

## EDUCATION

PhD Communication and Information Studies – University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL  
Granted May 2006

MLIS – University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL  
Granted May 2000

BS Elementary Education – University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, TN  
Granted May 1998, magna cum laude

## HONORS AND AWARDS

### As Researcher & Professor:

- 2021, AWARDED, Outstanding Faculty/Staff-Initiated Engagement Effort, Council on Community-Based Partnerships, University of Alabama
- 2019, HONORED, Excellence in Academic Advising, Office for Academic Affairs and Academic Advisors Association, University of Alabama
- 2016, AWARDED, Achievement in Library Diversity Research Award, American Library Association
- 2015, AWARDED, Humanitarian Award, Alabama Library Association
- 2014, AWARDED, Internationale Jugendbibliothek (International Youth Library) Research Fellowship, Auswärtiges Amt der Bundesrepublik Deutschland (Foreign Ministry of the Federal Republic of Germany), Munich, Germany
- 2013, HONORED, *Rainbow Family Collections* featured in the *Famiglie: Papà, mamma, fratelli, xii, nonni, cugini e amici* international cultural exhibition of LGBTQ children's books and research at the 2013 Bologna Children's Book Fair, Cooperativa Culturale Giannino Stoppani, Bologna, Italy
- 2013, HONORED, *Rainbow Family Collections* selected as noteworthy title, Rainbow List 2013, American Library Association
- 2013, HONORED, *Rainbow Family Collections* selected for inclusion in *VOYA's Five-Foot Bookshelf: Essential Books for Professionals Who Serve Teens, 2000 through 2012* (representing the best research/resources for young adult librarianship in the twenty-first century)
- 2012, AWARDED, Día Dynamo for significant contribution for the advancement and promotion of El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), Latina Author Pat Mora
- 2009, AWARDED, Virginia Hamilton Essay Award for Contribution to Professional Literature Regarding Multicultural Literary Experiences of Youth, Kent State University
- 2008, HONORED, Dissertation of Note, *Children's Literature*, John Hopkins University Press
- 2007, AWARDED, School of Library and Information Studies' James D. Ramer Outstanding Dissertation Award, University of Alabama
- 2007, AWARDED, College of Communication and Information Sciences' Outstanding Dissertation Award, University of Alabama

### As Librarian:

- 2000 - 2001, AWARDED, Shelby County First Year Teacher of the Year Award, Shelby County School Systems, Alabama

- 1999, AWARDED, Corr Award in Youth Services, University of Alabama

## SUCCESSFUL EXTERNAL FUNDING

- More Rainbow Families in Children's Literature, Competitive Research Fellowship, Arne Nixon Center for the Study of Children's Literature, California State University, Fresno, CA, February 2017. **(Funded \$2,000).**
- Internationale Jugendbibliothek München (International Youth Library Munich) Competitive Research Fellowship, Auswärtiges Amt der Bundesrepublik Deutschland (Foreign Ministry of the Federal Republic of Germany), Munich, Germany, October – December 2014. **(Funded \$4,000).**
- Sabbatical Research Travel Support for the Internationale Jugendbibliothek München (International Youth Library in Munich, Germany), Faculty International Activities Grant/Williams Fund, Capstone International Center and the Office of Academic Affairs, University of Alabama, September 2014. **(Funded \$500).**
- "Sustainable Training for Alabama Public Library Employees (STAPLE): Augmenting 21<sup>st</sup> Century Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes in Library Managers," Co-Principle Investigator with Steven Yates & Jeff Weddle, Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Grant, Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), 2012. *Project dates:* October 2012 – December 2016. **(Funded \$317,450).**
- "Beyond Broken Borders: Examining Library Services to Latino & Spanish-Speaking Populations in New Latino South States with Anti-Immigration Laws," Co-Principle Investigator with MLIS Student Lance Simpson and Project Coordinator, American Library Association's 2012 Diversity Research Grant, ALA Diversity Office, August 2012. **(Funded \$2,500).**
- "Focus on MY Family: An Analysis of Gay-Themed Picturebooks & Public Library Services for LGBTQ Children and Children with Same-Sex Parents," American Library Association's 2008 Diversity Research Grant, ALA Diversity Office, August 2008. **(Funded \$2,500).**

## PUBLICATIONS<sup>1</sup>

### Books – Single Author

- Naidoo, J.C. (June 2014). *Diversity Programming for Digital Youth: Promoting Cultural Competence in the Children's Library*. Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited, 187 pages.  
\* Professional Reviews: *ProtoView* (formerly *Reference & Research Book News*) September 2014; *Teacher Librarian* October 2014; *School Library Connection* September 2015.
- Naidoo, J. C. (April 2012). *Rainbow Family Collections: Selecting and Using Children's Books with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Content*. Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited, 260 pages.  
\* Professional Reviews: *Booklist* September 15, 2012; *School Library Journal* October 2012; American Library Association *GLBTRT Newsletter* Fall 2012; *Bay Windows* June 7-13, 2012; *Teacher Librarian* June 2012; *Reference & Research Book News* June

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<sup>1</sup> Publications with multiple authors have authorship listed as published in the original source. Names are listed according to the amount of contribution and responsibility. For instance, if I am listed as a second author, then the first author had more responsibility in writing the publication. The one exception is the licensing chapter published with Tashjian where she was listed first because of her status in the industry.

2012; *Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA)* December 2012; *Library Media Connection* March-April 2013.

### **Books – Co-Author**

- Naidoo, J.C. and K. Scherrer (June 2016). *Once Upon a Cuento: Bilingual Storytimes in English and Spanish*. Chicago: American Library Association, 154 pages.
  - \* Professional Reviews: *Booklist Online* November 18, 2016; July 2016, *School Library Journal* November 2016 (Starred Review), Webjunction September 2016; *American Libraries* #1 Bestseller September/October 2016; *Public Libraries* May/June 2017.

### **Books – Edited**

- Naidoo, J.C., and S. Park Dahlen. (Eds.) (May 2013). *Diversity in Youth Literature: Opening Doors Through Reading*. Chicago: American Library Association, 240 pages.
  - \* Professional Reviews: *Illinois Reading Council Journal* Fall 2013; *Booklist Online* September 23, 2013; *Education Week* December 2013; *Language Arts* July 2014; *Bookbird: A Journal of International Children's Literature* March 2015.
  - \* Individual Chapter Authored by Naidoo listed below:
    - Naidoo, J. C. (2013). Representation in queer children's books: Who's in and who's out. (pp. 163-173).
- Naidoo, J. C. (Ed.). (November 2010). *Celebrating Cuentos: Promoting Latino Children's Literature and Literacy in Classrooms and Libraries*. Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited, 381 pages. (Note: Eight chapters in this book were authored or co-authored by J.C.Naidoo)
  - \* Professional Reviews: *Booklist Online* February 25, 2011; *Reference & Research Book News* February 2011; *REFORMA Newsletter* Spring/Summer 2011; *Library Media Connection* August-September 2011.
  - \* Individual Chapters Authored/Co-Authored by Naidoo listed below:
    - Naidoo, J. C. (2010). Embracing the face at the window: Latino representation in children's literature in the United States. (pp. 19-41).
    - Naidoo, J. C. (2010). A brief historical overview of Latino children's literature in the United States. (pp. 45-57).
    - Naidoo, J. C. (2010). Reviewing the representation of Latino cultures in U.S. children's literature. (pp. 59-78).
    - Naidoo, J. C., Battle, J., and O. Garza de Cortés. (2010). Celebrating cultures and cuentos: Highlighting three awards for Latino children's literature. (pp. 79-98).
    - Naidoo, J. C. and H. Crandall. (2010). Latino children's literature and literacy in school library media centers. (pp. 113-143).
    - I. Patterson and J. C. Naidoo. (2010). The spirit of Día: Celebrating cuentos every day. (pp. 201-212).
    - Naidoo, J. C. (2010). Developing and enriching comunidad: Reaching out to Latino communities via public and school libraries. (pp. 239-257).
    - Naidoo, J. C. (2010). Using print and digital Latino children's books to promote multiple literacies in classrooms and libraries. (pp. 301-317).

### **Reference Books – Co-Author**

- Barr, C. and J.C. Naidoo. (December 2014/January 2015). *Best Books for Children: Preschool through Grade 6*. 10th ed. Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited, 1869 pages.
  - \* Professional Reviews: *ProtoView* (formerly *Reference & Research Book News*) March 2015.

### **Peer Reviewed Articles, Papers, and Book Chapters:**

- Naidoo, J.C. (July 2022). The enduring value of the Newbery award. In The Association for Library Service to Children (Ed.), *The Newbery Practitioner's Guide: Making the Most of the Award in Your Work*, (pp. 89-95). Chicago: ALA Editions. **(Invited)**

- Naidoo, J.C. (2022). Serving LGBTQ+ students and families in school libraries. In C. Harvey and A. Church (Eds.) *School Library Management*, 8<sup>th</sup> edition, (pp. 64-68). Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited. **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J.C. and S. Zabawa. (2021). Sameness & difference in visual representations of same-sex couples in international children's picture books. In B.J. Epstein and E. Chapman (Eds.), *International LGBTQ+ Literature for Children and Young Adults*, (pp. 183-198). London: Anthem Press. **(Invited, International)**
- Naidoo, J.C. and R.E. Quiroa. (2021). Exploring the world of Latinx nonfiction children's literature. In T. Crisp, S. Knezek, and R. Gardner (Eds.), *Reading and Teaching with Diverse Nonfiction Children's Books: Representations and Possibilities*, (pp. 21-40). Champaign, IL: National Council of Teachers of English. **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J.C. (2021). Serving rainbow families in school libraries. In A. Dawkins (Ed.) *Intellectual Freedom Issues in the School Libraries*, (pp. 186-190). Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited. **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J.C. and K. Lynch. (2020). Global rainbow families: Examining visual depictions of same-sex couples in international picture books. *Bookbird: A Journal of International Children's Literature* 58(4), 31-51. **(International)**
- Naidoo, J.C. (2019). When all really means *all*: Creating library programs for children and teens embracing all types of diversity. In K. Campana and J. E. Mills (Eds.), *Create, Innovate, and Serve: A Radical Approach to Children's and Youth Services*, (pp. 7-23). Chicago: ALA Editions/Neal-Schuman. **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J.C. (Winter/December 2018). A Rainbow of creativity: Exploring drag queen storytimes and gender creative programming in public libraries. *Children and Libraries*, 16(4): 12-20.
- Naidoo, J.C. (2017). Welcoming rainbow families in the classroom: Suggestions and recommendations for including LGBTQ children's books in the curricula. *Social Education*, 81(5), 308-315. (LGBTQ+ Issues in Social Education special issue).
- Naidoo, J.C. (2017). Exploring a World of Treasures at Munich's Internationale Jugendbibliothek/International Youth Library (IJB/IYL), *School Libraries Worldwide*, 23(2), 22-28. **(Invited, International)**
- Naidoo, J.C. (2016). The Américas award, cultural competence, and the politics of publishing. In L. Henderson (Ed.), *The Américas Award: Honoring Latin@ Children's and Young Adult Literature in the Americas*, (pp. 49-58). Lanham, MD: Lexington Books an imprint of Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group. **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J.C. and R.E. Quiroa. (2016). Beyond calaveras and quinceañeras: Fostering bilingual Latino students' identity development with culturally relevant literature. In E.R. Clark, B.B. Flores, H.L. Smith, and D.A. González (Eds.), *Multicultural Literature for Latino Bilingual Children: Their Words, Their Worlds*, (pp. 51-68). Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield. **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J. C. (2015). Access to a world of Rainbow Family children's books via partnerships and programs: Suggestions for library outreach to LGBT family associations. *2015 IFLA*

*Conference Proceedings*, Cape Town, South Africa. Available: <http://library.ifla.org/1289/>.  
**(International)**

- Naidoo, J. C. and M. E. Sweeney. (2015) Educating for social justice: Perspectives from library and information science and collaboration with K-12 social studies educators. *Journal of International Social Studies*, 5(1), 196-207. Available: <http://www.iajiss.org/index.php/iajiss/article/view/193/182>. **(International)**
- Naidoo, J.C. (2014). Reaching out to LGBTQ youth. In K. Harrod and C. Smallwood (Eds.), *Library Youth Outreach: 26 Ways to Connect With Children, Young Adults and Their Families*, (pp. 84-91). Jefferson, NC: McFarland.
- Naidoo, J.C. (2013). Over the rainbow and under the radar: Library services and programs to LGBTQ families, *Children and Libraries*, 11(3), 34-40.
- Naidoo, J.C. (2012). School and public library services, programs, and collections for diverse youth in America. In L. Farmer, et al (Eds.), *Youth-Serving Libraries in Japan, Russia, and the United States*, (pp. 315-338). Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press.  
**(International)**
- Naidoo, J. C., Montiel-Overall, P., Gonzalez, L., Garza de Cortés, O., and I. M. Patterson. (2010). Celebrating culture, reading, & family literacy @ the library with the Latino reading and literacy programs El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Día) and Noche de Cuentos. *2010 IFLA Conference Proceedings*, Gothenburg, Sweden. Available: <http://conference.ifla.org/past/2010/133-naidoo-en.pdf> . **(International)**
- Naidoo, J. C. (2009). Using traditional and multimodal texts to promote multicultural literacy and intercultural connections. In S. Peterson, D. Booth, and C. Jupiter (Eds.), *Books, Media, & the Internet: Children's Literature in Today's Classrooms* (pp. 109-119). Toronto, Canada: Portage & Main Press. **(International)**
- Naidoo, J. C. (2009). Puentes de la comunidad: Exploring the impact of LIS service learning on library services to Latino youth in the Carolinas. In L. Roy and A. Hershey (Eds.), *Service Learning: Linking Library Education and Practice* (pp. 83-94). Chicago: American Library Association. **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J. C. (2008). Opening doors: Visual and textual analyses of diverse Latino subcultures in Américas picture books. *Children and Libraries*, 6(2), 27-35. **(Award-Winning Article)**
- Tashjian, J. and J. C. Naidoo. (2007). Licensing and merchandising in children's television and media. In J. A. Bryant (Ed.), *The Children's Television Community* (pp. 165-187). Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum Associates. **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J. C. (2007). Forgotten faces: Examining the representations of Latino subcultures in Américas and Pura Belpré picturebooks. *The New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship*, 13(3), 117-138. **(International)**
- Naidoo, J. C. (2005). Informational empowerment: Using informational books to connect the library media center with sheltered instruction. *School Libraries Worldwide*, 11(2), 132-152. **(International)**

### Encyclopedia Entries:

- Naidoo, J. C. and G. Nixon. (In Submission – November 2022). Diversities in Children's and Young Adult Literature. In *Children's Literature Review (CLR)* series. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale/Cengage.
- Naidoo, J. C. and K. Lynch. (2022). School and Public Libraries. In K. Strunk and S. Shelton (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Queer Studies in Education* (pp. 625-629). Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill.
- Naidoo, J. C. (2013). Jose Espiritu Aruego. In G. Y. Okihiro (Ed.), *Great Lives from History: Asian and Pacific Islander Americans* (Vol. 1, pp. 37-38). Ipswich, MA: Salem Press/EBSCO.
- Naidoo, J. C. (2013). Cynthia Kadohata. In G. Y. Okihiro (Ed.), *Great Lives from History: Asian and Pacific Islander Americans* (Vol. 2, pp. 343-345). Ipswich, MA: Salem Press/EBSCO.
- Naidoo, J. C. (2013). Taro Yashima. In G. Y. Okihiro (Ed.), *Great Lives from History: Asian and Pacific Islander Americans* (Vol. 3, pp. 853-855). Ipswich, MA: Salem Press/EBSCO.
- Naidoo, J. C. (2012). Alvarez, Julia (1950- ). In C. Tafolla and M. P. Cotera (Eds.), *Great Lives from History: Latinos* (Vol. 1, pp. 49-52). Pasadena, CA: Salem Press/EBSCO.
- Naidoo, J. C. (2012). Belpré, Pura (1899-1982). In C. Tafolla and M. P. Cotera (Eds.), *Great Lives from History: Latinos* (Vol. 1, pp. 124-126). Pasadena, CA: Salem Press/EBSCO.
- Naidoo, J. C. (2012). Brown, Monica Alexandria (1969- ). In C. Tafolla and M. P. Cotera (Eds.), *Great Lives from History: Latinos* (Vol. 1, pp. 154-155). Pasadena, CA: Salem Press/EBSCO.
- Naidoo, J. C. (2012). González, Rigoberto (1970- ). In C. Tafolla and M. P. Cotera (Eds.), *Great Lives from History: Latinos* (Vol. 2, pp. 424-425). Pasadena, CA: Salem Press/EBSCO.
- Naidoo, J. C. (2012). López, Rafael (1961-). In C. Tafolla and M. P. Cotera (Eds.), *Great Lives from History: Latinos* (Vol. 2, pp. 530-531). Pasadena, CA: Salem Press/EBSCO.
- Naidoo, J. C. (2012). Mora, Pat (1942- ). In C. Tafolla and M. P. Cotera (Eds.), *Great Lives from History: Latinos* (Vol. 2, pp. 623-625). Pasadena, CA: Salem Press/EBSCO.
- Naidoo, J. C. (2012). Morales, Yuyi (1968- ). In C. Tafolla and M. P. Cotera (Eds.), *Great Lives from History: Latinos* (Vol. 2, pp. 633-635). Pasadena, CA: Salem Press/EBSCO.
- Naidoo, J. C. (2012). Santiago, Esmeralda (1948- ). In C. Tafolla and M. P. Cotera (Eds.), *Great Lives from History: Latinos* (Vol. 3, pp. 843-845). Pasadena, CA: Salem Press/EBSCO.
- Naidoo, J. C. (2012). Valdes-Rodriguez, Alisa (1969- ). In C. Tafolla and M. P. Cotera (Eds.), *Great Lives from History: Latinos* (Vol. 3, pp. 913-915). Pasadena, CA: Salem Press/EBSCO.
- Naidoo, J. C. and J. Bryant. (2007). Books for adolescents. In J. J. Arnett (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Children, Adolescents, and the Media* (Vol. 1, pp. 125-127). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Naidoo, J. C. and J. Bryant. (2007). Books for children. In J. J. Arnett (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Children, Adolescents, and the Media* (Vol. 1, pp. 127- 131). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

## Professional Articles (Non-Peer Reviewed) & Other Publications:

- Naidoo, J.C. (November 2019). "Forward: Shake it, Alyssa, Cheki: Moving & Shaking @ Your Library." Book Forward in *Move, Play, Learn: Interactive Storytimes with Music, Movement, and More*, ix-x. Written by Alyssa Jewell. Chicago, IL: ALA Editions. **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J.C. (May 2019). Understanding Media Literacy Engagement, Exploring Cultural Diversity, and Getting Involved with ALSC. *ALSC Matters*, 17(2): 1. Available: <https://alair.ala.org/bitstream/handle/11213/11485/v17n2-may2019-matters.pdf?sequence=2&isAllowed=y>
- Naidoo, J.C. (February 2019). Walking the Walk: On the Road with ALSC. *ALSC Matters*, 17(1): 1. Available: <https://alair.ala.org/bitstream/handle/11213/11485/v17n1-feb2019-matters.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>
- Naidoo, J.C. (November 2018). ALSC Strategic Activities Continue. *ALSC Matters*, 16(4): 1. Available: <https://alair.ala.org/bitstream/handle/11213/11484/v16n4-nov2018-matters.pdf?sequence=4&isAllowed=y>
- Naidoo, J.C. (September 2018). Dear Banned Author: A Letter to Todd Parr. American Library Association Office of Intellectual Freedom. Available: <https://www.oif.ala.org/oif/?p=15684>
- Naidoo, J.C. (August 2018). A Year of Exciting Change. *ALSC Matters*, 16(3): 1. Available: <https://alair.ala.org/bitstream/handle/11213/11484/v16n3-august2018-matters.pdf?sequence=3&isAllowed=y>
- Naidoo, J.C. (May 2018). Inching the Needle Forward: ALSC Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. *ALSC Matters*, 16(2): 2. Available: <https://alair.ala.org/bitstream/handle/11213/11484/v16n2-may2018-matters.pdf?sequence=2&isAllowed=y>
- Naidoo, J.C. (March 2018). "Forward: Magical encounters with Latino children's literature." Book Forward in *Latino/a Children's and Young Adult Writers on the Art of Storytelling*, XI-XV. Written by Frederick Luis Aldama. Latino and Latin American Profiles series. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press. **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J.C. (February 2018). "Forward: LGBTQAI+ Books Save Lives." Book Forward in *LGBTQAI+ Books for Children and Teens: Providing a Window for All*, IX-XII. Written by Christina Dorr and Liz Deskins. Chicago, IL: ALA Editions. **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J.C. (November 2017). Diversity, inclusion, & advocacy: DIA as radical change. *ALSC Matters*, 15(4): 2. Available: <https://alair.ala.org/bitstream/handle/11213/9265/v15n4-nov2017-matters.pdf?sequence=4&isAllowed=y> **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J.C. (November 2017). Thoughts on diverse books and programs in time for Thanksgiving. *Yakety Yak Young Adult & Kids: A Newsletter for Youth Services Librarians*, 1(6): 1-2,8. **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J.C. (May 2017). Serving rainbow families in school libraries. Special "We Read Diverse Books" Issue. *School Library Connection*, 2(3): 5-8. **(Invited)**

- Naidoo, J.C. (October 2015 ). Diverse, digital storytimes: Digital media for cultural literacy programs. Special Diversity Issue. *LibrarySparks*, 13(2), 15-19. **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J.C. (Spring 2015). The Bloody Book Castle, Jella Lepman, & Me: Exploring Munich's Internationale Jugendbibliothek/International Youth Library (IJB/IYL). *Bridges: A Publication of USBBY*, 41(1), 32-35. **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J. C. (Spring 2012). Cultivating Latino cultural literacy: Pura Belpré award-winning books in library programming for teens and tweens. *Young Adult Library Services*, 10 (3), 32-36, 41. **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J. C. (2011). Jim Crow & Juan Crow: Welcome to Sweet Home Alabama. *ALLA Communicator*, 12(32), 10-12. **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J. C. and A. Ladd. (2011). So loud a silence: Library services to Latino youth with disabilities. *REFORMA Newsletter*, 29(3/4), 11-12.
- Naidoo, J. C. and F. Vargas. (Summer 2011). Libraries bridging the borderlands: Reaching Latino tweens and teens with targeted programming and collections. *Young Adult Library Services*, 9 (4), 13-20. **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J. C. (2011). Tooth stealers, lotería games, and immigrant cuentos: Exploring the literary worlds of René Colato Laínez. *REFORMA Newsletter*, 29(1/2),12-13.
- Naidoo, J. C. (2010). Bebés, rebozos y paletas: The cuentos of Carmen Tafolla. *REFORMA Newsletter*, 28(1/2),12-14.
- Naidoo, J. C. (2009). Embracing the world's reflections: The creative expressions of Maya Christina Gonzalez. *REFORMA Newsletter*, 27 (3/4),16-19.
- Naidoo, J. C. (2009). Just a minute with Yuyi Morales: Reflections on libraries, libros, y familia. *REFORMA Newsletter*, 27(1/2), 12-14.
- Naidoo, J. C. (2008). Una fiesta of books & bookjoy : A conversation with Pat Mora about her Día Picturebook *Book Fiesta!*. *REFORMA Newsletter*, 26 (3/4), 10- 11.
- Naidoo, J. C. (2008). Queer cuentos para nuestros niños: Latino youth literature & resources for librarians serving LGBTQ Latino youth and children of LGBT Latino parents. *REFORMA Newsletter*, 26 (1/2), 16-17.
- Naidoo, J. C. and J. López-Robertson. (2007). Descubriendo el sabor: Spanish bilingual book publishing and cultural authenticity. *Multicultural Review*, 16(4), 24-37. **(Invited)**
- Naidoo, J. C. (2007). Illuminating the imagination: A word with the creators of *The Storyteller's Candle/La velita de los cuentos*. *REFORMA Newsletter*, 25 (3/4), 12-13.
- Naidoo, J. C. (2007). Pura Belpré awards: A 10 year retrospective analysis. *REFORMA Newsletter*, 25 (1/2), 16-17.

#### **White Papers & Special Reports:**

- Naidoo, J.C. (July 2016). "Digital Media in the Children's Library." *The Library and Book Trade Almanac (formerly The Bowker Annual)*, 2016 edition. Medford, NJ: Information Today Inc., 3-19. **(Invited)**



- Naidoo, J. C. (April 2014). The Importance of Diversity in Library Programs and Material Collections for Children. Association for Library Service to Children. Available: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/importance-diversity>

### Handbooks & Curriculum Guides:

- Naidoo, J. C. (December 2019). *A Queer History of the United States for Young People: A Discussion Guide*. Boston, MA: Beacon Press. Available: <http://www.beacon.org/assets/clientpages/QueerHistoryYAtg.aspx> and <http://beacon.org/assets/PDFs/QueerHistoryYAtg.pdf>
- Naidoo, J.C. (August 2019). *The Best Award-Winning Children's Books of the Last Decade and How to Use Them in Your Program*. Medina, WA: Institute for Educational Development, 170 pages.

### Published Book Reviews:

- Naidoo, J.C. (June 2021). *Storytelling: Art & Technique*. Fifth edition. Edited by Janice Del Negro. Libraries Unlimited. ABC CLIO Online Website: <https://products.abc-clio.com/ABC-CLIOCorporate/product.aspx?pc=A6134P>
- Naidoo, J. C. (October 2020). *Book Review: Effective School Librarianship: Successful Professional Practices from Librarians around the World*" (2 volumes). Edited by Patrick Lo, Heather Rogers, and Dickson K.W. Chui. Routledge. *International Journal of Education & Literacy Studies*, 8(4), 98-99. <https://doi.org/10.7575/aiac.ijels.v.8n.4p.98> (Professional Book Set)
- Naidoo, J. C. (May 2016). *Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood*. Written by Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell. Illus. by Rafael López. *School Library Connection*, 1(9), 60.
- Naidoo, J. C. (May 2016). *Fathersonfather*. Written by Evan Jacobs. *School Library Connection*, 1(9), 72.
- Naidoo, J. C. (April 2016). *Poet's Workshop Series*. (4 books): *Read, Recite, and Write Cinquains*; *Read, Recite, and Write Concrete Poems*; *Read, Recite, and Write Haiku*; and *Read, Recite, and Write List Poems*. Written by Joann Early Macken. *School Library Connection*, 1(8), 61.
- Naidoo, J. C. (April 2016). *American Indian Art and Culture Series*. (4 books): *The Cherokee*, *The Iroquois*, *The Navajo*, and *The Ojibwa*. Written by multiple authors. *School Library Connection*, 1(8), 81.
- Naidoo, J. C. (January 2016). *We Shall Overcome Series: The Montgomery Bus Boycott: A Primary Source Exploration of the Protest for Equal Treatment*. Written by Allison Crotzer Kimmel and *Voices of the Civil Rights Movement: A Primary Source Exploration of the Struggle for Racial Equality*. Written by Lori Mortensen. *School Library Connection*, 1(5), 76-77.
- Naidoo, J. C. (January 2016). *Lillian's Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965*. Written by Jonah Winter. Illus. by Shane W. Evans. *School Library Connection*, 1(5), 60.
- Naidoo, J. C. (October 2015). *A Brush Full of Colour: The World of Ted Harrison*. Written by Margriet Ruurs and Katherine Gibson. *School Library Connection*, 1(2), 88.

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## RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- "Growing Young Environmentalists: Fostering Sustainability Literacy in Classrooms and Libraries" co-presenter with SLIS graduate student Cecilia Dupepe, Annual Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, University of Southern Mississippi's School of Library and Information Science, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, April 2022. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Navigating Tough Topics: Books that Will Help Children Better Understand Life's Challenges," co-presenter with SLIS graduate student Kaitlyn Lynch, Annual Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, University of Southern Mississippi's School of Library and Information Science, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, April 2021. **(National - Refereed)**
- "New Competencies of Children's Librarians: How ALSC Supports Libraries in the Digital Age," co-presenter with Marianne Martens, Cecilia McGowan, and Aimee Strittmatter, Libraries and Information Institutions in the Digital Age (LIDA) 2020 Conference, Dubrovnik, Croatia, May 2020. (Conference Cancelled Due to COVID-19) **(International - Refereed)**
- "A World of Rainbow Families: Visual Reflections of Hope in LGBTQ+ International Picture Books," 13<sup>th</sup> International Board on Books for Young People Regional Conference, Austin, TX, October 2019. **(International - Refereed)**
- "Sameness & Difference in Visual Representations of LGBTQ Characters in International Children's Picturebooks," co-presenter with SLIS graduate student Mercedes Zabawa, 36<sup>th</sup> International Board on Books for Young People World Congress, Athens, Greece, August 2018. **(International - Refereed)**
- "Justice, Representation, and Nonfiction Children's Literature: 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Master Class on Children's Literature," co-presenter with Amina Chaudhri, Denise Dávila, Rachel Kamin, Ruth Quiroa, Ebony Thomas, Jon Wargo, and Vivian Yenika-Agbaw, Children's Literature Assembly, National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, November 2017. **(National - Refereed)**

- "Radical Changes in Queer Children's Publishing: Examining the Power of Self-Published LGBTQ Children's Picture Books to Cross International Borders," 12<sup>th</sup> International Board on Books for Young People Regional Conference, Seattle, Washington, October 2017. **(International - Refereed)**
- "A Radical Interpretation of the 2015 ALSC Competencies," co-presenter with Sarah Park Dahlen, Edi Campbell, and Irania Patterson, American Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, June 2017. **(National - Refereed)**
- "A World Without Walls: The Power & Potential of Latinx Children's Literature," National Latino Children's Literature Conference, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, March 2017. **(Invited Keynote)**
- "Exploring More Rainbow Families in Children's Literature: From the Arne Nixon Center to the Corners of the World," Safe Zone and Arne Nixon Center Research Presentation, Fresno State University, Fresno, California, February 2017. **(Invited)**
- "Exploring the World of LGBTQAI++ Children's Books and Library Services," LGBTQAI+ Symposium, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, October 2016. **(Local - Invited)**
- "Not Your Granny's Dinner Conversation: Diversity, Race, Sex and Gender," co-presenter with Varian Johnson, Ashley Hope Pérez, Kelly Starling Lyons, Pat Enciso, Jason Low, Edith Campbell, and Dan Santat, ALSC Hot Topic Panel, American Library Association Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, June 2016. **(National - Refereed)**
- "LGBTQ Rights are Human Rights: Socially Responsible Approaches for Teachers," co-presenter with David Campos, Barbara Cruz, Robert Bailey, Elizabeth Meyer, Debra Fowler, J.B. Mayo, Maria Lewis, and Gloria Alter, 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council for the Social Studies, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2015. **(National - Refereed)**
- "A World of Rainbow Family Reflections: Exploring the Wonderland of International LGBTQ Children's Picture Books," 11<sup>th</sup> International Board on Books for Young People Regional Conference, New York, New York, October 2015. **(International - Refereed)**
- "Adventures through a Cultural Looking Glass and What We Found There: Trends in Diverse Children's Literature in the U.S. and Beyond," co-presenter and coordinator with Ramona Caponegro, Sarah Park Dahlen, Claudette McLinn, and Ruth Quiroa, 11<sup>th</sup> International Board on Books for Young People Regional Conference, New York, New York, October 2015. **(International - Refereed)**
- "The Trans Childhood of Jazz Jennings: A Life in Transition on the Page and Off the Screen," 22<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Congress of the International Research Society for Children's Literature, Worcester, United Kingdom, August 2015. **(International - Refereed)**
- "Rainbow Families @ Your Library," Turning the Pages of Diversity, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Children's Literature, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, April 2015. **(Invited Keynote)**
- "Diverse Digital Storytimes and Día: Promoting Cultural Competence in Library Programming with Children's Literature & Digital Media," Turning the Pages of Diversity, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Children's Literature, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, April 2015. **(Invited)**
- "The Bloody Book Castle, Jella Lepman, & You: Exploring Munich's International Youth Library," 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, University of Southern

Mississippi's School of Library and Information Science, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, April 2015. **(National - Refereed)**

- "Sustainable Training for Alabama Public Library Employees - Year Two Update," co-presenter (2<sup>nd</sup> author) with Steven Yates and Jeff Weddle. ALISE Works-in-Progress Poster Session, 2014 ALISE Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, January 2015. **(National)**
- "Tales of Gay Kings, Lesbian Warriors and Trans Lions: Exploring Inclusions and Exclusions in Queer children's and Young Adult Literature," co-presenter (1<sup>st</sup> author) with Robert Bittner, 34<sup>th</sup> IBBY International Congress, Mexico City, Mexico, September 2014. **(International - Refereed)**
- "Digital Lives, Diverse Youth: Connecting Children, Books, and Digital Media to Promote Cultural Competence," 47th Annual Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, University of Southern Mississippi's School of Library and Information Science, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, April 2014. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Cultural Competence in a Digital World: Linking Print & Digital Media to Promote Intercultural Connections in Digital Storytimes," co-presenter (1<sup>st</sup> author) with Sarah Park Dahlen in the "A Risky Business: Educational Entrepreneurship in Youth Services" program, 2014 ALISE Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 2014. **(National - Refereed)**
- "STAPLE: Sustainable Training for Alabama Public Library Employees: Augmenting 21st Century Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes in Library Managers," co-presenter (2<sup>nd</sup> author) with Jennifer Campbell-Meier and Jeff Weddle, ALISE Work-In-Progress Poster Session, 2014 ALISE Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 2014. **(National)**
- "Diverse Voices, Digital Narratives: Connecting Children, Books, and Digital Media to Promote Bookjoy Around the World," co-presenter with Sarah Park Dahlen, 10<sup>th</sup> International Board on Books for Young People Regional Conference, Saint Louis, Missouri, October 2013. **(International - Refereed)**
- "Cultivating Critical Conversations: A Selection of Diversity-Related SLIS Research," co-presenter, SLIS Alumni Day, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, October 2013.
- "Digital Lives, Diverse Stories: Connecting Youth, Books and Digital Media to Promote Cultural Competence," co-presenter with Sarah Park Dahlen, 21<sup>st</sup> Biennial Congress of the International Research Society for Children's Literature, Maastricht, Netherlands, August 2013. **(International - Refereed)**
- "Mediated Borders: Examining the Representation of Undocumented Latino Immigrants in Children's Literature and Digital Media," 21<sup>st</sup> Biennial Congress of the International Research Society for Children's Literature, Maastricht, Netherlands, August 2013. **(International - Refereed)**
- "Finding Our Voices: Promoting Cultural Competence with Children's Literature and Digital Media," Alabama Library Association Annual Conference, Montgomery, Alabama, April 2013. **(Invited Speaker)**
- "Library Services to Latino & Spanish-Speaking Populations in New Latino South States with Illegal Immigration Laws," co-presenter in the SLIS Research Roundup panel, Alabama Library Association Annual Conference, Montgomery, Alabama, April 2013. **(State)**

- "Getting Personal Between the Covers: Subversive Storytimes and 'Out'-reach for Non-traditional Families in Socially Conservative Communities," 46th Annual Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, University of Southern Mississippi's School of Library and Information Science, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, April 2013. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Passports to Access: Exploring Library Services to Latino & Spanish-Speaking Populations in New South States with Anti-Immigration Laws," co-presenter (1<sup>st</sup> author) with SLIS Student Lance Simpson, Research Poster Session, 2013 College of Communication and Information Sciences' Discerning Diverse Voices Diversity Research Symposium, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, March 2013.
- "Subversive Family Storytimes: Redefining Gender and Family Composition to Serve LGBTQ Families in Socially Conservative Communities," presenter in the "Beauty of Subversion: Asking the Difficult Questions in Youth Research, Teaching, and Practice" program, 2013 ALISE Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington, January 2013. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Bridging Broken Borders: Library Services to Latino and Spanish-Speaking Populations in New Latino South States with Anti-Immigration Laws," co-presenter with SLIS Student Lance Simpson, ALISE Work-In-Progress Poster Session, 2013 ALISE Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington, January 2013. **(National)**
- "Rainbow Family Collections: Celebrating Stories and Embracing LGBTQ Families," 2<sup>nd</sup> National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, Kansas City, Missouri, September 2012. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Exploring Borderlands in Alabama and Beyond: Undocumented Immigrants in Libraries and Library Collections," co-presenter in the SLIS Research Roundup panel, Alabama Library Association Annual Conference, Hoover, Alabama, April 2012. **(State)**
- "Pura Belpré and Her Libros: Celebrating the Award and the Namesake Librarian," 45th Annual Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, University of Southern Mississippi's School of Library and Information Science, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, April 2012. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Heather Has Two Nations: Depictions of GLBTQ Themes and Topics in Picture Books from Around the World," co-presenter with K.T. Horning, 9<sup>th</sup> International Board on Books for Young People Regional Conference, Fresno, California October 2011. **(International - Refereed)**
- "Exploring the Daily Experiences of Latino Youth with Authentic Children's and Young Adult Literature," co-presenter and coordinator, 2011 RNC IV (Fourth REFORMA National Conference), Denver, Colorado, September 2011. **(National - Refereed)** - This presentation also included research posters on Latino children's literature developed by University of Alabama SLIS graduate students.
- "Illuminating the Path for Latinos in Librarianship: Pura Belpré – Storyteller, Bilingual Librarian, and Children's Advocate," presenter in the Multicultural Information Round Table (MCRT) research panel, Alabama Library Association Annual Conference, Orange Beach, Alabama, April 2011. **(Invited Speaker)**
- "Celebrating Latino Cultures, Literature, and Literacy Everyday with Américas and Pura Belpré Award-Winning Books," 44th Annual Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, University of Southern Mississippi's School of Library and Information Science, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, April 2011. **(National - Refereed)** – This is the first year that presentations have been refereed.

- "Broken Borders: Examining the Representation of Undocumented Latino Immigrants in Children's Media," 2011 College of Communication and Information Sciences' Discerning Diverse Voices Diversity Research Symposium, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, March 2011.
- "Competition for Representation in Queer Children's Picture Books: Who's In and Who's Out," presenter in the "Competition and Innovation in Youth Services: What It Means for School and Public Libraries" program, 2011 ALISE Annual Conference, San Diego, California, January 2011. **(National - Refereed)**
- "When Will They Focus on MY Family?: Queer Families Competing for Equal Public Library Services," 2011 ALISE Annual Conference, San Diego, California, January 2011. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Collaborative Diversity: Understanding Public Library Services to Culturally Diverse Populations: A Service Learning Project," Research Poster, National Diversity in Libraries Conference, Princeton, New Jersey, July 2010. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Promoting Cultural & Family Literacy @ the Library with Día and Noche de Cuentos," co-presenter, Research Poster, National Diversity in Libraries Conference, Princeton, New Jersey, July 2010. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Focus on the MY Family: Public Library Collections & Services for Gender Variant Children and Children with LGBTQ Parents," National Diversity in Libraries Conference, Princeton, New Jersey, July 2010. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Mirrors, Windows, and Doors to the Americas: Exploring Latino Cultures via Américas Award-winning Picture Books," 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Hamilton Conference, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, April 2010. **(Invited Speaker)**
- "Focus on MY Family First: Public Library Services to Gender-Variant Children and Children of Same-Sex Parents in U.S. Cities with High Concentrations of Same-Sex Families with Children," 2010 College of Communication and Information Sciences' Discerning Diverse Voices Diversity Research Symposium, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, March 2010.
- "Inclusive Voices: Embracing Diversity in Youth Services," co-moderator and co-organizer with Brian Sturm, ALISE Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, January 2010. **(National)**
- "Picturing My Family: A Critical Analysis of International Picture Books Depicting Same-Sex Households and Gay Themes," ALISE 2010 Work-In-Progress Poster Session, ALISE Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, January 2010. **(National)**
- "Connecting Classrooms, Growing Comunidad, and Celebrating Diverse Latino Cultures via Libraries and el Día de los Niños/el Día de los Libros," First Triennial Conference on Latino Education and Immigration Integration, University of Georgia, Athens, October 2009. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Reflections of the Americas: Visual and Textual Representations of Latino Cultures in Américas and Pura Belpré Award-Winning Picture Books," First Triennial Conference on Latino Education and Immigration Integration, University of Georgia, Athens, October 2009. **(National - Refereed)**

- "Converging Cultures & Opening Minds: A Critical Analysis of International LGBTQ Picture Books," 8<sup>th</sup> International Board on Books for Young People Regional Conference, St. Charles, Illinois, October 2009. **(International - Refereed)**
- "Charting Courses: Diversity Research Grants," co-presenter, 2009 American Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, July 2009. **(National - Invited)**
- "Teaching Children's Literature in LIS Education," co-presenter in the "Teaching Children's Literature – What Are the Instructional Views and Practices?" program, 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Michigan Reading Association Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, March 2009. **(Invited Speaker)**
- "Concept of Latino Youth in Relation to Library Services to Spanish-Speaking Latinos," presenter in the "Transforming Visions of Youth for LIS Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" program, 2009 ALISE Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado, January 2009. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Focus on MY Family: Examining Public Library Services for LGBTQ Children and Children with Same-Sex Parents," ALISE 2009 Work-In-Progress Poster Session, Denver, Colorado, January 2009. **(National)**
- "Puentes de la Comunidad: Understanding and Bridging the Gaps Between South Carolina's Latinos, Libraries, and Legislators," co-presenter, REFORMA National Conference III, El Paso, Texas, September 2008. **(National - Refereed)**
- "An Intricate Tapestry of Cultures: Examining the Representation of the Diverse Guatemalan Subcultures in Children's Fiction & Folklore," co-presenter with Clayton Copeland, 27<sup>th</sup> Annual ALA Poster Session, Anaheim, California, June 2008. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Empowering Diversity: Using Traditional and Multimodal Texts to Promote Multicultural Literacy and Intercultural Connections," A Place for Children's and Young Adult Literature in New Literacies Classrooms Conference, 2008 Toronto Reading Council Conference, Toronto, Ontario (Canada), April 2008. **(International – Refereed)**
- "Ethnic Identity Development: Latino Children and Picturebook Illustrations," presenter in the "Celebrating the Joys of Youth Services: A Baker's Dozen of Research Excerpts" program, 2008 ALISE Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 2008. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Comunidad para nuestros niños?: Exploring the Impact of LIS Service Learning on Library Services to Latino Youth in the Carolinas," 2008 ALISE Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 2008. **(National - Refereed)**
- "An Intricate Tapestry of Cultures: Examining the Representation of the Diverse Guatemalan Subcultures in Children's Fiction," co-presenter with Robin Fogle Kurz, ALISE 2008 Work-In-Progress Poster Session, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 2008. **(National)**
- "Identifying and Publishing Children's Books for the Latino Market," 7<sup>th</sup> International Board on Books for Young People Regional Conference - United States Board on Books for Young People, co-presenter, Tucson, Arizona, November 2007. **(International - Refereed)**
- "Latinos/as and Education in South Carolina: Multiple Research Perspectives Informing Policy and Practice," co-presenter, Latino Immigration to New Settlement Areas: Trends and Implications: An International Conference, Columbia, South Carolina, October 2007. **(International - Refereed)**

- "We're All Queer Here: Visual and Textual Analyses of Picturebooks with Gay and Lesbian Characters," ALISE 2007 Work-In-Progress Poster Session, Seattle, Washington, January 2007. **(National)**
- "Buscando una cara como la mía/Seeking a Face Like Mine: Visual and Textual Representation of Latino Subcultures in Américas and Pura Belpré Award-winning Picturebooks," ALISE 2006 Work-In-Progress Poster Session, San Antonio, Texas, January 2006. **(National)**

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, SEMINARS, AND WORKSHOPS

- "Beyond Book Hugs: Helping Kids (& Librarians) Navigate Tough Topics through Books," Opening Keynote, KidsLIB Mini-Con, Ocala, Florida, February 2023. **(Regional – Invited Keynote)**
- "What's Your Story?: Dynamic Storytelling with a Purpose," KidsLIB Mini-Con, Ocala, Florida, February 2023 **(National – Invited)**
- "Over the Rainbow and Under the Radar: Serving LGBTQ+ Children, Teens, and Families in KY Libraries," 2022 Kentucky Young Adult & Children's (KYAC) Conference, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort, Kentucky, October 2022. **(Regional – Invited)**
- "Children's and School Librarians as Media Mentors," IMLS-funded Media Literacy in Early Childhood Professional Development Webinar for Library Staff - Cohort 2, The Technology in Early Childhood (TEC) Center at Erikson Institute, Chicago, Illinois, October 2022. **(National – Invited)**
- "Including & Celebrating LGBTQ+ Voices in Library Collections, Services, and Programs," Alabama Library Association Annual Convention, Montgomery, AL, August 2022. **(Local – Invited)**
- "Welcome Back to SLIS" Showcasing Student & Faculty Research and Creative Scholarship," moderator and co-Presenter with Dr. John Burgess, Dr. Steven MacCall, and Dr. Bharat Mehra, Alabama Library Association Annual Convention, Montgomery, AL, August 2022. **(Local)**
- "Developing Inclusive Displays and Collections for the LGBTQ+ Community," Staff Professional Development Day, O'Neal Public Library, Mountain Brook, AL, August 2022. **(Local – Invited)**
- "Exploring the Power of Picturebooks: Using the Caldecott and Other Award-winning Children's Picturebooks in Your Classrooms and Libraries," Presentation part of the Childhood Classics: 100 Years of Children's Book Illustration exhibition, Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts and Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, Florence, Alabama, February 2022. **(Regional - Invited)**
- "Celebrating Fifty Years of Stonewall Book Awards," co-presenter with John D'Emilio, Christine Jenkins, Dontaná McPherson-Joseph, and Rae-Anne Montague, American Library Association Annual Conference, Virtual, June 2021. **(National-Invited)**
- "Diversifying Library Services via Inclusive Spaces, Programs, and Collections," Jefferson County Public Library Association (JCPLA) Staff Appreciation Week, Birmingham Public Library, Birmingham, AL, September 2020. **(Local - Invited)**

- "Strategic Planning for Board Members," ALSC Board Orientation, 2020 ALA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (Virtual), June 2020. **(National - Invited)**
- "Exploring the Shape of Hope in Works by Mexican Children's Book Creators," Panelist with Adolfo Córdova, Tania de Regil, and Amanda Mijangos, and Moderator, 13<sup>th</sup> International Board on Books for Young People Regional Conference, Austin, TX, October 2019. **(International - Invited)**
- "Equity for All: Librarians Connecting the Right Media with the Right Child at the Right Time," Presenter on "Strategies for Equity in Early Media Literacy" panel of Media Literacy Starts Young Preconference, New America and NAMLE, Washington, DC, June 2019. **(National - Invited)**
- "Bullying Responses in ALSC," co-presenter with Aimee Strittmatter, Bullying Panel with Diane Foote, Amy Koester, and Emily Knox, Defeating the Bullies and Trolls in the Library Symposium, Skokie Public Library, Skokie, IL, March 2019. **(Regional - Invited)**
- "Media Mentorship for Librarians and Library Professionals Serving Young Children," National Leadership Forum for the Alliance for Media Literacy in Early Childhood Informal Learning, Technology in Early Childhood (TEC) Center at Erikson Institute, Chicago, IL, January 2019. **(National - Invited)**
- "A is for Advocacy," Opening Keynote Address, co-Presented with Sarah Park Dahlen, Edi Campbell, and Patricia Enciso, 2018 Association for Library Services to Children National Institute, Cincinnati, OH, September 2018. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Promoting Diversity, Inclusion, and Advocacy in Children's Library Services with Día," co-presenter with Aimee Strittmatter, Poster Presentation, 36<sup>th</sup> International Board on Books for Young People World Congress, Athens, Greece, August 2018. **(International - Refereed)**
- "The Four D's of Translation in Children's Publishing: Diversity, Drag, Disguise and Delectation," program organizer and facilitator, United States Board on Books for Young People program at the American Library Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2018. **(National)**
- "On the Road with AASL and ALSC," co-presenter with Steven Yates, Alabama Library Association Annual Conference, Florence, Alabama, April 2018. **(State)**
- "Celebrating Outstanding International Books and Author-Illustrator Jillian Tamaki," moderator and program organizer, United States Board on Books for Young People meeting at the American Library Association Midwinter Conference, Denver, Colorado, February 2018. **(National)**
- "ALSC 101," co-presenter with Claudette McLinn, Gloria Repolesk, and Lisa Von Drasek, American Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, June 2017. **(National - Invited)**
- "Serving ALL Families in Your Library: Library Services, Collections, and Programs for Rainbow Families," co-Presenter with Megan Roberts, ALSC Mini-Institute/Preconference, 2017 ALA Midwinter Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, January 2017. **(National - Refereed)**



- "Serving ALL Families in Your Library: Inclusive Library Collections and Programs for LGBTQ Families & Children," co-Presenter with Megan Roberts, 2016 Association for Library Services to Children National Institute, Online, September 2016. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Between the Covers and Under the Radar: Subversive Storytimes and 'Out'-reach for LGBTQ Families @ Your Library," Alabama Library Association Annual Conference, Gadsden, Alabama, April 2016. **(State)**
- "Beyond the Boundaries of Protocol and Good Intentions: Public Library Outreach to Diverse Patrons," Alabama Library Association Annual Conference, Gadsden, Alabama, April 2016. **(State)**
- "S.T.A.P.L.E.: Raising the Bar for Alabama Public Libraries," co-presenter with Seven Yates, Jessica Ross, and Jim Smith, Alabama Library Association Annual Conference, Gadsden, Alabama, April 2016. **(State)**
- "Opening Doors with Culturally Relevant Library Materials & Services for Latino and Spanish-Speaking Students," Opening Doors Conference for School Librarians, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), Birmingham, Alabama, March 2016. **(State - Invited Keynote)**
- "Progress Report for Sustainable Training for Alabama Public Library Employees (STAPLE)," co-presenter (2<sup>nd</sup> author) with Seven Yates, Jeff Weddle, Jessica Ross, Donovan Reinwald, Christie Bethard, and Jim Smith, Poster Session, Alabama Library Association Annual Conference, Point Clear, Alabama, April 2015. **(State)**
- "Literacy Resources for Hispanic Parents," Hispanic Parent Leadership Academy, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, March 2015. **(Local – Invited)**
- "Diversity in Tween Literature," facilitator and presenter in the "Breakfast for Bill [Morris] program with [children's authors] Tim Federle, Pam Muñoz Ryan, Rita Williams-Garcia and Gene Luen Yang," 2014 Association for Library Services to Children National Institute, Oakland, California, September 2014. **(National - Invited)**
- "Importance of Diversity in Library Programs and Material Collections for Children," ALSC Membership Meeting, 2014 American Library Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, June 2014. **(National - Invited)**
- "Dynamic Digital Día: Promoting Cultural Competence in Digital Storytimes," co-presenter and coordinator ALSC Hot Topic Program, 2014 American Library Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, June 2014. **(National - Refereed)**
- "How do YOU Día?: An Interactive Showcase of Culturally Diverse Children's Library Programs," co-presenter, ALA Poster Session, 2014 American Library Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, June 2014. **(National - Refereed)**
- "No Habla Español? No Problem!: Public Library Services for Spanish-speaking Families," 2014 Maryland Library Association - Delaware Library Association Conference, Ocean City, Maryland, May 2014. **(Invited)**
- "Over the Rainbow, Under the Radar: Public Library Services for LGBTQ Children and Families in Conservative Communities," 2014 Maryland Library Association - Delaware Library Association Conference, Ocean City, Maryland, May 2014. **(Invited)**
- "Wild About Read-Alouds!: Exploring the Art of Read-Alouds in the Library," Alabama Library Association Annual Conference, Huntsville, Alabama, April 2014. **(State)**

- "The School Library as Portal to Family Diversity: Subversive Storytimes and 'Out'-reach to LGBTQ Families in Your School," Florida Association for Media in Education (FAME) 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, November 2013. **(Invited)**
- "The Author as Outcast: Mae West, Oscar Wilde, and the Social Politics of Reading," co-presenter with William Hutchings and Keya Kraft, Desert Island Supply Co. Creative Writing Center, Birmingham, Alabama, September 2013. **(Invited)**
- "Training for Non-MLS Degreed Public Library Administrators," co-presenter, Alabama Library Association Annual Conference, Montgomery, Alabama, April 2013. **(State)**
- "S.T.A.P.L.E.: Sustainable Training for Alabama Public Library Employees: Augmenting 21st Century Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes in Library Managers," co-presenter, SLIS Alumni Day, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, October 2012.
- "A Día Gathering: Celebrating and Embracing Diverse Children, Cultures, and Books," co-presenter and coordinator, 2<sup>nd</sup> National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, Kansas City, Missouri, September 2012. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Reaching Students from Many Cultures: Cultural Literacy @ Your School Library," presenter, Tuscaloosa County Schools Library Media Professional Development Day, Northport, Alabama, August 2012. **(Invited)**
- "Exploring Rainbow Family Collections," co-presenter and coordinator, 2012 American Library Association Annual Conference, Anaheim, California, June 2012. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Using Print and Digital Latino Youth Literature to Promote Multiple Literacies and Intercultural Connections," co-presenter and coordinator, 2012 Alabama School Library Association Conference, Mountain Brook, Alabama, June 2012. **(State)**
- "Día Showcase: Celebrating 15 Years of Cultural and Reading Literacy," co-presenter and coordinator, 2011 RNC IV (Fourth REFORMA National Conference), Denver, Colorado, September 2011. **(National - Refereed)**
- "YA-licious Authorship para los Nuestros: A Discussion with Prominent Latino Young Adults Authors," co-presenter and co-coordinator with Francisco Vargas, 2011 RNC IV (Fourth REFORMA National Conference), Denver, Colorado, September 2011. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Pura Belprè Showcase: Highlights from Fifteen Years of Award-winning Latino Children's Literature," co-presenter, 2011 RNC IV (Fourth REFORMA National Conference), Denver, Colorado, September 2011. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Beyond Fiestas, Calaveras, and Quinceañeras: Exploring Relevant Cultural Issues and Daily Experiences of Contemporary Latino Youth via High-Quality Literature," co-presenter and coordinator, 2011 American Library Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2011. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Set Sail to Celebrate Cultural Diversity in the Library via Día (Children's Day/Book Day) and Noche de Cuentos,". Alabama Library Association Annual Conference, Orange Beach, Alabama, April 2011. **(Invited Speaker)**

- "Latino Literature and Services to Spanish-Speaking Families," co-presenter in the "Diversity in Children's Literature" panel with K.T. Horning and Viki Ash, 2010 Association for Library Services to Children National Institute, Atlanta, Georgia, September 2010. **(National-Invited)**
- "Día is Diversity in Action: A Program of El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day)," co-presenter and coordinator, 2010 American Library Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., June 2010. **(National-Invited)**
- "Sensational Storytelling: Exciting Strategies for Lively Story Programs," Alabama Library Association Annual Conference, Huntsville, Alabama, April 2010. **(Invited Speaker)**
- "Multicultural Programming: Sharing Similarities and Celebrating Differences," co-presenter with Lucia Gonzalez, 13<sup>th</sup> National Public Library Association Conference, Portland, Oregon, March 2010. **(National - Invited)**
- "Beyond Cinco de Mayo: Celebrating Latino Cultures, Literature, and Literacy Everyday," 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Charlotte S. Huck Children's Literature Festival, University of Redlands, California, March 2010. **(National)**
- "Cuentos de las Americas: Celebrating Latino Cultures and Día with Recent Outstanding Latino Children's Books: A Program of El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day)," co-presenter and coordinator, 2009 American Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, July 2009. **(National)**
- "No Habla Español? No Problem!: Resources, Materials, and Programs for Non-Spanish Speaking Media Specialists Serving Latino Children," Alabama Instructional Media Association (AIMA) Summer Conference 2009, Birmingham, Alabama, June 2009. **(State)**
- "New Directions, New Faculty," co-presenter, Alabama Library Association Annual Conference, Auburn, Alabama, April 2009. **(State)**
- "Curious About the Caldecott?," 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, University of Southern Mississippi's School of Library and Information Science, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, April 2009. **(Invited Speaker)**
- "Poco a Poco: Small Steps Towards Big Change in Serving Latino Patrons in Alabama's Libraries," SLIS Alumni and Friends Day, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, November 2008. **(Invited Speaker)**
- "Connecting Cultures and Celebrating Cuentos: Highlighting Three Latino Children's Literature Awards," co-presenter, REFORMA National Conference III, El Paso, Texas, September 2008. **(National - Refereed)**
- "Queering Our Cuentos: Latino Youth Literature & Resources for Librarians Serving LGBTQ Latino Youth," presenter in the REFORMA President's Program "Libraries & Justice For the Latino GLBT Community," ALA Annual Conference, Anaheim, California, June 2008. **(National - Invited)**
- "Celebrating Cuentos de las Américas: Reflecting and Understanding Latino Cultures through Quality Children's Literature," University of South Carolina's First Annual Celebration of Latino Children's Literature Conference, Columbia, South Carolina, April 2008. **(National)**

- "Connecting Latinos & Libraries: Literacy Resources, Materials, and Programs for Non-Spanish Speaking Librarians Serving Latino Children," Gaston County School Library Media End of the Year Meeting, Gastonia, North Carolina, April 2008. **(Invited Speaker)**
- "Passports to Understanding: Promoting Intercultural Literacy with Outstanding International Children's and Young Adult Books," 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, University of Southern Mississippi's School of Library and Information Science, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, April 2008. **(Invited Speaker)**
- "Passports to the World: Using the Best International Children's and Young Adult Books in Your Library," South Carolina Association of School Librarians Annual Conference, Columbia, South Carolina, March 2008. **(State)**
- "Latinos, Libraries & Literacy: Resources for Librarians Serving South Carolina's Latino Youth," Richland County Library Youth Services Meeting, Columbia, South Carolina, March 2008. **(Invited Speaker)**
- Beyond Cinco de Mayo: Providing Services for Hispanic/Latino Patrons," co-presenter, North Carolina School Library Media Association Annual Conference, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, November 2007. **(Invited Speaker)**
- "Poco a Poco: Small Steps Towards Big Change in Serving South Carolina's Latino Population," co-presenter, South Carolina Library Association Annual Conference, Columbia, South Carolina, October 2007. **(State)**
- "Serving South Carolina's Latino Youth: Resources for Children's and Young Adult Librarians," South Carolina Library Association Annual Conference, Columbia, South Carolina, October 2007. **(State)**
- "Reflecting and Understanding Latino Cultures through Children's Literature," 2<sup>nd</sup> Hispanic/Latino Institute, South Carolina Head Start Association, Columbia, South Carolina, October 2007. **(Invited Speaker)**
- "Libros para Niños Latinos: Integrating Latino Children's Literature into the Curriculum," Poster Presentation, South Carolina Association of School Librarians Annual Conference, Columbia, South Carolina, March 2007. **(State)**
- "Celebrando la Cultura Latina: Resources and Materials for Non-Spanish Speaking School Librarians Serving Latino Children," South Carolina Association of School Librarians Annual Conference, Columbia, South Carolina, March 2007. **(State)**
- "Beyond Tacos, Piñatas, and Fiestas: Integrating Latino Children's Literature into the Elementary School Curriculum," 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, University of Southern Mississippi's School of Library and Information Science, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, March 2007. **(Invited Speaker)**
- "Embracing the Faces at the Window: Recent Research and Selected Resources for Public Libraries Serving Latino Children," Lexington County Public Library's Children's Services Annual Holiday Meeting, Lexington, South Carolina, December 2006. **(Invited Speaker)**
- "Getting One Step Closer to 'A.B.D.': Strategies for Successful Comprehensive Exams," co-presenter, workshop sponsored by the College of Communication & Information Studies, University of Alabama, November 2005. **(Local – Invited Speaker)**

- "Being a Successful Teaching Assistant" and "Student Publishing and Conference Presentations," co-presenter, CCIS Doctoral Student Retreat 2005, University of Alabama, August 2005. **(Local – Invited Speaker)**
- "Awesome Excerpts: Booktalking 2004 Award-Winning Books," co-presenter, Young Adult Services Roundtable, Alabama Library Association Annual Conference, Montgomery, Alabama, April 2004. **(State - Invited Speaker)**

## **CONTRACT/CONSULTING WORK, INTERVIEWS, & ADVISORY BOARDS**

- Professional Webinar Presenter/Consultant, "Beyond the 5 Fs in Educational Curricula: Culturally Relevant Content for Diverse Learners," Webinar, McGraw-Hill Education, USA, February 2022.
- Professional Webinar Presenter, "Welcoming & Celebrating LGBTQ+ Voices in Library Services, Collections, and Programs for All Ages," Webinar, Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC), Florida, January 2022.
- Professional Webinar Presenter/Consultant, "Developing Responsive Collections for LGBTQ+ Patrons of All Ages," Webinar, RAILS Regional Library System and Cooperative Computer Services, Arlington Heights, Illinois, September 2021.
- Invited Advisor/Consultant, "Supporting 21st Century Librarians: Media Literacy Professional Development for Youth Librarians" project (an IMLS Laura Bush Life Long Learning Project grant), The Technology in Early Childhood (TEC) Center at Erikson Institute, Chicago, Illinois, September 2021 – Pres.
- Professional Webinar Presenter/Consultant, "A Rainbow of Services: Meeting the Informational & Recreational Needs of LGBTQ+ Children and Teens," Webinar, Maryland State Library, July 2021.
- Expert Interviewee, "Inner Truths, Part 2: The Research Behind LGBTQ+ Children's Books," Medicine Podcast, Reach Out and Read, June 2021, Available: <https://reachoutandread.libsyn.com/inner-truths-part-2-the-research-behind-lgbtq-childrens-books>
- Professional Webinar Presenter/Consultant, "When All Means ALL: Serving Rainbow Families in Your Library," Webinar, South Carolina State Library, Columbia, South Carolina, April 2021.
- Professional Webinar Presenter/Consultant, "Selecting and Using Latinx Children's and YA Literature in Your Library," Webinar, South Carolina State Library, Columbia, South Carolina, March 2021.
- Expert Interviewee, "Alabama professor on Dr. Seuss: Discontinuing racist books isn't 'cancel culture'," *AL.com* Interview, March 2021, Available: <https://www.al.com/life/2021/03/alabama-professor-on-dr-seuss-discontinuing-racist-books-isnt-cancel-culture.html>
- Invited Advisor/Consultant, "Future of Youth Public Librarian Education" project (an IMLS Laura Bush Continuing Education grant), School of Information and Library Science, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, September 2020 – Pres.
- Invited Advisor, "International Directory of Special Collections in Children's and Young Adult Literature" project, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, January 2020- Pres.

- Full Day Training Co-Consultant, "Idaho Libraries Serving All." In person training with Katie Scherrer, Idaho Commission for Libraries, Boise, Idaho, November 2019.
- Professional Workshop Presenter, "Critically Assessing Racism and Bias in Children's Books," In person workshop, Idaho Commission for Libraries, Boise, Idaho, November 2019.
- Full Day Professional Workshop Presenter, "The Best Award-Winning Children's Books of the Last Decade and How to Use Them in Your Program," In person workshop, Institute for Educational Development/Bureau of Educational Research, Multiple Cities (Boston, MA, Manchester, NH, St. Louis, MO, and Springfield, MO), October 2019 and November 2019.
- Full Day Training Consultant, "Welcoming Library Spaces Where All Means All: Inclusive & Targeted Programs, Collections, & Outreach for Diverse Families." In person training, Mid-America Library Alliance, Lawrence, Kansas, April 2019.
- Half-Day Training Consultant, "Creating Welcoming Spaces & Places for Diverse Children & Families where *All Means All*" and "Developing Inclusive & Targeted Programs & Outreach for Diverse Families." In person training, Salt Lake City Public Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, November 2018.
- Full-Day Training Consultant, "A Rainbow of Opportunity: Library Programs and Services for LGBTQAI+ Patrons of All Ages," In person training, Arundel County Public Library System, Annapolis, Maryland, October 2018.
- Professional Workshop Presenter, "Children's Services 101" In person workshop, Auburn Public Library, Auburn, Alabama, October 2018.
- Professional Workshop Presenter, "Successful Storytelling Strategies," In person workshop, Auburn Public Library, Auburn, Alabama, October 2018.
- Half-Day Training Consultant, "When 'All' Means All: Library Services & Programs to Diverse Children and Their Caregivers," In person training, Poudre River Public Library District, Fort Collins, Colorado, January 2018.
- Research Team Member and Advisor, IMLS 2017 National Leadership Grants for Libraries Program, National Impact of Library Public Programs Assessment: Phase II, American Library Association, Chicago, Illinois, June 2017 – July 2019
- Half-Day Training Consultant, "Cultural Competence in the Children's Library," In person training, Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Library Development, Pennsylvania, September 2016.
- Professional Webinar Presenter, "Cultural Literacy Programs in Your Library: Connecting with Diverse Children & Families," Webinar, *Infopeople*, California, August 2016.
- Invited Advisor/Consultant, "Project READY: Reimagining Equity Access for Diverse Youth" project (an IMLS Laura Bush Continuing Education grant), School of Information and Library Science, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, June 2016 – July 2018.
- Professional Webinar Presenter, "Serving LGBTQ Children, Teens, and Families at Your Library: Considerations for Collections and Programs," Webinar, Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC), Florida, May 2016.

- Full-Day Training Consultant, "Beyond Good Intentions: Suggestions for Quality, Culturally Diverse Collections and Programs for Children, Teens, and Families," In person training, Southern Maryland Regional Library System, Maryland, March 2016.
- Professional Workshop Presenter, "Selecting and Using Latino Children's Literature in Your Library," In person workshop, Western Maryland Regional Library, Maryland, February 2016.
- Professional Workshop Presenter, "Selecting and Using LGBTQ Children's Literature in Your Library," In person workshop, Western Maryland Regional Library, Maryland, February 2016.
- Professional Webinar Presenter, "Serving Rainbow Families @ Your Library: Collections and Programs for LGBTQ Children, Teens, and Caregivers," Webinar Series, Northeast Florida Library Information Network (NEFLIN), Florida, February 2016.
- Professional Workshop Presenter, "Selecting and Using Latino Children's Literature in Your Library," In person workshop, Eastern Shore Regional Library System, Maryland, November 2015.
- Professional Workshop Presenter, "Selecting and Using LGBTQ Children's Literature in Your Library," In person workshop, Eastern Shore Regional Library System, Maryland, November 2015.
- Professional Webinar Presenter, "Diversity in Action in Your Children's Department: Selecting and Using Diverse Children's Books," Webinar, Southern Maryland Regional Library System, June 2015.
- Advisory Board Member, "LGBTQ & Diversity Textbooks, Scholarly and Professional Publications," Harrington Park Press, July 2015 - Pres.
- Advisory Board Member, "Diversity in Children's Apps," project, Literary Safari Inc, April 2015 – August 2015.
- Author & Expert Interviewee and Guest Speaker, "LGBTQ Children's Literature Trends and Writing Children's Books for Rainbow Families," Heart of It Online Course for Children's Writers, Maya Christina Gonzalez, March 2015 – May 2015.
- Invited Advisor/Consultant, "Closing the App Gap" project (an IMLS National Leadership grant), Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, October 2013 – December 2014.
- Advisor, "NCTE Resolution on the Need for Diverse Books in All Literacies," Official National Council of Teachers of English Organization Resolution, October 2014.
- Expert Interviewee for professional article, "Check It Out!: Want Help Boosting Cultural Responsiveness at Your School? Ask Your Librarian," Written by Joe Hansen, *Teaching Tolerance* magazine, Fall 2014, 20-22.
- Professional Webinar Presenter, "Rainbow Family Connections: Embracing LGBTQ Families at Your Library," Webinar, *Infopeople*, California, June 2014.
- Professional Webinar Presenter, "Rainbow Family Connections: Developing Library Collections and Programs inclusive of LGBTQ Children & Families," Webinar, Southern Maryland Regional Library System, January 2014.

- Expert Interviewee, "Gettin' Subversive: Welcoming LGBTQ Families at Your Library," ALSC Blog Interview, Written by Africa Hands, June 2013, Available: <http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2013/06/gettin-subversive-welcoming-lgbt-families-at-your-library/>
- Professional Webinar Co-Presenter, "Do you Día: El Día de los niños/el Día de los libros at Your Library," Webinar, Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services, Bureau of Library Development, March 2013.
- Expert Interviewee for professional article, "Librarians Sound Off: Not a Lack of Latino Lit for Kids, but a Lack of Awareness," Written by Shelley Diaz, *School Library Journal*, January 2013, Available: <http://www.slj.com/2013/01/collection-development/librarians-sound-off-not-a-lack-of-latino-lit-for-kids-but-a-lack-of-awareness/#>
- Intellectual Freedom Consultant, Private Client. November 2012 – 2013.
- Latino Children's Literature Independent Consultant and Manuscript Reviewer, Multiple Latino Authors, November 2012 – Present.
- Latino Children's Literature & Literacy Educational Consultant and Curriculum Developer, Children's Defense Fund, Freedom Schools, Washington, DC, July 2012 – 2014.
- Latino Children's Media & Educational Consultant, Sesame Street/Sesame Workshop, New York, February 2012 – December 2013.
- Professional Webinar Presenter, "Connecting with Many Children from Many Cultures: Cultural Literacy @ Your Library," Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) Día Webinar, December 2011 and February 2012.
- Expert Interviewee, "School News Awards: Pura Belpré and Américas Children's Book Awards," Professional Development Interview for EBSCO, Inc. Novelist, *Novelist School News: Multicultural Literature*, January 2011.
- Guest Expert, "Cultural Authenticity in Latino Picture Books," Contracted Guest Lecturer for CURRINS 579: Using Children's Literature to Explore Latin American/Latino Cultural Heritage, Online Course, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Curriculum and Instruction Department, June/July 2009.
- Latino Children's Literature Consultant, *Essential Guide to Spanish Reading for Children and Young Adults*, Consultant for REFORMA and America Reads Spanish, contributed recommended book annotations for publication, May 2009.
- Expert Interviewee, "Outreach to Latino Populations, A Conversation with Dr. Jamie Campbell Naidoo," Professional Podcast for the Association for Library Services to Children, April 2009.
- Expert Interviewee, "Best Practices: Latino Literacy and Library Services," Professional Development Interview for EBSCO, Inc. Novelist, *Novelist School News: El día de los niños/El día de los libros*, March 2009.
- Professional Workshop Presenter, "Growing Comunidad: Library Programs and Materials for Latino Youth," Professional Development Workshop in the Panning for Gold Continuing Education Series, University of South Carolina, September 2007.



- Professional Video Presenter, "A Tapestry of Cultures: Representing Latino Subcultures in Children's and Young Adult Literature," Professional Training Video, Department of Language & Literacy, University of South Carolina, August 2007.

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

### Courses Taught:<sup>\* 2</sup>

#### *Undergraduate:*

- SLIS 325 Children's Literature (University of South Carolina)

#### *Graduate (Master Level):*

- \*LS 520 Early Childhood Literacy Materials and Story Programs (University of Alabama)
- LS 521 Materials and Services for Children (University of Alabama)
- LS 522 Materials and Services for Young Adults (University of Alabama)
- LS 530 Public Libraries (University of Alabama)
- \*LS 541 Youth Programming (University of Alabama)
- \*LS 543 Traditional and Digital Storytelling (University of Alabama)
- \*LS 544 Cultural Diversity Programs for Children, Teens, & Families (University of Alabama)
- \*LS 580 Outreach to Diverse Populations (University of Alabama)
- SLIS J701 Introduction to Library & Information Studies (University of South Carolina)
- SLIS J752 Diversity in Libraries (University of South Carolina)
- SLIS J759 Materials for Early Childhood (University of South Carolina)
- \*SLIS J797I Informational Sources and Services for Youth (University of South Carolina)
- \*SLIS J797L/SLIS 760 Literacy Materials and Services for Latino Youth (University of South Carolina)

#### *Graduate (Doctoral Level):*

- \*LS 620 Graphic Novels in Libraries Serving Youth (University of Alabama)
- \*LS 621 Intercultural Perspectives in Children's and Young Adult Literature (University of Alabama)

### External Teaching/Lecture Invitations:

- "LIS Research & Methodologies," Guest speaker for CIS 610 Foundations of Doctoral Studies course, Taught by Cynthia Peacock, University of Alabama College of Communication and Information Sciences, September 2022.
- "LGBTQ Identity Research and Pedagogical Communication," Guest speaker for CIS 610 Foundations of Doctoral Studies course, Taught by Miriam Sweeney, University of Alabama College of Communication and Information Sciences, November 2021.
- "LGBTQ Identity Research and Pedagogical Communication," Guest speaker for CIS 610 Foundations of Doctoral Studies course, Taught by Robin Boylorn, University of Alabama College of Communication and Information Sciences, October 2020.
- "Going Beyond the Single Story via Diverse Picture Books and Inclusive Programming," Virtual Guest Speaker for LIS 60629 Engaging School-Age Children and Families course, Taught by Annette Goldsmith, Kent State University School of Information, Kent, Ohio, October 2020.
- "Technology's Impact on Self-Published LGBTQ Children's Books: The Potential for Crossing International Borders and Traditional Publishing Barriers," Virtual Guest Speaker for LIS 60675 Youth Literature in the Digital Realm course, Taught by Marianne Martens, Kent State University School of Information, Kent, Ohio, November 2017.

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<sup>2</sup> \* Indicates new course that I developed

- "LGBTQ and Latino Children's Literature & Diversity Programming for Children," Virtual Guest speaker for LIS 564: Multicultural Resources for Youth course, Taught by Michelle Martin, University of Washington I-School, Seattle, Washington, February 2017.
- "LGBTQ International Children's Literature," Virtual Guest speaker for Libraries as Learning Labs in a Digital Age course, Taught by Annette Goldsmith, University of Washington I-School, Seattle, Washington, May 2015.
- "Book Banning in the US," Guest speaker for JN 430-Digital Media Workshop and another JN course, Taught by Wilson Lowery and Chip Brantley, University of Alabama College of Communication and Information Sciences, October 2012.
- "Latino Children's Literature," Virtual Guest speaker for Library Materials for Children course, Taught by Sarah Park Dahlen, St. Catherine University Library and Information Science Program, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 2009, November 2010, & November 2011.
- "Life as Junior Faculty Member and Merging Areas of Research," Guest speaker for CIS 600 Seminar doctoral course, Taught by Loy Singleton, University of Alabama College of Communication and Information Sciences, October 2009, August 2010, August 2011, & August 2012.
- "Latino Children's Literature in the Elementary Classroom," Guest speaker for 2 sections of undergraduate students in CEE 365: Literature for Children, Taught by Diane Sekeres, University of Alabama College of Education, March 2009.
- "Qualitative Research Methods," Guest speaker for LS 502 Research Methods, Taught by Susan Nelson, University of Alabama SLIS, February 2009.
- "Life as a Junior Faculty Member, Merging Areas of Research Interest in CCIS, and Past/Current Research Projects," Guest speaker for CIS 600 Seminar doctoral course, Taught by Elizabeth Aversa, University of Alabama College of Communication and Information Sciences, October 2008.
- "School and Youth Librarianship," Guest speaker for LS 501: Introduction to LIS, Taught by Rachel Fleming May, University of Alabama SLIS, October 2008.
- "Children's and Young Adult Library Programs," Guest speaker for LS 590: Programs and Services Across Library Types course, Taught by Annabel Stephens, University of Alabama SLIS, August 2008.

#### **Web Training Developed:**

- Growing Comunidad: Library Programs and Materials for Latino Youth, Online Asynchronous Training, Webjunction, February 2008.
- Serving Nuestros Latino Niños: Programs & Materials for Libraries Serving Latino Children – Resources for the Non-Spanish Speaking Librarian, January – May 2006.

#### **Children's Literature Blogs Developed:**

- Imagínense Libros: Celebrating Latino Children's Literature, Literacy, and Libraries, Available: <http://imaginenselibros.blogspot.com/> [No longer updated]
- The Crimson Review of Children's & YA Literature, 2008-Pres., Available: <http://sliscrimsonreview.blogspot.com/>

#### **National Latino Children's Literature Conference Founder and Director:**

- Connecting Cultures & Celebrating Cuentos: National Latino Children's Literature Conference, 2008 – 2017.

#### **Research Interests:**

- Portrayal of minority groups in children's and young adult print and digital media
- Digital apps in children's library programming
- Library services to gender-variant and LGBTQ children and parents

- Use of global literature to assist in the self-identification process of minority children
- History of Latinx children's literature and LGBTQ children's literature
- Reader response and Latino children and young adults
- Library services to immigrant populations
- Information behaviors of Latinx children
- Digital media for children and multimodal learning
- Storytelling as meaning-making in the acculturation process
- School Library's role in assisting English language learners
- History and influence of children's media on children's book publishing
- Character and product licensing in children's literature
- Bibliotherapy practices and procedures
- Controversial children's literature and the school library

## **STUDENT SUPERVISIONS**

### **Doctoral Dissertations - Committee:**

- Andrea Jamison, *Critical Examination of Library Collection Development Policies to Facilitate Acquisition of Diverse Children's Books*, Doctoral Dissertation, School of Information Studies, Dominican University, Completed Fall 2020.
- Alexander Parks, "A Qualitative Inquiry Exploring Out College Students' Experiences with Queer Content in Secondary Schools," Doctoral Dissertation, College of Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, University of Alabama, Completed Fall 2014.
- Kelli Edenfield Criss, "El Círculo Familiar Bilingüe de Libros/The Bilingual Family Book Club: Creating Translanguaging Spaces with Latin@ Picture Books," Doctoral Dissertation, College of Education, Department of Language and Literacy, University of South Carolina, Completed Fall 2013.
- Rebecca S. Nichols, "Sixth Grade Students' Attitudes, Habits, and Perceptions of Independent Reading," Doctoral Dissertation, College of Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, University of Alabama, Spring 2009 – Fall 2010.

### **Doctoral Program - Committee:**

- Gwendolyn Nixon, College of Communication & Information Sciences, University of Alabama, Fall 2022 – Pres.
- Ashley Green, College of Communication & Information Sciences, University of Alabama, Fall 2022 – Pres.
- Reba Williams, College of Communication & Information Sciences, University of Alabama, Spring 2021 – Pres.

### **Master's Theses - Committee:**

- Colin Whitworth, "Those Queer Teen Years: An Autoethnography of Reading and Realizing Queer Identity," Master of Communication Studies Thesis Committee, Department of Communication Studies, College of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Alabama, Completed Spring 2014.
- Amy Brock-Reed, "Why the Zebra Remained Hornless: and Other Zambian Folktales/Chinshi Cholwe Takwata Amasengu," Master of Fine Arts Masters Thesis Committee, Book Arts Program, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Completed Fall 2009.

### **Honors Thesis (Undergraduate) – Committee:**

- Emma Bouchey, "Age-Appropriate Queerness: A content analysis of LGBTQ picture books," Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Department of Sociology, Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, Completed Summer 2021.

**Directed/Independent Research & Study (Doctoral) – Supervision:**

- Alexander Parks, "Assessing Literacy Needs and Developing Relevant Teaching Strategies and Literacy Programs for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning Young Adults," College of Education, University of Alabama, Fall 2011/Spring 2012.

**Directed/Independent Research & Study (Masters) – Supervision:**

- Katie Ballinger, "Teen & Young Adult Programming," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Spring 2023.
- Jessica Lublin, "Understanding the Needs of Autistic Librarians," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Fall 2022.
- Marisa Bell, "Rainbow Families and Queer Youth in the Public Library," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Fall 2021.
- Kaitlyn Lynch, "Youth Services Management," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Spring 2021.
- Jan Smith, "Trauma-Informed Approaches to Library Services," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Spring 2021.
- Connor Marullo, "Community Understanding Through Story Telling," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Spring 2019.
- Krystal Gulley, "Directors University for Public Library Managers and Directors," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Summer 2018.
- Alyssa Jewell, "Exploring Music and Movement in Storytime Programs," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Fall 2017.
- Kristen Briggs, "Bibliotherapy in the Children's Library," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Fall 2017.
- Karen Stern, "Tween Librarianship and Programs," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Summer 2017.
- Katy Ann Colella, "Youth Programming at the Library of Congress & Becoming a Library Program Consultant," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Spring 2017.
- Linda Knoernschild, "Collection Development and Programming for Children and Tweens," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Spring 2017.
- Jay Fee, "Young Adult Storytelling and Programming," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Fall 2016.
- Tracey Watson Hoyos, "Programming for Youth and Adults," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Spring 2016.
- Jill Work, "Collection Development and Reader's Advisory for Children and Tweens," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Fall 2015.
- Sylvia Garcia, "Public Library Services to Customers who are Homeless and/or Living in Poverty," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Fall 2011.
- Allison Ladd, "Library Services to Children and Young Adults with Special Needs and Cognitive/Physical Differences," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Fall 2011.
- Carly Addison, "Collection Development & Grant Writing for Public Librarians Serving Adult Patrons," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Spring 2011.
- Evan Bush, "Advanced Techniques and Appropriate Developmental Practices for Developing and Implementing Literacy Programs for Boys and Their Male Caregivers," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Fall 2010.
- Jean Malone, "Writing Techniques and Developmental Considerations for Creating Novels for Young Adults," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Summer 2010.

- Carol Roark York, "Examining the Unique Capabilities and Viability of Mall Libraries," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Spring 2010.
- Tammy Ackerson "Current Issues in the Administration of the School Library," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Spring 2010.
- Megg Crook, "Advanced Library Programming and Services for Young Adults, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Fall 2009.
- Jason Phillips, "GLBT Collections in Academic Libraries," School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Spring 2009.
- Sondra Shurling, "Library Services to Culturally Diverse & Immigrant Populations: Día Programming 101," School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina, Spring 2008.
- Jessica Ellibee, "Achieving Cultural Awareness through Youth Literature," School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina, Spring 2008.

#### **Directed/Independent Research & Study (Undergraduate) – Supervision:**

- Joe Parmer, "Día Latino Programming and Library Services in Gulf Shores, Alabama," New College, University of Alabama, Spring 2009 -Spring 2010.
- Sandrine Hope, "Writing a Multicultural Novel for Older Elementary Children," New College, University of Alabama, Summer 2009.

### **DEPARTMENTAL, COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES & SERVICE**

#### **Departmental/School**

- Chair, Assistant Director of Academic Programs Search Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Fall 2022.
- Chair, Students Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Fall 2021.
- Member, Ed.S. Admissions & Program Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2020-Pres.
- Member, School Library Media Program/Curriculum Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2008-Pres.
- Member, SLIS Digital Media Management Faculty Search Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2018-2019.
- Chair, SLIS Committee on Faculty, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2013 – 2014, 2017-2018, 2018-2019.
- Chair, SLIS EBSCO Endowed Chair Faculty Search Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2017-2018.
- Faculty Representative, SLIS Assistant Director Search Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, December 2016.
- Chair, SLIS School Library Media Faculty Search Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Spring 2016 – Fall 2016.
- Chair, SLIS ALA Accreditation Curriculum Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2015-2016, 2016 - 2017.
- Chair, SLIS Curriculum Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2015-2016, Fall 2016 – Summer 2017.
- Member, SLIS Facilities Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2008-2009, 2010-2011, 2013-2014, 2017-2018.
- Member, SLIS Information Systems Faculty Search Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2016 – 2017.
- Co-Chair, SLIS Facilities Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2015-2016, Fall 2016 – Summer 2017.

- Member, SLIS Committee on Faculty, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Fall 2015, 2019-2020.
- Chair, SLIS Doctoral Students Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Spring 2013.
- Chair, SLIS Faculty Search Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2012-2013.
- Member, SLIS Admissions & Scholarships Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2011 – 2012, 2012 – 2013.
- Chair, SLIS Facilities Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2009 – 2010, 2012-2013, Spring 2015.
- Chair, SLIS School Library Media Faculty Search Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2011 – 2012
- Member, SLIS Distance Education Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2013-2014.
- Member, SLIS Curriculum Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2011 – 2012, Spring 2015, 2019-2020, 2020-2021.
- Member, SLIS Doctoral Students Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2010 – 2011, 2011 – 2012, Fall 2012, 2013-2014, 2020-2021.
- Member, SLIS Director Search Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2010 – 2011.
- Faculty Advisor/Sponsor, SLIS Student Chapter of the American Library Association, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2011 – 2012, 2013-2014, Spring 2015, 2015-2016, Fall 2016-Summer 2017.
- Faculty Advisor/Sponsor, Student Advisory Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2008 – 2009, 2009 – 2010, 2010 – 2011, 2012 – 2013.
- Member, SLIS Instructor Search Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2009-2010.
- Chair, SLIS Committee on Students, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2008 –2010, 2009 – 2010, 2010 – 2011.
- Member, SLIS Committee on Students, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2011 - 2012.
- Member, SLIS ALA Accreditation Student Committee, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2008 – 2009.
- Member, SLIS Augusta Baker Endowed Chair in Childhood Literacy Faculty Search Committee, School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina, 2007-2008.
- Member, SLIS 325 Course Oversight Committee, School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina, 2007 – 2008.
- Member, SLIS Undergraduate Committee, School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina, 2006 – 2007.
- Member, SLIS Student Services Committee, School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina, 2006 – 2007, 2007 – 2008.

## **College**

- Member, Executive Council, College of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Alabama, Oct 2021 – Pres.
- Chair, Tenure & Promotion Committee, College of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Alabama, March 2021 – March 2022.
- Member, Graduate Studies Council, College of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Alabama, Aug 2017-Dec. 2018, Oct 2021 – Pres.

- Member, NTRC Promotion Committee, College of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Alabama, November 2021.
- Member, Tenure & Promotion Committee, College of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Alabama, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2020-2021.
- Member, Knox Hagood and Board of Visitors Teaching Excellence Award Committee, College of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Alabama, Spring 2015.
- Member, Human Resources Committee, College of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Alabama, Spring 2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018.
- Member, Communication and Information Sciences Diversity Research Forum, University of Alabama, Fall 2008 – Pres.
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Cultural, Critical, Rhetorical Renaming, College of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Alabama, 2011–2012.

### **University**

- Member, Intercultural Core Committee, Crossroads Community Center, University of Alabama, 2008–2009, 2009–2010, 2010–2011, 2011–2012.
- Co-Chair Governance Committee, Capstone Alliance (LGBTQ Faculty Organization), University of Alabama, 2008 – 2009.
- Member, Hispanic Heritage Month Committee, University of South Carolina, 2007 – 2008.
- Member, Consortium for Latino Immigration Studies, University of South Carolina, 2006 – 2007, 2007 – 2008.

### **External Universities**

- External Reviewer, Promotion from Associate to Full Professor, ALA Accredited LIS Program, August 2022.
- External Reviewer, Promotion from Associate to Full Professor, ALA Accredited LIS Program, March 2019.
- External Reviewer, Promotion from Associate to Full Professor, ALA Accredited LIS Program, September 2018.
- External Reviewer, Promotion from Associate to Full Professor, ALA Accredited LIS Program, January 2018.
- External Reviewer, Promotion from Assistant to Associate Professor, ALA Accredited LIS Program, July 2015.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

### **Leadership:**

- Past President, Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC), July 2019 – June 30, 2020. **(National)**
- President, Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC), June 2018 – June 30, 2019. **(National)**
- Vice-President/President Elect, Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC), April 2017 – June 2018 **(National)**
- Appointed Member, Board of Directors, United States Board on Books for Young People (ALSC/ALA Liaison to the Board), January 2017 – February 2019. **(National)**
- Elected Member, Board of Directors, Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC), June 2012 – June 2015. **(National)**
- Member, Executive Board, REFORMA, October 2009 – 2011. **(National)**
- Appointed 2010 - 2011 Chair, REFORMA's Children's and Young Adult Services Committee, July 2010 – July 2011. **(National)**
- Appointed 2009 - 2010 Co-Chair, REFORMA's Children's and Young Adult Services Committee, October 2009 – June 2010. **(National)**

- Chair and Director, National Latino Children's Literature Conference, University of Alabama, August 2009 – 2017. **(National)**
- Appointed Member, Presidential Strategic Team, REFORMA, January 2009 – June 2010. **(National)**
- Co-Chair and Creator, Annual Celebration of Latino Children's Literature Conference, University of Alabama & University of South Carolina, August 2006 – August 2009. **(National)**
- Appointed 2009-2010 Co-Chair, Youth Services Special Interest Group, Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), January 2009 – January 2010. **(National)**
- Member, Editorial Board, REFORMA, 2009 – 2012.
- Appointed Children's Book Review Editor, REFORMA, September 2007 – 2012. **(National)**

#### **Literary Award & Evaluation Committees:**

- Invited Committee Member, 2024 Medallion Committee for outstanding contribution to the field of children's literature, University of Southern Mississippi Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, November 2022 – Pres. **(National)**
- Invited Committee Member, 2023 Medallion Committee for outstanding contribution to the field of children's literature, University of Southern Mississippi Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, Sept 2021 – April 2022. **(National)**
- Invited Committee Member, 2022 Medallion Committee for outstanding contribution to the field of children's literature, University of Southern Mississippi Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, Sept 2020 – April 2021. **(National)**
- Invited Committee Member, 2021 Medallion Committee for outstanding contribution to the field of children's literature, University of Southern Mississippi Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, Sept 2019 – April 2020. **(National)**
- Invited Committee Member, 2020 Medallion Committee for outstanding contribution to the field of children's literature, University of Southern Mississippi Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, Sept 2018 – April 2019. **(National)**
- Appointed Committee Chair, American Library Association's 2017 Batchelder Award, July 2015-June 2017. **(National)**
- Invited Literary Prize Judge, 2015 Kirkus Prize – Young Reader's Literature Category (largest literary prize in the United States), Kirkus Media LLC, May 2015 - October 2015. **(National)**
- Invited Committee Member, 2019 Medallion Committee for outstanding contribution to the field of children's literature, University of Southern Mississippi Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, Feb 2018 – April 2018. **(National)**
- Invited Committee Member, 2018 Medallion Committee for outstanding contribution to the field of children's literature, University of Southern Mississippi Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, Feb 2016 – October 2017. **(National)**
- Invited Committee Member, 2017 Medallion Committee for outstanding contribution to the field of children's literature, University of Southern Mississippi Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, Aug 2015-October 2015. **(National)**
- Invited Committee Member, 2016 Medallion Committee for outstanding contribution to the field of children's literature, University of Southern Mississippi Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, Aug 2014-October 2014. **(National)**
- Invited Committee Member, 2015 Medallion Committee for outstanding contribution to the field of children's literature, University of Southern Mississippi Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, Aug 2013-October 2013. **(National)**
- Invited Committee Member, 2014 Medallion Committee for outstanding contribution to the field of children's literature, University of Southern Mississippi Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, Aug 2012-October 2012. **(National)**



- Invited Committee Member, 2013 Medallion Committee for outstanding contribution to the field of children's literature, University of Southern Mississippi Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, Aug 2011-October 2011. **(National)**
- Appointed Committee Chair, American Library Association and REFORMA's 2012 Pura Belpré Award, September 2010 - 2012. **(National)**
- Appointed Committee Chair, Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs' 2010 Américas Awards, 2010 – 2011. **(National)**
- Invited Book Award Committee Member, Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs' 2008-2010 Américas Awards, January 2008 – May 2010. **(National)**
- Elected Book Award Committee Member, American Library Association's 2009 Caldecott Award, January 2008 – January 2009. **(National)**
- Invited Book Award Committee Member, American Library Association and REFORMA's 2008 Pura Belpré Award, December 2008 – July 2009. **(National)**
- Invited Book Award Committee Member, United States Board on Books for Young People and the Children's Book Council's 2008 Outstanding International Booklist, January 2007 – January 2008. **(International)**
- Book selection and nominating committee member, Alabama Emphasis on Reading state book award, Grades 4-6, 2002-2003. **(State)**
- Book selection and nominating committee member, Alabama Emphasis on Reading state book award, Grades K-1, 2001-2002. **(State)**

#### **Editorial Work & Manuscript Peer Reviewing:**

- Article Manuscript Reviewer, *Sociological Forum*, Peer-Reviewed Journal of the Eastern Sociological Society, August 2020. **(National)**
- Article Manuscript Reviewer, *Research on Diversity in Youth Literature*, Peer-Reviewed Open Access Journal hosted by St. Catherine's University, July 2020. **(National)**
- Article Manuscript Reviewer, *Bookbird: A Journal of International Children's Literature*, Peer-Reviewed Journal of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) published by Johns Hopkins University Press, November 2018; (2 articles), October 2019; October 2020; (2 articles), April 2021; August 2021; October 2021; April 2022; July 2022. **(International)**
- Article Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Children's Literature*, Peer-Reviewed Journal of the Children's Literature Assembly of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), March 2019; September 2019; March 2021. **(National)**
- Article Manuscript Reviewer, *Children's Literature*, Peer-Reviewed Journal published by Johns Hopkins University Press, January & May 2015; March 2019. **(National)**
- Editorial Board Member, *Bookbird: A Journal of International Children's Literature*, Peer-Reviewed Journal of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) published by Johns Hopkins University Press, October 2018-Pres. **(International)**
- Article Manuscript Reviewer, *The International Journal of Information, Diversity, & Inclusion* published by University of Maryland, October 2018. **(International)**
- Editorial/Advisory Board Member, *Research on Diversity in Youth Literature*, Peer-Reviewed Open Access Journal hosted by St. Catherine's University, April 2017-Pres. **(National)**
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Children's Literature*, Peer-Reviewed Journal of the Children's Literature Assembly of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), March 2017-Pres. **(National)**
- Article Manuscript Reviewer, *Sexualities*, International Peer-Reviewed Journal published by SAGE, May 2016. **(International)**
- Article Manuscript Reviewer, *Children and Libraries*, Peer-Reviewed Journal published by Association for Library Service to Children, June 2015. **(National)**
- Article Manuscript Reviewer, *The Lion and the Unicorn*, International Peer-Reviewed Journal published by Johns Hopkins University Press, July 2014. **(International)**

- Article Manuscript Reviewer, *Discourse Studies in the Cultural Politics of Education*, International Peer-Reviewed Journal published by Routledge, April 2014. **(International)**
- Article Manuscript Reviewer, *CENTRO: Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies*, Peer-Reviewed Journal edited by Xavier F. Totti, March 2013. **(National)**
- Book Manuscript Reviewer, Teachers College Press, August 2012. **(National)**
- Article Manuscript Reviewer, *Current Studies in Librarianship*, Peer-Reviewed Journal of student work edited by Clarion University of Pennsylvania, April 2011.
- Article Manuscript Reviewer, *Canadian Journal of Information and Library Science* – Special LGBTQ Issue, Peer-Reviewed Journal edited by Paulette Rothbauer, March 2007. **(International)**
- Article Manuscript Reviewer, *Media Psychology*, Peer-Reviewed Journal edited by Jennings Bryant and David Roskos-Ewoldsen, 2005 – 2006. **(National)**

#### **Grant Reviewer:**

- National Grant Reviewer, Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), December 2020.
- National Grant Reviewer, ALSC Institute Grants/Fellowship, Awarded by the American Library Association's Association for Library Service to Children, Funded by Friends of ALSC, March 2018-May 2018.
- National Grant Reviewer, Diversity Research Grants, American Library Association Office for Diversity, March 2016 and April/May 2017
- National Grant Reviewer, Día Family Book Club: Multicultural Programming Grants, Awarded by the American Library Association's Association for Library Service to Children, Funded by Dollar General, December 2013.
- National Grant Reviewer, Noche de Cuentos: Family Literacy Grants, Supported by the American Library Association as part of ALA 2009-2010 President Camila Alire's Family Literacy Focus Initiative, February 2010.
- National Grant Reviewer, 2010 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards (formerly the Coming Up Taller Awards), Supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, April – May 2010.

#### **Professional Association Work (Exclusive of Literary Award & Evaluation Committees):**

- Member, Children's Book Council, American Library Association, July 2022 – Pres. **(National - Invited)**
- Member, Budget Committee, American Library Association Midwinter Conference, April 2017-June 2018, July 2019- July 2020. **(National)**
- Appointed Committee Member, Diversity Research Grants Advisory Committee, (Sub-committee of ALA's Committee on Diversity), American Library Association, November 2015-June 2017. **(National)**
- Children's Book Evaluation Facilitator, 2016 Bill Morris Seminar: Book Evaluation Training, Association for Library Service to Children, American Library Association Midwinter Conference, January 2016. **(National - Invited)**
- Session Moderator/Facilitator, 22<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Congress of the International Research Society for Children's Literature, Worcester, United Kingdom, August 2015. **(International)**
- Appointed Board Liaison, Diversity Taskforce, Association for Library Service to Children, March 2015-June 2015. **(National)**
- Appointed 2015 ALISE Youth Services SIG Liaison to ALSC, January 2015-January 2016. **(National)**
- Appointed Co-Chair, ALSC CBC Day of Diversity Symposium Planning Committee, Association for Library Service to Children, September 2014 – February 2015. **(National)**

- Appointed United States Board on Books for Young People (USBYP) State Ambassador, October 2013 – Present. **(National)**
- Judge, 2014 ALISE LMC (Library Media Connection) Paper Award, October 2013. **(National)**
- Appointed Committee Member, Appointments Taskforce, Young Adult Library Services Association, July 2013 – January 2014. **(National)**
- Appointed Committee Member, Pura Belpré Award's Committee Taskforce II, American Library Association and REFORMA, September 2013 – January 2014. **(National)**
- Judge, 2013 ALISE/University of Washington Information School Youth Services Graduate Student Travel Award, November 2012. **(National)**
- Appointed Board Liaison, Public Awareness Committee, Association for Library Service to Children, June 2012 – June 2015. **(National)**
- Appointed Co-Chair, Newsletter Taskforce, REFORMA, March 2011 – July 2012. **(National)**
- Appointed Committee Member, Noche de Cuentos Family Literacy Taskforce, REFORMA's, January 2010 – July 2012. **(National)**
- Appointed Co-Chair, Pura Belpré Quince Celebración Planning Committee, American Library Association and REFORMA's, January 2010 – July 2011. **(National)**
- Appointed Committee Member, Nominating Committee, Association for Library Service to Children, January 2010 – January 2011. **(National)**
- Appointed Committee Member, Spectrum Advisory Committee (Sub-committee of ALA's Committee on Diversity), American Library Association, July 2009 – July 2011. **(National)**
- Judge, 2011 ALISE/University of Washington Information School Youth Services Graduate Student Travel Award, October 2010 – January 2011. **(National)**
- Committee Chair and Judge, 2010 ALISE/University of Washington Information School Youth Services Graduate Student Travel Award, July 2009 – January 2010. **(National)**
- Judge, 2009 ALISE Doctoral Student Poster Competition, Association for Library and Information Science Education, January 2009. **(National)**
- Committee Member, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Round Table Taskforce for Library Services to Children of LGBT Parents, American Library Association, April 2009 – 2010. **(National)**
- Committee Member, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Round Table Taskforce for Library Services to Gender Variant Children/Teens and Their Parents, American Library Association, April 2009 – 2010. **(National)**
- Appointed Committee Member, Pura Belpré Award's Committee Taskforce, American Library Association and REFORMA, January 2009 – July 2012. **(National)**
- Annual Pura Belpré Awards Planning Committee Member, January 2008 – January 2013. **(National)**
- REFORMA Children's and Young Adult Services Committee Member, January 2007 – Present. **(National)**
- Appointed Committee Member, Intellectual Freedom Committee, Association for Library Service to Children, March 2006 – June 2007. **(National)**
- Awards Committee Chair, Alabama Instructional Media Association, 2000-2001. **(State)**

#### **Community Outreach & Other Service:**

- Member, Executive Director Search Committee, Tuscaloosa Public Library, December 2021 – June 2022 **(Local)**
- Reader for COVID Radio Read-Alouds, Tuscaloosa Public Library, May 2020. **(Local)**
- Coordinator, SLIS Book Bonanza for the Black Belt book give-away program, University of Alabama, December 2009 - Present. **(State)**

- Director Children's Literature Review Collection/Center, University of Alabama, School of Library and Information Studies, August 2008-Present.
- Research Program Planner and Coordinator, White Raven Academics, 2016 White Ravens Festival for International Children's and Young Adult Literature, International Youth Library, Munich, Germany, April 2016 – July 2016. **(International)**
- Webmaster, White Raven Academics (<https://whiteravensacademics.wordpress.com/>), International Youth Library, Munich, Germany, February 2016 - 2019. **(International)**
- Coordinated SLIS Speaker Program with Jane Meyers on "Lubuto Library Partners: Life-changing Libraries for Africa's Most Vulnerable Children and Youth," November 2015.
- Invited Member, Latina Author Pat Mora's DÍAs (Día Initiative Ambassadors), April 2011 – January 2013. **(National)**
- Executive Board Member, Literacy Council of West Alabama, February 2010 – January 2012. **(Local)**
- Member, ESOL Literacy Task Force, Literacy Council of West Alabama, March 2011 – January 2012. **(Local)**
- Storyteller & Reader, Birmingham Reads Day, Better Basics of Birmingham, April 2011. **(Local)**
- Storyteller, University of Alabama's Family Weekend/Homecoming Storytime, McLure Education Library, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, September 2008 & September 2009. **(Local)**
- Storyteller, Augusta Baker's Dozen: A Celebration of Stories Annual Storytelling Festival, April 2007 & April 2008. **(State)**
- Executive Board Member, Read and Romp, South Carolina's Reach Out and Read literacy program, 2007 – 2008. **(State)**
- Volunteer, Rolling Readers of South Carolina, August 2006 – 2007. **(Local)**
- Bibliography Developer, South Carolina Center for Children's Books and Literacy, December 2006 – June 2008. **(Local)**
- Author Escort for Esmé Codell, 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, University of Southern Mississippi, April 2005. **(National)**

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

### Associations:

- Member, American Library Association, 1998 – Present.
- Member, Association for Library Service to Children, 2003 – Present.
- Member, Young Adult Library Services Association, 2011 – Present.
- Member, United States Board on Books for Young People, 2004 – Present.
- Member, International Research Society for Children's Literature, 2013 – Present.
- Member, Children's Literature Assembly, National Council of Teachers of English, 2018-Pres.
- Life Member, REFORMA (National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking), 2005 – Present.
- Member, National Council of Teachers of English, 2017-Pres.
- Member, Association for Library and Information Science Education, 2006 – 2019, 2021-Pres.
- Member, South East Chapter of REFORMA, 2008 – 2014.
- Member, Alabama Library Association, 2004 – 2006, 2009 – Present.
- Member, Public Library Association, 2009 – 2010, 2017-Pres.
- Member, Alabama School Library Association, 2012 – 2013.
- Member, Alabama Instructional Media Association, 2000 – 2001, 2009 – 2010.
- Member, National Association of Education to Young Children, 2007 – 2010.
- Member, Children's Literature Association, 2005 – 2009.
- Member, South Carolina Library Association, 2006 – 2008.

- Member, South Carolina Association of School Librarians, 2006 – 2008.
- Member, Carolinas Chapter of REFORMA, 2006 – 2008.
- Member, American Association of School Librarians, 1998 – 2003, 2006 – 2007, 2017-Pres.
- Member, Freedom to Read Foundation, 2006.
- Member, National Education Association, 2000-2003.

#### **Roundtables:**

- Member, Rainbow Round Table (formerly Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table), American Library Association, 2003 – Present.
- Member, Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT), American Library Association, 2003 – Present.
- Member, Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT), American Library Association, 2010 – 2018.
- Member, Multicultural Information Round Table (MCRT), Alabama Library Association, 2010 – Present.

### **PROFESSIONAL AND LIBRARY EXPERIENCE**

2021 - Pres	<b>Interim Director/Chair</b> , School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.
2017 - Pres	<b>Foster-EBSCO Endowed Full Professor</b> , School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.
2012 - 2017	<b>Associate and Foster-EBSCO Endowed Professor</b> , School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.
2008 - 2012	<b>Assistant and Foster-EBSCO Endowed Professor</b> , School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.
2006 - 2008	<b>Assistant Professor</b> , School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
2003 - 2006	<b>Graduate Teaching &amp; Research Assistant/Adjunct Professor</b> , School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.
2003 - 2004	<b>Graduate Assistant</b> , W. S. Hoole Special Collections Library, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.
2004 - 2006	<b>Library Clerk – Circulation Dept.</b> , Hoover Public Library, Hoover, AL.
2003 - 2004	<b>Library Assistant (Temp.) – Fiction/Teen Dept.</b> , Hoover Public Library, Hoover, AL.
2001 - 2003	<b>Library Assistant – Circulation Dept.</b> , Hoover Public Library, Hoover, AL.
2000 - 2003	<b>School Library Media Specialist</b> , Valley Elementary School, Shelby County School Systems, Pelham, AL.
1998 - 2000	<b>Youth Services Coordinator and Storyteller</b> , Tuscaloosa Public Library, Tuscaloosa, AL.
1996 - 1998	<b>Educational Assistant</b> , Northwest TN Early Headstart Program, Union City, TN and Martin, TN.

**Interim Director/Chair**, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL. October 2021 – Present.

Serve as academic unit head and liaison between SLIS faculty and the administration of the College of Communication and Information Sciences; Oversee the development and implementation of all academic programs within SLIS (MFA in Book Arts and MLIS); Work with faculty to establish and articulate a shared vision, goal, and strategic plan for the School; administer the implementation of school, college, and university policies and procedures; supervise SLIS administrative staff.

**Foster-EBSCO Endowed Full Professor**, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL. August 2017 – Present.

Teach courses in children's and young adult materials, storytelling, early literacy programs, public libraries, and programming and library services for diverse populations to graduate students in the library science and education disciplines; Mentor junior faculty members and instructors; Seek grant funding for research and professional activities; serve on committees at the departmental, college, university, local, regional, national, and international levels; conduct and publish research; Director of SLIS Children's Literature Evaluation Collection; manage the SLIS Crimson Review Blog; direct the SLIS Book Bonanza for the Black Belt (& Beyond) book give-away program; consult with various national organizations on diversity in librarianship and children's media; supervise SLIS children's literacy graduate assistant and other graduate research assistants.

**Associate and Foster-EBSCO Endowed Professor**, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL. August 2012 – July 2017.

Taught courses in children's and young adult materials, storytelling, early literacy programs, public libraries, and programming and library services for diverse populations to graduate students in the library science and education disciplines; Mentored junior faculty members and instructors; Sought grant funding for research and professional activities; served on committees at the departmental, college, university, local, regional, national, and international levels; conducted and published research related to Latino, LGBTQ, immigrant, and multicultural children's media, and library services; Served as Director of SLIS Children's Literature Evaluation Collection; managed the SLIS Crimson Review Blog; directed The National Latino Children's Literature Conference; directed the SLIS Book Bonanza for the Black Belt book give-away program; consulted with various organizations on Latino and LGBTQ content in children's media; supervise graduate research assistants.

**Assistant and Foster-EBSCO Endowed Professor**, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL. August 2008 – July 2012.

Taught courses in children's and young adult literature and library services for diverse populations to graduate students in the MLIS program; served on various committees at the departmental, college, university, local, and national levels; conducted and published research related to diversity and youth literature; managed SLIS Children's Literature Evaluation Collection; initiated the SLIS Crimson Review Blog; created National Latino Children's Literature Conference; created the SLIS Book Bonanza for the Black Belt book give-away program; supervise graduate assistants.

**Assistant Professor**, School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. August 2006 – August 2008.

Taught courses in children's literature and diversity to graduate and undergraduate students in education and library science; served on various committees at the departmental, university, local, and national levels; conducted and published research related to Latino and multicultural children's literature and librarianship; established local Latino Children's Literature Conference.

**Graduate Teaching & Research Assistant/Adjunct Professor**, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.  
August 2003 – July 2006.

Taught courses in library services and materials for children and young adults, assisted with inaugural USBBY Outstanding International Booklist project, helped plan

assignments and coursework for children's literature and multicultural literature courses, compiled student reviews of children's and young adult books and distributed to children's book publishers, organized incoming review copies of children's and young adult books for use in SLIS graduate courses, promoted and managed annual children's and young adult book sale.

**Graduate Assistant** W. S. Hoole Special Collections Library, Tuscaloosa, AL.

August 2003 – May 2004.

Answered online reference questions; created displays utilizing rare books, maps, LPs, and ephemera; assisted library patrons with onsite reference questions; scanned various rare materials for university projects; promoted book signings and special events; helped with bibliographic instruction.

**Library Clerk – Circulation Department**, Hoover Public Library, Hoover AL.

June 2004 – July 2006.

Assigned library cards, monitored the patron technology lab, collected patron library fines, assisted departmental coordinator with monthly work schedule and employee reviews, conducted occasional telephone story readings for the library's Tele-Tale program, provided general library information.

**Library Assistant – Fiction/Teen Department**, Hoover Public Library, Hoover, AL.

November 2003 – February 2004. (*Temporary Position*)

Provided general library information to the public concerning teen and adult programs, performed reader's advisory assistance for teens and adults, participated in collection development activities.

**Library Assistant – Circulation Department**, Hoover Public Library, Hoover, AL.

April 2001 – September 2003.

Supervised circulation staff, assigned library cards, assisted in monitoring patron technology lab, contacted patrons concerning holds on library materials, collected library fines, provided general library information to the public. I left this position to begin my doctoral program.

**School Library Media Specialist**, Valley Elementary, Pelham, AL.

August 2000 – July 2003.

Managed school materials collection (cataloging, acquisition, weeding), taught information skills lessons, performed story times, devised and implemented library budget, assisted faculty in lesson planning, served as technology coordinator, created promotional programs for the library, produced morning news programs using puppetry, implemented school technology plan, created thematic bibliographies of library materials for faculty, recorded telephone story times via Alabaster Public Library's Story Line.

**Youth Services Coordinator & Storyteller**, Tuscaloosa Public Library, Tuscaloosa, AL.

August 1998 – July 2000.

Supervised the Youth Services Department and employees; planned and implemented children's story hour, summer reading program, and young adult programs; managed children's and young adult collections; created library policies; prepared budgets; monitored children's computer services; assisted in circulation, adult services, and reference departments; Co-directed the library with other department coordinators during library director vacancy.

**Educational Assistant**, Northwest Tennessee Early Headstart Program, Union City, TN and Martin, TN. October 1996 – May 1998.

Assisted in preparation of developmentally-appropriate, learning activities for at-risk children ages zero to three years; implemented learning and recreational activities; monitored children's

individual learning and developmental levels; helped lead teacher with life skills lessons for young at-risk parents.