

Dr. Beverly “Buffy” Edwards

An award winning energetic motivated leader with extensive experience in libraries and teaching in Pk-20 educational settings. Experienced librarian with expertise in school librarianship, cataloging, youth services, children’s and young adult materials and resources, information literacy, and public relations and advocacy.

EDUCATION

University of Oklahoma

Norman, Oklahoma

2008 Doctor of Philosophy, Instructional Psychology and Technology
Dissertation: *Motivation and Middle School Readers: Graphic Novels, Books, and Free Voluntary Reading Time.*

1989 Master of Library and Information Studies

Mayville State University

Mayville, North Dakota

1985 Bachelor of Science, Music

1985 Bachelor of Science, Business

AWARDS, HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

<i>OU in Italy: Libraries, Archives and Museums Study Abroad, Lead Faculty</i>	2023, 2024
Provost’s Community Engagement Award for Outstanding Engaged Teaching Nominee	2023
President’s International Travel Award Recipient	2022
Provost’s Award for Outstanding Service Nominee	2022
University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies Outstanding Alumni	2016
Special Meritorious Service Award, Oklahoma Library Association	2010
William B. Ragan Memorial Scholarship, University of Oklahoma, College of Education	2006
State of Oklahoma <i>Kyoto Youth Exchange Delegation</i> Leader, Kyoto, Japan	2002, 2003
Information Technology Pathfinder Award, American Association of School Librarians	2001
Oklahoma Education Association Instructional Excellence in Education Award <i>Teachers Teaching Teachers</i> , recognizing outstanding leadership in the integration and use of instructional technology	2001
Rotary International “ <i>Good Will Ambassador</i> ” Group Study Exchange to Sweden	2000
<i>Site Teacher of the Year</i> and <i>Finalist</i> for Norman Public Schools District Teacher of the Year	1999
Hitachi <i>Teacher Exchange Delegate</i> to Odawara City, Japan	1999
<i>Polly Clarke Award</i> recognizing outstanding Library Media Specialist in Oklahoma	1993

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

University of Oklahoma

Norman, Oklahoma

Lecturer 2018 – present

Personal mission: *To interact with and support students academically and personally on their journey toward being an information professional through challenging instruction while respecting their diverse needs, backgrounds, and interests.*

Internship Documentation Coordination 2018 – present

Ongoing efforts for continual improvement to streamline the internship documentation process and foster relationship for internships through community partnership.

Adjunct Faculty 2003 - 2018

K-12 Experience

Library Information Specialist Norman Public Schools, Norman, OK 2000 – 2016
Teacher Librarian, K-12 Alternative Education

Teacher Librarian, Elementary Norman Public Schools, Norman, OK 1991 – 2000

Teacher Librarian Moore Public Schools, Moore, OK 1988 – 1991

Related Experience

Adjunct Pool Valley City State University Valley City, ND

Lecturer Pool Sam Houston State University Huntsville, TX

Adjunct Pool York College York, NE

Cataloger State Historical Society of North Dakota, Bismarck, ND 1986 – 1987

Medical Librarian Jamestown Hospital, Jamestown, ND 1985 – 1986

RESEARCH

Principal Investigator: *Implementing library standards in practice: A study to investigate school library best practices, the connection to current library standards and the perception of practitioners in how library school graduate course work prepared them for career.* 2019 – 2022

Principal Investigator: PhD candidate research for dissertation *Motivation and Middle School Readers: Graphic Novels, Books, and Free Voluntary Reading Time*. An investigation, grounded in the self-determination theory and expectancy value theory, to measure the impact of reading interventions on student motivation toward reading. 2007 - 2008

SERVICE, COMMITTEES, ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, School of Library and Information Studies

Provost's Academic Program Review Committee Member 2022-2023

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Communication Committee, Chair 2022 - 2024

Oklahoma Library and Information Studies Student Organization Faculty Liaison 2022 - 2024

Comprehensive Exam Reading/Review Member 2019 - 2024

Accreditation Committee Member 2020 - 2021

School Librarianship Advisory Board, Chair 2019 - 2024

ALA/AASL/CAEP Standards Alignment 2020-2021
The 2019 ALA/AASL/CAEP School Librarian Preparation Standards were aligned to OU SLIS Core Courses. Findings and recommendations reported to the Graduate Studies Committee, spring 2021.

Summer Institute *Developing Responsive Library Leaders* Virtual 2020 - 2023

Planning Task Lead, Virtual 2023, 2022, 2021 Institute

ABC-CLIO Leadership Grant Application, Lead writer for grant to support 2022 Summer Institute *Developing Responsive Leaders*, (Awarded June 2021).

Responsible for organizing three professional organizations - OU SLIS School Librarianship Advisory Board, Oklahoma School Librarians and the Oklahoma Library and Information Studies Student Association - to plan and deliver a Virtual Summer Institute *Developing Responsive Leaders*. Responsible for budget development and funding requests, identify topics for program content, assigning committee member tasks, organize planning meetings, delivery, evaluation, and review.

Virtual Summer Institute *Developing Responsive Library Leaders* 2022, Responsible for using data and feedback from 2021 summer institute to inform planning for virtual, 2022 Summer Institute.

School Librarianship Advisory Board, Board Member 2015 - 2019

Internship as Service-Learning Task Lead 2020 - 2023

Wrote new syllabi for the BAIS and MLIS Internship to meet Service-Learning Designation requirements. Approved through the University of Oklahoma Community Engagement Department, spring 2021.

Graduate Studies Committee Member 2020 - 2022

As a committee member, drafted Portfolio Revision Guidelines, developed Canvas course, and reworked scoring rubric.

MLIS Director Search Committee Member 2021-2022

Digital Youth Position Search Committee Member 2019 - 2020

Course Review LIS 5033 Information & Knowledge Society 2019 - 2020

Portfolio Reviews and Defense Participation; Chair of Panel for Advisees 2019 - 2024

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, College of Education

Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education, *Education Professional Development Meetings* School of Library and Information Studies Representative 2019 – 2024

Attend monthly meetings to remain informed about certification requirements, activities, opportunities, and program changes in the College of Education (COE) that may impact students pursuing school librarianship.

Proposed and initiated conversations with the COE Associate Dean about sharing a common narrative with preservice teachers and administrators regarding school libraries, School Librarians, and their roles as part of the academic team in schools.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

School Library Research Editorial Board Member 2023 - 2025

Publications Advisory Group Member 2020 – 2023

Serve in an advisory capacity to the AASL manager of communications in matters pertaining to AASL publications.

Professional Learning Communities Chair 2018 – 2022

Responsible for leading a team of eight members on the *AASL Professional Learning Committee* who are charged with the content organization, development and marketing of AASL's online digital professional development.

OTHER

Reviewer for Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE)
Conference Proposals March 2022 – April 2022

Review panel for the new edition of *Information Literacy in the Digital Age* textbook 2020-2021

PUBLICATIONS

Edwards, B., (2022). Guided Inquiry Design in *Global Action for School Libraries: Models of Inquiry*, Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter Saur, <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110772586>

Edwards, B. (2018) A Career Move That Led to 19,500 Miles. *Teacher Librarian*, 46(2), 22-26.

Edwards, B. & Barker, K. (2017). Comparing a New and Veteran Teacher Librarian. *Teacher Librarian*, 45(1), 30 -35.

Edwards, B. (2017). Alternative Education Students Earn Graduation Credits with Guided Inquiry Design. *Teacher Librarian*, 44(4), 30 -35.

Edwards, B. & Barker, K. (2016). In Principle and Practice: Developing a Guided Inquiry Design Unit for District-Wide Implementation. *Teacher Librarian*, 44(2), 23 – 27. (co-author)

Edwards, B. (2016). The World is Not Flat Guided Inquiry Design unit. Chapter in *Guided Inquiry Design in Action: High School*. Santa Barbara, California: Libraries Unlimited.

Edwards, B. (2009). Can-do Spirit: Facing the Challenges of Budget Cuts. *Knowledge Quest*, 40(3), 54-57.

Edwards, B. (2009). Motivating middle school readers; The Graphic Novel Link. *School Library Media Activities Monthly*. (25)8, 56-58.

PRESENTATIONS

Policies in School Libraries Virtual Presenter, Knowledge Empowering Youth (KEY) School Library Workshop, Kenya, East Africa April, 2023

Guided Inquiry Design in Practice Professional Development Leader, for Andrea Dillon, Librarian/ Manager of Creative Arts and Digital Learning Centre, Dublin, Ireland October 2022

Global Action for School Libraries on Models of Inquiry in the Digital Age Satellite Meeting Presenter, International Federation of Library Associations, School Libraries Dublin, Ireland July 23, 2022

Smith Edwards, B., "Classroom Teachers and School Librarians – A Powerful Partnership," University of Oklahoma, College of Education, Collings Hall. (April 28, 2022). Demonstration, Presentation to student organization.

"You Want Us to Think outside the Box, I Like It." Student Engagement and Guided Inquiry Design. American Association of School Librarians, Phoenix, AZ November 2017.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Library and Information Science Education	2021 - 2024
American Library Association/American Association of School Librarians	1987 - 2024
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Standards Committee	2009-2016
Oklahoma Library Association/Oklahoma School Librarians	1987 - 2024
Oklahoma Affiliate Delegate to the American Association of School Librarians	2002-2011

CERTIFICATION

Oklahoma Library Media Specialist Standard Certificate	Current
National Board-Certified Teacher <i>Library Media</i>	2002 - 2012
North Dakota K-12 Music Education, LM 1 Library Director Credential	Current

SKILLS

Curriculum and Instructional Design

Develop original curriculum content for Current Issues in Instruction Masters coursework;

Strong instructional design background;

Develop, design, and deliver graduate online courses, content and instruction for:

Cognition, motivation, and classroom management;

Introduction to communication and technology;

Information literacy & research standards;

Children's Literature;

Contemporary cataloging in the school library;

Collection development in the school library;
Collaboration management & leadership in the school library;
Digital literacy & citizenship, copyright primer, & internet safety;
Information literacy in a digital age;
School Media Administration;
Guided Inquiry Design practitioner, author, and blogger.

Technology

Proficient with Web tools for teaching and productivity, Google Apps for Education (forms, docs, calendar, sites), Office365, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel);
Proficient with course management systems Moodle, Desire2Learn, Blackboard, Canvas;
Model effective methods of instruction and tools for the use of technology in school classrooms;
Experienced administrator of Library Automation System, including maintenance of functionality and data, and configuration of public online library catalogs;
Develop and maintain webpages;
Professional development for teachers and administrators integrating technology;
Utilize tools to create interactive online courses and materials (screencasting, VoiceThread, Skype, course management tools, etc).

Organization

Effective day-to-day time management skills and manage personal/professional time to successfully teach multiple online courses;
Collect and analyze library program data (circulation statistics, database usage, system reports);
Develop and maintain a diverse library materials collection;
Catalog and prepare materials for circulation including copy and original cataloging;
Configure eReaders and OverDrive eBook collections.

Manage and Training

Experience with development and implementation of staff training using technology, software and hardware;
Supervise clerical staff in copy cataloging and technical services and library assistant role;
Assisted District Director with library program planning and development of site librarians;
Leader and role model for forward thinking direction and leadership for district library program;
Mentor for Master of Education program & LIT concentration students.

Communication

Excellent written and oral communication skills:
Outstanding communication with students in online course environment;
Facilitate conversations with district administrators and personnel, site principals, teachers, and librarians;
Innovate outreach efforts
Present training, workshops and sessions at district, state, and national level (list available upon request);
Strong grant writing skills written and received multiple grants including school foundation and Laura Bush Foundation.

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References available upon request