

MELODY PITTMAN DALE

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Education

Master of Library & Information Science

University of Southern Mississippi—Hattiesburg, MS

Degree Awarded: May 2012

Bachelor of Arts in English

Minor in General Business Administration

Mississippi State University—Mississippi State, MS

Degree Awarded: May 2008

Experience

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES — MISSISSIPPI STATE, MS

Associate Professor/ Education & Business Librarian

07/2019 to Present

- Provides outreach to the College of Education and College of Business
- Serves as Subject Specialist for all departments in the College of Education and College of Business
- Creates and maintains research guides
- Provides in-person and virtual research consultations and assistance
- Develops and teaches course-specific research workshops and instruction
- Participates regularly in committees, conferences, workshops, webinars, and training sessions to keep current in the field

Assistant Professor/Coordinator of Old Main Academic Center & Education Librarian

08/2017 to 06/2019

- Supervised and provided training for 3 staff members
- Developed and updated policies and procedures for Old Main Academic Center
- Assisted professors with classroom technology
- Coordinated room reservations with Registrar's Office
- Provided outreach to the College of Education
- Served as Subject Specialist and library liaison for all departments in the College of Education
- Created and maintained research guides
- Provided in-person and virtual research consultations and assistance
- Developed and taught course-specific research workshops
- Participated regularly in committees, conferences, workshops, webinars, and training sessions to keep current in the field

Assistant Professor/Education Librarian

03/2017 to 07/2017

- Served as Subject Specialist for all departments in the College of Education

- Served as liaison to the Department of Instructional Systems and Workforce Development
- Created and maintained research guides
- Provided in-person and virtual reference assistance
- Developed and taught course-specific research workshops
- Supervised 1 staff member
- Participated regularly in conferences, workshops, webinars, and training sessions to keep current in the field

Assistant Professor/Serials Cataloger

03/2013 to 03/2017

- Performed original and copy cataloging of serial and monographic materials in a variety of formats and languages
- Created original authority records and submits to OCLC Authority File
- Provided training to staff, faculty, and/or Mississippi Library Partnership members as needed
- Served as liaison to the Department of Physics & Astronomy and the Department of Mathematics & Statistics
- Assisted in database maintenance, including record cleanup, de-duplication, etc.
- Composed and contributed documents to assist both internal and external library faculty and staff with various procedures
- Batch copy cataloged/edited electronic records for National Bureau of Economic Research Working Papers on a quarterly basis
- Participated regularly in conferences, workshops, webinars, and training sessions to keep current in the field

Library Associate, Cataloging

12/2010 to 02/2012

- Performed copy cataloging of print and electronic monographic materials
- Prepared new and gift materials for circulation
- Maintained cataloging records and updated past records as needed
- Provided preliminary cataloging for State Adopted Textbooks and kits
- Assisted in rush books and inventory project on a rotating schedule

GRENADA UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL — GRENADA, MS

Assistant Librarian

8/2010 to 11/2010

- Conducted library and/or book-related classes for 4th and 5th grade students
- Shelved and organizing materials
- Prepared new materials for circulation
- Assisted in the management of budget
- Contributed to the purchasing process of new materials (books, reference materials, etc.)
- Aided students and teachers with selection of books and other materials
- Circulated materials to students and teachers

AMERICORPS: GRENADA SCHOOL DISTRICT LEARNING QUILT— GRENADA, MS

Service Member

9/2008 to 7/2010

- Tutored students in Reading and Math

- Volunteered in several community outlets (Food Pantry, Boys and Girls Club, etc.)
- Volunteered at Elizabeth Jones Library for summer reading program (Summer 2009 and Summer 2010)

Publications

- Ballenger, B. K., Schultz, E. E., Dale, M., Fernhall, B., Motl, R. W., & Agiovlasitis, S. (2023). Health outcomes of physical activity interventions in adults with Down syndrome: A systematic review. *Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly : APAQ*, 40(2), 378–402. <https://doi.org/10.1123/apaq.2022-0102>
- Baldwin, D., Perkins Smith, J., and Dale, M. (2021). The reading room goes virtual: Retooling first year experience class encounters with archives and primary sources in the wake of COVID-19. *The Primary Source*, 37(1). Available at: <https://aquila.usm.edu/theprimarysource/vol37/iss1/1>.
- Dale, M., Wetzel, D., & Kani, J. (2019). Hitting it out of the park with game-based learning for FYEs and libraries. *College & Undergraduate Libraries*, 26(3), 205–220.
- Wetzel, D. A., Kani, J., & Dale, M. (2017). Envisioning the library-centric first-year experience: A case study about Mississippi State University Libraries' course proposal process. *Internet Reference Services Quarterly*, 22(2/3), 73-81.
- Dale, M., Eichmann-Kalwara, N., Kathuria, S., & Jones, M. A. (2017). Assessing the openness of anthropology journals. *Journal of Scholarly Publishing*, 49(1), 123-139.
- Kalwara, J., Dale, M., & Coleman, M. (2017). GMD or No GMD: RDA Implementation for a Consortial Catalog. *Library Resources & Technical Services*, 61(3), 162-170.
- Dale, M. (2015). Representing Serials Metadata in Institutional Repositories: Conference Report. *NASIG Newsletter*, 30(3), 18.
- Dale, M. (2015). Beyond the Research Paper: Extending the Use of Collections: Conference Report. *NASIG Newsletter*, 30(3), 4-5.
- Dale, M. (2014). Shared Print on the Move: Collocating Collections: Conference Report. *Against the Grain*, 26(5), 97+.
- Dale, M. (2014). Do Approval Plan Purchases Circulate More Than Firm Orders? : Conference Report. *Against the Grain*, 26(5), 94.
- Dale, M. (2014). Doing More with Less: Exploring Batch Processing and Outsourcing in Academic Libraries: Conference Report. *Against the Grain*, 26(2), 73.
- Dale, M. (2012). Jogging the Web: Conference Report. *Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship*, 24(1), 50-51.

Presentations and Poster Sessions

- Baldwin, D., Perkins-Smith, J., & Dale, M. “Taking out the Fun Stuff: Reworking First Year Experience Classes’ Encounters with Archives During COVID-19.” Panel Presentation at The Society of Mississippi Archivists Conference, Online, April 16, 2021.

- Lee, D., Dale, M., Baldwin, D., & Kennedy, C. "Moving Beyond the One-Shot Session: Instructional Models at the Mississippi State University Libraries."
Panel presentation at Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Jackson, MS, October 24, 2019.
- Wetzel, D.A., Dale, M., Kani, J. "It's in the Game: Using Sports to Teach the ACRL Frameworks to First Semester Students."
Presentation at Personal Librarian and First Year Experience Library Conference, Cleveland, OH, March 22, 2018.
- Dale, M. & Jones, M. "1 Hour to Learn Everything You Need to Know About eBooks."
Presentation at MSU Libraries MegaResource School Librarian Workshop, February 16, 2018.
- Wetzel, D.A., Zhang, L., Jones, M.A., Perkins-Smith, J. Coleman, M., and Dale, M. "Outreach Matters! Connecting the Library with Students and Faculty through Fun Activities."
Presentation at Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference 2017, October 18, 2017.
- Cunetto, S., Dale, M., and Archer, P. "Re-defining, Re-envisioning, and Transforming Mitchell Memorial Library.
Presentation at MLA-ACRL Spring Meeting, May 25, 2017.
- Dale, M., Eichmann, N., Kathuria, S., Jones, M. "Open Scholarship, the Final Frontier: Assessing the Openness of Anthropology Journals."
Poster Session at Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference 2015, October 22, 2015.
- Dale, M., Coleman, M., and Kalwara, J. "GMD or No GMD: One Library's Approach to RDA Conversion"
Presentation at the Southeastern Regional Users Group for SirsiDynix, August 4, 2015.
- Dale, M., Guilbeau, N., and Winger, A. "Increasing the Discoverability of Special Collections: A Collaboration Story."
Presentation at the Southeastern Regional Users Group for SirsiDynix, August 4, 2015.
- Dale, M. "Using MarcEdit to Optimize Cataloging: Mitchell Memorial Library's Early English Books Project and More."
Presentation at the Mississippi Library Association Technical Services Roundtable 2014 Summer Workshop, July 30, 2014
- Dale, M. "Surviving the Winter of Our Discontent: Making the Early English Books Series Discoverable at MSU Libraries."
Poster Session at NASIG Annual Conference 2014, May 2, 2014
- Marshall, D & Dale, M. "Rediscovering the Lost World of Print Serials."
Poster Session at Charleston Conference 2013, November 7, 2013
- Dale, M. & Lajaunie, T. "Cataloging Best Practices – Public vs. Academic."
Presentation at Mississippi SirsiDynix Users Group Meeting, August 2, 2012
- Dale, M., Hoover, L., & Stump, S. "Kits: Catalogers in the Wilderness."
Panel discussion at the Mississippi Library Association Technical Services Roundtable 2012 Spring Workshop, April 27, 2012

Grants

Mississippi State University - \$1,500.00. Inclusion Through Innovation Grant 2023, Diversity in Education: Raising Awareness in MSU's Community. PI.

Mississippi State University/Cunetto 2.3 - \$28,931.70. Governor's Emergency Education Response (GEER) Fund, MAGNOLIA Training Grant. Co-PI with Stephen Cunetto.

Workshops

Dale, M. & Andrews, K. "Data Management: The Basics."
Workshop at MSU Libraries, November 3, 2015.

Teaching Experience

FYE 1001, F01: Cowbell Yell: Exploring MSU History and Traditions Through MSU Libraries' Historical Archives.

- Fall 2018-Fall 2020 (co-taught with DeeDee Baldwin) and Fall 2017 (co-taught with Denise Wetzel). Course description: Cowbells, Bully, and revelry—oh, my! Learn about the traditions, myths, and history of Mississippi State University. Explore the changes in student foods and fashions from 1880 to 2017. Where did the cowbell come from? Why is Bully our mascot? Enhance your sense of community, curiosity, and whimsy through an introduction to research skills and hands-on experience with MSU Libraries' vast collection of treasures and artifacts. What a great and enjoyable way to learn how to use the MSU Libraries, by learning all about our beloved University!

Memberships

American Library Association (ALA)	2011 to Present
Mississippi Library Association (MLA)	2011 to Present
North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG)	2014 to 2018
Southeastern Library Association (SELA)	2022 to Present

Professional Service Activities

National

Evaluation and Assessment Committee (NASIG) Chair	2017
Evaluation and Assessment Committee (NASIG) Vice Chair	2016
Evaluation and Assessment Committee (NASIG) Member	2015 to 2018

State

Mississippi Author Awards Committee (Mississippi Library Association) Chair	2016
Mississippi Author Awards Committee (Mississippi Library Association) Member	2015 to 2018
Technical Services Roundtable (Mississippi Library Association) Member	2011 to 2017

University

Faculty Grievance Committee	2022 to Present
University Promotion and Tenure Committee	2022 to Present

Library-Current

Distance Education Committee Member	2021 to Present
Electronic Resources Evaluation Committee Member	2017 to Present
MegaResource Workshop Committee Member	2017 to Present
MegaResource Workshop Committee Chair	2021 to Present
MSU: The Library Experience Committee Member	2021 to Present
Promotion and Tenure Committee Member	2019 to Present
Scholarly Communications Committee Member	2017 to Present

Library-Past

Open Access Committee Member	2016 to 2017
Data Management Services Committee Chair	2016 to 2017
Data Management Services Committee Member	2014 to 2017
Digital Projects Committee Member	2014 to 2016
Mobile Technologies Committee Member	2012 to 2014

Technical Skills

Strong Experience with: Microsoft Office * Adobe * Sharepoint * Windows & Mac * Social Networking