Chesnutt Library Fellows
Eighth Cohort 2015-2016
Tentative Assignments

Please Note: The following are tentative assignments, due to the short turn-around time needed for the revising of the class syllabus prior to the start of the 2016 Spring semester on January 2016.

Librarians

Mr. Bobby C. Wynn, Director of Library Services

Mrs. Evelyn Council, Associate Director for Collection Development

1. Mrs. Diana Amerson, Head of Government Documents
Education

- Bachelor of Science in Sociology, Fayetteville State University
- Master of Science Arts in Library Science, North Carolina Central University
- Currently pursuing a Master of Science in Sociology, Fayetteville State University
- She also holds a Sociology Teaching Certification

Biography

Diana Amerson is Head of the Charles W. Chesnutt Library Government Documents Department at Fayetteville State University. Mrs. Amerson coordinates Bibliographic library instruction courses with faculty and fulfills liaison activities online and face-to-face. She is the faculty advisor for the Sociology Department’s North Carolina Consortium for International and Intercultural Education studies. Mrs. Amerson holds a Bachelor of Science in Sociology, Master of Science Arts in Library Science, and she is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Sociology. She also holds a Sociology Teaching Certification.

Mrs. Amerson has over twenty years’ experience in library service environments. She was also the Grant Project Director of the Library’s’ Lib-Qual Grant Survey, which yielded over 1,500 student participants in 2013. In addition she was the 2013-2014 “Employee of The Year,” and continues to support the University’s mission to promote the educational, social, cultural, and economic transformation of southeastern North Carolina and beyond. She has been actively engaged in professional development activities in the community.

Liaison Areas:
- College of Arts and Sciences
  - Department of Government and History
  - Department of Communications, Languages and Cultures
  - Department of English
  - Model U. N.

Lib-Guides Published
- Political Science
- Philosophy
- North Carolina Consortium for International and Inter-cultural Education (NCCIIE) (Model UN)

2. Mr. Robert Foster, Head of Reference and Interlibrary Loan

Education

- Bachelor of Arts in Economics, University of Alaska, Anchorage
- Master of Library Science, North Carolina Central University, School of Library and Information Sciences

Biography
Mr. Robert Foster is Head of Reference and Interlibrary Loan Coordinator at Charles W. Chesnutt Library at Fayetteville State University. Mr. Foster organizes, designs, and delivers Bibliographic Instruction sessions with faculty from multiple disciplines, as well as, serves in the capacity of liaison to the Business Department. Mr. Foster is involved in coordinating the Chesnutt Library Fellows Program which results in the collaboration of faculty and librarians, molding information literate students.

Mr. Foster’s experience in libraries spans twenty-five years in both academic and public library settings. Mr. Foster holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, from the University of Alaska, Anchorage and a Masters of Library Science degree from North Carolina Central University School of Library and Information Sciences with a concentration in Research. The extended, research-oriented master’s program focused on studying the face-to-face roles of the library, termed “library as place”.

Mr. Foster is originally from Fayetteville, NC and takes exceptional pride in the community. Mr. Foster’s goal is to bring the university and community closer together, through collaboration, in an effort to improve the local economy.

Liaison Areas
School of Business and Economics
- Department of Accounting, Finance, Healthcare Administration, and Information Systems
- Department of Management, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship
- MBA Program

LibGuides Published:
- Business
- Economics

3. Ms. Vera Hooks, Head of Periodicals

Education
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, North Carolina Central University
- Master of Library Science, North Carolina Central University, School of Library and Information Science

Liaison Areas
College of Arts and Sciences
- Department of Criminal Justice

LibGuides Published:
- Criminal Justice

4. Mr. Matthew Lawson, Head of Information Technology
Education
- Bachelor of Science in Economics, University of Scranton
- Master in Accounting, University of Arizona
- Master in Library Science, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee

Biography
I was awarded my Master’s in Library Science at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee in 2004, I have a second Master’s in Accounting from the University of Arizona. I have served as FSU’s Information Technology Librarian since 2005. My research interests are broad but are generally in natural science, history or economic fields. This month I enrolled in an online EDX.org class in Engineering for composite materials.

Liaison Areas
College of Arts and Sciences
- Department of Biological Sciences
  - Forensic Science Program
- Department of Chemistry and Physics

LibGuides Published
- Biology
- Chemistry and Physics

Research Interests
- Natural Science
- History
- Economics

5. Mrs. Xian Penny Peng, Head of Cataloging
Education
• Master of Information Science, School of Library and Information Science, Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN, GPA: 3.7
• Master of Public Administration, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN, GPA: 4.0

Biography
Xian has worked with Fayetteville State University as the Cataloging Librarian since November 2011. Prior to her appointment at FSU, Xian was the Cataloging and Acquisition Specialist at Indiana University Bloomington, providing cataloging and acquisition services for all 17 libraries throughout the campus. Her other experience includes being web master/developer at IUB’s University Information Technology Services as well as Web developer at IUB’s Asian Culture Center. Xian holds a Master of Information Science and a Master of Public Affairs, both from Indiana University Bloomington.

Research Interests
• Metadata and XML Encoding
• Digital Library System Design
• Linked Open Data Creation & Applications
• Open Source Library Integrated Systems

Professional Strengths
• Web Development & Application -XHTML, HTML5, CSS, Java, JavaScript, Adobe Creative Suite (Dreamweaver, Photoshop), MS Visio, Notepad (freehand coding)
• Programming language-PHP, Perl, CGI, SAS
• Database Development-MS Access, MySQL

Liaison Areas
College of Arts and Sciences
• Department of Psychology
• Department of Sociology

Libguides
• Psychology
• Sociology

6. Mrs. Jinong Sun, Head of Acquisitions
Education
- MLIS in Information Studies, Florida State University
- MA in Modern Chinese, Chinese Academy of Social Science, Graduate School
- BA in Economic Information Management, Shannxi College of Communication Technology

Biography
Ms. Jinong Sun has worked in the Acquisitions Department of the Chesnutt Library as the Head of Acquisitions since 2010. She was the Government Documents Librarian in the library before she joined the Acquisitions Department. Jinong has previously worked at University of Central Florida and Florida College of Integrative Medicine for several years. With her ten years of librarianship, her research interests focus on library assessments, collection management, and library budget management.

Research Interests
- Library Assessments
- Collection Management
- Library Budget Management

Publications

Selected Chinese Publications

Conference Presentations
Oct 2012, 19th HBCU National Faculty Development Network Annual Conference, Orlando, FL
“Integrating Information Literacy into Curriculum” presented together with my fellow faculty member on the literacy program I participated in the library.

7. Mr. Velappan Velappan, Head of Access Services
Education
• M.S. Library Information Science, Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT
• M.S. Computer Information Systems, Rivier University, Nashua, NH
• B.S. Textile Technology, Bharathiyar University, India
• Professional Certificate, Blackboard 9.1, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC, May 2012
• Professional Certificate, Microsoft Office 2010, November, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC 2011
• Professional Certificate, Cataloging and Metadata, NELINET, INC., Southborough, MA, April 2007

Biography
Career Profile: Over 11 years of experience in Access Services, Automation Services, Technical Services including Cataloging, Acquisitions, Licensing, Traditional and Electronic Resource Management, Budget Management and Collection Management. Motivated self-starter with strong ability to lead and develop a team and also work as an individual contributor. Ambitious learner with a passion for continuous learning opportunities.

Research Interest
• Virtual Reference
• Online Teaching
• Digital Preservation

Subject Interest
Mathematics
Computer Science
STEM Program
Engineering
Physics
Chemistry
Biology
Business Management
Financial Accounting and Economics.

Areas of Strength
• Staff Management
• Customer Service
• Cataloging and Metadata
• Data Management & Data Integrity
• Staff Training & Development
• Marketing/Public Relations
• Information Technology
• Library Instruction
• Budget Analysis
8. Jan Whitfield, Head of Public Services and Information Literacy

Education
- M.S.L.S., School of Library and Information Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- M.Ed. in Secondary Education: Social Studies, University of South Carolina, Columbia
- B.A. in Political Science, Minor in History, University of South Carolina, Columbia
- Teaching Certificate, South Carolina Department of Education, Middle and High School Social Studies

Biography
I have worked at Fayetteville State University since April of 2002 as the Head of Public Services. I supervise the managers of the following areas: Reference, Circulation, the Media Center, Government Documents, Archives and Special Collections and Bibliographic Instruction and Distance Education. I directly supervised the Reference Department until 2011. I have a total of ten years (1988-1993 and 1996-2001) of previous experience at the University of Northern Colorado as a Reference Librarian and Head of Reference. I went through the tenure and promotion process to be tenured at the rank of assistant professor in four years and obtained a promotion to associate professor with my tenure reinstated upon my return from three years at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. At UNC-C, I was Reference Desk Coordinator for three years from 1993 to 1996.

I have experience with reference desk services, including face-to-face, over the phone, e-mail and chat; research assistance; bibliographic and information literacy instruction with classes in many disciplines at the undergraduate and graduate level; web page development; database searching; staff and student supervision; scheduling; interlibrary loan; collection development; and liaison responsibilities. I also worked for six months at the Cumberland County Public Library as an Information and Referral Librarian when I first moved to Fayetteville.

Research Areas/Interests
- Information Literacy
- Job Satisfaction
- Young Adult Literature
- Student Supervision
- Ethnic Minority Librarianship
- Reference Desk Services
- ESL Student Use of Libraries

Liaison Areas
College of Arts and Sciences
- Department of History
- Department of Nursing
- Department of Social Work

School of Education
- Educational Leadership
- Elementary Education
- Middle Grades, Secondary & Specialized Subjects

LibGuides
- Educational Leadership and School Administration
- History
- Nursing
- Social Work

Selected Publications


Selected Conference Presentations

March 2006, “Beyond Books and Buildings: a NC ECHO Grant Received by the Charles W. Chesnutt Library, FSU,” Panel
Presentation for Society of North Carolina Archivists Annual Conference, Century Carrboro Center, Century Hall, Carrboro, N.C.


“Poster Session 1: We Do It All! Library Instruction, Integration of Technology and Learning at a Distance,” American Library Association Annual Conference, ACRL Instruction Section, New Orleans, Louisiana


October 1992, “Multicultural Kaleidoscope of Children’s Literature.” Reading Conference, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado