Contact information: I prefer that you contact me via e-mail; my address is carrigan@uky.edu. If you wish to meet with me, please make a prior appointment and use e-mail to make the appointment. My office phone number is 859.257.3316 and address is 317 Little Fine Arts Library building. The School’s general phone number is 859.257.3317 and address is 320 Little Fine Arts Library building. I do not have office hours as such, because I am in my office most of the time, Monday-Friday 7:00am-4:00pm.

Description of course: A course that examines current philosophical and managerial issues in library and information science. Focus is on the origins, analysis, evaluation, and current status of these issues.

Purpose of course: To provide students with an overview of major issues, problems, and developments that affect libraries and information agencies.

Format of course: I conduct the course in a lecture format, and my principal responsibilities are (i) to identify relevant topics, (ii) to invite knowledgeable people to talk on the topics, and (iii) to create and grade the exams. Although the course employs the lecture format, lecturers typically invite questions and discussion, and in my experience lecturers are gratified by relevant questions and the course is made better by them.

Readings and class notes: I ask each lecturer if there are readings s/he wants me to include in the syllabus. Some lecturers provide references; others do not. In some cases I am aware of one or more relevant readings and put reference(s) to it or them in the syllabus. Also, I make available relevant things that I have written. Finally, I encourage students to identify, on their own, relevant readings. Ultimately, however, success in this course requires the ability to take good notes on class lectures.

Examinations and grading: There will be two in-class essay examinations, and course grading will be based on them. In each examination the student will be required to write one essay, from two or three class topics that I select. Class notes and readings are not used to write the essays. Topics I select for the second examination will come only from those in the second half of the course. An essay will receive one of three grades: pass, low pass, fail. Course grade will be arrived at in this way:

A: pass on both essays
B: pass on one essay; low pass on one or both essays
C: fail on one essay
E: fail on both essays

General course policies of the School of Library and Information Science: During academic year 2008-2009 faculty of the School devoted considerable time to discussing and agreeing on our general course policies. Here are several of the policies:

Academic integrity According to Senate Regulation 6.3.1: “All academic work, written or otherwise, submitted by students to their instructors or other academic supervisors, is expected to be the result of their own thought, research, or self-expression. In cases where students feel unsure about a question of plagiarism involving their work, they are obliged to consult their instructors on the matter before submission.” For specific information regarding the University’s code and regulations on plagiarism and cheating, visit:

http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Code/
Incompletes Student requests for an Incomplete (an I grade) will be considered within University guidelines and only in extreme circumstances. See section 5.1.3.2 http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Code/part2.html. Note the reference to “only in extreme circumstances”; I rarely agree to grant an Incomplete.

Academic accommodations due to disability If you have a documented disability that requires academic accommodations please see me as soon as possible during scheduled office hours. In order to receive accommodations in this course, you must provide me with a Letter of Accommodation from the Disability Resource Center (Room 2, Alumni Gym, 257-2754, email address jkarnes@email.uky.edu) for coordination of campus disability services available to students with disabilities.

Course schedule:

First week:

Tuesday May 11 - Distribute syllabus; discuss course method and objectives.

Wednesday May 12 - Donald Case, "Avoidance of information in the context of information seeking."
Reading: Case, Donald, et al, “Avoiding versus seeking: the relationship of information seeking to avoidance, blunting, coping, dissonance, and related concepts,” Journal of the Medical Library Association 93, 3 (July 2005): 353-362. Donald Case is Professor, UK School of Library and Information Science. Professor Case’s book, Looking for Information: A Survey of Research on Information Seeking, Needs, and Behavior, which was published by Academic Press, received the 2003 ASIST Best Information Science Book of the Year award. He was recently President of the American Society for Information Science and Technology.

Reading: Judith Gibbons, “Kentucky’s Public Library Standards,” interface 29, 3 (Fall 2007) http://www.ala.org/ala/ascla/asclapubs/interface/archives/contentlistingby/volume29a/kystandards.cfm
Judith Gibbons retired at the end of 2008 from her position as Director of Field Services, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. Prior to that position she was for a number of years Director of the Woodford County Public Library. Last spring she was elected to the Council of the American Library Association for a term that began in January of this year.

Second week:


Tuesday, May 18 – David Ensign, “Copyright II - Specific Library Issues”

Wednesday, May 19 – Kazuko Hioki, “Conservation of Library Materials at an ARL Library.” Kazuko Hioki is Conservation Librarian, University of Kentucky Libraries. Class will meet in the conservation lab, Young Library. The conservation lab does not have a room number. It is located next to the ILL window which is currently closed. The lab is hidden behind the public service area.

Thursday, May 20 – Wayne Onkst, “Kentucky’s Public Libraries and the Role of KDLA.” Wayne Onkst is Commissioner, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, and State Librarian. Prior to assuming his current position, in November of 2006, he was at Kenton County Public Library for 27 years, the last seven as Director. In 2005 Wayne received the ALA Sullivan Award For Public Library Administrators Supporting Services To Children. The ALA press release read, “The award honors an individual who has shown exceptional understanding and support of public library service to children while having general management/ supervisory/administrative responsibility that has included public
library service to children in its scope.” He received the UK School of Library and Information Science Outstanding Alumnus Award for 2010.

**Third week:**

**Monday, May 24 – Dennis Carrigan.** “The State of Scholarly Communication”  

**Tuesday, May 25 – First exam**

**Wednesday, May 26 – Stephanie Reynolds.** “Intellectual Freedom and Libraries.”  
Readings: Professor Reynolds asks that we "explore the links here: http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/basics/firstamendment.cfm"  
Stephanie Reynolds is Assistant Professor, UK School of Library and Information Science.

**Thursday, May 27 – Joe Miller, “The Internet, Libraries, and Web 2.0”**  
Readings: Professor Miller will provide information about readings prior to his talk to the class. Joe Miller is Associate Professor, UK School of Library and Information Science. In December 2008 Libraries Unlimited published Professor Miller’s book, *Internet Technologies and Information Services*.

**Fourth week:**

Monday May 31 – Memorial Day celebrated, no class

Tuesday June 1 – **Julie Maruskin and Mark Adler.** “The Tale of the 26th Prisoner: Collection Development & Censorship” Mark Adler is Director of the Paris-Bourbon County Public Library and Julie Maruskin is Director of the Clark County Public Library. They describe their presentation to the class, which they developed for the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, as a “collection development and intellectual freedom exercise, fraught with issues and restrictions faced by all real-life library personnel.”1 It will involve audience participation.

**Wednesday June 2 - Lisa O’Connor, “The Future of Reference Service”**  

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1 Discussing the class on May 11, during the first class meeting, I said my invitation to Julie and Mark grew out of a phone conversation I had with Julie, in which she told me that those interviewed for a position at Clark County Public Library failed to answer correctly a question she asked during the interviews. She said, in fact, the answers would get a person fired, because they were so at odds with library policy. The question is:  
A 12-year-old girl and a 14-year-old boy ask for help locating a book by call number: 335.8309 Powe. You recognize the number as that for the *The Anarchist Cookbook*, (published in 1970), the controversial and high-theft work on making and using explosive devices as well as the generation of illegal recreational drugs and the practices and procedures of undercover surveillance. The book is in the adult non-fiction section. Please describe your reference transaction with your patrons.

Becky Ryder has been for a number of years Preservation Librarian, University of Kentucky Libraries. However, effective May 1 she began serving as the Interim Director of the Keeneland Library. She explained to me: “This a 14-month appointment to explore a more formal relationship between UK and Keeneland and to implement some strategic objectives that will make the library more visible and its collections more accessible.” She continues to be a tenured member of the UK library faculty. Becky was the first recipient of the LBI George Cunha and Susan Swartzburg Preservation Award. The Preservation and Reformatting Section of the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services presented the award at the ALCTS Awards Ceremony during the 2009 American Library Association meeting.

Fifth week:

Monday June 7 – Rob Aken, “Direct to the Desktop: Remote Possibilities”

Tuesday June 8 – Second exam