

Meghan L. Dowell

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Information Policy 2022 - Current
University of Kentucky, College of Communication and Information

Associate Graduate Faculty 2023 - Current
University of Kentucky, College of Communication and Information

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Information Studies 2023
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI
*Dissertation Title: "THE SAME INFORMATION IS GIVEN TO EVERYONE":
ALGORITHMIC AWARENESS OF ONLINE PLATFORMS*
Committee Chair: Dr. Nadine I. Kozak

M.S., Library and Information Science 2012
Long Island University, Brookville, NY

B.S., Economics 2010
Portland State University, Portland, OR

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Refereed Journal Articles:

Dowell, Meghan L. (under review). Games in ICT Policy Education: Engaging Students and Promoting Critical Thinking. *Journal of Education in Library and Information Science (JELIS)*.

Dowell, Meghan L. (under review). Privacy, Politics, and Search Engine Preferences: A Study of Motivations Behind Privacy-Focused Search Engines. *Information Discovery and Delivery*.

- Dowell, Meghan L.** & Spencer Greenhalgh. 2025. Information Flow Solipsism in Canvas: An Exploration of Student Privacy Awareness. *The Internet and Higher Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iheduc.2024.100989>
- Oltmann, Shannon & **Meghan L. Dowell**. 2025. A badge of honor? Ongoing threats to academic freedom. *Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Policy*.
- Alhumaidan, Y., Almebrad, A., Alhudali, H., Albduwai, D., Alshehri, A., **Dowell, M. L.** (under review). The Global Crisis of Information Flow Transparency: A Case Study of Covid-19 Contact Tracing Apps Launched in Gulf Cooperation Countries.
- Dowell, Meghan L.** 2021. Masked by Trust: Bias in Library Discovery. By Matthew Reidsma. *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*, 62(2), pp. 232–233
- Bridges, Laurie M., and **Meghan L. Dowell**. 2020. [A perspective on Wikipedia: Approaches for educational use](#). *The Journal of Academic Librarianship* 46 (3).
- Dowell, Meghan L.** and Laurie Bridges. 2019. [A perspective on Wikipedia: Your students are here, why aren't you?](#) *Journal of Academic Librarianship* 45 (2): 81-83.
- Alhumaidan, Yazeed, **Meghan L. Dowell**, Jean Rene, Lisa Leverett, Laura Ridenour, Vanessa Schlais, Shengang Wang, and Richard P. Smiraglia. 2018. "[Knowledge Organization and the 2017 UDC Seminar: An Editorial](#)." *Knowledge Organization* 45 (4): 273–80.

Book Chapters:

- Willoughby, Lydia and **Meghan L. Dowell**. "Strategies for Success: Building LibApps in Moodle (that Students will Actually Use)." in *Innovative LibGuides Applications: Real World Examples*, edited by Ryan Sitter. Rowman and Littlefield. 2016.

Other Scholarly Publishing:

- Dowell, Meghan** and Spencer Greenhalgh. 2025. The Cost of Clicks: Cultivating Awareness and Ethical LMS Practices in Higher Education. *Information Matters*. <https://informationmatters.org/2025/03/the-cost-of-clicks-cultivating-data-awareness-and-ethical-lms-practices-in-higher-education/>

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS & PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Conference Proceedings

Dowell, Meghan L. 2025. "Ambisearchers: Search Modality and Algorithmic Awareness." Search Engines and Society Network (SEASON) in Hamburg, Germany.

Eadon, Yvonne, Caitlin Lawson, and **Meghan L. Dowell**. 2025. "Populist Women's Health Information, Femtech Apps, and Surveillance Capitalism." (4S) in Seattle, Washington, United States.

Oltmann, Shannon and **Meghan L. Dowell**. 2024. "Social Justice and Indoctrination: Views of Faculty Accused of Bias." Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIST) in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Dowell, Meghan L., Wiles, Bradley, Schlais, Vanessa, and Yan, Xiaohan. 2021. "Teaching the Teachers: What's Missing in LIS Doctoral Teacher Education?" Association of Library and Information Science Educators (ALISE), virtual conference.

Conference Papers

Dowell, Meghan L. 2019. "7(ish) Steps to Organize a Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon." WiLSWorld in Madison, WI.

Dowell, Meghan L. 2018. "Decentering Search: A Collaborative Approach to Creating Asset-Based Activities." Information Literacy Summit in Moraine Valley, IL.

Dowell, Meghan L. 2018. "Academic Freedom and the Liberal Arts Librarian." Canadian Association of Professional Academic Librarians (CAPAL) in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Bhasin, Anjali and **Meghan L. Dowell**. 2017. "Presenting Your Best Self: Interview Tips From People Who Know." Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians (WAAL) in Elkhart Lake, WI.

Dowell, Meghan L. and Jedidiah Rex. 2016. "Team Work Makes the Dream Work." Library Technology Conference (LibTech) in St. Paul, MN.

Johnson, Benjamin, Charlie Remy, and **Meghan L. Dowell**. 2014. "Playing Nicely Together: the ins and outs of improving metadata for libraries, content providers, and discovery services vendors." Electronic Resources and Libraries (ER&L) in Austin, TX.

Conference Posters

Dowell, Meghan L. 2017. "Zines as a Teaching Tool." Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians (WAAL) in Elkhart Lake, WI.

Dowell, Meghan L. 2015. "LibGuides: Strategies for Success." Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians (WAAL) in Manitowoc, WI.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Analyst, Public Tech Leadership Collaborative March 2022 - July 2022
Data & Society, New York, NY

Teaching and Learning Librarian October 2018 - March 2022
Carroll University, Waukesha, WI

Pioneer Scholar Faculty Mentor Summer 2021
Carroll University, Waukesha, WI

Adjunct Instructor August 2019 - 2022
General Education and Communication
Carroll University, Waukesha, WI

Adjunct Instructor January 2020 - 2022
School of Information Studies,
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI

Consulting Librarian December 2013 - September 2018
Beloit College, Beloit, WI

Manager, Sales Operations March 2011 - December 2013
Americas February - December 2013

Discovery Services Liaison
Springer Science + Business Media, New
York, NY

TEACHING

School of Information Science, University of Kentucky

Instructor of Record, Undergraduate Courses

- ICT 205 Issues in Information Communication and Technology Policy
- ICT 325 Multimedia and Technology

Instructor of Record, Graduate Courses

- ICT/LIS 690 Organizational Information Communication and Technology Policy

Guest Lectures

- ICT 310 Research Methods, Utilizing APIs for research data collection

School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Instructor of Record, Graduate Courses

- INFOST 674 Search Engine Society

Teaching Assistant, Graduate Courses

- INFOST 571 Information Access and Retrieval
- INFOST 799 Research Methods in Information Studies

Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Courses

- INFOST 110 Introduction to Information Science and Technology

Carroll University

Instructor of Record, Undergraduate Courses

- CCS 300 Communities in Culture
- COM 140 Media Literacy
- CCS 300 Revising Italy – Travel writing in the Italian Tradition
- CCS 400 Global Senior Colloquium – Intellectual Freedom

Beloit College

Instructor of Record, Undergraduate Courses

- IDST 226 Information Economy
- FYS 100 Fake News
- Upward Bound – Foundations of Research

CERTIFICATIONS AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES

The Consortium for the Science of Sociotechnical Systems (CSST)	2021
Research Institute	
Certificate in Course Design	2020
Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning	
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	
Badge in Online & Blended Teaching	2020
Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning	
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	

FUNDING, AWARDS AND HONORS

External Funding (Under Review)

Dowell, Meghan L. (principal investigator). (submitted). <i>AI-Generated Misinformation: Platform Governance, Information Policy, and Implications for Public Trust</i> . (\$4,500)	2026
Barriage, Sarah (principal investigator), Bloch, Beth, and Meghan L. Dowell . (submitted). <i>Critical Cataloging & Children's Materials: Identifying Diverse Book Selection Practices of Librarians</i> . Institute of Museum and Library Services National Leadership for Libraries grant. (\$367, 934)	2025-2028

Internal Funding (Awarded)

Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, College of Communication and Information, University of Kentucky (\$5,000)	2023
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Awards and Honors

New Leader, Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T)	2019
Chancellor's Graduate Student Award, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	2018-2021
WeLead Protégé, Wisconsin Library Association	2015-2016
Beta Phi Mu, LIS Honor Society	2012

SERVICE

To the Profession

- ASIS&T SIG-IEP Secretary: 2025-Current
- ASIS&T Governance Committee: 2023-2026
- ASIS&T Research Engagement Committee: 2019 – 2020
- Library Journal | Book Reviewer: 2013 – 2019
- Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) | Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians (WAAL) | Professional Development: 2014-2016 (Chair 2015-2016); Conference Planning Committee: 2015 – 2017
- American Library Association (ALA) | Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL) | College Library Section (CLS) Secretary: 2016 – 2017

Journal Reviewer

- Journal of Education in Library and Information Science (JELIS)
- Journal of Librarianship and Information Science
- College and Research Libraries Special Issue on One-Shot Instruction
- Information Discovery and Delivery
- *Wikipedia and Academic Libraries: A Global Project*

Conference Reviewer

- ASIS&T Annual Meeting

To University of Kentucky, College of Communication and Information

- Elected member, Faculty Council, 2025-2028

To University of Kentucky, School of Information Science

- Member, ICT Strategic Planning Committee, 2023-2025
- Member (Convener, 2026), ICT Curriculum Committee, 2023-2026
- Member, ICT Exam Committee, Summer 2024
- Member, ICT Exit Assessment Committee (ad hoc), 2022 – 2023

To University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, School of Information Studies

- Doctoral Student Organization, President: 2021 – 2022
- Doctoral Student Organization, Officer: 2018 – 2021
- Academic Planning and Budget Committee, Student Representative: 2020 – 2022
- Doctoral Program Committee, Student Representative: 2018 – 2019

To Carroll University Library

- Marketing and Outreach: 2018 –2022 (Chair: 2021–2022)

To Carroll University

- Observer to the Board: 2021 – 2022
- President’s Taskforce on Cultural Agility: Training, Learning, and Development: 2019 – 2021
- DEI Summit Planning Committee: Fall 2020, 2021

- Transformative Leadership: 2019 – 2020

To Beloit College Library

- Marketing and Outreach Group: 2013 – 2018 (Chair: 2013-2016)
- Instruction and Consultation Group: 2013 – 2018 (Co-Chair: 2017 – 2018)
- Access Group: 2013 – 2018
- Collections Group: 2013 – 2018

To Beloit College

- Sustained Dialogue: 2014 – 2018
- Field Experience Grant Mentor: 2016 – 2018
- First Year Experience Mentor: 2016 – 2018
- Media Lab Working Group: 2016 – 2017

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T)

Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)

Society for Social Students of Science (4S)

MEDIA RECOGNITION

Price, M. (2025, April 17). ICT class gives thumbs up to new emoji submission to Unicode. UKNow. <http://uknow.uky.edu/campus-news/ict-class-gives-thumbs-new-emoji-submission-unicode>