Appointments

Toni Rachel Minkin has been named assistant dean for faculty engagement at the Michigan State University Libraries. The announcement was made by MSU Dean of Libraries Joseph Salem, who said the new position was created to help the libraries continue to invest in collaborative relationships across campus; support student, staff, and faculty partners; and explore new opportunities to connect people in various departments and programs with MSU Libraries liaisons.

Beverley Rilett has joined the Auburn University Libraries as associate research librarian in Special Collections and Archives.

Greg Schmidt has been named head of Special Collections and Archives at the Auburn University Libraries.

Kelly Weigand has been appointed head of the Cary Veterinary Medical Library at the Auburn University Libraries.

Jennilyn Wiley has been named business and economics librarian in the Research and Instruction Services department at the Auburn University Libraries.

Retirements

Janice Welburn, dean of University Libraries, has retired after 15 years of service to Marquette University. During her tenure, Welburn led Raynor Memorial Libraries through a period of significant change in response to advances in teaching and scholarship by integrating traditions in libraries with new approaches to library services. Welburn has been a visible and active member of the Marquette community in her work with the University Leadership Council and Deans’ Council, as cochair of the Community Campaign, in her work with the University Academic Senate, and as a member of various campuswide committees.

A leading achievement of her tenure has been the Digital Scholarship Lab, a facility established in 2015 as the centerpiece of a growing suite of library services aimed at fostering digital scholarship. Prior to joining Marquette in 2006, she served as associate dean of libraries at the University of Arizona.

Welburn published extensively and made numerous presentations in the areas of diversity, leadership, and human resources. Her extensive academic and professional engagement currently includes serving as an ALA endowment trustee and as a member of the ALA Philanthropy Advisory Group, the ALA Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee, and the ACRL 2022 President’s Program Committee. In 2011, Welburn was selected by her peers as the ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year. Welburn also served two terms as an elected at-large councilor on the ALA Council, as past-chair of the Catholic Research Resources Alliance Board, as past-vice-chair and past-secretary of the Center for Research Libraries Board, and was a former editorial board member of portal: Libraries and the Academy.