

JOE MOCNIK

EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, Bowling Green State University; (Distinguished Dissertation Award).

M.A. Library and Information Studies, University College London, University of London, UK.

B.A. Hons. Humanities (Religion/History), Newbold College, UK.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kansas State University, 2021-

Special Assistant for Emerging Technologies and Digital Libraries, Professor, K-State Libraries, 2025-

Provides leadership, guidance, and foresight about national and global trends to foster interdisciplinary and international collaboration to deliver impactful innovation.

Dean of Libraries, Professor, 2021-2024

Leads over eighty faculty (tenure-track) and staff of the Kansas State University Hale Library, Paul Weigel Library of Architecture, Planning and Design, Math/Physics Library, Dow Center for Multicultural and Community Studies, Morse Department of Special Collections, and Sunderland Foundation Innovation Lab with over \$15 million annual budget. Responsible for all Libraries' services and resources in support of KSU as an R1 research, land-grant public university. Provides strategic management of the Libraries, including personnel, tenure/promotion administration for librarians, staff, and students. Oversees programs, services, and prepares and executes the budget. Provides proactive leadership for the efforts to increase innovative support for the Libraries and advocates for the Libraries locally, regionally, and nationally.

Accomplishments:

- Completed fire restoration and recovery that returned all physical items into the facility; finished negotiations with the insurance, facilities, and various contractors; developed structured oversight of new security, safety, and risk management protocols.
- Introduced a comprehensive strategic planning process that is closely aligned with the institutional goals and priorities; managed workflow redesign and strategic post-pandemic hiring.
- Implemented change management with a goal of bringing people along and creating buy-in within the department and across the campus.
- Carefully managed budget and finances; negotiated a profit-sharing MOU with the Housing and Dining Services as related to the Libraries' café; established new partnership opportunities state-wide in support of K-105 initiative.
- Introduced and developed a new AI literacy programing to better partner with faculty and students on furthering AI curriculum integration; developed and established annual AI symposium and the library lecture series to establish a venue for an exchange of ideas and promote inter-disciplinary partnerships.

- Refocused equity, diversity, and inclusion efforts to include the concept of belonging; secured funding for a new *2 Americas* mural in the Dow Center for Multicultural and Community Studies; re-developed a faculty residency program.
- Reframed the Sunderland Foundation Innovation Lab mission to provide inclusive engagement opportunities to strengthen technological and other literacies and developed new K-105 partnerships.
- Provided oversight of the Prairie Press and interim management of the University Press of Kansas.
- Strengthened outreach efforts and helped with fundraising of over \$5 million; worked closely with Ambassadors and Friends groups to enhance philanthropy and engagement.
- Developed a concept and fundraising framework for the Wayne Goins Center for Social Justice.
- Served on various administrative searches, redeveloped institutional budget, and worked closely with the senior administration to develop engagement throughout the state of Kansas to increase enrollment and retention efforts.

North Dakota State University, 2017-2021

Dean of Libraries and Adjunct Professor in the Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies

Leadership of 18 librarians and 22 staff of the NDSU Main Library, Business Learning Center, Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, Klai Juba Wald Architectural Studies Library, NDSU Archives and Special Collections, and P.N. Haakenson Health Sciences Library with over \$7 million annual budget. Responsible for all Libraries' services and resources. Provided strategic management of the NDSU Libraries, including personnel administration for librarians, staff, and students. Oversees programs, services, and prepares and executes the budget. Provided proactive leadership for the efforts to increase support for the libraries and advocated for the libraries locally, regionally, and nationally.

Accomplishments:

- Reenergized the Libraries by developing a comprehensive strategic plan with an equity, diversity, and inclusion emphasis; refocused the mission, vision, and values statement; implemented robust outreach to selected academic units.
- Established Digital Scholarship Advisory Board to provide a framework for implementing efficient digital practices for all data assets.
- Increased and rebalanced the budget to offset inflationary increases; redrafted and introduced new strategic librarian positions; modified workflows.
- Rebranded 3D printing into a Digital Fabrication Lab to better serve students as an innovation prototype lab.
- Reinvigorated the archival operations by expanding the vault; helped acquire photojournalistic, regional indigenous, and other resources.
- Developed increased implementation of OER resources; strengthened collaboration with bookstore and student government association; implemented new assessment framework.
- Developed innovative outreach efforts; helped with fundraising of over \$3 million and with doubling of the number of donors; introduced the Friends group; secured participation of all library staff in annual giving.
- Introduced Dean's Excellence Award and Undergraduate Research Award; strengthened the efforts toward institutional excellence.

Georgia College & State University, 2012-17

Director of University Library and Professor

Administered the Russell Library with over \$2.5 million budget, 13 faculty and 15 staff members, and collections that support learning and research needs of Georgia's designated public liberal arts university. Co-managed the learning, research and writing centers, serve help desk, innovation station, and coffee shop. Responsible for articulating a transformational vision for the library, providing strategic leadership in the development and implementation of the mission, goals, policy directions, and resource allocation. Served as faculty sponsor for Alpha Lambda Delta national honor society and taught selected history courses.

Accomplishments:

- Restructured the Library and Instructional Technology Center and reintroduced Russell Library as an independent academic unit.
- Introduced and designed workflows for new Scholarly Communications Librarian, Digital Archivist, and other positions.
- Implemented 3D printing studio with visualization services and initiated OER grant support for faculty.
- Secured grant funding from the Knight Foundation and actively participated in fundraising.

Southern Adventist University, 2008-12

Director of Libraries, Professor

Responsible for all library operations including budget oversight of \$1.6 million, planning, and faculty/staff supervision. Served on Undergraduate and Graduate Councils, Deans and Chairs Committee, and Environmental Sustainability Committee. Faculty advisor for undeclared and general education students. Faculty sponsor for the Green Initiative Student Club. Taught 20th Century Foreign Relations and other courses. Coordinated art exhibits, lectures, concerts, and other events.

Accomplishments:

- Restructured information literacy program, introduced library lecture series, and implemented digitization initiatives.
- Developed a framework and implementation for an institutional repository and introduced an undergraduate research journal.
- Chaired the University Senate and Senate Executive Committee.

Mount Aloysius College, 2004-08

Director of the Library Services, Associate Professor

Responsible for all library activities. Supervised a team of library professionals and support staff. Developed library collections, reference, and instructions services, policies, and procedures. Served on the Strategic Planning, Academic Council, and Information Technology Advisory Council. Successful grant-writing and fundraising. Taught Cultural Literacy Seminar, American National Government, and American History courses.

Accomplishments:

- Co-Managed \$7 million Title III federal grant and secured multi-year funding from the LSTA grant.
- Managed migration of the library integrated system and lead the Information Technology Advisory Council.
- Secured major funding for the archival and digitization initiatives.

Bowling Green State University, 2001-04

Doctoral Fellow

During doctoral studies served as a teaching and research assistant. Independently developed and taught history courses.

Andrews University, 1999-01

Director of the Multimedia Center/Bibliographic Services Librarian

Responsible for overall management of the multimedia center. Conducted original cataloging, served as a library liaison, and conducted library instruction.

CONTINUED LEARNING

Institute for Management and Leadership in Education, Harvard University, 2024.

EDUCAUSE Digital Learning Innovators Institute, 2023.

Higher Education Management Institute, Vanderbilt University's Peabody College, 2014.

Fulbright Scholar, University of Rijeka, Croatia, 2013-14.

Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians, Harvard University, 2008.

Transformation of the College Library, CIC and National Institute for Technology and Liberal Education, 2007.

College Library Director Mentoring Program, 2004-05.

Focus on Management: An Insight into Different Aspects of Management, University of London, 1999.

GRANTS AND HONORS

AI, Pedagogy, and Curriculum Cross-Disciplinary Institute, American Association of Colleges and Universities, 2024.

Inaugural Fostering Change Cohort, Association of College and Research Libraries, 2021.

Assessment in Action: Demonstrating and Communicating Library Contributions, 2019

ACRL Scholarly Communication grant: From Understanding to Engagement, 2016

Institute for Pedagogy in the Liberal Arts, Oxford College of Emory University, 2015

National Endowment for the Humanities and American Library Association. Muslim Journeys, Bridging Cultures Initiatives. 2013

College Library Section, Association of College and Research Libraries. College Library Website of the Month. 2011

Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation. Moody Grant-In-Aid of Research. 2010
Graduate College, Bowling Green State University. Distinguished Dissertation Award. 2009

Faculty Research Committee, Southern Adventist University. Faculty Research Grant. 2008 and 2010

History Department, Bowling Green State University. Dissertation Fellowship. 2007

Office of Commonwealth Libraries, Pennsylvania Department of Education. Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant. 2007

John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. Kennedy Presidential Library Research Grant. 2005

Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation. Moody Grant-In-Aid of Research. 2005

College Libraries Section, Association of College and Research Libraries. College Library Directors Mentor Program. 2004-2005

Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois. Summer Research Laboratory. 2004

Institute on Culture, Religion and World Affairs. Boston University. 2004

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. East European Studies Short-Term Research Grant (Title VIII). 2003

Gerald R. Ford Foundation. Ford Presidential Library Research Travel Grant. 2002
School of Library, Archive, and Information Studies, University College London. UCL Entrance Exhibition. 1999

Newbold College. Kerr-Leonard History Scholarship and Commendation for Services in the Library. 1997 and 1998

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

“IFLA Code of Conduct for Volunteers”, May 2025, [translation to Croatian].

“K-Stater Magazine Book Club”, K-Stater Magazine, [quarterly column, 2021-24].

2022 EDUCAUSE Horizon Report: Data Analytics Edition, [Expert Panel Member].

“Strategies and Partnerships”, College and Research Libraries, September 2016, vol. 77, no. 8, p. 396.

“Yugoslavia,” “Yugoslavia: Armed Forces,” “Carter, James Earl Jr.,” “Djilas, Milovan,” “Ford, Gerald Rudolph,” “Mihailović, Dragoljub Draža,” in Spencer C. Tucker, ed. *Encyclopedia of the Cold War: A Political, Social, and Military History*, (ABC-CLIO, 2007).

“Carter, James (Administration)” and “Ford, Gerald (Administration),” in Mehmet Odekon, ed. *Encyclopedia of World Poverty*, (SAGE Publications, 2006).

“The Cold War,” “The wars of Yugoslav succession,” in Will Kaufman and Heidi Macpherson, eds. *Britain and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History: A Multidisciplinary Encyclopedia*, (ABC-CLIO, 2005).

“French Revolution,” “Schumpeter, Joseph,” and “Suez Canal,” in Syed B. Hussain, ed. *Encyclopedia of Capitalism*, (Facts on File, 2004).

“Carter, Jimmy,” “Dreyfus Affair,” “Ford, Gerald R.,” “Nixon, Richard,” in Rodney P. Carlisle, ed. *Encyclopedia of Intelligence and Counterintelligence*, (M.E. Sharpe, 2004).

“Stepinac Trial” and “Yugoslav National Trials – World War II” in Larry Hufford and Elizabeth Pugliese, eds. *War Crimes: An Historical Encyclopedia*, (ABC-CLIO, 2004).

“The Collapse of Yugoslavia: Histories of Making War and Peace,” Review of Raju G. C. Thomas, ed., *Yugoslavia Unraveled: Sovereignty, Self-Determination, Intervention*, in H-Net Reviews: H-Diplo, (July 2004).

“Broz, Josip (Tito)” in John Powell, ed. *Dictionary of Literary Influences: The Twentieth Century, 1914-2000*. (Greenwood Press, 2003).

Review of Perica Vjekoslav, *Balkan Idols: Religion and Nationalism in Yugoslav States*, in Association of Contemporary Church Historians (Arbeitsgemeinschaft kirchliche Zeitgeschichtler) Newsletter, IX/8 (August 2003).

Review of Frances Richardson Keller, *Fictions of US History: A Theory and Four Illustrations*, in *Southern Historian*, XXIV (Spring 2003: 118-9).

“A Survey of Post-1945 Balkan History,” Review of R. J. Crampton. *The Balkans since the Second World War*, H-Net Reviews: H-Diplo, (September 2002). Also published in *Etudes Balkaniques*, (4/2002).

SELECTED JURIED AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Academic Roundtable: Creating Dialogue on Scholarly Research and Study Abroad”, Panelist, ACAP 9th Annual Conference, Chicago, 2025.

“AI and the Workforce Debate Cross-Examination,” *2025 K-State AI Symposium: Humans and the Machine*, 2025.

“IFLA PressReader International Marketing Award,” Moderator and Host, 2025 *World Library and Information Congress*, Astana, Kazakhstan, 2025.

“Empowering Digital Accessibility: Strategies and Practices for Inclusive Library Content Creation”, Panel Moderator, *Association for College and Research Libraries Annual Conference*, 2025.

“Establishing Campus AI Working Groups”, *Coalition for Network Information Membership Meeting*, 2024.

“AI and the Future”, Opening Keynote, *AI and The Future Symposium: Trust AI?* 2024.

“Generative AI & Libraries,” Coalition for Networked Information Membership Meeting, 2023.

“Social Media’s Role in Developing and Executing the NexGen University Land Grant Mission”, Panel Discussion and Roundtable, Kansas State University, 2023.

“ALA-CORE: Dialogue with Directors,” College Library Director Mentoring Program, 2022.

“CNI Executive Roundtable: What are the Priorities for Capital Investment in a New, More-Digital World?” CNI Executive Roundtable, Washington, DC, 2021.

“The Seduction of Data and Digital Scholarship Initiatives,” Manitoba Libraries Conference, Winnipeg, Canada, 2020.

“The Future of Scholarship: Data and Digital Scholarship Initiatives at NDSU,” Libraries in the Digital Age (LIDA), Dubrovnik, Croatia, 2020.

“Digital Scholarship and Data Services: Opportunities and Challenges”, EBSCO User Group, San Antonio, TX, 2019.

“Stewardship and Donor Relations,” Academic Library Advancement and Development Network, Louisville, KY, 2019.

“Digital Scholarship Initiatives at NDSU”, ND-MB ACRL, Fargo, ND, 2019.

“Academic Research Landscape: A Setting for Developing Partnerships,” OCLC Americas Regional Conference, Chicago, IL, 2018.

“Sustainability Strategies for Libraries & Communities,” Symposium on the Future of Libraries, ALA Midwinter 2018, Denver, CO, 2018.

“Times Talk: Sustaining a Thriving Tradition of Campus-wide Current Events Dialogue,” Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 2017.

“Cold War Diplomatic Lessons: Ambassadorial Diplomacy in Yugoslavia,” Linger Longer Cultural Experiences, Reynolds Lake Oconee, GA, 2016.

“Ditching the Textbook: Open Educational Resources,” Georgia College & State University, 2016.

“Affordable Learning Georgia and Open Educational Resources,” Georgia College & State University, 2015.

“Fulbrighting for Librarians,” Georgia College & State University, 2014.

“Ambassadorial Diplomacy in Tito’s Yugoslavia,” University of Rijeka, January 30, 2014.

“Evolving Portraits of JFK,” American Corner Zagreb, 2013.

“Library’s Problem with Dissonance,” IdeaPower Presenter, ACRL 2013 Conference, Indianapolis, 2013.

“Open Access as Scholarly Communication in Libraries,” Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association, Nashville, 2010.

“Reframing Librarianship,” 30th Annual ASDAL Conference, Oakwood University, Huntsville, 2010.

“Ambassadorial Diplomacy: Laurence Silberman, Lawrence Eagleburger, and US-Yugoslav Relations During the Carter Administration,” Policy History Conference, Columbus, 2010.

“Promoting Professional Development Among Staff,” Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association, Nashville, 2009.

“Utopia: Changing Places/Spaces,” Modern Languages Department Convocation, SAU, Collegedale, 2009.

“Mentoring via the College Library Directors Mentoring Program,” 29th Annual ASDAL Conference, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, 2009.

“Don’t Put All Your Eggs into Academia’s Basket,” Graduate Student Breakfast (Chair), The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations 2008 Annual Meeting, Columbus, 2008.

“From ‘National Communism’ to National Collapse: US Intelligence Community Estimative Products on Yugoslavia, 1948-1990,” International Conference Organized by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the National Intelligence Council, Washington, DC, 2006.

“George F. Kennan and US-Yugoslav Relations During the Kennedy Era,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations 2006 Annual Meeting, University of Kansas, Lawrence, 2006.

“US-Yugoslav Relations During the 1970s and the Correlation of the American Policies with the Ongoing Yugoslav Domestic Policies,” Socrates Kokkalis 6th Annual Graduate Student Workshop, Harvard University, 2004.

“Multilateral Integration: The Slovenian Case,” Ohio Academy of History Annual Meeting, Kent State University, 2003.

“Slovenia in a Multilateral World,” 34th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Pittsburgh, 2002.

“The Resurgence of Croatian Ethnic Nationalism, 1967-72 and the US-Yugoslav Relations,” George Washington University Cold War Group’s Third Annual Graduate Student Conference, Washington, DC, 2002.

“European Response to the Collapse of Yugoslavia: Sonia Lucarelli’s Theoretical Perspective,” Policy History Conference, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, 2001.

SERVICE

National Organizations

American Library Association

ALA External Review Panelist

GWLA Board Member

FINRA Arbitrator

ARL Leadership Fellows Program Mentor, 2023-

ACRL Budget and Finance Committee, Chair, 2022-

ACRL Budget and Finance Committee, 2017-2021

ACRL Academic Library Services to International Students Interest Group Co-Convener, 2021-2022

ACRL Core Commitment Working Group, 2020-2022

ACRL/DSS ResearchDataQ Editorial Board, 2021-2023

Resources for College Libraries Editorial Board, 2016-2018

ALA Training, Orientation and Leadership Development, 2016-2018

LLAMA Membership Committee, 2015-2017

ACRL Virtual Conference Committee, 2015-2017

ACRL President’s Program Planning Committee, 2015-2016

ACRL 75th Anniversary Celebration Task Force, 2013-2015

Resources for College Libraries Subject Editor, 2012-2020

International Relations Committee, Europe Subcommittee, 2008-2010

International Relations Committee, 2006-2008

Higher Learning Commission, Open Pathway Assurance Reviewer

EBSCO Advisory Board

Fulbright Scholar Discipline Peer Reviewer, 2016-

Journal of New Librarianship Reviewer

LYRASIS Catalyst Fund Reviewer

College Board’s Advancement Placement Program, AP Reader, 2011-

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Program Committee, 2007-2008.

Kansas State University

Budget Steering Committee

The Marianna Kistler Beach Museum Advisory Council

The College International Advisory Council
Big Idea Signature Learning Group
WEST Executive Committee
Strategic Leadership Council
Dean's Council
NBAF Community Liaison Group
Health Promoting University

North Dakota State University
Library Management Council
Dean's Council
IT Council
Learning Spaces Executive Committee
NDSU Press Editorial Board
Faculty Senate Library Committee
Executive Council on Scholarships
Digital Scholarship Advisory Board, co-chair
President's Council for Diversity, Inclusion, and Respect
Prairie Public Radio Council
ODIN Advisory Council

Georgia College & State University
Library Management Council, Chair
Library Faculty Committee, Chair
Strategic Planning, Library Committee Chair
Council of Deans
Academic Leadership Team
Faculty Affairs Policy Committee
Subcommittee on Core Curriculum
Curriculum & Assessment Policy Committee
SACS COC Re-accreditation Committee
SACS COC Evaluator Registry
Fulbright Campus Committee and Reviewer
Diversity Leadership Team
Liberal Arts Renewal Project
GALILEO Steering Committee
Regents Academic Committee on Libraries
Affordable Learning Georgia Coordinator and Peer Reviewer
Student Research Committee Peer Reviewer
Georgia Library Quarterly Reviewer
The Corinthian Faculty Review Board
4.0 Leadership Team
SOAR Mentor

Southern Adventist University
Library Committee, Chair
University Senate, Chair
Senate Executive Committee, Chair

Undergraduate Council
Graduate Council
Deans and Chairs Committee
Environmental Sustainability Committee
United Way, Employee Campaign Manager
Faculty Sponsor for the Green Initiative Student Club
Rotary Club, Chattanooga Hamilton Place, Board Member
City of Collegedale Library Board, Chairperson

Mount Aloysius College
Library Management Committee, Chair
Academic Council
Strategic Planning Committee
Information Technology Advisory Council
Title III Federal Grant Oversight Committee
Ecumenical Advisory Board

AFFILIATIONS

American Library Association
Association of College and Research Libraries
CORE Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures
IFLA
Society for Scholarly Publishing
Council on Undergraduate Research
Kansas Library Association
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
Alpha Lambda Delta
Phi Alpha Theta
Rotary International
Manhattan Chamber of Commerce

COURSES TAUGHT

Cultural Literacy Seminar
US History Survey I & II
American National Government
History of US Foreign Relations
Modern History of Southeastern Europe

LANGUAGES

Croatian/Serbian, fluent
German, reading

REFERENCE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
