

## **Meet the New(ish) Librarians**

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**Amy Minix** was recently hired as a visiting sciences librarian at Indiana University Bloomington, where she completed her MLS and MIS in August.

As a science librarian, Amy is planning outreach initiatives, programming, and visibility of library resources to support students, faculty, and researchers in STEM disciplines. She is currently participating in a Diversity in STEM Faculty Learning Community and is an affiliate for the Center of Excellence for Women in Technology.

In her spare time, Amy enjoys collecting vinyl records, cooking, and (surprise) reading.

**Alyssa Denneler** joined the Herman B Wells Library in July of 2018 as the Scholars' Commons Librarian.

Previously, Alyssa worked in the University of Illinois Library Research & Information Services department providing reference and instruction as she completed her MSLIS degree. She also completed a practicum with the Office of User Services in Assessment, where she discovered her research interests in space & service assessment. Her other research interests include asynchronous online learning objects and models for reference and instruction services.

In her free time, Alyssa plays djembe in a local drum circle and enjoys riding on the b-line trail.





**Diane Dallis** currently oversees Library Human Resources, Communications, Business and Financial Services, and Assessment of the impact of library services and resources on research and learning at IU Bloomington. She re-joined Indiana University Libraries after spending a year at the University of Chicago before her engagement brought her back to the Bloomington, Indiana area.

As the Associate University Librarian for Research and Teaching at the University of Chicago Library, Diane oversaw and directed

new initiatives for the East Asian Collection, Humanities and Social Sciences, Science Library, and the Special Collections Research Center. Highlights of her work at University of Chicago include guiding the Libraries in defining new library services for the Sciences with a particular emphasis on data services, and creating or strengthening partnerships with units across campus including the College, UChicago Grad, and UChicago Academic Technology Solutions.

Diane's experience at Indiana University includes large scale library space renovations including the Scholars' Commons, Learning Commons, and the Libraries' Moving Image Archive all located in the Herman B Wells Library. Her work included re-envisioning library space in support of digital scholarship and online learning, improving the library user experience, promoting and supporting outstanding information literacy instruction, development and donor relationship building. Diane has a long history of successful collaborations with various university departments and entities with whom she has partnered to deliver essential and highly valued services and spaces for students and faculty.



**Willa Liburd Tavernier** is the Visiting Assistant Librarian – Open Scholarship Resident at IU Bloomington. She works with staff of the Scholarly Communication Department and the IU Press to advocate for and assess the impact of policies and practices that make research, educational materials, and data, openly accessible.

Willa's current research interests are investigating the underlying theoretical basis for open scholarship, and critical information literacy. Before joining IU, she worked as a student specialist at the University of Iowa conducting bibliographic analysis of open access funded research and assisting with administration of the institutional repository.

Willa earned her MLIS from the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Iowa together with a Graduate Certificate in College Teaching. She also holds a Master of Laws from American University Washington College of Law, a Legal Education Certificate from Norman Manley Law School and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of the West Indies at Cave Hill.

Willa describes herself as a foodie, loves to travel, and read. She's the mom to two high-spirited boys of 4 and 8 years old.



**Sara Stefani** joined the Indiana University Libraries in June 2018 as the Project Archivist for the Richard G. Lugar Senatorial Papers Collection, which is under the Modern Political Papers division at IU Bloomington. She received her MLS degree with a specialization in Archives and Records Management in May 2018 from Indiana University.

Although Sara has been with the IU Libraries for just a few months, she has worked for the University for nine years. Prior to and while earning her MLS, she was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures, where she taught classes on Russian language, literature, and culture. She received her Ph.D. degree from Yale University, where she also had the opportunity to work for three years at the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library. Sara taught in Russian departments at Yale, Grinnell College, and

Oberlin College before she came to IU.

The switch to working as an archivist has allowed her to embrace her true passion, which is working with special collections. Before taking her current position, she volunteered at the University

Archives and the Sage Historic Costume Collection, and she also completed an internship at the Mathers Museum of World Cultures.

Outside of work, she likes to read a lot, take Barre classes, go for walks, and meditate. She has done some volunteer work for the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, the Monroe County Humane Association, and the Fourth Street Arts Festival. She recently took a workshop on glass casting, which was amazing, and she is trying to learn how to play the guitar, at which she has been less successful. In general, since she hasn't had much chance to have hobbies before, she's still trying to figure that one out, so if you have any suggestions, please send them along!