

## Education

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Master of Library & Information Studies May 2007  
University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa, AL

Bachelor of Science in English | Minor in Music May 2004  
University of North Alabama – Florence, AL

## Professional Experience

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Mississippi State University Libraries – Mississippi State, MS  
**Education Librarian | Assistant Professor** October 2019 to Present

- Work closely with colleagues to coordinate instruction sessions and services
- Outreach to distance education students and faculty
- Provide specialized and general research and information support for all users both virtually and in-person
- Provide help support via face-to-face desk service, chat, email, and phone
- Prepare and conduct workshops on various topics
- Serve as a library liaison to College of Education
- Prepare and maintain research guides and tutorials
- Serve on Library and university wide committees

Hinds Community College – Raymond, MS  
**Serials/Reference Librarian** 2018 – 2019

- Serve as reference consultant in public services
- Liaison with vendors and Information Technology to maintain online databases
- Assist with scheduling and conducting bibliographic instruction and orientation programs
- Develop and maintain Lib Guides for assigned subject areas
- Assist in materials selection and budget planning as it pertains to the serials collection, reference collection, and relevant online services
- Work with Circulation department to make LRC resources available for faculty and student use
- Compile monthly and yearly statistical data from circulation and bibliographic instruction sessions
- Conduct Professional Development Instruction (PDI) sessions pertaining to library services for other Hinds employees and staff
- Collaborate with librarians and distance education staff to develop and maintain instructional materials and library services to serve the online learning department

Holmes Community College – Ridgeland, MS

**Head Librarian**

2014-2018

- Oversee all aspects of the Ridgeland Campus Library
- Supervise two full-time employees and any student workers
- Work closely with Library Director and college administrators on library operations, improvements, and special projects
- Assist students with research needs
- Conduct library instruction sessions
- Collaborate/create library outreach and marketing materials
- Assist with special projects for SACS accreditation including book club meetings, updating authority files in shelf list, and developing web resources and subject guides for online students
- Liaison with teaching faculty to meet research and developmental needs
- Oversee serials acquisition and retention
- Evaluate technology needs and make recommendations to administration
- Oversee building maintenance and upgrades
- Coordinate use of conference room and multimedia classroom by both on and off campus users

Holmes Community College – Goodman, MS & Ridgeland, MS

**Assistant Librarian**

2008-2014

- Work closely with branch librarian on all library business
- Assist students with research needs
- Conduct library instruction sessions
- Collaborate/create library outreach and marketing materials
- Evaluate collection and perform collection development functions, including selection and weeding
- Assist with special projects for SACS accreditation including book club meetings, updating authority files, and developing web resources and subject guides for distance education students
- Liaison with teaching faculty to meet research and developmental needs
- Maintain periodical collection
- Compile monthly statistical data measuring success of services

Mississippi Library Commission – Jackson, MS

**Reference Librarian III**

2007-2008

- Perform professional reference duties
- Perform collection development functions, such as selection and weeding, based upon evaluation of the existing collection
- Perform outreach services to specific customer groups through contact initiation, program development, presentations, and workshops
- Develop and compile statistical and analytical reports that evaluate the success of services
- Assist with special projects to improve services

## **Honors and Awards**

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Mississippi Library Association | **Past President's Award 2015**

The Past President's Award is given to an outstanding professional librarian who is an active MLA member.

## Publications & Presentations

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Booker, Blair. "Fostering the Whole Librarian: The Evolution of Professional and Psychosocial Mentoring". *The Journal of Creative Library Practice*, August 28, 2024, <https://creativelibrarypractice.org/2024/08/28/fostering/>

Booker, Blair & New, K.C. "You're Not a Fraud! What is Imposter Syndrome and How Psychosocial Mentoring Can Help." Presentation at Florida Association of College & Research Libraries Conference, Virtual, 2024.

Booker, Blair & New, K.C. "Shaking Up the Shelves: Navigating Change in the Library." Presentation at Florida Association of College & Research Libraries Conference, Virtual, 2024.

Booker, Blair. "You've Got a Friend in Me(ntor)." Presentation at Arkansas Library Association Conference, Hot Springs, AR, 2023.

Booker, B., Dennis, M., & Siegel, J. "Hit me with your best (one) shot." Panel Presentation at Mississippi Library Association Conference, Meridian, MS, 2022.

Booker, Blair. "2021 Charleston Conference Reports On the Road Again". *Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship*. 2022 Vol. 34 Issue 1 pg. 75-79. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1941126X.2022.2028457>

Booker, B., Downey, E. "Composition and Collaboration Amid COVID-19." Presentation at Mississippi Library Association Conference, Virtual, 2020.

## Professional Service

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### ***Regional***

Mentoring Committee (SELA) Chair	2022-2023
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### ***State***

Nominating Committee (MLA) Chair	2018
Mississippi Library Association Board Treasurer	2014-2017
<i>Mississippi Libraries</i> , Assistant Editor	2009-2014
Registration Committee (MLA) Chair	2012-2013
Fiscal Management Committee (MLA) Member	2014-2017
Elections Committee (MLA) Member	2014-2018
Nominating Committee (MLA) Member	2014-2018
<i>Mississippi Libraries</i> , Copy Editor	2022 – Present

### ***Library***

Faculty Secretary	2021-2022
Distance Education Committee, Chair	2020-2022
Assessment Committee	2021-2022
Accessibility Committee	2021-2022
Strategic Planning Committee	2022-2023
MegaResources Workshop Committee	2021-2022
Social Media Committee	2020-2023

EREC Committee	2022-2023
Research Committee	2020-21, 2023-24
Graduate Services Committee	2020-2021
Library Activities Committee	2020-2021
Honors & Undergrad Committee	2020-2021
Emerging Technologies Committee	2023-24

*Community*

Starkville-MSU Symphony Association, Board Member	2020-Present
Starkville-MSU Symphony Association Treasurer	2024-Present

**Memberships**

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Mississippi Library Association (MLA)	2007 – Present
Southeastern Library Association (SELA)	2021 – Present
American Library Association (ALA)	2005 – 2019