

Edwin Davis, 5 years

Edwin Davis is a valued asset to our Security department. In the 5 years he has been here, he has been part time, fulltime, then he was promoted to Desk staff Supervisor. Edwin has an excellent rapport with the desk staff. He has also done a fantastic job while serving on several committees. Edwin has proven himself time and time again, that's why he was recently promoted to Assistant Head of Security and he has done an excellent job in his new role in our department.

--Dana Houston

Katy Emerson, 5 years

Minutes into her job interview, I knew I wanted to work with Katy. I am so grateful that she accepted the position. I'm a very lucky supervisor because Katy is someone who "gets it" and can figure out how to anticipate and solve problems. Katy commonly gets fan mail from users appreciating her amazingly efficient service. On a more personal note, Katy is terrific person and a friend to everyone. Katy has helped to organize Book Club and Sub Shop Tuesday at the Health Sciences Library. Katy, here's to many more years of dedicated service, good books, and subs!

--Caryn Scoville

Burt Fields, 5 years

The Access Services Department has seen a great deal of change during the five years Burt has been head of the Circulation/Reserves unit. He was hired shortly after a brand-new department Head moved to Missouri to lead the department, only to move away after a few years. Burt then had to "train" a new Department Head (me!) regarding the many idiosyncrasies of SIERRA and navigating the campus Bursar system. Also, during this five years Burt managed the circulation of significant amounts of equipment from the Digital Storytelling unit that requires tireless examining each time a camera/kit is checked out and checked in. In addition, Circulation Desk staff began working at the Reference Desk during the daytime hours in preparation for the eventual single service desk. Burt is flexible, very organized, fiercely supportive of his staff, and truly a right-hand person in the Access Services Department!

--Cindy Cotner

Sue Giger, 5 years

I was just thrilled when Sue Giger joined Team Zalk five years ago. Among her many contributions, Sue does a fabulous job creating a warm and welcoming space for the veterinary students (everything from taking care of the plants to creating the Zalk Library Party Animals). She keeps the Specialty Boards reading lists up-to-date for our residents, and she preserves the current history of the College of Veterinary Medicine by collecting the CVM News for MOspace. Kind, talented, generous, Sue is an important part of the University Libraries and the CVM Family. I am thankful for her every day.

--Kate Anderson

Ashley Granger, 5 years

Ashley is very self-motivated; she is constantly looking to learn new things that will help her do her job better and allow her to get more satisfaction from her work. Ashley is also one of the most straightforward and direct people that I have ever worked with; she isn't shy about sharing her thoughts and asking questions, which is helpful in decision-making and providing direction, and I always appreciate her honesty.

--Seth Huber

Taira Meadowcroft, 5 years

We are so lucky to have Taira as a colleague. She is a talented reference librarian, and her support of our MU Health nurses as they seek to improve practice has a direct impact on patient care.

MU Health has a system for recognizing outstanding work, and Taira has received several of these kudos, along with comments like these:

*Taira Meadowcroft is my local hero...
You are my new Siri
Thanks for your kind note, Taira....it made my heart smile!
...you make my work much easier!*

Taira is also a vital member of the MU Health Marketing team. Among other duties, she manages the libraries Instagram feed, which has over 3,800 followers, and has been highlighted in a BuzzFeed list of libraries that book lovers should follow.

We all need to thank her for taking the lead with the ULSAC group after Grace left.

I really enjoy working with Taira, and I think others would say the same. I think this quote from a grateful patron sums up how we all feel:

"if you haven't met or worked with Taira yet, you are missing out!"

--Diane Johnson

Kate Anderson, 15 year

I think everyone would agree that Kate is cheerful, positive, friendly, and easy to work with. I want to add that she is a critical thinker who focuses on the big picture when problem-solving. She doesn't hesitate to get involved, and she can always be counted on to work collaboratively with others. She is our resident expert on scholarly communication, and regularly provides training to promote campus understanding of the issues. In addition, if you need help with a detail regarding librarian promotions, Kate is your go-to! Kate stepped up to take on new duties back in December, and I appreciate the professionalism she has brought to her new role that includes working with three additional specialized libraries and serving on the Libraries Management Team. Thanks for your many contributions to the Libraries, Kate!

--Deb Ward

Kris Anstine, 15 years

Kris Anstine has defined the position of archives assistant over the past 15 years. He is always on the frontline for University Archives, and in doing so, he has established great working relationships with numerous campus offices, offices for which he is the first call if someone thinks Archives might hold an answer to this or that question or help solve some pressing concern.

In a sense, Kris has become the Archives factotum, equally at home with discussing the history of MU campus buildings, navigating student HR issues, and remembering which printer takes which cartridge -- and more importantly from where to order new ones!

Thanks for all your hard work, your collegiality, and your positive outlook over the past 15 years, Kris! Here's to quite a few more!

--Anselm Huelsbergen

Amanda Sprochi, 15 years

ACTS has been lucky to have Amanda recently join the team. I have worked with her for many years and I'm glad to have her by my side during all our challenges and triumphs. She is a professional cataloger of the highest level having achieved Librarian IV statue while at MU. I appreciate her hard work ethic, easy going manner, collegiality, honesty, and mad skills. I look forward to our tenure together for many years to come.

--Corrie Hutchinson

Dan Dodd, 20 years

At UMLD, we often describe Dan as the Depositories' book detective; working every day to restore items to circulation that were long thought lost or discarded. Without his deep knowledge of the catalog, and the clear-headed, thoughtful approach he applies to his work, thousands of books at UMLD would remain in limbo. Dan has only spent a small portion of his twenty-year tenure at MU Libraries with us, and we are very thankful he became part of the UMLD team. Congratulations, Dan, on twenty years with MU Libraries!

--Kevin McFillen

Dave Walsh, 20 years

Dave Walsh has served the University of Missouri for 20 years, currently as Library Specialist Sr. in Acquisitions & Collection Development. In this role, he ensures that patrons have access to electronic resources and that these resources are readily discoverable. He often saves the day by resolving issues or providing sought-after information. Dave always puts the students and faculty that we serve first.

Dave knows the tools of the trade well and figures out the most efficient way to use them to get the best result. Admirably, he also is able to evolve and adapt his practices as needed. I was told that he and Stara worked to move to a new link resolver a few years ago. This was the 4th since being part of the team. Each time, he took the lead on this proactively. Dave is always willing to help out and to share his skillset with others – be that a new librarian, coworkers, or patrons.

--Jennifer Thompson

Sue Schuermann, 30 years

It is really impossible to explain what Sue Schuermann means to the University Libraries, the journalism school, the journalism library and staff in 30 seconds, but I'll try to explain.

Sue has provided service at the journalism library of the highest quality for 30 years. She is curious and is constantly learning and trying to improve on service that others only wish they could provide. She manages a library that has seen three head librarians come and go; continues to make faculty and students know that they are valued; provides personalized service to each and every library patron, whether they are affiliated with the university or not and maintains the physical space as a spotless botanical refuge for all.

Sue is a consummate professional, my friend and colleague and someone that I admire and appreciate. Congratulations on 30 very productive years.

--Dorothy Carner

Karen Eubanks, 35 years

Karen began working in Ellis Library in 1985 in the shelving department. Since that time, she has also worked in ILL Lending, Catalog Management, Acquisitions Gifts, and finally Circulation, and has been a long time MULSA member. Karen has seen many changes in operations during her tenure, from the first barcoding project to the current system Sierra. Her knowledge of past practices regularly proves insightful as she knows how everything gets done. I can't imagine how many students and staff Circulation employees she has trained, and she always has the patience to do so. Indeed, she trained me on the Circulation desk procedures. Even so, Karen is still my go-to person when I have a question. Karen displays only respect for our patrons and other staff, and has spent much time remembering birthdays and planning celebrations. The type of thing that makes one's job that much more enjoyable. While I don't think she wants to work at the Library for another 35 years, that's ok. We all should hope that someday we will have been such a positive influence on countless numbers of students and co-workers alike. Thank you, Karen!

--Burt Fields

Diane Johnson, 40 years

As Diane celebrates forty years of service to the University Libraries, I want to state clearly that no two years have ever been the same for Diane. In the time I've worked with her, I can say that she continually brings a fresh perspective to information services delivery. She is always thinking of new ways for the library to be relevant to patrons. She relates well with faculty, she speaks their language, and she gets lots of thanks and compliments for her research support.

Diane is highly analytical and knows more about HS collection development than anyone I've ever met. I think all will agree that not only is Diane a pillar of the HSL, that she has made significant contributions to the University Libraries as a whole, particularly in collection development and electronic resources analysis. Thanks, Diane, for forty great years!

--Deb Ward

Bette Stuart, 40 years

Bette is a tremendously conscientious cataloger; she thinks about how everyone, from library users to her colleagues, could be affected by her cataloging decisions. In cataloging serials and government documents, Bette works with materials that can raise a lot of questions and cause a lot of confusion; she is tenacious at resolving problems and figuring out the best way to approach things, and I value the integrity with which she approaches her work.

--Seth Huber