

# Kelsey Brett

## Education

MS in Information Studies, University of Texas School of Information, Austin, TX, 2011  
BA in History, University of Texas, Austin, TX, 2008

## Experience

**Discovery & Metadata Department Head, Auraria Library, March 2019 – Present**

- Oversee the work of the Discovery & Metadata Department which is responsible for describing, enhancing discovery of, and providing access to the library's purchased and subscribed resources
- Administer the library's discovery system (Summon), electronic resources knowledge base and link resolver (360 Workflow Solutions), and off-campus authentication system (Ezproxy)
- Oversee cataloging and metadata creation for the library's purchased and subscribed resources in all formats
- Work with other departments to evaluate, develop, and improve acquisition-to-discovery workflows that address the complexities of 21<sup>st</sup> century learning materials
- Lead the electronic resources troubleshooting team to resolve user access problems and to identify and resolve wide-spread access problems

**Electronic Resources Librarian/Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University Libraries, January 2018 – February 2019**

- Managed access to the Libraries electronic resources in CORAL ERM, SFX link resolver, and LibGuides database A-Z list
- Added and updated database stanzas in ezproxy to enable authentication for off-campus access
- Troubleshoot electronic resources access issues for internal and external library users through the LibAnswers ticketing system, as well as through email, chat, phone and in-person
- Negotiated and processed license agreements with publishers and vendors for the acquisition of electronic resource subscriptions
- Supervised staff members who activate and maintain serials holdings in SFX and collect monthly COUNTER usage reports

**Electronic Acquisitions Coordinator, University of Houston Libraries, December 2016 – December 2017**

- Negotiated license agreements with publishers and vendors for the acquisition and renewal of electronic resources subscriptions and one-time purchases
- Facilitated online access to licensed resources in Serials Solutions 360 Resource Manager and 360 Link
- Investigated technical requirements and platform compatibility with library systems for potential electronic resource acquisitions

- Oversaw electronic resources management workflows within the Acquisitions department and provided support to staff members who used Serials Solutions in their workflows
- Served on the Collection Management Committee and Electronic Resources Management Team

**Discovery Systems Librarian**, *University of Houston Libraries*, September 2013 – November 2016

- Supported the ongoing development and enhancement of the Libraries' discovery system (Summon and Primo)
- Conducted user testing to improve the discovery experience
- Promoted discovery system integration with other library systems, including III Sierra, Serials Solutions, DSpace, and the library website
- Activated collections in the discovery system metadata index to provide access to subscribed resources
- Troubleshoot electronic resource access issues for internal and external users

**Resource Discovery Systems Fellow**, *University of Houston Libraries*, February 2012 – August 2013

- Worked on diverse projects involving emerging library technology, specifically discovery systems, integrated library systems, and electronic resources management systems

**Documents Assistant**, *University of Texas Libraries*, June 2010 – January 2012

- Processed incoming US government and United Nations documents
- Edited bibliographic records and created item records for new materials
- Worked 10 hours per week on the Electronic Information Desk

**Reference Intern**, *Westbank Community Libraries*, Fall 2010

**Undergraduate Research Assistant**, *Department of History, University of Texas*, Fall 2007

**Legislative Intern**, *Texas House of Representatives*,  
Spring 2007

**Publications**

*Peer Reviewed Articles*

Kelsey Brett (2018) A Comparative Analysis of Electronic Resources Access Problems at Two University Libraries, *Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship*, 30:4.

Richard Guajardo, Kelsey Brett, and Frederick Young (2017) The Evolution of Discovery Systems in Academic Libraries: A Case Study at the University of Houston Libraries, *Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship* 29:1, 16-23.

Kelsey Brett, Ashley Lierman, and Cherie Turner (2016) Lessons Learned: A Primo Usability Study, *Information Technology and Libraries* 35:1, 7-25.

Kelsey Brett, Elizabeth German, and Frederick Young (2015) Tabs and Tabulations: Results of a Transaction Log Analysis of a Tabbed Search Interface, *Journal of Web Librarianship* 9:1, 22-41.

*Book Chapters, Conference Proceedings, and other Publications*

Richard Guajardo, Kelsey Brett, and Frederick Young (2015) The Next Step in Discovery Implementation: User-Centered Discovery System Redesign, *Proceedings of the Charleston Library Conference*.

Kelsey Brett (2016) Report of the ALCTS Catalog Form and Function Interest Group Meeting. *American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, Chicago, January 2015, Technical Services Quarterly*, 33:1, 59-61.

Kelsey Brett and Ruth Elder (2015) Using RDA to Improve User Experience: A report of the ALCTS Catalog Form and Function Interest Group Meeting, *American Library Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, June 2015, Technical Services Quarterly* 32:3, 313-316.

Shawn Vallaincourt, Kelsey Brett, Katie Buehner, Andrea Malone, and Ayla Stein (2013) A Production Process for Library Help Videos, *Library Publishing Toolkit: Libraries publishing original content*, 299-304, IDS Project Press.

Kelsey Brett, Jeanne M. Castro, and Rachel Vacek (2012) How to Build a Better Mousetrap: Developing an Easy, Functional ERM, *Proceedings of the Charleston Library Conference*.

## **Presentations**

"How New Technologies Impact Organizational Structure and Staffing," co-presented with Richard Guajardo, and Frederick Young, *Ex Libris Southwest User Group Virtual Conference*, November 15, 2018.

"Integrated eResources Lifecycle Management: Burnin' Down the Silos", co-presented with Melody Condon, *Texas Library Association Annual Conference*, April 4, 2018

"The Impact of Discovery Systems on Libraries Organizational Structure & Staffing," co-presented with Richard Guajardo, *Electronic Resources & Libraries*, April 3, 2017

"Using the User: A User-Centered Approach to a Primo Redesign," co-presented with Frederick Young, *ExLibris Users of North America (ELUNA) Annual Conference*, May 4, 2016,

"How Users Conduct Research Using Discovery Systems: Results of a Usability Study," *Electronic Resources & Libraries*, April 5, 2016,

“The Next Step in Discovery Implementation: User-Centered Discovery System Redesign,” co-presented in absence with Richard Guajardo and Frederick Young, Charleston Conference, November 7, 2015

“Discovery Systems: Building a Better User Experience”, panel moderator, Electronic Resources & Libraries, February 25, 2015.

“Developing Best Practices for Implementing a Web-Scale Discovery System”, co-presented with Richard Guajardo and Frederick Young, Discovery Tools Now and in the Future: An Amigos Online Conference, November 18, 2014

“Choosing a Discovery System to Meet Diverse Needs: A Case Study”, American Library Association Annual Conference, June 28, 2014

"Understanding User Behavior through Transaction Logs", co-presented with Elizabeth German, American Library Association Annual Conference, June 30, 2013

"What Does it Take to Manage Electronic Resources", co-presented with Jeannie Castro, American Library Association, Annual Conference, June 30, 2013

"Building Your Skill Set: Electronic Resource Management", co-presented with Jeannie Castro and Russlene Waukechon, Texas Library Association Annual Conference, April 25, 2013

"How to Build a Better Mousetrap or Developing an Easy, Functional ERM", co-presented with Jeannie Castro and Rachel Vacek, Charleston Conference, November 10, 2012

## **Professional Service**

CORAL Web Committee

Member, 2017 -2018

Texas Library Association (TLA)

Elected, Secretary/Treasurer, TALL Texans Round Table, 2018 (1-year term)

Appointed, Member of the Intellectual Freedom Committee, 2018 (3-year term)

Elected, Chair-elect/Chair, District 8, 2016 (3-year term)

Appointed, Member of the 2016 TLA Programming Committee, 2015 (2-year term)

Appointed, Member of the TLA PR & Marketing Committee, 2015 (3-year term)

Appointed, Chair of the College and University Libraries Division Nominating Committee, 2014 (3-year term)

Elected, Chair of Electronic Serials Management and Acquisitions Roundtable, 2013 (3 –year term)

Elected, Secretary of District 8 (Houston-area), 2013 (1-year term)

Member, District 8 2013 Conference Program and Planning Committee, 2013 Member, 2010

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Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS)

Chair of Cataloging Form & Function Interest Group

## **Service to Libraries**

### Auraria Library

Member, Faculty Personnel Committee, 2019-2020 (elected)

### Texas A&M University Libraries

Member, University Libraries Bylaws Committee, 2018-2019 (elected)

Unit Coordinator for the State Employee Charitable Campaign, 2018

### University of Houston Libraries

Vice-Chair/Chair of Librarians' Meetings, 2016-2018 (elected)

Chair, Electronic Resources Workflow Task Force, 2016 -2017

Member, Cougar Scholars Open Access Team, 2016 -2017

Member, Graduate Student Online User Experience Team, 2016-2017

Member, Discovery Camp Planning Committee, 2016

Chair, Walk and Learn for Wellness Committee, 2015

Member, LinkedIn at the Library Committee, 2015

Vice-chair/Chair, Campus Engagement Committee, 2013-2015

Vice-chair/Chair, Strategic Directions Summary Report Committee, 2013-2015

## **Awards and Recognitions**

Selected to participate in the Texas Accelerated Library Leaders Institute, Class of 2016

Recipient, ER&L Cross-Pollinators Travel Award, 2015

Recipient, John P. McGovern, Rookie of the Year Award, University of Houston Libraries, 2013