, 86(3), 290-312. <https://doi.org/10.1086/686675>
- A10: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2016). Qualitative interviews: A methodological discussion of the interviewer and respondent context. *Forum Qualitative Social Research*, 17(2). Available at: <http://www.qualitative-research.net/index.php/fqs/article/view/2551>
- A9: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2016). Public librarians' views on collection development and censorship. *Collection Management*, 41(1), 23-44. □ <https://doi.org/10.1080/01462679.2015.1117998>
- A8: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2016). Intellectual freedom and freedom of speech: Three theoretical perspectives. *Library Quarterly*, 86(2), 153-171. <https://doi.org/10.1086/685402>
- A7: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2016). "They kind of rely on the library": School librarians serving LGBT students. *Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults*, 7(1). Available at: [http://www.yalsa.ala.org/jrlya/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Oltmann\\_They-Kind-of-Rely-on-the-Library.pdf](http://www.yalsa.ala.org/jrlya/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Oltmann_They-Kind-of-Rely-on-the-Library.pdf)
- A6: **Oltmann, S. M.**, Knox, E. J. M., Peterson, C., & Musgrave, S. (2015). Using open records laws to conduct research. *Library & Information Science Research*, 37(4), 323-328. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lisr.2015.11.006>
- A5: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2015). Dual use beyond the life sciences: An LIS perspective. *Library & Information Science Research*, 37(3), 176-188. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lisr.2015.04.008>
- A4: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2015). Variables related to school media center LGBT collections. *Libri*, 65(1), 25-33. <https://doi.org/10.1515/libri-2014-0069>
- A3: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2015). Dual use research: Investigation across multiple science disciplines. *Science & Engineering Ethics*, 21(2), 327-341. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11948-014-9535-y>
- A2: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2015). Data, censorship, and politics: Analyzing the restricted flow of information in federal scientific policy development. *Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology*, 66(1), 144-161. <https://doi.org/10.1002/asi.23158>

A1: Shachaf, P., **Oltmann, S. M.**, & Horowitz, S. (2008). E-quality in virtual reference services: Evaluation of service equality. *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, 59(4), 535-550. <https://doi.org/10.1002/asi.20757>

## **Books**

B2: **Oltmann, S. M.** (Ed.). (2023). *The fight against book bans: Perspectives from the field*. Libraries Unlimited.

B1: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2019). *Practicing intellectual freedom in libraries*. Libraries Unlimited.

## **Book Chapters**

BC6: + Kitzie, V., Barriage, S., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (forthcoming). From research to practice: How studies of drag storytimes can inform an evidence-based toolkit for public libraries. In *Censorship is a drag: LGBTQ materials and programming under siege in libraries* (J. D. Phillips & J. Ruud, Eds.). Library Juice Press.

BC5: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2023). The precarious state of libraries in the 2020s (pp. 1-8). In *The fight against book bans: Perspectives from the field* (S. M. Oltmann, Ed.). Libraries Unlimited.

BC4: Pekoll, K., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2023). Responding to challenges: In the moment and beforehand (pp. 127-136). In *The fight against book bans: Perspectives from the field* (S. M. Oltmann, Ed.). Libraries Unlimited.

BC3: DiGiacomo, D., **Oltmann, S. M.**, & Hall, C. (2021). Libraries of, by, and for the people: Reimagining strategies to enhance the democratic culture within LIS spaces and programming. In *Libraries and the Global Retreat of Democracy: Confronting Polarization, Misinformation, and Suppression* (N. G. Taylor, K. Kettlich, U. Gorham, & P. T. Jaeger, Eds.). Emerald Publishing.

BC2: Knox, E. J. M., **Oltmann, S. M.**, & Peterson, C. (2020). Designing research based on FOI requests. In *Freedom of information and social science research design* (K. Walby, Ed.) Oxford: Oxford University Press.

BC1: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2018). Misinformation and intellectual freedom: Does fake news have a place in libraries? (pp. 66-76). In *Information literacy and libraries in the age of fake news* (D. Agosto, Ed.). Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited.

### **Works/Projects in Progress**

- + *Public library trustees in a tumultuous age*. Multiple manuscripts in preparation. (Co-authored).
- + *Access dilemmas in queer archives' representations of HIV/AIDS documents*. Multiple manuscripts in preparation. (Co-authored).
- + *Public libraries' return on investment* (Co-authored).
- + *Public libraries' response to censorship and book banning*. (Co-authored). Multiple manuscripts in preparation. Output from NLG grant.

### **White Papers & Technical Papers**

- WP4: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2024). *ASIS&T Publications committee annual report*. Final report (2023-2024) for ASIS&T Publications Committee.
- WP3: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2023). *Report of ad hoc working group on desk-rejected JASIS&T manuscripts*. Working Group report, ASIS&T Publications Committee.
- WP2: Schulzrinne, H., & Montpetit, M.-J. (2021). *NSF broadband research 2020 report*. Participant in 2020 Workshops on NSF Broadband Research. Available at: <https://www.cs.columbia.edu/~hgs/papers/2021/NSF-BBRR.pdf>.
- WP1: **Oltmann, S. M.**, Knox, E. J. M., Peterson, C., & Caldwell-Stone, D. (2020). *Internet filtering, information poverty, and digital literacy: Intersections and challenges*. Produced for the Internet Filtering Symposium. Available at: <http://etc.mappinginfoaccess.org/papers/InternetFilteringSymposiumWhitePaper.pdf>.

### **Non-refereed Journal Articles**

- NR5: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2024). How to help libraries facing book challenges. *Kentucky Libraries*, 88(2), 20-24.
- NR4: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2018). How should libraries respond to #MeToo? *American Libraries*, 49(6), 81.
- NR3: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2017). Creating space at the table: Intellectual freedom can bolster diverse voices. *Library Quarterly*, 87(4), 410-418. [Note: Invited contribution for special issue; not peer-reviewed]



NR2: + Harper, L. M., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2017). Big data's impact on privacy for librarians and information professionals. *Bulletin of the Association for Information Science and Technology*, 43(4), 19-23.

NR1: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2014). Encryption and incrimination: The unclear legal and policy status of encrypted hard drives. *Bulletin of the Association for Information Science and Technology*, 40(2), 22-26.

### **Editorials**

E5: Stover, S., **Oltmann, S. M.**, Ali, C., & Kammer, J. (2024). Special issue: Information access practices. *Journal of Information Policy*, 14.

E4: Jaeger, P. T., Kettlich, K., **Oltmann, S. M.**, Sly, J. S., & Taylor, N. G. (2022). Exuberantly exhuming McCarthy: Confronting the widespread attacks on intellectual freedom in the United States. *Library Quarterly*, 92(4), 321-328.

E3: Agosto, D. E. & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2022). Guest editorial: The complexity of teaching and learning about mis- and dis-information. *Information and Learning Sciences*, 123(1/2), 1-6.

E2: Kettlich, K., Jaeger, P. T., **Oltmann, S. M.** & Taylor, N. G. (2022). On adaptation: In time, in art, in starfish, and in the scope and policies of *Library Quarterly*. *Library Quarterly*, 92(1), 1-4.

E1: Taylor, N. G., Jaeger, P. T., **Oltmann, S. M.**, & Kettlich, K. (2021). A 'very special episode.' *Library Quarterly*, 91(2), 121-125.

### **Public Scholarship**

PS11: Shen-Berro, J., & Kaur, T. (2024, April 3). Banned books make up the sophomore English curriculum at this NYC high school. **Chalkbeat New York**.  
<https://www.chalkbeat.org/newyork/2024/04/03/nyc-school-teaches-students-about-banned-books/>

PS10: Natanson, H. (2023, December 23). Half of challenged books return to schools: LGBTQ books are banned most. **Washington Post**.  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2023/12/23/school-book-challenges-shelves-lgbtq-authors/>

- PS9: Foerstel, K. (2023, November 17). Politics and education: Is polarization forever changing U.S. schools? *CQ Researcher*, 33(40). <https://doi.org/10.4135/cqresrre20231117>
- PS8: Ferrett, R. (2022, September 28). *Book banning* [radio broadcast]. **Wisconsin Public Radio**. <https://www.wpr.org/shows/book-banning-wisconsins-migratory-birds>
- PS7: Saunders, S. (Producer.) (2022, September 22). *Banned books week: Who decides?* [TV series episode]. In T. Hall & Q. Burns (Executive producer), **The Tamron Hall Show**. Summerdale Productions & ABC News. <https://tamronhallshow.com/videos/sunny-hostin-weighs-in-on-the-countrys-growing-list-of-book-bans-in-schools/>
- PS6: Wong, P. [ALA President]. (2022). ALA connectivity corner: Internet filtering. (Guests: Shannon M. Oltmann and Emily J. M. Knox). [Instagram Live Chat].
- PS5: Civic Genius. (2022, September 7). Content moderation and the value of free speech with Shannon Oltmann [Audio podcast episode]. In **Civic Genius**. <https://www.ourcivicgenius.org/learn/content-moderation-and-the-value-of-speech-with-shannon-oltmann/>
- PS4: Yao, J. (2022, March 25). How LGBTQIA+ book bans impact kids and teens. *We Need Diverse Books*. <https://diversebooks.org/how-lgbtqia-book-bans-impact-kids-and-teens/>
- PS3: Rea, A. (2022, March 14). Public libraries face escalating book challenges. *Library Journal*. <https://www.libraryjournal.com/story/Public-Libraries-Face-Escalating-Book-Challenges>.
- PS2: Cheves, J. (2022, April 11). Local politicians want control of Ky. public libraries. What will be lost if they get it? *Lexington Herald-Leader*. <https://www.kentucky.com/news/politics-government/article260128950.html>.
- PS1: Steve Thomas. (Host.) (2021, November 2). Episode 211: Shannon M. Oltmann [Audio podcast episode]. In *Circulating Ideas*. <https://circulatingideas.com/2021/11/02/211-shannon-m-oltmann/>

## **Presentations**

### **Refereed Conference Papers, Panels, & Presentations**

- PS2: **Oltmann, S. M.**, & Dowell, M. (2024). *Social justice and indoctrination: Views of faculty accused of bias*. Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science & Technology.

- P31: **Oltmann, S. M.**, Wagner, T., & Martell, A. (2024). *The people behind the research: How three researchers utilized their diverse positionality to study LGBTQ+ archives*. Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science & Technology.
- P30: Connors-Joyner, J., Sands, A., Potnis, D., **Oltmann, S. M.**, & Acker, A. (2024). Workshop: Research proposal writing for IMLS. Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science & Technology.
- P29: **Oltmann, S. M.**, Knox, E. J. M., McMenemy, D., & Hamilton, S. (2023). *Neutrality in library and information ethics: A debate in alternative foundations*. Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology.
- P28: Charbonneau, D., Hawamdeh, S., **Oltmann, S. M.**, Winberry, J., Yeon, J., & Zalot, A. (2023). *Challenging book challenges: Understanding the background, examining 'astroturfing' as a current political strategy, and finding ways forward*. Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology.
- P27: Greyson, D., Gibson, A. N., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2023). *Intellectual freedom and access to controversial health information*. Mid-Year Conference of the Association for Information Science & Technology, virtual event.
- P26: Warren, K., Parker, K. A., **Oltmann, S. M.**, Soto, D. R., & Pfeiffer, S. (2023). *Community-partnered immigration research in Iowa: Lived experiences and perceptions of migration in Iowa from the immigrant diaspora and beyond*. Midwest Sociological Society.
- P25: **Oltmann, S. M.**, & Knox, E. J. M. (2022). *Censorship is not a panacea: Access to information in a resilient society*. Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology.
- P24: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2022). *What do internet filters allow? Trying to access LGBTQ+ content in Kentucky public libraries*. Kentucky Library Association.
- P23: **Oltmann, S. M.**, & Landrum, M. (2022). *Preparing for intellectual freedom challenges intellectual freedom in the field*. Kentucky Young Adult & Children's Conference.
- P22: **Oltmann, S. M.**, Ndumu, A., Knox, E. J. M., & Burgess, J. T. F. (2021). *Information injustice and intellectual freedom: Polarizing concepts for a polarizing time*. Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology.
- P21: Barriage, S., Kitzie, V., Floegel, D., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2021). *Public library staff perceptions of stakeholder support for drag queen storytimes*. Paper presented at the Libraries in the Digital Age Conference, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

- P20: Floegel, D., Barriage, S., Kitzie, V. L., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2020). *Values, risks, and power influencing librarians' decisions to host drag queen storytime*. Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology (Conference moved online).
- P19: **Oltmann, S. M.**, Barriage, S., Greyson, D., & Vaugh, M. (2020). *How to undertake ideologically contentious research: Leaning on reflexivity and positionality to address uncomfortable disjunctures in information research*. Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology (virtual).
- P18: Barriage, S., Floegel, D., Kitzie, V., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2020). Diversity research update. American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- P17: **Oltmann, S. M.**, & Knox, E. J. M. (2020). *More than just banned books: Recent research on intellectual freedom*. American Library Association Virtual Annual Conference.
- P16: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2020). *Going viral: Viruses and scientific misinformation*. Paper to be presented at the Information Ethics Roundtable, Boston, MA. (Conference cancelled).
- P15: Barriage, S., Kitzie, V., Floegel, D., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2020, June). *"It's hard to see how these would be harmful to kids:" Public library staff perceptions of child development and drag queen storytime*. Paper presented at the Canadian Association of Information Science Conference, London, ON. (Conference moved online).
- P14: **Oltmann, S. M.**, Albright, K., & Dali, K. (2019). *Happy authors, happy editors: Tips and tricks to getting published in a peer-reviewed journal*. Annual Meeting of the American Library Association. Washington, DC.
- P13: **Oltmann, S. M.**, Agosto, D. E., & Froehlich, T. J. (2018). *Challenges of false information: What do we do about "fake news"?* Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology. Vancouver, BC.
- P12: Doyle, T., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2017). *Getting bad data: Does purposeful obfuscation matter?* Information Ethics Roundtable 2017: Data and ethics. Champaign-Urbana, IL.
- P11: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2016). *Exploring ethical encryption*. 6th Annual International Symposium for Digital Ethics. Chicago, IL.
- P10: Knox, E. J. M., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2016). *Values, culture, and censorship: The 2015 Banned Books Week Poster Controversy*. Information Ethics Roundtable 2016: Intellectual freedom and access to information. Tucson, AZ.
- P9: Jones, B., Winters-Palacio, C. M., Knox, E. J. M., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2016). *Mapping information poverty: Theory and tools for libraries to provide equitable opportunity for*

*intellectual freedom*. Information Ethics Roundtable 2016: Intellectual freedom and access to information. Tucson, AZ.

P8: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2013). *Purposeful selection of interview modes: Comparing face-to-face and telephone interviews*. International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry 2013. Champaign-Urbana, IL.

P7: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2013). *Bureaucrats and scientists: Explaining restricted access to scientific research*. International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry 2013. Champaign-Urbana, IL.

P6: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2013). “*The public is part of the audience*”: *Information access for citizens, democratic accountability, and climate change science*. iConference 2013. Fort Worth, TX.

P5: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2011). *Telephone and email interviews: Using the respondents’ context to determine the best interview mode*. iConference 2011. Seattle, WA.

P4: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2010). *Katz out of the bag: The broader privacy ramifications of using Facebook*. 73rd Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science and Technology. Pittsburgh, PA.

P3: **Oltmann, S. M.** (2007). *SP<sup>2</sup>: Social informatics and symbolic interactionism*. Social Informatics Symposium, 70th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science and Technology. Milwaukee, WI.

P2: Shachaf, P., & **Oltmann, S. M.** (2007). *E-quality and e-service equality*. 40th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS-40). Waikoloa, HI.

P1: **Oltmann, S. M.**, Rosenbaum, H., & Hara, N. (2006). *Digital access to government information: To what extent are agencies in compliance with E-FOIA?* 69th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science and Technology. Austin, TX.

### **Invited Talks**

I40: *From book bans to information precarity: How and why to push back on censorship*. (2024). College of Communication and Information Research Seminar. Lexington, KY. Audience: local.

I39: *Intellectual freedom in libraries today*. (2024). West Lafayette Public Library, Banned Books Week. Audience: regional.

I38: *Book bans and the fight to stop censorship*. (2024). Purdue University. **Keynote** for Banned Books Week. Audience: regional.

- I37: *Fanning the flames: Why book bans are on the rise and what we can do about it.* (2024). Mississippi University for Women. Banned Books Week Celebration. Audience: regional.
- I36: *Intellectual freedom in academic libraries and beyond: Concrete steps we can take to fight censorship.* (2024). Association of College & Research Libraries—Maryland and Maryland Library Association. Audience: regional.
- I35: *Resisting censorship through and for diversity.* (2024). iSchool, University of South Carolina. **Keynote** for Inclusive Excellence Research Symposium. Audience: regional.
- I34: *Library boards and intellectual freedom: How to combat censorship with your library trustees.* (2024). Niche Academy. Audience: international.
- I33: *Intellectual freedom basics.* (2023). Boyle County Public Library Board of Trustees, Kentucky. Audience: local.
- I32: *Banning books: What's going on and what we can do about it.* (2023). Banned Books Week. University of Wisconsin-Stout. Audience: regional.
- I31: *It's all connected: Incorporating intellectual freedom across the curriculum.* (2023). LIS Pedagogy Chat. Audience: national.
- I30: *Limiting access to library materials destroys freedom.* (2023). EveryLibrary learning collection. Audience: national. Available at: [https://www.everylibraryinstitute.org/fight\\_for\\_the\\_first\\_webinar\\_series](https://www.everylibraryinstitute.org/fight_for_the_first_webinar_series).
- I29: *Intellectual freedom basics.* (2023). Paris-Bourbon County Public Library, Kentucky. Audience: local.
- I28: *The fight against book bans: Perspectives from the field.* (2023). Niche Academy. Audience: international.
- I27: *Banned books and censorship.* (2023). Library 2.0 mini-conference opening panel (panelist). (With Emily J. M. Knox, Lesliediana Jones, Andrea Jamison, Sophia Sotilleo, and Martin Garner). Library 2.0. Audience: international.
- I26: *The fight against book bans: Perspectives from the school library.* (2023). Moderator for panel based on forthcoming book. (With Kristin Pekoll, Kelly Manfield, and Jamie Gregory). School Library Connection, Bloomsbury ABC-CLIO. Audience: national.
- I25: *The new book challenges: Responding to book banning in the 2020s.* (2023). Beta Phi Mu induction ceremony, Simmons University, School of Library and Information Science. Audience: national.

- I24: *Why defending intellectual freedom in your library makes sense.* (2023). Texas Library Association Annual Conference. Audience: regional.
- I23: *Intellectual freedom.* (2023). Public Library Institute, Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives. Louisville, KY. Audience: local.
- I22: *Making the case for intellectual freedom.* (2022). Sirsi Dynix librarian conference: Connections. Audience: international.
- I21: *Critical Conversation in LIS (#CCinLIS) Lecture: What's so critical about intellectual freedom?* (With Emily J. M. Knox). (2022). University of South Carolina, School of Information Science. Audience: national.
- I20: *Defending intellectual freedom.* (2022). Indiana University, Department of Information and Library Science. Audience: local.
- I19: *ASLA Banned Books Week Webinar 2022.* (2022). Alabama School Library Association. Audience: regional.
- I18: *Breaking down intellectual freedom.* (With Emily J. M. Knox). (2022). Pierce County (Washington) Library System. Audience: local.
- I17: *LGBTQ+ resources in your library.* (2022). San Jose State University iSchool Pride Month Symposium. Audience: national.
- I16: *Preparing for and handling book challenges.* (2022). Illinois Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS). Audience: regional.
- I15: *Intellectual freedom questions? We've got answers!* (With Mary Landrum and King Simpson). (2022). Kentucky Public Library Association. Audience: regional.
- I14: *What to do when law enforcement arrives in your library.* (With Mike Robinson). (2021). Alaska State Library. Audience: regional.
- I13: *LIS publishing panel.* (With Denice Adkins and Dietmar Wolfram). (2021). Library Research Roundtable, American Library Association. Audience: national.
- I12: *Drag queen storytimes: Library staff experiences and perspectives.* (With Sarah Barriage). (2021). University of Kentucky. Audience: local.
- I11: *Qualitative interviews: How talking to people results in productive, meaningful research.* (2021). University of Wisconsin, Madison. Audience: local.

- I10: *Frosty windows, frosty mirrors: Representation, labeling, discoverability, and the chilling effect.* (With Loida Garcia-Febo, Rhonda Evans, Amanda Vazquez, Laura Koltutsky, Desmond Wong, and Rae-Anne Montague). (2021). Social Justice and Intellectual Freedom Webinar, American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom. Audience: national.
- I9: *Combatting information poverty: Today's ethical challenge.* (2021). The Ethics and Social Justice Center, Bellarmine University. Audience: regional.  
**\*Talk proposal won 2021 [Kentucky] Commonwealth Ethics Lecture competition.**
- I8: *COVID-19 and academic censorship: A banned books week webinar.* (2020). Sage Publishing and Office for Intellectual Freedom. Audience: national.
- I7: *Intellectual Freedom.* (2019). Public Library Institute, Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives. Louisville, KY. Audience: local.
- I6: *Underserved communities: How and why you should reach out to them.* (2017). South West Ohio Network (SWON) Webinar. Audience: regional.
- I5: *Silencing science: Attempts to curb federal employees' communication with the public.* (2017). Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T) Webinar. Audience: national.
- I4: *Intellectual Freedom.* (2017). Public Library Institute, Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives. Louisville, KY. Audience: local.
- I3: *Intellectual Freedom.* (2016). Public Library Institute, Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives. Frankfort, KY. Audience: statewide.
- I2: *"Any information can be misused": The occurrence and implications of dual use research.* (2014). College of Communication and Information Research Seminar. Lexington, KY. Audience: local.
- I1: *Open access.* (2006). American Society for Information Science and Technology, Indiana Chapter, Indianapolis, IN. Audience: local.

## **Courses Taught**

### **University of Kentucky, School of Information Science**

**ICT 201: Personal Knowledge Management** (face to face and online)

**LIS 600: Information in Society** (face to face and online)



**LIS 603: Management in Library and Information Science** (online)

**LIS 643: Public Libraries** (online)

**LIS 672: Practicum** (supervised several students in independent practica)

**LIS 690: Special Topics: Intellectual Freedom and Core Values** (online)

**LIS 690: Special Topics: Ethical Issues in Information Organizations** (online)

**LIS 692: Independent Study** (Supervised and guided individual graduate students in their respective independent study projects, selected topics below; face to face and online)

- *Reader's advisory in public libraries*
- *Service in public libraries*
- *Access to information in segregated libraries*
- *Prison libraries*
- *Library marketing*
- *Public libraries and disaster responses*
- *Public libraries in Kentucky*
- *Bibliotherapy*
- *Religion and intellectual freedom*
- *Makerspaces in public libraries*
- *Libraries serving those with disabilities*
  - \* Student subsequently graduated and now teaches on this subject
- *Public accessibility to court documents*
  - \* Led to peer-reviewed publication
- *Information ethics*

**Selected Guest Lectures.** Invited to present guest lectures in the following courses:

- LIS 690: Research Methods for Librarians, University of Kentucky. Topic: *Interviewing for libraries: Tips and strategies.*
- LIS 601: Information: Perspectives and contexts. **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.** Topic: *Libraries, drag storytimes, and neutrality.*
- CI 664: Qualitative Methods in Communication Research. University of Kentucky. Topic: *Qualitative interviews.*
- MAS 101: Introduction to Media and Culture. University of Kentucky. Topic: *How to be an ethical user of social media.*
- CI 674: Advanced Topics in Qualitative Research Methods. University of Kentucky. Topic: *Collecting, using, and reusing interview data.*
- LIS 6713: Doctoral Research Methods. **University of Oklahoma.** Topic: *Qualitative interviewing research methods.*
- ILS-Z640: Seminar in Intellectual Freedom. **Indiana University.** Topic: *Implementing intellectual freedom.*

- WRD 406: Designing for Usability and Accessibility. University of Kentucky. Topic: *Notes on human subjects committee of the Institutional Review Board.*
- COM 315: Workplace Communication in a Diverse U.S. Society. University of Kentucky. Topic: *Diversity and inclusivity in the workplace.* [multiple years]
- CJT 664: Qualitative Methods in Communication. University of Kentucky. Topic: *Telephone and face to face interviewing.*
- ICT 690: Special Topics: Human Computer Interaction. University of Kentucky. Topic: *Institutional Review Board and ethical issues.* [multiple years]
- ICT 200: Information Literacy and Critical Thinking. University of Kentucky. Topic: *Copyright, censorship, and intellectual freedom.*
- ICT 205: Issues in Information and Communication Technology Policy. University of Kentucky. Topic: *Copyright.*
- ICT 410: Privacy. University of Kentucky. Topic: *Social contexts of privacy.*
- LIS 60600: Foundations of Library and Information Science. **Kent State University.** Topic: *Information access and intellectual freedom.*

### **Indiana University, School of Library & Information Science**

S502: Collection Development and Management

S522: Social Science Information

S541: Information Policy

S542: International Information Issues

S640: Seminar in Intellectual Freedom

**Guest Lectures.** Invited to present guest lectures in the following courses:

- S501: Reference. Topic: *Information ethics and services to specific populations.*
- S502: Collection Development and Management. Topic: *Intellectual freedom.*
- S640: Seminar in Intellectual Freedom. Topic: *Information access and FOIA.*
- S640: Seminar in Intellectual Freedom. Topic: *Copyright law and open access.*

### **Selected Awards**

2024: **ASIS&T Distinguished Member** [selected by ASIS&T administration]

2024: **University Research Professor** [nominated by peers; selected by University of Kentucky administrators]

2024: **Chairs Academy** (leadership preparation) participant (appointed by supervisors and administrators)

2023: **Kentucky Intellectual Freedom Award** [selected by state librarians and peers]

2023: Nominated for Diversity Award, College of Communication & Information [nominated by peers]

2021: **Faculty Service Award**, College of Communication & Information [nominated and selected by peers]

2019: **Outstanding Advisor Award**, College of Communication & Information [nominated by student advisees]

2017: Nominated for Inclusive Excellence Recognition Award [nominated by peers]

2016: Nominated for Outstanding Advising Award, College of Communication & Information [nominated by students]

2015: Nominated for Faculty Teaching Excellence Award, College of Communication & Information [nominated by students]

2012: Third place, Jean Tague Sutcliffe Doctoral Student Research Poster Competition, Annual Conference, Association for Library & Information Science Education

2009: Best presentation at Annual Doctoral Student Research Forum, School of Library & Information Science, Indiana University

2009: Beta Phi Mu Award for Student Scholarship, Chi Chapter

2004 – 2009: Recipient, GAANN Fellowship (Graduate Assistance in Area of National Need)

## **Doctoral Committee Service**

Doctor of Philosophy Dissertation Committee Member

- *Samantha Pfeiffer*, 2024 – present
- *Tabitha Kinneer*, 2024

Doctor of Education Dissertation Committee Member

- *Heidi Schmidt*, 2023 – present

## **Task Force, Advisory Board, and Working Group Memberships**

TF7: *Right to Read Coalition*. Coalition of diverse for- and non-profit organizations and individuals committed to intellectual freedom. Working group member. Timeline: 2024 – present.

TF6: *Right to Read Coalition, Data & Research Task Force*. Sub-group focused on collecting, organizing, sharing, and utilizing related data sets. Leader of task force. Timeline: 2024 - present.

TF5: *Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Working Group*. American Library Association and Association for Library and Information Science Education. Working Group member. Timeline: 2023 – 2024.

TF4: *OCLC Public Library Research and Learning Agenda*. OCLC. Advisory Board member. Timeline: 2022 – 2024.

TF3: *Southeast Rural Opioid Technical Assistance Regional Center Consortium*. Taskforce member. Timeline: 2022 – present.

TF2: *National Science Foundation Broadband Research Workshops*. Taskforce member. Timeline: 2020 – 2021.

TF1: *Integrating Community-Based Learning with LIS Education*. Drexel University. Advisory Board member. Project sponsor: The Institute for Museum & Library Services (IMLS). Funding period: 2019 – 2022.

## **Service**

### **Editorial Boards**

2024 – present: Guest editor of special issue, *Library Quarterly: Information, Community, Policy* (Topic: Censorship in U.S. libraries)

2023 – 2024: Co-guest editor of special issue, *Journal of Information Policy* (with S. Strover, C. Ali, and J. Kammer)  
(Topic: Practices of/for information access)

2022 – 2024: Editorial board, *Annual Review of Information Science & Technology*

2022 – present: Editorial board, *Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy*

2021: Co-guest editor of special issue, *Information and Learning Science* (with D. E. Agosto)  
(Topic: Teaching and learning about misinformation and disinformation)

2020 – present: Associate Editor, *Library Quarterly: Information, Community, Policy*

2020: Guest editor of special issue, *Open Information Science*  
(Topic: Access to information—freedom and censorship)

2018 – 2022: Editor, *Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy*

2017 – 2018: Associate Editor, *Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy*

2015 – 2020: Member, Editorial Board, *Library Quarterly: Information, Community, Policy*

2014 – 2017: Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy*

## Reviewer

2024 – present:

- Book proposal reviewer, Rowman & Littlefield
- Book proposal reviewer, Bloomsbury Publishing (ABC-CLIO/Libraries Unlimited)

2021 – 2024:

- Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Leadership Grants for Libraries
- Institute of Museum and Library Services, Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program

2010 – present: Manuscript reviewer for the following journals and conferences:

- *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology/Journal of the Society for Information Science & Technology (JASIST)*
- *Qualitative Research*
- *Library Quarterly: Information, Community, Policy*
- *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*
- *Forum Qualitative Social Research*
- *Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy*
- *School Libraries Worldwide*
- *Libraries: Culture, History, and Society*
- *Library & Information Science Research*
- *Qualitative Sociology*

- *Collection Management*
- *Journal of Sociotechnical Critique*
- *Journal of Homosexuality*
- *Libri: International Journal of Libraries and Information Studies*
- *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*
- *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications*
- Annual Meeting of the Association for Library and Information Science Education
- Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology
- iConference
- Information Ethics Roundtable
- International Congress on Qualitative Inquiry
- American Conference on Information Systems
- Awards Committee for SIG-Social Informatics Research Symposium

### **National Service**

2023 – 2024: Library Research Roundtable, American Library Association (mentor)

2023 – 2024: ASIS&T Publications Committee (chair)

2022 – 2023: ASIS&T Publications Committee (vice chair)

2020 – 2024: ASIS&T Publications Committee (member)

2018 – 2022: PERSIST peer mentoring/support group (founder/leader)

2017: Special Interest Group-Information Ethics and Policy workshop (coordinator): *The new information state: How information ethics and policy affect everyone*. Association for Information Science and Technology Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.

2016 – 2017: Special Interest Group-Information Ethics and Policy (chair, Association for Information Science and Technology)

2015 – 2016: Special Interest Group-Information Ethics and Policy (chair-elect, Association for Information Science and Technology)

### **University of Kentucky (University-wide service)**

2023 – present: University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees (member, appointed by President)

2021 – 2022: “Post-COVID” Fall Planning Committee (member, nominated by peers, selected by university administration) Note: Stepped down due to sabbatical

2021 – 2022: University Senate Council (member, leadership team, elected by peers) Note: Stepped down due to sabbatical

2021 – 2022: Senate ad hoc sub-committee Faculty Oversight of Courses (member)

2020 – 2022: University Faculty Senate (member, elected by peers)

2020 – 2022: University Faculty Senate Distance Learning and eLearning Committee (member)

2020 – 2021: Reopening Campus Human Resource Workstream (faculty representative, appointed by leadership)

2017 – 2020: Diversity & Inclusion Officers roundtable (member)

2018 – 2019: Culture of Conversation Steering Committee (member)

2017 – 2019: Institutional Review Board (alternate member)

### **College of Communication and Information Service**

2018 – 2020: College Faculty Council (member, elected by peers)

2018 – 2019: College Search Committee for new Dean (member, appointed by leadership)

2014 – 2016: Diversity & Inclusion Committee (member)

2013 – 2014: College Faculty Council (member, elected by peers)

### **School of Information Science Service**

2024: Steering Committee for Library Research Seminar 8 Conference (member)  
Theme: Telling Library Stories (<https://ci.uky.edu/lrs8>)

2024 – present: Promotion & Tenure Committee (convener)

2019 – present: Mentor for 1-3 junior faculty per year  
(each junior faculty member selects their own mentor)

2023 – 2024: Promotion & Tenure Committee (member)

2023: Search Committee (chair; 3 concurrent searches)

2021 – 2022: Curriculum Committee (convener)

2021 – 2022: ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee (chair)

2020 – 2021: Promotion & Tenure Committee (convener)

2020 – 2021: Search Committee (member)

2020 – 2022: Curriculum Committee (member)

2019 – 2020: Search Committee (chair, 4 concurrent searches)

2018 – 2020: Promotion and Tenure Committee (member)

2018 – 2019: Graduate Council representative (member)

2018 – 2019: Diversity Committee (convener)

2016 – 2017: Curriculum Committee (convener)

2015 – 2016: ad hoc committee for Graduate Program (convener)

2015 – 2016: Planning Committee member (member)

2013 – 2015: Faculty advisor for student group Library & Information Science Student Organization (LISSO)

2013 – 2014: Curriculum Committee (convener)

2012 – 2013: Curriculum Committee (member)

2012 – 2013: Diversity & Inclusion Committee (member)

**Service to the Profession**

2021 – present: Kentucky State Board for the Certification of Public Librarians (member)

2014 – 2018: Kentucky State Board for the Certification of Public Librarians (member)



**Community**

2022 – 2023: Banned Books Reading Group (founder/leader)

2015 – 2016: Kentuckiana Epilepsy Foundation Annual Walk (volunteer photographer)

2014 – 2016: God's Pantry Food Bank (volunteer, average 10-15 hours per month)

**Indiana University School of Library and Information Science**

2011 – 2012: SLIS Curriculum Steering Committee (member)

2011: Indiana University 9/11 Commemoration Committee (member, university-wide committee)

2007 – 2008: SLIS Friday Conversations/Brown Bag presentations (coordinator)