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■ **EDUCATION**

- Ed.D. Educational Administration, University of South Dakota
Dissertation: *The Relationship Between School Library Media Programs and Student Achievement on Standardized Reading Tests in Utah.*
- Ed.S. Educational Administration, University of South Dakota
- M.L.I.S. Library and Information Science, Wayne State University
- M.S. Information Media, St. Cloud State University
- B.S. Industrial Technology Education, St. Cloud State University

■ **EXPERIENCE**

DEAN OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES & PROFESSOR, 2014-PRESENT.
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

Responsible for the overall vision, strategic planning, and operation of the university libraries on all campuses (Hattiesburg, Long Beach, Ocean Springs) including approximately a \$6 million budget. Specific areas of responsibility include:

- Supervise and manage administrative, bibliographic, circulation, interlibrary loan, technology, reference, and special collections and services
- Collaborate with campus leaders to promote and improve library collections and services
- Represent the university libraries on state level decision making bodies
- Work with campus advancement efforts to raise funds externally
- Serve as an advocate and ambassador for student success through access to information and productive workspaces

DEAN OF LIBRARY SERVICES & PROFESSOR, 2008-2014 (INTERIM 2008-2010).
SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY, CEDAR CITY, UTAH

Responsible for bringing together the vision and implementing the strategic plan for the Gerald R. Sherratt Library including a \$1.8 million budget, personnel, collections, curriculum, fundraising, policies, promotion, and strategic planning. Specific areas of oversight include:

- Access services, technical services, special collections, library instruction, collection development, reference, systems, and special projects
- Online information literacy course – LM 1010, required of all students
- School Library Media endorsement and M.Ed. program
- SUU Press

Selected areas of progress:

- Advocated across campus to establish alternate streams of revenue to support library collections and services: campus indirect revenues, student fee, partnerships, and donations through private fund-raising.
- Created the Friends of the Library Advisory Board with general membership of over 70 for the first year and generated revenue of more than \$50,000 over four years.
- Led an effort to establish an M.Ed. in school library media offered in cooperation with the College of Education.
- Developed a textbook reserve initiative funded by the library, SUU Bookstore, and student government.
- Led a move to reorganize and expand special collections and university archives to better meet the needs of the campus.
- Brought student leadership and the Friends of the Library together to cooperate in funding a new group study room and updated technology.
- Serve as a resource to SUU campus and Utah school library media specialists on copyright issues.
- Created the Driggs Memorial Lecture with financial support from a donor and oversight of an advisory committee.

WEB LIBRARIAN & ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LIBRARY MEDIA, 2001-2008.
SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY, CEDAR CITY, UTAH

Responsible for maintaining and organizing web-based library resources, teaching courses, selection of library materials, and fielding reference questions. Areas of accomplishment include:

- Taught ED 3170, Univ 1000, and LM 4890/6890 (live)
- Taught LM 1010, LM 4190/6190, LM 4200/6200 (online)
- Introduced and implemented dynamic web pages to better manage website content
- Coded several web-based applications for patron use
- Managed web-based electronic resources for greater efficiency
- Received \$8297 in external and internal funding for professional development

■ RELATED EXPERIENCE

LIBRARY MEDIA DIRECTOR, 1998-2001.
WORTHINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, WORTHINGTON, MINNESOTA

LIBRARY MEDIA DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNOLOGIST, K-12, 1992-1998.
SIOUX VALLEY-ROUND LAKE-BREWSTER SCHOOLS, BREWSTER, MINNESOTA

■ SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Eye, J. G. (2024). Leadership in the eye of the beholder: Working toward better decision making in libraries. *portal: Libraries & the Academy*, 24(2), 285-303.
<https://doi.org/10.1353/pla.2024.a923708> [66% acceptance rate]

Eye, J. G. (2023). Improving contract negotiations for library collections through open records requests. *College & Research Libraries*, 84(6), 954-973. <https://doi.org/10.5860/crl.84.6.954> [31% acceptance rate]

Barbour, M., Quinn Grzebyk, T. & Eye, J. (2014). Any time, any pace? Exploring virtual students' perceptions of mobile learning. In M. Searson & M. Ochoa (Eds.), *Proceedings of SITE 2014 – Society of Information Technology & Teacher Education International Conference* (pp. 1515-1520). Jacksonville, Florida, United States: Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE).

Eye, J. G. (2013). Knowledge level of library deans and directors in copyright law. *Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication*, 2(1), 1-14. <http://dx.doi.org/10.7710/2162-3309.1103> [50% acceptance rate]

Eye, J. G. & Brown, V. G. (2013). Establishing a friends of the library advisory board. *The Bottom Line: Managing Library Finances*, 26(1), 25-30. [70% acceptance rate]

Eye, J. G. (2007). Using VoIP and amateur radio to motivate science students. In R. Carlsen et al. (Eds.), *Proceedings of Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education International Conference 2007* (pp. 3408-3411). San Antonio, Texas, USA: Association for the Advancement in Computing Education (AACE). [25-39% acceptance rate]

Eye, J. G. (2006). Decentralizing library web content responsibilities using dynamic web pages. *Internet Reference Services Quarterly*, 11(1), 29-37. [43% acceptance rate]

Eye, J. G. (2004). Using dynamic web pages to decentralize content responsibilities on the library website. In Baudino, F., Mardis, L., Park, S. G., & Ury, C. J. (Ed.), *Brick and Click Libraries: An academic library symposium* (pp. 8-15). Maryville: Northwest Missouri State University. [53% acceptance rate]

Eye, J. G. (2003). The design and development of an online information literacy course. In C. Ury & F. Baudino (Ed.), *Brick and Click Libraries: The shape of tomorrow* (pp. 49-55). Maryville: Northwest Missouri State University. [65% acceptance rate]

■ SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Eye, J. G. (2021, December). *Future Considerations with Copyright and Resource Sharing*. Presentation conducted at the Amigos Online Conference: Facing the Future of Resource Sharing. <https://mycourses.amigos.org/course/view.php?id=1491> [75% acceptance rate]

Eye, J. G. (2020, October). *Exploring copyright misuse as a defense for infringement*. Presentation conducted at the Mississippi Library Association annual online conference.

Eye, J. G. (2020, September). *Resisting the pull of copyright misuse in an educational setting*. Presentation conducted at the Amigos Online Conference. <https://mycourses.amigos.org/course/view.php?id=1329> [71% acceptance rate]

- Eye, J. G. (2013, September). *Balancing copyright law and access to information*. Presentation conducted at the Mountain Plains Library Association Conference, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. [50% acceptance rate]
- Eye, J. G. (2012, October). *What every educator should know about copyright law*. Presentation conducted at the 2012 Southern Utah Education Conference, St. George, Utah.
- Eye, J. G. (2011, October). *Dispelling the myths of copyright law*. Presentation conducted at the 15th National Conference of the American Association of School Librarians, Minneapolis, Minnesota. [55% acceptance rate]
- Eye, J. G. (2011, July). *Basic copyright law and how to decide what is fair use*. Presentation conducted at the annual Utah Rural Schools Association conference, Cedar City, Utah.
- Eye, J. G. (2011, April). *Understanding Copyright Law*. Presentation conducted at the Mountain Plains Library Association Conference, Billings, Montana. [70% acceptance rate]
- Eye, J. G. (2010, July). *Copyright law for educators*. Presentation conducted at the annual Utah Rural Schools Association Conference, Cedar City, Utah.
- Eye, J. G. (2009, November). *Interpretations of copyright law: Removing barriers through education*. Presentation to be conducted at the 14th National Conference of the American Association of School Librarians, Charlotte, North Carolina. [52% acceptance rate]
- Eye, J. G. (2009, July). *Reducing the confusion with copyright law*. Presentation to be conducted at the annual Utah Rural Schools Association Conference, Cedar City, Utah.
- Eye, J. G. (2008, July). *The use of electronic communication technologies within amateur radio to inspire and motivate*. Presentation conducted for the 6th International Conference on Education and Information Systems, Technologies, and Applications, Orlando, Florida. [peer reviewed, acceptance rate not available]
- Roche, P. & Eye, J. G. (2008, April). *Copyright vs. Access*. Presentation conducted at the joint annual ULA/MPLA Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah. [71% acceptance rate]
- Eye, J. G. (2008, March). *Access to information vs. copyright law: My right to know*. Presentation conducted at the annual Utah Educational Library Media Association Conference, Ogden, Utah. [71% acceptance rate]
- Eye, J. G. & Roche, P. (2007, July). *Frequently asked questions regarding copyright for educators*. Presentation conducted at the annual Utah Rural Schools Association Conference, Cedar City, Utah.
- Eye, J. G. (2007, March). *Copyright issues for school library media specialists*. Presentation conducted at the annual Utah Educational Library Media Association Conference, Layton, Utah.

- Eye, J. G. (2005, July). *Copyright issues for teachers and administrators*. Presentation conducted at the annual Utah Rural Schools Association Conference, Cedar City, Utah.
- Eye, J. G. (2005, May). *Web design and findability: Balancing form and function*. Presentation conducted at the annual ULA Conference, Ogden, Utah.
- Eye, J. G. (2005, March). *The link between school libraries and reading achievement in Utah*. Presentation conducted at the annual Utah Educational Library Media Association Conference, Layton, Utah.
- Eye, J. G. (2004, April). *Information Ethics*. Presentation conducted at the UELMA Conference for Public School Library Personnel, Cedar City, Utah.
- Eye, J. G. (2004, March). *Using VoIP in the classroom through amateur radio*. Presentation conducted at the annual conference of the Utah Coalition for Educational Technology, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Eye, J. G., & Eissinger, R. (2003, November). *Challenges of online teaching: Teaching information literacy as an online general education course*. Presentation given at the annual Internet Librarian national conference, Monterrey, California.
- Eye, J. G. (2002, March). *Electronic portfolios: Hints and kinks*. Presentation conducted at the annual conference of the Utah Coalition for Educational Technology, Salt Lake City, Utah.

■ PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & TRAINING

- 2021-2022 Bringing Back Amateur Radio to the University of Southern Mississippi, \$8,098 grant received
- 2014-present peer reviewer, *Journal of Academic Librarianship*
- 2014-present Chair, University Libraries Leadership Team
- 2014-present Chair, University Libraries Advisory Committee
- 2014-present Member of the Deans Council
- 2014-present Member of University Textbook Committee, ex-officio
- 2014-present Member of Friends of the University Libraries, ex-officio
- 2013 Completed and passed [CopyrightX](#), an online course offered by Harvard University through edX
- 2011 Chair, PVA Dean search committee
- 2011 Chair, Convocation/University Hour Focus Group
- 2010 MPLA Leadership Institute participant, moderated by Maureen Sullivan
- 2005-7, 2009 Grant reader/evaluator/facilitator for the U.S. Department of Education, Improving Literacy Through School Libraries (LSL) program
- 2009-2014 Friends of the Library Advisory Board (secretary/treasurer)
- 2008-2009 Southern Utah University Press and Editorial Board (chair)
- 2008-2014 UALC liaison to Systems Committee
- 2008-2014 Library Committee (secretary)
- 2008-2014 UALC Directors Council

2008-2014 SUU Deans Council
 2008-2014 Peer reviewer for the International Symposium on Engineering Education and Educational Technologies
 2008 Panelist with Scott Lanning at the UALC professional development retreat, the promotion of information literacy and open access publishing
 2008 Search committee for library faculty position (chair)
 2007-2008 SUU Program Review committee
 2003-2008 Library web committee (chair)
 2006-2008 UALC Collection Development Committee
 2003-2008 SUU Web Advisory Committee
 2005-2008 SUU Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment Committee
 2005-2007 SUU Faculty Senate
 2003-2005 UALC Professional Development Committee
 2002-2005 SUU Academic Computer Users Committee
 2003 Grant reader/evaluator for the U.S. Department of Education, Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology (PT³) program

■ PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS / LICENSURE

2018-present Mississippi Library Association
 2003-2014 Utah Library Association
 2002-2014 Utah Educational Library Media Association, American Association of School Librarians, Mountain Plains Library Association
 2002-present American Library Association

■ COMMUNITY SERVICE

2019-2021 Red Cross certified in CPR and first aid
 2010-2014 Served on East Elementary Community Council
 2012-13 Worked with principal of North Elementary to re-design specialized library and reading collections
 2008 Completed Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training
 2003 Assisted with a \$5000 grant for Enoch Elementary School for guided reading books
 1986-present Licensed amateur radio operator and volunteer examiner

■ PERSONAL

- Raised on a small farm near Isle, Minnesota
- Married to Krista Eye and have two children: Jacob and Emily
- Long time runner, completed two marathons and numerous half-marathons; also enjoy golf, biking, hiking, and skiing