

# Melanie A. Kimball

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### **University Address:**

Simmons College  
Graduate School of Library and Information Science  
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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Library and Information Science, 2003

M.S. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Library and Information Science, 1998

M.Mus. University of Michigan, Vocal Performance, 1980

B. Mus. Alma College, Vocal Performance, 1978

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

#### **Assistant Professor, 2009-**

Graduate School of Library and Information Science  
SIMMONS COLLEGE, BOSTON, MA

#### **Assistant Professor, 2003-2008**

Department of Library and Information Studies  
Graduate School of Education  
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

#### **Teaching Assistant, 1999-2002**

Graduate School of Library and Information Science  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

#### **Research Assistant, 1998-2001**

Center for Children's Books  
Graduate School of Library and Information Science  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

#### **Archives Assistant, 1996-1998**

University Archives  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

**Coordinator of Technical Services 1993-1996**

DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON, NEW YORK, NY

**Catalogue Librarian, 1990-1992**

CASSIDY CATALOGUING SERVICES, INC., NEW YORK, NY

**Head of Technical Services, 1989-1990**

WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES, NEW YORK, NY

**Cataloger, 1984-1989**

WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES, NEW YORK, NY

**Technical Library Assistant, 1982-1984**

Architecture and Art Library

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MI

**Serials Clerk, 1982**

Architecture and Art Library

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MI

**Technical Library Assistant, 1981**

Monographic Cataloging Section

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MI

**Library Assistant, 1980-1981**

Serials Conversion Project

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MI

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**Articles in Refereed Journals:**

Kimball, Melanie A. "Seeing the World from Main Street: Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Literature for American Youth about Life in Other Lands," accepted for publication in *Library Trends* 60, no. 4 (February 2012)

Abbas, June, Kimball, Melanie, Bishop, Kay, D'elia, George. "Youth, Public Libraries and the Internet, Pt. 4: Why Youth Do Not Use the Public Library," *Public Libraries* 47, no. 1 (January/February 2008)

Kimball, Melanie, Abbas, June, Bishop, Kay and D'elia, George. "Youth, Public Libraries and the Internet, Pt. 3: Who Visits the Public Library and What Do They Do There?" *Public Libraries*, 46, no. 6 (November/December 2007): 52-58.

Abbas, June, Kimball, Melanie, Bishop, Kay and D'elia, George. "Youth, Public Libraries and the Internet, Pt. 2: Internet Access and Youth's Use of the Public Library," *Public Libraries* 46, no. 5 (September/October 2007): 64-70.

Abbas, June, Kimball, Melanie, Bishop, Kay and D'elia, George. "Youth, Public Libraries and the Internet, Pt. 1: Internet Access and Youth's Use of the Public Library," *Public Libraries* 46, no. 4 (July/August 2007): 40-45.

Kimball, Melanie A. "From Refuge to Risk: Children and Public Libraries in World War I," *Library Trends*, Vol. 55, no. 3 (Winter 2007): 454-463.

Bishop, Kay and Kimball, Melanie. "Engaging Students in Storytelling," *Teacher-Librarian*, Vol. 33, no. 4 (April 2006): 28-31.

Kimball, Melanie A., Jenkins, Christine, and Hearne, Betsy. "Effie Louise Power: Librarian, Educator, Author," *Library Trends* 52 (2004): 924-951.

Kimball, Melanie A. "From Folktales to Fiction: the Orphan Character in Children's Literature" *Library Trends*, 47 (1999): 558-578.

### **Book Chapters**

Kimball, Melanie A. "A Brief History of Reader's Advisory," IN *Genreflecting*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Libraries Unlimited (2006).

### **Reviews**

Kimball, Melanie A. "Bookwomen: Creating an Empire in Children's Book Publishing, 1919-1939 by Jacalyn Eddy." *SHARPNews*, Vol. 16, No. 3 (Summer 2007).

Kimball, Melanie A. "Library Materials and Services to Teen Girls," *Library Quarterly*, Vol. 74, no. 4 (October 2004): 488-490.

Kimball, Melanie A. "Perspectives on American Book History," *History of Education Quarterly*, Vol. 44, no. 3 (Fall 2004): 415-417.

Kimball, Melanie A. "Books for Girls," *Feminist Collections*, Vol. 21, no. 2 (Winter 2000): 26-28.

### **Other Publications**

Kimball, Melanie A. "Arthur E. Bostwick"; "Caroline Hewins"; "Carl Milam"; "Anne Carroll Moore"; "The John Newbery Award"; "Mary Utopia Rothrock"; and "Jesse H. Shera." (*Oxford Companion to the Book*, in press)

YALSA Research Committee. "Current Research Related to Young Adult Services, 2000-2005: A Supplement," *Young Adult Library Services* Vol. 4, no. 3 (Spring 2006): 35-46. (As Committee Chair, I provided some of the annotations, but also edited the entire document prior to submission for publication)

Kimball, Melanie A. "Doll and Toy Stories," "Dorothy Canfield Fisher," and "Elizabeth Janet Gray" *Oxford Encyclopedia of Children's Literature*, 2006.

## **GRANT SUPPORT**

“Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Children’s Library Service in the U.S.: A History,” \$900 funded by the Emily Hollowell Research Fund, Funded March 2010-June 2010.

Consultant, “Get Graphic: Building Literacy & Community with Graphic Novels.” \$96,000 funded by the New York State Library, Fall 2007-June 2009. Project Director, Peggy Skotnicki. Participating Libraries include Buffalo & Erie County Library System and NIOGA Library System. Project partners include the Albright Knox Art Gallery, *The Buffalo News*, Buffalo School System, Erie 1 BOCES, the University at Buffalo, State University of New York, William S. Hein & Co., and WBFO-FM Radio. Funded September 2007-December 2009.

Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Affirmative Action/Diversity Leave Program, Spring/Summer 2007 University at Buffalo, State University of New York.

Co-investigator, “Impacts of use of the Internet on use of the public library, Phase II,” \$266,881 funded by IMLS. With George D’Elia (PI) and Chris Brown-Syed (Co-I). Funded September 2005-December 2006.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

### **Refereed Conference Presentations:**

“They Wanted to Read Books by Lady Authors’: Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Children’s Reading Clubs at the Cleveland Public Library”  
SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF AUTHORSHIP, READING, AND PUBLISHING  
Annual Conference, July 2011, Washington, D.C.

“A House for Reading’ That Included Children: The Boston Athenaeum and Its Young Patrons”  
LIBRARY SEMINAR XII  
September 2010, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Seeing the World from Main Street: Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Literature for American Youth about Life in Other Lands”  
LIBRARY SEMINAR XII  
September 2010, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Children and Animals and Libraries, Oh My! Or, Reading Can Be Dangerous”  
SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF AUTHORSHIP, READING, AND PUBLISHING  
Annual Conference, June 2009, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

“Teaching American Children about Life in Other Lands: Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Classroom Collections, 1902-1923”  
SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF AUTHORSHIP, READING, AND PUBLISHING  
Annual Conference, June 2008, Oxford, England

"Wonderful, blunderful me': Constructing and Deconstructing Ramona"  
SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF AUTHORSHIP, READING, AND PUBLISHING  
Annual Conference, July 2007, Minneapolis, MN

"Visual Literacy: Using Images to Lead Children to Reading in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century"  
EDUCATION AND THE CULTURE OF PRINT IN MODERN AMERICA  
Conference, September 2006, University of Wisconsin-Madison

"Alice's Adventures In the New World: A Comparison of American and British Illustrators of  
*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, 1895-1907"  
SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF AUTHORSHIP, READING, AND PUBLISHING  
Annual Conference, July 2006, The Hague, The Netherlands

"From Refuge to Risk: Children and Public Libraries in World War I"  
LIBRARY SEMINAR XI  
October 2005, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois

"An Eye on the World: Immigrants, World War, and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Books for Youth"  
SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF AUTHORSHIP, READING, AND PUBLISHING  
Annual Conference, July 2005, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

"The Impact of Internet Use by Youth on Use of the Public Library by Youth" (with June Abbas,  
Kay Bishop, and George D'Elia)  
ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE EDUCATORS  
Annual Conference, January 2005, Boston, MA

"Assembling Orphan Tales: From Folktale to Fiction to Fact" (with Dennis Leoutsakas)  
INTERNATIONAL BOARD ON BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE  
Biennial Conference, September 2004, Cape Town, South Africa

"Cultural Gatekeepers: Children's Librarians and the Control of Children's Reading, 1903-1930"  
SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF AUTHORSHIP, READING, AND PUBLISHING  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, July 2004, Lyon, France

"Engaging Students in Storytelling" (with Kay Bishop)  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIES/SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
Annual Meeting, June 2004, Dublin, Ireland

"Storytelling, Literature and the Creation of New Readers in St. Louis, 1907-1927"  
SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF AUTHORSHIP, READING AND PUBLISHING  
Annual Conference, July, 2003, Claremont, CA

"Creating Young Readers: Storytelling and Literature at St. Louis Public Library, 1909-1939"  
MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION  
Annual Conference, December 2002, New York, NY

"Spiritual Aunts: Children's Librarians in St. Louis, 1909-1929"  
3RD ANNUAL GRADUATE SYMPOSIUM ON WOMEN'S AND GENDER HISTORY  
University of Illinois, March 2002, Urbana, IL

"Picturing Wonderland: Alice's Illustrators Reflect Perceptions of Childhood, 1865-2000"  
Midwest Modern Languages Association Annual Meeting, November 2001, Cleveland, OH

"Picturing Wonderland: Alice's Adventures Through the Eyes of Her Illustrators"  
SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF AUTHORSHIP, READING, AND PUBLISHING  
8th Annual Conference, July 2000, Mainz, Germany

**Invited Conference Presentations:**

"From Folk Tales to Fiction"  
NEW ENGLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
Annual Conference, October 2, 2011, Burlington, Vermont

"Colliding Worlds: Intersections of Fantasy and Folktale"  
HORN BOOK AT SIMMONS COLLOQUIUM  
Simmons College, October 2, 2011

"Just the Facts, Ma'am': The Boston Globe/Horn Book Nonfiction Awards"  
HORN BOOK AT SIMMONS COLLOQUIUM  
Simmons College, October 3, 2010

"Teaching Children 'To See Beauty and to Live It': A Library/Museum Collaboration, 1914-1918"  
ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE EDUCATORS  
Annual Conference, January 2009, Boston, MA

"Interviews and Beyond! Job Talks, Site Visits and Negotiating Your First Position (Panel discussion and Q&A with Leigh Estabrook and Heather Hill)"  
ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE EDUCATORS  
Annual Conference, January 2009, Boston, MA

"Creating a Profession: Education and Training for Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Librarians"  
ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE EDUCATORS  
Annual Conference, January 2009, Denver, CO

"Stories Within Stories Within Stories: Historical Methods in LIS"  
ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE EDUCATORS  
Annual Conference, January 2009, Denver, CO

"An Eye on the World: Teaching American Children about Life in Other Lands, 1900-1925."  
SCHOOL OF INFORMATION AND LIBRARY SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
Research Brown Bag Lecture, March 12, 2008, Tucson, AZ

"Educating Doctoral Students in Young Adult/Children's Services" (Panel discussion with Mary K. Chelton, Linda Cooper, and Robert Martin)  
ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE EDUCATORS  
Annual Conference, January 2005, Boston, MA

"Intellectual and Spiritual Aunts: Youth Services and the Public Library, 1900-1930"  
NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
Annual Meeting, November 2003, Saratoga Springs, NY

“Reading Between the Lines: Library Work Diaries as a Source of Research in Women's History”

Gender Week Panel, September 2003, University At Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

“Intellectual and Spiritual Aunts: Children’s Librarians in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century St. Louis”

Library History Roundtable Research Forum

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting, June 2003, Toronto, Canada

## **AWARDS**

Fellowship, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Fall, 2001

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Fellowship, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Fall, 2000

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Conference Travel Award, Graduate College, Summer, 2000

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

## **HONORS**

Beta Phi Mu, National Scholastic Honorary society, 1998-present

Incomplete List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students, Fall 2002, Fall 2001, Fall 2000, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Magna cum laude Graduate, honors in Music, Alma College, 1978

Gamma Delta Alpha, Senior Women’s Honorary, Alma College, 1977-78

## **NATIONAL SERVICE**

American Library Association

Library History Roundtable

Past Chair, 2011-2012

Chair, 2010-2011

Chair-elect, 2009-2010

Secretary-Treasurer, 2005-2006

Eliza Atkins Gleason Award Committee

Chair, 2005-2007

Member, 2003-04

Member-At-Large, Executive Committee, 2000-2002

Association for Library Services to Children

Member, National Planning of Special Collections Committee, 2004-2006

Young Adult Library Services Association

Professional Development Committee,

Chair, 2006-2007

Member, 2004-2006

Research Committee  
Chair, 2002-2004  
Member, 2000-2002

Association of Library and Information Science Educators (ALISE)  
2010 ALISE/University of Washington Information School Youth Services Graduate  
Student Travel Award Committee  
2009 ALISE/Pratt-Severn Faculty Innovation Award Committee  
2009 ALISE/Linworth Youth Services Paper Award Committee  
Judge, 2005 Doctoral Student Poster Award  
Judge, 2004 Doctoral Student Poster Award

Grant Evaluator for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada  
Referee, *Canadian Journal of Information and Library Studies*  
Referee, *Children & Libraries*  
Referee, *Libraries and the Cultural Record*  
Referee, *Library Quarterly*  
Referee, *Young Adult Library Services*

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### **Simmons College**

Faculty Senate, 2010-  
Chair, Communications Committee, 2010-2011  
Member, Search Committee for Director of Institutional Research, July 2010

### **University at Buffalo**

Co-organized, with Lorna Peterson, UB Gender Week panels on Women in Publishing, held  
September 22, 2004.

Co-organized, with Lorna Peterson and Jean Dickson, UB Gender Week panel on Research in  
Women's Studies and Libraries, held September 2003.

### **University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**

Member, Search Committee for Dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information  
Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2001-2002

## **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

### **Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science**

Admissions Committee, 2009-  
Library Committee, 2009-  
Chair, Committee on Standard IV, ALA Accreditation Self-Study, 2009-2010  
Faculty Secretary, 2009-2010

## **University at Buffalo, Department of Library and Information Studies**

Admissions and Academic Standards Committee, 2006-2008 (Chair, 2007-2008)  
Faculty Liaison to Beta Phi Mu, 2003-2008  
Chair, Ad-Hoc Lecture Committee (Bobinski Fund), 2003-2004

## **University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Graduate School of Library and Information Science**

Ph.D. Representative, Advanced Studies Committee, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1998-1999

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Member of the Advisory Board to the Library of the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, 2007-2008

Advisor to the Graduate Assistant for the Center for Development of Human Services Project (Buffalo State/Erie County Department of Social Services), 2004-2006.

Several assignments in my courses require students to do storytelling or other programming in the public libraries and public schools. Although I am not personally present, I feel that I contribute to the community as well as my students' education when I send them out to do programs in our community.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Library Association, 1994-  
Library History Roundtable, 1997-  
Association for Library Service to Children, 1998-  
Young Adult Library Services Association, 2000-  
Public Library Association, 1998-  
Association of Library and Information Science Education, 1998-  
New York Library Association, 2006-2008  
Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing, 2000-

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **Simmons College**

LIS 412, Library Programs and Services for Young Adults

LIS 423, Storytelling

LIS 481, Children's Literature and Media Collections

LIS 483, Young Adult Literature

LIS 415, Information Organization

LIS 531P, Foundations of Library and Information Science

**Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea**

LIS 481, Children's Literature and Media Collections<sup>1</sup>

**University at Buffalo**

LIS 535, Resources and Services for Young Adults

LIS 534, Resources and Services for Children

LIS 537, Storytelling

LIS 571, Organization and Control of Recorded Information I

LIS 517, Resources and Services in the Humanities

**University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**

LIS 212, Computing in the Humanities (Undergraduate course)

LIS 414 , Information Sources and Services in the Arts and Humanities

LIS 407, Cataloging and Classification I

LIS 304, Literature and Resources for Young Adults

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<sup>1</sup> This course was taught to Korean students in Yonsei University's Graduate School of Information as part of an exchange program with the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College.