

# Lenese M. Colson, Ph.D.

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## EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D., Information, Florida State University  
Dissertation Title: *Self-Efficacy and Sense of Belonging: A Comparative Analysis of Factors that Affect Differences in Participation in Information Technology Education by Gender*
- 2008 M. S., Library and Information Science, Florida State University
- 2002 M.A.Ed., Curriculum and Instruction, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
- 2000 B. S., Computer Science, Norfolk State University

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### Valdosta State University, Department of Library & Information Studies

2024-Present | Interim Department Head

2024-Present | Associate Professor

2022-2024 | Interim Program Director

2019-2024 | Assistant Professor

### Old Dominion University, Library Science Program

2016-2018 | Lecturer

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer Reviewed Journals and Book Chapter

**Colson, L. M.**, Alemanne, N. D., & Yang, C. (2024). Evolution and revolution: Exploring pedagogical alternatives for conduction research in a research methods course. *The Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*.

**Colson, L. M.**, Alemanne, N. D., & Most, L. M. (2023). Exploring stakeholder priorities for recent MLIS graduates and early career librarians. *Georgia Library Quarterly*, 60(3).

<https://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/glq/vol60/iss3/9/>

Ren, X., Alemanne, N. D., & **Colson, L. M.** (2022). How MLIS programs prepare students to serve diverse populations: The North American context. *The Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*, 63(3), 301-320. <https://doi.org/10.3138/jelis-2021-0021>

Kimmel, S. C., Mardis, M. A., Pribesh, S., Pasquini, L. A., Schultz-Jones, B., Jones, F. R., Wise, L. D., & **Colson, L. M.** (2019). The preparation and certification of school librarians: Using causal educational research about teacher characteristics to probe facets of effectiveness. *School Library Research*, 22.

Mardis, M. A., Jones, F. R., **Colson, L.**, Pribesh, S., Kimmel, S., Schultz-Jones, B., Pasquini, L., & Gogia, L. (2018). Probing causal relationships between what school librarians do and what

learners gain in school libraries. In Lee, V., & Phillips, A.L. (Eds.), *Reconceptualizing libraries: Perspectives from the information and learning sciences*. Routledge.

#### Refereed Conference Proceedings

Ren, X., Alemanne, N. D., & **Colson, L. M.** (2021). How MLIS programs prepare students to serve diverse populations. *Proceedings of the Association for Library & Information Science Education Annual Conference: ALISE 2021*. Virtual.

Gilmore, T., & **Colson, L.** (2018). Academic libraries: Expanding LIS to serve hidden communities within the academy. *Proceedings of the Association for Library & Information Science Education Annual Conference, 2-5*. <http://hdl.handle.net/2142/99018>

Seals, C., Rosson, M. B., Carroll, J. M., Lewis, T., & **Colson, L.** (2002, September) *Fun learning Stagecast Creator: An exercise in minimalism and collaboration*. Proceedings of the IEEE 2002 Symposia on Human Centric Computing Languages and Environments, USA, 177-186. doi:10.1109/HCC.2002.1046370

#### Refereed Conference Papers

Ren, X., Alemanne, N. D., & **Colson, L. M.** (2021). *How MLIS programs prepare students to serve diverse populations*. Annual Conference at the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Virtual. September 20-24, 2021.

#### Book (Editor)

**Colson, L.**, & Luetkemeyer, J. (Eds.) (2018). *Teen summer learning programs: From start to finish*. YALSA.

#### Non-Refereed Journal Article

Mardis, M., Kimmel, S., Jones, F., **Colson, L. M.**, Pribesh, S., Schultz-Jones, B., & Pasquini, L. (2018, April). CLASS Matters: Supporting the national school library standards by furthering AASL's research agenda. *School Library Connection*.

## **CONFERENCE POSTERS & PRESENTATIONS**

#### Invited Keynote Presentation

**Colson, L. M.**, & Alemanne, N. D. (2021). *The practicality of e-Learning pedagogy: Lessons learned from behind the screen (Keynote)*. XIII Colloquium of Students and Teachers of Postgraduate, Justo Sierra University, Mexico City, Mexico, Virtual. July 24, 2021.

#### Refereed Conference Presentations

Alemanne, N. D., **Colson, L. M.**, & Workman, J. L. (2024). Put Your Own Oxygen Mask on First: Modeling Self-Compassion in the Classroom. Presentation at the Conference on Meaningful Living and Learning in a Digital World, Savannah, GA. February 11-14, 2024.

Alemanne, N. D., & **Colson, L. M.** (2022). *Infusing Diversity and Cultural Competence into an MLIS Course*. Presentation at the 2022 Georgia Libraries Conference Georgia Libraries Conference, Virtual. October 12-14, 2022.

Workman, J. L., & **Colson, L. M.**, & Alemanne, N. D. (2022). Community, connection, and compassion when we are ready to collapse: Promoting growth mindset among faculty. Presentation at the 2022 USG Teaching & Learning Conference, Virtual. March 18-31, 2022.

**Colson, L. M., & Alemanne, N. D.** (2021). *Envisioning the future of Georgia libraries: Keeping the MLIS in step with emerging challenges*. Presentation at the 2021 Georgia Libraries Conference, Virtual. October 6-8, 2021.

Ren, X., Alemanne, N. D., **Colson, L., M.** (2021). *How MLIS programs prepare students to serve diverse populations*. Association for Library and Information Science Library Education Annual Conference: ALISE 2021, Virtual. September 20-24, 2021.

**Colson, L. M., & Alemanne, N. D.** (2021). *More professor, less madman: Supporting learners as more active participants in their own learning without driving yourself crazy*. Fourteenth International Conference on E-Learning & Innovative Pedagogies, Rhodes, Greece/Online (Hybrid). May 5-6, 2021.

**Colson, L. M.,** Kimmel, S., Mardis, M., Schultz-Jones, B., & Wine, L. (2019). *Promising practices: Using and collecting evidence to demonstrate impact*. American Association of School Librarians (AASL) National Conference, Louisville, KY. November 14-16, 2019.

**Colson, L. M.,** Kimmel, S., Mardis, M., Schultz-Jones, B., & Wine, L. (2019). *Conjectures, research practitioner partnerships, and design-based research: What's on the horizon for school library researchers?*. American Association of School Librarians (AASL) National Conference, Louisville, KY. November 14-16, 2019.

Gilmore, T., & **Colson, L.** (2018). *Academic libraries: Expanding LIS to serve hidden communities within the academy*. Annual Conference at the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Denver, CO. February 6-9, 2018.

#### Refereed Conference Poster

**Colson, L.** (2016, January). *Examining women's sense of inclusion and belief in their success in undergraduate information technology education*. Poster presented in the ALISE Jean Tague-Sutcliffe Doctoral Student Poster Competition at the Annual Conference at the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Boston, MA.

#### Non-Refereed Conference Posters

Gilmore, T., & **Colson, L.** (2018, February). *Reaching hidden communities within the academy*. Poster presented at the Annual Conference at the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Denver, CO.

**Colson, L.** (2017, January). *Self-efficacy and sense of belonging: A comparative analysis of factors that affect differences in participation in information technology education by gender*. Poster presented at the Annual Conference at the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Atlanta, GA.

#### Non-Refereed Presentations and Panels

Alston, J., **Colson, L.,** Cooke, N. (moderator), Gray, L., Littletree, S., & Montoya, R. (2014, June). *Leaders wanted: Cultivating diversity in LIS education*. American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV. June 26-July 1, 2014.

Alston, J., **Colson, L.,** Cooke, N. (moderator), Lucht, K., & Littletree, S. (2013, June). *Leaders wanted: Cultivating diversity in LIS education*. American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. June 27-July 2, 2013.

Charbonneau, D. H., Choi, Y., **Colson, L.** (moderator), Lee, S., & Mays, T. (moderator). (2013, January). *Surviving the pre-tenure years*. Annual Conference at the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Seattle, WA. January 21-24, 2013.

Ceja Alcala, J., **Colson, L.**, Mays, T., Park, S., Prellwitz, G. (moderator), Rodriguez, E., Velez, L., & Winkelstein, J. (2012). *Selecting an LIS doctoral program*. American Library Association (ALA), Office for Diversity webinar, May 3, 2012.

**Colson, L.**, Cooke, N., Mays, T., Prellwitz, G. (moderator), Rodriguez, E., Velez, L., & Winkelstein, J. (2012). *Is a PhD in LIS for you?*. American Library Association (ALA), Office for Diversity webinar, April 17, 2012.

**Colson, L.**, Cooke, N., del Rosario, C. (moderator), Graybill, J., & Montague, R-A. (2012). *Is a PhD in LIS for you?*. American Library Association (ALA), Dallas, TX, January 20-24, 2012.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Valdosta State University, Department of Library & Information Studies**

MLIS 7000: Foundations of Library & Information Science

MLIS 7100: Information Sources & Services

MLIS 7220: Public Libraries

MLIS 7222: Adult Services in Public Libraries

MLIS 7280: Community Building in Libraries & Information Centers

MLIS 7400: Collection Development

MLIS 7510: Essential Technologies in Libraries

MLIS 7800: Capstone

MLIS 7960: Supervised Fieldwork

MLIS 7995: Introduction to Grant Writing for Librarians

### **Old Dominion University, Library Science Program**

LIBS 110: Information Literacy for the Digital Age

LIBS 605: Selection and Evaluation of Non-Book Media

LIBS 612: Research Methods in Library & Information Science

LIBS 677: Technical Services in Libraries

### **Florida State University, School of Information**

2013-2016 | Lead Graduate Instructor

LIS 3103: Information & Society

LIS 3353: Information Technologies/Technologies for Information Services

LIS 5203: Assessing Information Needs

2010-2015 | Teaching Assistant

### **Florida Association for Career & Technical Education (FACTE)**

2019 | Instructor/Course Developer

Not a Programmer! Teaching WYSIWYG Coding with Python

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### **American Association of School Librarians (AASL), Chicago, IL**

2016-2020 | Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

Part of the CLASS II: Causality: School Libraries and Student Success II research team which exploring causal analyses underlying the differences school librarians can make for students from diverse backgrounds, poverty, and special needs.

### **Strozier Library, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL**

2007-2008 | Data Wrangler (Graduate Assistant)

Facilitated in the data wrangling of digital assets to prepare digital content for preservation via MetaArchive. Assisted with the design and implementation of usability testing of the library website. Creating advertisements for the Digital Library Center. My duties also included reference work in the Digital Media Center and Public Services desks.

### **Center for HCI, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA**

2001 | Usability Engineer (Graduate Research Assistant)

The project focused on the creation of a cross-generational learning community who will work together to design, construct, and discuss simulations of community topics. My role in the project was to design tutorials for the simulations that were to be built using the visual programming environment Stagecast Creator. I also assisted in the usability engineering workshops for the development of the tutorial.

## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Sarasota County Libraries & Historical Resources, Venice, FL**

2013-2014 | Library Professional (Librarian)

Provided reference services to the patrons of the library. In addition to teaching various classes, I also took on Teen services duties for seven months while a replacement was sought.

### **Leroy Collins Leon County Public Library, Tallahassee, FL**

2012-2013 | Information Professional (Librarian)

Provided reference services, outreach, and activities to encourage the use of the library by patrons of all ages.

### **Journal of Education for Library & Information Science (JELIS), Tallahassee, FL**

2011-2013 | Editorial Assistant/Project Manager

Managed the day-to-day operations, coordinated manuscripts with authors and reviewers, ensured issues went to print on time, and supervised interns. Implemented a new online system for manuscript submissions and was instrumental in the transition to another university.

### **Mandel Library of West Palm Beach, West Palm Beach, FL**

2009-2010 | Teen Librarian

As an advocate for teens and teen services I initiated, planned and conducted a variety of programs, outreach events, and activities to encourage the use of the library by teens ages 12 to 18. I was also in charge of the collection development for the teen department and readers' advisory. While there I participated in service opportunities at local schools and at library information desk(s).

### **FSU London Study Centre, London, England**

2008 | Library IT Intern

Assisted the IT administrator in maintaining the IT equipment at Study Centre as well as participating in service opportunities at library circulation desk.

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Library Association (ALA)

Association for Library & Information Science Education (ALISE)

Georgia Library Association (GLA)

### **SERVICE**

#### Professional Review Activities

ALISE Annual Conference 2021 (2021)

Journal of Education for Library and Information Science (2022)

#### Professional Association Committee Service

ALISE 2024 Annual Conference Program Planning Co-Chair (2023-2024)

Vice-Chair of the Research and Assessment Interest Group, GLA (2021-2022)

ALA Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship (2013-2015)

ALISE Co-Convener, Doctoral Student SIG (2011-2012)

Journal of Education for Library & Information Science (JELIS), Editorial Assistant (2011-2013)

#### University and Departmental Service

*Valdosta State University*

Academic Affairs Reassigned Time Committee (2021-2023)

Budget Advisory Council (2021-2023)

Faculty Senate, 2020-2023

Student Affairs (Past Chair, 2022-2023; Chair, 2021-2022; Chair-Elect, 2020-2021)

Student Financial Aid Committee (Chair, 2020-2021)

Graduate Executive Committee (2022-2024)

College of Education and Human Services (COEHS)

Grad Programs (2021-2023)

Continuous Improvement (2020-2021)

Department of Library and Information Studies

Accreditation (2019-2022)

Admissions & Recruiting (2019-2024)  
Assessment (2019-2024)  
Curriculum (Chair, 2021-2022; 2019-2022)  
Planning & Budget (2022-2024)  
Records Management (2022-2024)  
Scholarship & Awards (2022-2024)  
Web Page Development & Maintenance (2022-2024; 2019-2021)

*Old Dominion University*

Information Literacy Committee (2017-2018)

### **SCHOLARSHIP, HONORS, AND AWARDS**

VSU Leadership Academy, 2022-2023

Faculty Scholarship: Course/Curriculum Development to attend ALISE Academy, 2022, \$900

Graduate Faculty Scholarship Fund, Valdosta State University, 2021, \$350

Outstanding Graduate Lead Instructor, School of Information, Florida State University, 2015

Esther Maglathlin Doctoral Scholarship, School of Information, Florida State University, 2012

Librarians Serving the Public scholarship recipient, Florida State University, 2007-2008

Citizen Scholar Award, Virginia Tech Graduate School, Spring 2006

Dozoretz National Institute for Minorities in Applied Sciences scholarship recipient, Norfolk State University, 1996-2000