## **Natalia Taylor Bowdoin**

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#### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Information needs and information-seeking experiences of resettled refugees and asylum seekers from the Central African Republic (CAR); the Open Access and Open Education movements; access to information as a human right; information access and development in Central Africa; PhotoVoice and participatory, community-based arts methodologies for the study and teaching of displacement; lived experiences of resettled refugee youth in accessing education and formal training, and interfaith perspectives on displacement, migration and moral injury

#### **EDUCATIONAL DEGREES**

M.Div., May 2025. Earlham School of Religion, Richmond, IN. Master of Divinity.

**M.L.S., May 2000. Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.** Master of Library Science, Specialization in African Studies Librarianship. School of Library and Information Science. Graduate Certificate in African Studies.

M.A., August 1995. University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. Master of Arts in Language, Reading, and Culture. College of Education.

**B.A., May 1988. Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH.** Bachelor of Arts. Independent Major. Environmental Art and Aesthetics. Minor in East Asian Studies.

#### OTHER EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

July 2023-May 2024. American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) Open Educational Resources Institute. Completed institute as a team with four colleagues from the University of South Carolina Aiken.

**August 2023-May 2024. Friends of Refugees (FOR), Clarkston, Georgia**. Ministry Practicum Fellow with the Partner Engagement Team of FOR.

**September 2022-May 2023. Open Education Network, University of Minnesota.** Certificate in Open Educational Practices.

**April-August 1989. Bukavu, Zaire and Bozoum, Central African Republic.** Language (French, Sango) and Technical Training, United States Peace Corps.

September-December 1986. Nanjing University, Nanjing, People's Republic of China. Chinese language, culture, and history studies.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## **Library Collections Coordinator/Faculty**

Librarian Liaison for Anthropology; Geography; Languages, Literatures, and Culture; Philosophy and Religion; Psychology; Visual and Performing Arts

Gregg-Graniteville Library University of South Carolina Aiken **Associate Professor** 08/13 – Present **Assistant Professor** 

08/07 - 07/13

# Coordinator, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies Degree Program

University of South Carolina Aiken 01/13 – 07/20

## **Interim Library Director**

Gregg-Graniteville Library University of South Carolina Aiken 06/15 – 07/16

## Human Rights Research Delegate, Central African Republic (C.A.R.)

Amnesty International (AI) Bangui and Mbaiki, C.A.R. May 2006

## Country Specialist, Central African Republic (C.A.R.)

Amnesty International USA (AIUSA) 4/04 – 10/17

## **Collection Development Officer/Assistant Professor**

University Library, Georgia State University 1/03 - 11/04

### **Education Liaison/Reference Librarian/Instructor**

University Library, Georgia State University 8/00 – 8/03

## **African Studies Library Intern**

Indiana University, Bloomington 5/99 – 8/99

## Literacy Intern, Pascua Yaqui Educational Group Effort (PYEdge)

Pascua Yaqui Reservation, Tucson, AZ 1/94 – 8/94

## School Health Educator and Adult Literacy Coordinator, Central African Republic (C.A.R.)

United States Peace Corps -- Bouca and Bangui, Central African Republic 6/89 - 8/92

#### **SELECT PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS**

#### PRESENTATIONS AND POSTER SESSIONS, REFEREED

- Murray, Rebecca E., Daniel Mutand, Natalia Taylor Bowdoin, Friends of Refugees Growing Leaders, and '(Re)imagining the Higher Education Border' project researchers. "Stories of Forced Displacement, Belonging and the Role of Education." Curated exhibition and creative presentation at the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) 20 Conference, "Forced Displacement in an Urbanizing World", Gajah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, January 21-23, 2025.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor, Judy Beck, and Meredith Hawcroft. "The Power of Collaboration: Building an OER & OEP Community of Practice at a Small Public Regional Comprehensive University." Presentation at State University of New York (SUNY) OER Summit, (Virtual), October 16-17, 2024.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor, Judy Beck, and Meredith Hawcroft. "Cultivating Open Education at USC Aiken: Building an OER and OEP Community of Practice through a Collaborative Master Teaching Series Certificate." Presentation at the "Growing OER on Your Campus" Showcase. Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL), (Virtual), July 23, 2024.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "Teaching Displacement in an Undergraduate Setting in the Southern United States: Interdisciplinary Dialogues around Displacement and the Meaning of Home." Presentation at the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) 19 Conference, Universidade Católica de Santos, Brazil (Virtual), August 1-5, 2022.
- Bowdoin, Natalia, Helen Chou, Clara M. Chu, and Ana Ndumu. "Celebrating Welcoming Week: Libraries Fostering Immigrant Integration and Inclusion." Presentation at the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (Virtual), June 23-29, 2021.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor, Claire Dannenbaum, and Martha Kyrillidou. "Making Place for the Displaced: Library Services to Refugees and Newcomers." Presentation at the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Conference, Seattle, WA (Virtual), April 13-16, 2021.
- O'Connor, Susie, and Natalia Taylor Bowdoin. "Creating a Culture of Welcome: Celebrating Diversity and Serving the Information Needs of Newcomers during COVID-19." Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Library Association (GLA) and the Southeastern Library Association (SELA), Atlanta, GA (Virtual), October 7-9, 2020.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor, and Martha Kyrillidou. "Assimilation versus Integration: Research, Reality, and Personal Perspectives Regarding the Information Needs of People Experiencing Forced Migration." Presentation at Library Research Seminar VII: Research Matters: Strengthening Values, Defining Practice, Columbia, SC. October 16-18, 2019.

- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "Moving Forward, Stepping Back: The Promise and Precariousness of Interdisciplinary and Integrated Studies at the University of South Carolina Aiken." Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), Northern Vermont University, VT, June 17-19, 2019.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "If I Was a Bird I Would Gather Up My Children and Fly Far from Here': The Lived Experiences of Resettled Refugees from the Central African Republic in Two Communities in the United States." Presentation at the 60th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association (ASA), Atlanta, GA November 29 December 1, 2018.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "Lives in the Balance: Conversations on Reflective Research and Practice in Information Provision and Information Needs of Refugees and Asylum Seekers." Organizer and co-presenter of panel at the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) 17 Conference, Thessaloniki, Greece, July 24-27, 2018.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. ""I'm Just Afraid about this Little One": The Information Needs and Lived Experiences of Resettled Refugees from the Central African Republic Living in the United States and their Implications for Family Health and Well-Being." Presentation for the International Relations Round Table Pre-Conference Workshop of the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, June 22, 2018.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "Resettled refugees in South Carolina: Exploring the Role of Library and Information Providers." Presentation at the South Carolina Library Association (SCLA) Annual Conference, Columbia, SC, October 11-13, 2017.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor, presented in absentia by Jean S. Kanengoni. "If I Was a Bird I Would Gather Up My Children and Fly Far from Here": The Lived Experiences, Information Needs, and Information Seeking Behavior of Resettled Refugees from the Central African Republic in Two Communities in the United States." Poster presentation at the Project Welcome: Libraries Serving Refugees and Asylum Seekers Summit, Chicago, IL, February 6, 2017.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor.""When a Bird Lands in a Tree, He Does Not Automatically Start to Sing": An Examination of the Information Needs and Information Seeking Behavior of Resettled Refugees from the Central African Republic Living in the United States." Poster presentation at the International Federation of Libraries (IFLA) 82nd World Library and Information Congress, Columbus, OH, August 13-19, 2016.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor, and Eric Carlson. "Starting Out or Starting Over: Establishing or Retooling an Interdisciplinary Studies Degree Program for the Common Good." Presentation at the Association for Interdisciplinary Studies 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Merrimack College, North Andover, MA, October 22-25, 2015.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "Reconciling Harm and Hope: The Unique Needs and Challenges of Central African Republic Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the United States." Presentation at the African Studies Association 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting "Rethinking Violence, Reconstruction and Reconciliation", Indianapolis, IN, November 20-23, 2014.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "Cultures of Access and Information Equity: What Comparing the Rhetoric around Open Access Repositories in Sub-Saharan Africa and the United States Can

- Tell Us about Differing Views on the Importance of Open Access for Information Equity in Scientific Scholarship." Poster session at the African Library Summit, University of South Africa (UNISA) Muckleneuk Campus, Pretoria, South Africa. July 2-5, 2013.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "Open Access Today: What Role for Smaller Academic Institutions?" Presentation at the Georgia Council of Media Organizations (GaComo)/Southeastern Library Association (SELA) Annual Meeting, Macon, GA, October 4, 2012.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "Open Access to African Research on Agriculture, the Environment, and Health: An Exploratory Impact Study." Poster session at the American Library Association (ALA) 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, June 26, 2011.
- Poppeliers, Natalia Taylor. "Cultural Rights, the Open Access Movement, and African Libraries: Theoretical Implications, Limits, and New Developments." Presentation at the Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa Library and Information Associations (SCECSAL) 19<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting. Gaborone, Botswana. December 8, 2010.
- Poppeliers, Natalia Taylor. "Open Access and African Scholarly Publishing: A Usage and Accessibility Study." Poster session at the American Library Association (ALA) 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, June 27, 2010.
- Poppeliers, Natalia Taylor, and Trinie Thai-Parker. "Access to Information as a Human Right: Changing Practice and Policy in Central Africa." Presentation at the American Library Association (ALA) 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, July 13, 2009.
- Poppeliers, Natalia Taylor. "The Web Presence and Capacity of Human Rights NGOs in Central Africa: A Case Study of Six Countries." Poster session at the American Library Association (ALA) 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA, June 29, 2008.

#### CHAPTERS, ARTICLES, AND PROCEEDINGS, REFEREED

- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. ""When a Bird Lands on a Tree, He Does Not Automatically Start to Sing": The Information Experiences of Resettled Refugees from the Central African Republic Living in Two Urban Communities in the United States: A Phenomenological Examination." [working title] *Manuscript in process*.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "Participatory Photography (Photovoice) as Pedagogical Tool for Teaching and Learning about Human Displacement and Forced Migration in an Undergraduate Setting in the Southern United States: A Case Study." [working title] *Manuscript in process*.
- Bowdoin, Natalia T., Angelica R. Blanks, Bridget Cho, Jane Stafford, and Mary Moussa Rogers. "Immigration Stress on Parenting Among Refugees from the Central African Republic: A Qualitative Analysis." [working title] *Manuscript in process*.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "Narrative Ethics as Lens for Addressing Moral Injury: Christian and Buddhist Examples in Scripture and Embodied Practice." Revision of submitted manuscript in process.

- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "Cultures of Access: Differences in Rhetoric around Open Access Repositories in Africa, Europe, and the United States and their Implications for the Open Access Movement." In *The Global Librarian,* edited by Lisa Chow, Caroline Fuchs, Jason Kucsma, Carrie Netzer Wajda and Sandra Sajonas, 243-261. New York: Metropolitan New York Library Council and Greater New York Metropolitan Area Chapter/Association of College and Research Libraries, 2013.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "Open Access, African Scholarly Publishing, and Cultural Rights: An Exploratory Usage and Accessibility Study." *Library Philosophy and Practice* 619 (2011). http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/libphilprac/619.
- Poppeliers, Natalia Taylor. "Cultural Rights and Library Development and Discourse in Sub-Saharan Africa: Is the Colonial Legacy Still Alive?" In *Beyond Article 19: Libraries and Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights*, edited by Julie Biando Edwards and Stephan P. Edwards, 41-84. Duluth, MN.: Library Juice Press, 2010.
- Poppeliers, Natalia Taylor. "Cultural Rights, the Open Access Movement, and African Libraries: Theoretical Implications, Limits, and New Developments." In SCECSAL XIX 2010 Botswana: Enhancing Democracy and Good Governance through Effective Information and Knowledge Services: Proceedings of the 19th Standing Conference of Eastern, Central, Southern Africa Library and Information Associations (SCECSAL) 2010, edited by Priti Jain and R.B. Nfila, 342-354. Gaborone, Botswana: Botswana Library Association, 2010.

#### **ARTICLES AND REPORTS, NON-REFEREED**

- Bowdoin, Natalia, Chris Hagar, Joyce Monsees, Trishanjit Kaur, Trae Middlebrooks, Leatha Miles-Edmonson, Ashanti White, Touger Vang, Musa Wakhungu Olaka, Charles Agai Yier, Clara M. Chu, and Barbara J. Ford. "Academic Libraries Serving Refugees and Asylum Seekers." *College & Research Libraries News*, 78, no. 6 (June, 2017): 298-301. https://doi.org/10.5860/crln.78.6.298.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "How the U.S. and Benin Can Help Bring Justice to the Central African Republic." *Amnesty International USA: Human Rights Now* (blog). *Amnesty International USA*, August 6, 2014, http://blog.amnestyusa.org/africa/how-the-u-s-and-benin-can-help-bring-justice-to-the-central-african-republic/.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "Central African Republic: Who Will Heal the Wounds?" *Fair Observer*, June 22-23, 2014. Part One: http://www.fairobserver.com/region/africa/central-african-republic-who-will-heal-wounds-01737/. Part Two: http://www.fairobserver.com/region/africa/central-african-republic-who-will-heal-the-wounds-00745/.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "Out of the Pan and Into the Fire: Coup d'etat in the Central African Republic and Looming Crisis for Civilians." *Amnesty International USA: Human Rights Now* (blog). *Amnesty International USA*, March 26, 2013, http://blog.amnestyusa.org/africa/out-of-the-pan-and-into-the-fire-coup-detat-in-the-central-african-republic-and-looming-crisis-for-civilians/.
- Amnesty International (Contributor). *Central African Republic: Government Tramples on the Basic Rights of Detainees*. Index Number: AFR 19/007/2006. London: Amnesty International, November 30, 2006. https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/afr19/007/2006/en/.

#### **SELECTED INVITED TALKS, LECTURES AND POSTER SESSIONS**

- Bowdoin, Natalia, Dan Brackmann, Amie Freeman, Kim Kelley, Emily Smith. "Developing a Shared OER Collection in an Institutional Repository." Webinar for PASCAL (Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries). Virtual, March 26, 2025.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "Resettled Refugees and Asylum Seekers: Exploring the Role of Libraries and Information Providers." Invited speaker at the Cultural Diversity Exchange Workshop organized by the State Library of South Carolina, Lexington County Library, Lexington, SC, August 24, 2018.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "Central African Republic, Nigeria, and Syria: Crisis Spotlight." Invited panelist at the Amnesty International USA 2015 Annual Meeting, New York, NY, March 20-22, 2015.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "No Time to Waste: The Urgency of the Human Rights and Humanitarian Crisis in the Central African Republic." Invited presentation at the Annual Statewide Meeting for South Carolina of Amnesty International USA, Columbia, SC, April 12, 2014.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "The Human Rights Crisis in the Central African Republic: Amnesty Needs Your Voice!" Invited presentation on the panel "Crisis Response: Central African Republic and Syria" at the Annual Meeting of Amnesty International USA, Chicago, IL, April 4-6, 2014.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "Am I My Brother's Keeper?: Vengeance, Religious Conflict, and the Failed State in the Central African Republic." Invited presentation on panel co-sponsored by the CSRA Peace Alliance, The Center for Public Service, the Master's of Public Administration Program, the Anthropology Student Union and ONE at Georgia Regent's University (August University), Augusta, GA, March 12, 2014.
- Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. ""None of Us Are Safe": The Humanitarian and Human Rights Crisis in the Central African Republic." Invited presentation at the International Rescue Committee (IRC), Atlanta, GA, February 10, 2014.
- Poppeliers, Natalia Taylor. "The Central African Republic: A Complex Human Rights Crisis in the Heart of Africa." Guest lecturer in Anthropology 3817: African Comparative Cultural Issues, Augusta State University, GA, March 11, 2009.
- Poppeliers, Natalia Taylor. "Keynote Speaker." Annual statewide meeting of Amnesty International Georgia, Macon, GA, September 19, 2009.
- Poppeliers, Natalia Taylor. "The Central African Republic: A Hidden Humanitarian and Human Rights Crisis." Invited presentation at event sponsored by Amnesty International Augusta State University Chapter. Augusta, GA, February 28, 2008.

#### **SELECTED PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS OR WORKSHOPS**

Beck, Judy, Natalia Bowdoin, and Meredith Hawcroft. "USC Aiken's OER Action Plan: Update and Lessons Learned." Presentation at the AAC&U OER Institute Capstone Event (Virtual), June 10-11, 2024.

Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor. "Leading the Way to Knowledge: How African Libraries are Extending Information Access." Moderator and Discussant for session of the International Relations Committee Africa Subcommittee at the 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Library Association, New Orleans, LA, June 27, 2011.

Poppeliers, Natalia Taylor. "Universal Access to Information and Disadvantaged Groups." Chair and Discussant for session at the 19<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa Library and Information Associations (SCECSAL), Gaborone, Botswana, December 8, 2010.

#### **ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES**

Bowdoin, Natalia Taylor, and Janet Lee. "African Librarianship." in *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Sciences*, edited by John McDonald and Michael Levine-Clark. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ed. London: Taylor & Francis, 2015 and 2018. https://doi.org/10.1201/9780203757635 and https://doi.org/10.1081/E-ELIS4.

#### **COURSES**

## **Undergraduate:**

IDST A500	Senior Thesis Interdisciplinary Studies (Fall 2017, Spring 2021, Fall 2021)
IDST A598	Directed Capstone Internship Interdisciplinary Studies (Fall 2019, Fall 2020)
IDST A201	Interdisciplinary Methods (Fall 2016, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020)
IDST A101	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies (Spring 2016, Fall 2017)
AFCI A101	Critical Inquiry (Fall 2012)

#### **Undergraduate Honors:**

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HONS A201	Displacement and the Meaning of Home: Interdisciplinary Perspectives (Spring	
	2022; Spring 2025)	
HONS A201	Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Altruism (Co-taught – Spring 2013)	
HONS A201	Human Rights in the Information Age (Fall 2009; Spring 2014)	

#### THESES COMMITTEES

## **Undergraduate:**

Harper, Fionna. "Expressive Prostheses as Artistic Forms of Self-Expression: Creative Innovations in Medical Product Design." Bachelor's thesis (Interdisciplinary Studies), University of South Carolina Aiken, 2021.

Tilson, Clyde. "An Interdisciplinary Study of Interdisciplinarity." Bachelor's thesis (Interdisciplinary Studies), University of South Carolina Aiken, 2020.

- Lorraine, Rebecca L. "The Transition Experiences of Post-9/11 Women Warriors: A Sociocultural Perspective." Bachelor's thesis (Interdisciplinary Studies), University of South Carolina Aiken, 2017.
- Gonzalez, Kayla. "The Dragon and the Snake: An Interdisciplinary Case Study of Symbolism Integrating Philosophical and Anthropological Methods." Bachelor's thesis (Interdisciplinary Studies), University of South Carolina Aiken, 2017.
- Kule, Katie. "Growing Local: An Anthropological Case Study of Civic Agriculture in the Central Savannah River Basin." Bachelor's thesis (Interdisciplinary Studies), University of South Carolina Aiken, 2017.
- Gardiner, Thomas. "Mass Media Drives America's Racial Divide." Bachelor's thesis (Interdisciplinary Studies), University of South Carolina Aiken, 2016.

## **Graduate:**

Blank, Angelica. "A Qualitative Analysis of Immigration Stress on Parenting Among Refugees from the Central African Republic." Master's thesis (Clinical Psychology), University of South Carolina Aiken, 2024.

### HONORS, AWARDS, REVIEWS, AND GRANTS

2020	Peer reviewer. Racial Justice and Equity Research Fund Grants. Office of the Vice President for Research, University of South Carolina.
2019	External reviewer. Interdisciplinary Studies Program. SUNY Geneseo.
•	USCA Excellence in Advisement Nominee.
	Thirteen USCA Travel Awards to present at national and international conferences.
2016	International Education Week/3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Pacer Awards Award for an ICE Event
	Presented by an Individual or Group of Faculty and Staff
2014	University of South Carolina RISE Research Grant (PI): Information needs and
	information seeking behavior of refugees from the Central African Republic residing in
	the United States. Awarded.
2014	University of South Carolina ASPIRE-I Track IV Research Grant (PI): A comparative
	study of the health and educational information needs and information seeking behavior
	of refugees from the Central African Republic (CAR) as perceived by CAR refugees and
	U.S. refugee resettlement service providers. Not funded.
2014	Amnesty International USA Country Specialist Program Honor. Recognition for excellence
	and perseverance in responding to a crisis. Annual Meeting of Amnesty International
	USA. Chicago, IL. April 4, 2014.
2013	USCA Student Athlete Faculty Honoree
2012	University of South Carolina ASPIRE-I Research Grant (PI): Impact of Open Access
	Scholarship on African Researchers and Communities. Not Funded.
2011	International Society for the Study of Science & Religion Library Award/Grant
	(Co-PI). Awarded.

#### SELECT SERVICE AND ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

#### **African Studies Association,** 1997-2004; 2008-2011; 2014-2019

Africana Librarians Council, 1997-2004, 2009-2011, 2014-2017 Book Donation Committee, 2001-2004

#### American Library Association, 2000-2006, 2008-2020

Services for Refugees, Immigrants, and Displaced Persons (SRIDP) Subcommittee of the Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services Advisory (ODLOS), 2019-2021
International Relations Committee Africa Subcommittee, 2009-2015
International Relations Round Table, 2002-2006, 2008-present
Poster Sessions Subcommittee, 2002-2005 (Committee Chair, 2003-2005)
Sustainable Library Development Interest Group, 2002-2006, 2008-present

Social Responsibilities Round Table, 2000-2001, 2009-present

## **Amnesty International USA**, 1985-1988, 2001-2017

Central Africa Country Specialist Group, 2004-2017 University of South Carolina Aiken Chapter Faculty Advisor, 2010-2019 Country Specialist Steering Committee, 2009-2011 AIUSA Board Nominating Committee, 2006-2007 Georgia Legislative Coordinator, 2002-2004

## Friends of Refugees (Clarkston, GA)

Growing Leaders Youth Program Volunteer, 2024-present Special Event Volunteer, 2023-present Ministry Practicum Fellow (Partner Engagement Team), 2023-2024 Refugee Family Literacy Volunteer, Fall 2019

#### **Georgia State University**, 2000-2004

Advancement of Women Faculty Steering Committee, 2004
Institutional Effectiveness Committee, 2003-2004
LGBT Campus Attitudes Survey Subcommittee, 2002-2004
Service-Learning Committee, 2001-2002
Center for the Study of Adult Literacy Advisory Council, 2000-2001

## **Imagination Station Augusta (Neighborhood Children's Museum)**

Steering Committee/Board Member, 2013-2017 By-Laws Subcommittee Member, 2016-2017 Grants Subcommittee Member, 2014-2015

## International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM), 2022-present

'Education, Displacement and (Im)mobility' Research Cluster, 2023-present

#### Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL)

Affordable Learning Committee Member, 2025-present Common Collections Committee Member, 2015-2017

## **Southeastern Library Association**, 2012-2016

Outstanding Library Program Award Committee, 2014-2016

## **Unitarian Universalist Church of Augusta**

Committee on Shared Ministry, 2023-present Faith Formation Team Volunteer, 2022-present Memorial Garden Committee (Chair), 2022-2024 Board of Trustees (Member-at-Large), 2021-2022 Right Relations Committee, 2016-2020 Pastoral Care Committee, 2015-2017

## University of South Carolina-Aiken, 2007-present

USCA Faculty Assembly Administrative Search Pool, 2025-present

Scholar Commons, USC Library System, AI Policy Working Group, 2025-present

Campus Life Committee, 2024-present (Committee Chair, 2025-present)

USCA Library Specialist Search Committee, 2024

Open Educational Resources Task Force, 2023-present

Faculty Grievance Committee, 2022-2025

Scholar Commons OER Working Group, USC Library System, 2022-present

Scholar Commons Exhibits Subcommittee, USC Library System, 2021-2022

USCA Leadership Banquet Awards Committee, Spring 2022

Electronic Resources Search Committee (Committee Chair, 2021-2022)

Faculty Advisory Committee, 2019-2022 (Committee Co-Chair, 2021-2022)

Chancellor's Sustainable Budget Taskforce, 2020-21

Internationalization of Campus Task Force, 2019-2020

Reference and Instruction Librarian Search Committee, 2019-2020

Government Documents Librarian Search Committee, 2019

Scholar Commons (OA repository) Committee, USC Library System, 2019-present

STEM and Emerging Technologies Librarian Search Committee, 2018-2019

Honors Program Advisory Committee, 2018-present

Assistant Professor of Art Search Committee, 2017-2018

Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee Task Force, 2017-2018

Library Instruction Coordinator Search Committee (Committee Chair, 2017)

Government Documents Librarian Search Committee, 2017

University Planning Committee, 2016-2019

Faculty Annual Evaluation Committee, 2016-2018

Humanities and Social Sciences Dean Search Committee, 2015-2016

Geology Faculty Search Committee, 2015-2016

Library Director Search Committee, 2015-2016

Promotions and Tenure Committee, 2014-2015

Scholastic Standings and Petitions Committee, 2013-2016

Humanities and Social Sciences Dean Search Committee, 2014-2015

Chemistry Department Faculty Search Committee, 2014-2015

Sociology Department Faculty Search Committee, 2012-2013

Judicial Procedures Advisor, 2011-2016

General Education Committee, 2011-2013 (Committee Chair, Spring 2013)

Amnesty International USCA Chapter, Faculty Advisor, 2010-2019

USC-Aiken SafeZone Ally, 2010-present

Global Studies Committee, 2008-2013

USCA Research Day Judge, 2012

Instruction/Reference Librarian Search Committee, 2012

Courses and Curricula Committee, 2008-2011

Campus Life Committee, 2008-2011 (Committee Chair, 2010-2011)

Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs Search Committee, 2011

Documents Librarian Search (Committee Chair, 2011)

Library Promotion and Tenure Review Revision (Committee Chair, 2011)

Web Services and Documents Librarian Search (Committee Chair, 2010)

Library Instruction Coordinator Search Committee, 2010

Instruction/Reference Librarian Search Committee, 2010

Library Circulation Manager Search Committee, 2010

Reference Librarian Search Committee, 2009

Family Fund Campaign Library Coordinator, 2009

Honors, Awards, Scholarships Community Service Award Subcommittee, 2009

Student Life Leadership Awards Selection Committee, 2009

First Year Reading Experience Discussion Leader, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013

Aiken County Language Arts Festival Judge, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012

Honors, Awards, Scholarships Part-Time Teaching Award Subcommittee, 2008

Faculty Orientation Committee, 2007-2008