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#### **Julia Blixrud**

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Julia has been with the Association of Research Libraries since December 1996 and provides staff support to several ARL programs with external activities: Research, Teaching, and Learning, Leadership Development, Statistics and Measurement, and Scholarly Communication. Julia represents the Association at national and international meetings and events, provides advice for ARL publications and communications, and conducts special projects. She is staff to the Association's Membership Committee and works with the Visiting Program Officer program. Julia has served as a faculty member for ARL's former Office of Leadership and Management Services, facilitating institutes on the culture of assessment, project management, facilitation, and leadership and management as well as providing consulting services for institutional planning and assessment. In addition to her ARL duties, Julia is the Assistant Director for Public Programs for SPARC, the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition. Serving in that capacity since August 1999, she is implementing a grassroots educational and advocacy program directed to scientists and scholars, librarians, and society publishers. Julia's 30-year career in the library community has included positions at CAPCON and MINITEX library networks, the Council on Library Resources, and the Library of Congress. Her interests and professional activities have included cooperative programs, serials, technical standards, library assessment, intellectual property, and scholarly communication. She received the 2007 Ulrich's Serials Librarianship Award. Julia has a BA in library science and Scandinavian studies from Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and an MA in library science from the University of Minnesota.

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#### **Terri Fishel**

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Terri Fishel has been at Macalester College since 1985, and Library Director since 1997. Prior to becoming Library Director, Terri was Head of Reference at Macalester. Her previous professional experience was as a Business Reference Librarian at the University of St. Thomas from 1979 to 1985. As Library Director, she manages the library, media services, and campus web services. Terri chairs the campus Digital Assets Management working group that oversees the implementation and development of systems to manage digital resources including images, media, and text materials. The Digital Commons@Macalester was introduced in 2004 to function as an institutional repository and help manage digital text materials produced by the college, focusing in particular on student work. The Digital Commons has provided opportunities to produce three open access journals of student peer-reviewed publications in addition to providing access to over 60 student Honor projects. In addition to the Digital Assets group, a separate Scholarly Communications task force composed of faculty, the director of the Center for Scholarship and Teaching, and librarians was formed in the Fall of 2006 and is currently chaired by Terri. The Scholarly Communication Task Force is coordinating outreach and education efforts on campus. In addition to scholarly communication issues, Terri is involved in information fluency efforts, copyright issues, and statistics. Macalester coordinates the Oberlin Group annual collection of statistics for the 80 private liberal arts college library members. Terri was appointed in 2006 to serve on the ACRL Statistics Committee. Terri holds a BA in History from the University of California, Berkeley, an MA in Library Science and an MA in American Studies from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. Terri is a 2003 Frye Institute Fellow.

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Karla Hahn began working for ARL in January 2005. Prior to her appointment, she was Collection Management Team Leader for the University of Maryland Libraries. In addition to her first-hand collection management experience at Maryland, she has graduate education and experience in the bio-medical sciences and a MLS degree from Syracuse. Karla received her PhD from the University of Maryland College of Information Studies, writing on "Electronic Journals as Innovations: A Study of Author and Editor Early Adopters." As Director of OSC, Karla is instrumental in creatively defining and advancing the portfolio for ARL's scholarly communication program. This program is shaped by the new ARL Strategic Plan that calls for ARL to give priority to being a leader in the development of models of scholarly communication that provide barrier-free access to quality information in support of teaching, learning, research, and service to the community.

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DeEtta Jones provides strategic and organizational development consulting and training in the areas of leadership, management, diversity and inclusion. She has more than fifteen years of experience designing and facilitating training events and presenting for audiences around the world. DeEtta was with ARL for ten years, first as the director of diversity initiatives and later served as Director of Organizational Learning Services for ARL's Office of Leadership and Management Services (OMLS). She worked with the OLMS and Diversity programs training faculty and consultants to design and deliver learning events and develop new products and services that supported libraries' ongoing organizational development efforts. DeEtta's current work with the research library community includes organizational development focused on diversity, recruitment and retention issues, and facilitating training events on leadership and management skills. DeEtta earned her B.A. in Psychology from Colorado State University and went on to earn an M.A. in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Colorado State University. Prior to working for, DeEtta was Director of the Office of Human Rights for the City of Fort Collins. She also served as Coordinator for Multicultural Training and Leadership Development at Colorado State University.

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Joy Kirchner has been the Sciences Collections Librarian for Science Libraries at the University of British Columbia (UBC) Library since 2005 where she coordinates collections and licensing for four STM libraries and three hospital libraries. Her position was create in part to take the lead on changes in Scholarly Publishing and Open Access issues for the Library. Her work in scholarly communication and emerging trends and issues in the digital library is long standing. She has chaired a number of committees that are concerned with assessing online collections and networked environments and examining new opportunities and innovations in these areas. She was instrumental in working with faculty to host their open access journals through the Library's open access journal hosting program; she is involved in the implementation and content recruitment of the Library's institutional repository, and she has recently been invited by UBC's College of Health Disciplines to participate in the development of their own open access journal and open conference proceedings. This past year, Joy delivered twelve faculty and graduate student presentations on scholarly communication topics, organized and facilitated a roundtable discussion with UBC's open access authors, organized and hosted a BC Research Libraries sponsored faculty panel discussion event on scholarly communication and open access and partnered with other provincial research libraries to deliver two full-day workshops on scholarly communication topics for faculty-liaison librarians. Previously she was Electronic Resources Librarian for UBC and Columbia University, the STM Coordinator of Electronic Journals/Nursing and Allied Health Librarian and she was an Engineering Librarian. Joy holds a BA in English and an M.L.I.S. from UBC.

### **John Ober**

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John Ober joined the California Digital Library (organizationally housed at the University of California Office of the President, Oakland, California) in 1998 as Assistant Director,

Education and Communications. In his current position, John facilitates planning and policy development for CDL's Office of Scholarly Communications, and helps ensure that the UC community is continuously informed about the associated challenges and opportunities. John also oversees the communication and outreach activities of the CDL at large. From 2002–2003, he served as interim Director of CDL Technologies. Before coming to the CDL, he served as a faculty member and the Development Librarian for Electronic Resources at California State University, Monterey Bay. His other past positions include: Acting Director of Library Systems at UC Berkeley, Network Resources Librarian at UC Berkeley, ALA Library Bookfellow in Benin, West Africa, and Assistant Professor at the UC Berkeley School of Library and Information Systems. John holds a B.A. in English/Philosophy from Bowling Green State University, an M.S. in Sociology from the University of Houston, an M.L.I.S. from UC Berkeley, and a Ph.D. in Library and Information Systems Management, also from UC Berkeley.

### **Lee Van Orsdel**

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Lee Van Orsdel became Dean of University Libraries at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan in July 2005, following six years as Dean of Libraries at Eastern Kentucky University. Prior to that, she was Director of Libraries at the University of Montevallo in Alabama, during which time she chaired the task force that organized and obtained funding for the Alabama Virtual Library. During the 1980's she was Director of Account Services for the Southeast Region of EBSCO Subscription Services, and prior to that was Head of Public Services at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. For the past 15 years, Lee has co-authored Library Journal's annual periodicals price survey and market analysis with Kathleen Born. She was a plenary session speaker on open access at the Nordic Inter-Lending Conference in Norway in 2005. She is a returning member of ACRL's Scholarly Communications Committee and was a planner and presenter for the 2004 ACRL preconference, "Scholarly Communications 101." Lee is a member of the 2005 class of Senior Fellows at UCLA. She earned a B.A. degree in History and French from Samford University, an M.A. in History from Florida State University, and an MLIS from the University of Alabama.

### **Kevin Smith**

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Kevin Smith is the Scholarly Communications Officer at Duke University, a position he has held since it was created in June 2006. In that role he consults with faculty, staff, administrators and students about copyright, licensing and scholarly publishing issues. He also offers educational programs to various faculty and student groups, works on intellectual property policy for the University, and advises Duke on national legislative issues that effect scholarly communications. Kevin began his academic career with graduate work in theology at Yale Divinity School and the University of Chicago. After completing an MLS he served as a reference librarian in both theological schools and at liberal arts colleges. Before moving to Duke he was Library Director at Defiance College in northwest Ohio. His interest in copyright, intellectual freedom and civil rights lead him to attend law school part-time starting in 2001. He received a J.D. degree in 2005 and was admitted to the bar in Ohio

later that year. Before moving to Duke to work full-time on scholarly communications issues he greatly enjoyed teaching constitutional law to undergraduate students, and he remains an interested and critical observer of the Supreme Court around issues of religious freedom and establishment. Kevin gives frequent presentations on copyright, licensing and authors' rights for the Duke faculty and to national librarians' organizations.

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Karen Williams began her appointment at the University of Minnesota in December 2004. In this position, she provides leadership for six departments and several initiatives that address campus needs in the areas of scholarly communication, collection management, information literacy, archives and special collections, and reference services. Karen previously worked at the University of Arizona Library, serving there since 1983 in a variety of leadership positions, from library instruction to reference to digital library initiatives. In 2001, Karen led the University of Arizona Library in becoming an open access journal publisher, by teaming up with one of its faculty, entomologist Henry Hagedorn, to debut *The Journal of Insect Science (JIS)*, a peer reviewed e-journal available to all users free of charge. It was the first SPARC partner journal to be published by a university library. She was a planner and panel member for the 2004 ACRL preconference "Scholarly Communication 101." Karen currently serves on the Board of Directors of ACRL and the Scholarly Communications Committee. She created the Web-based Scholarly Communications toolkit as a resource designed to support advocacy efforts that work toward changing the scholarly communication system and to provide information on scholarly communication issues for librarians, faculty, academic administrators and other campus stakeholders. A member of the Information Literacy Immersion faculty since 1999, Karen taught in five of these 4-1/2 day intensive programs. Karen holds a B.A. in English and Secondary Education from the University of Michigan-Flint, and an A.M.L.S. from the University of Michigan.