***Laura I. Spears***

***Curriculum Vitae***



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**Education**

**Doctoral Candidate, Information Studies (commenced August 2011)**

School of Information

College of Communication and Information, Florida State University

**Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS)**

School of Library & Information Studies

Florida State University, 2007

**Bachelor of Arts in English Literature (BAE)**

Florida Atlantic University, 1997

**Research Interests**

* Digital information provision and policy, specifically broadband impacts in rural areas
* Advocacy in information provision environments, especially libraries
* Impact of digital technology policy on personal information management (PIM)
* Personal information integration; semantic desktop
* Interdisciplinary instruction trends and research streams

**Teaching Experience**

**Florida State University, College of Communication and Information**

School of Library and Information Studies Graduate Program

*Adjunct Faculty*

Fall 2008-Current

* LIS5403, Human Resource Management for Information Professionals (co-developed and taught); Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2012.
* LIS 5603, Introduction to Information Services; Spring 2009; Summer 2009; Summer 2010; Fall 2010.
* LIS 5426, Planning, Evaluation and Financial Management; Spring 2010; Spring 2011

*Guest Lecturer*

Spring 2010 to present

* Spring, 2010. Career Development: Successful Networking for Your Library Career. Presentation for LIS 5020, Foundations for Information Professionals.
* Summer, 2010. Career Development: Successful Networking for Your Library Career. Presentation for LIS 5020, Foundations for Information Professionals.
* Fall, 2010. Career Development: Successful Networking for Your Library Career. Presentation for LIS 5020, Foundations for Information Professionals.
* Spring, 2011. Career Development: Serendipity, Luck or Strategy?
* Summer, 2011. Career Development: Serendipity, Luck or Strategy?
* Fall, 2011. Career Development: Serendipity, Luck or Strategy?
* Spring, 2012. Career Development: Networking, Mentoring, & Internships.
* Summer, 2012. Career Development: Networking, Mentoring & Internships.
* Fall, 2012; Spring 2013; Summer 2013. Scholarly Communication; Professional Development, Ethics & Networking.

*Teaching Assistant*

Spring 2013

* LIS5426, Grant Writing, Evaluation & Administration

**AMC Theatres, South Florida Region**

*Regional Training Manager*

*1986-2000*

Classes taught include:

* Communicating Effectively
* Managing Effectively
* Legal Considerations for Retail Employment (ADA, Sexual Harassment)
* Marketing and Promotions
* Facilitating Meetings

**Professional Experience**

**Research**

**Information Policy and Use Management Institute**

*Research Coordinator, June 2013 to present*

*Graduate Research Associate*, July 2011 to June 2013

Director, Charles R. McClure, PhD.

**Information Use Management and Policy Institute**

**Grant Writer and Research Coordinator, June 2013 to present.**

National Science Foundation Advanced Technician Education grant award #1304382

4 year grant award, *Assessing Information Technology Educational Pathways that Promote Deployment and Use of Rural Broadband*, 2013-2017. (Collaboration with Chipola College and Tallahassee Community College).

**Grant Writer and Research Coordinator, June 2013 to present.**

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI), Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities (AE&RC). *Extending Broadband to Selected Counties in Rural Florida* (collaboration with University of Florida/Institute of food and Agricultural Sciences) (UF/IFAS). Targeted start date January 2014.

**Library Management**

**Society of the Four Arts King Library, Palm Beach, Florida**

*Director*, July 2005 - June 2011

Private, non-profit library directorship of 60,000-volume special/art reference library that also functions as the public library for the Town of Palm Beach. Responsibilities included daily operations, human resource management, strategic planning, and financial management.

**Restaurant Management**

The Cheesecake Factory, 2004-2005

TGI Fridays, 2001-2004

**Movie Theatre/Exhibition Management**

Muvico Theaters, 2000-2001

AMC Theatres, 1981-2000

**Professional Development**

Professional & Student Organizational Experience

* FSU Program for Instructional Excellence, P.I.E. Certificate, August 2011
* Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute, Graduate, October, 2007- August 2008
* Florida State University, College of Communication and Information, Student Leadership Council, Vice-chair, 2011-2012

**Publications & Reports** 

**Spears, L. I**., & Mardis, M. A. (in press) A failure to connect: The elusive relationship between broadband access and children’s information behavior in the United States. In Ed. D. Bilal’s *New directions in children’s and adolescents’ information behaviour research*, U.K.: Emerald.

Mandel, L. H., **Spears, L. I**., McClure, C. R., & Guenther, D. M. (2013) Costs of and benefits resulting from public library e-government service provision: Findings and future directions from an exploratory study. *First Monday*.

McClure, C. R., Mandel, L. H., Guenther, D. M., Carmichael, L. R., & **Spears, L. I.** (2012). *Describing Indiana public library e-government services, costs, and benefits: An exploratory study.* Tallahassee, FL: Information Use Management & Policy Institute, College of Communication & Information, Florida State University.

McClure, C. R., Mandel, L. H., Alemanne, N. D., Saunders, J., **Spears, L. I.,** & Bishop, B. W. (2011a). *Florida Nonmetropolitan Broadband Alliance, LLC (FRBA) Florida Nonmetropolitan Middle Mile Networks—Northwest and South Central Regions Project: Broadband needs assessment, diagnostics, and benchmarking of selected anchor institutions: Final report.* Tallahassee, FL: Information Use Management & Policy Institute, College of Communication & Information, Florida State University.

McClure, C. R., Mandel, L. H., Saunders, J., Alemanne, N. D., **Spears, L. I**. & Bishop, B. W. (2011b). North *Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) ubiquitous middle mile project: Broadband needs assessment, diagnostics, and benchmarking of selected anchor institutions: Final report of project activities*. Tallahassee, FL: Information Use Management and Policy Institute, College of Communication and Information, The Florida State University. Available at: <http://ii.fsu.edu/content/view/full/45135>

McClure, C. R., Mandel, L. H., Saunders, J., Alemanne, N. D., **Spears, L. I.** & Bishop, B. W. (2011). *Florida Rural Broadband Alliance (FRBA) Florida Rural Middle Mile Networks – Northwest and South Central Regions Project: Broadband needs assessment, diagnostics, and benchmarking of selected anchor institutions: Final report of project activities*. Tallahassee, FL: Information Use Management and Policy Institute, College of Communication and Information, The Florida State University. Available at: <http://ii.fsu.edu/content/view/full/45135>

McClure, C. R., Mandel, L. H., & **Spears, L. I**. (2011). Comments re: notice of inquiry on the deployment of advanced telecommunications capability to all Americans (GN docket no. 11-121). Tallahassee, FL: The Florida State University, Information Use Management and Policy Institute.

Koontz, C., & Gubbin, B. (Eds.). (2010). *IFLA public library service guidelines.* (2nd ed.) ( Stroud, N., Forde, J.L., Antonell, M., Mandel, L., **Brenkus, L. I**., & Koontz, C., Conts.).

**Conference Presentations & Posters**

**Spears, L. I.,** Mardis, M., & Coleman, L., McClure, C., & Lee, J. (in press). Poster: Assessing Information Technology Educational Pathways that Promote Deployment and Use of Rural Broadband*. Breaking Down Walls: Culture-Context-Computing.* iConference 2014, Berlin, Germany, Spring, 2014.

Koontz, C., Jue, D., Mon, L., & **Spears, L. I.** (2013). *iMapLibraries: iMapIt meeting.* IMLS National Forum Grant update presentation at American Libraries Association Annual Conference, June, 28, 2013, Chicago.

**Spears, L. I.** (2013). *Hurricane preparedness workshop: The importance of planning.* Southwest Florida Library Network, June 11, 2013, Ft Myers, Fl.

**Spears, L. I**., Lee, J., & Ramos, N. (2013*). iMapLibraries: Mapping opportunities for lifelong learning*. Poster presented at the 2013 iConference, Ft. Worth, TX, February 11-15, 2013.

Carmichael, L. R., & **Spears, L. I.** (2013). *Practical approaches and proposed strategies for measuring selected aspects of community-based broadband deployment and use*. Poster presented at the 2013 iConference, Ft. Worth, TX, February 11-15, 2013.

**Spears, L. I.** & Mardis, M. (2013). *Do we look at broadband: A meta-analysis of study design, 1991-2011*. Poster presented at the 2013 Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, January 22-25, 2013. Presented works in progress of study focusing on children’s’ information seeking as studied in the LIS literature, specifically examining the presence and impact of broadband as a factor in both study design and findings.

**Service**

Service to the Profession

* LSTA Advisory Council, (2010-2013); Chair (2012).
* Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute, Mentor, 2011-2012
* Palm Beach County Library Association, President-elect, 2010
* Florida Library Association,
* Leadership Committee, Chair, 2009-2010
* Leadership Committee, vice-Chair, 2008-2009
* Coordinator, Out-of-Conference Seminar, *Don’t Panic*! South Florida, December 2008.

Service to the Community

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Team in Training, 1998-2001

**Professional Memberships (current and past)**

* American Library Association (ALA)
* Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE)
* The American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T)
* Florida Library Association (FLA)
* Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL)
* Palm Beach County Library Association (PBCLA)
* Library Board, Village of Palm Springs, Florida
* Ft. Lauderdale Film Festival, Board Member

**Honors and Awards**

* 2011-2014 Information Use Management & Policy Institute Doctoral Research Fellowship Award
* 2012 Esther Maglathlin Doctoral Scholarship
* Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute, Leadership Institute, State Library of Florida, 2007-2008
* Librarians Serving the Public Scholarship, Florida State University 2004
* General Manager of the Year, AMC Theatres, 1994; Runner up 1989-1990-1992
* Outstanding Marketing Award, 1989; Outstanding Marketing, Multiplex, 1999
* Human Resources, Outstanding Training Contribution, 1996
* Walt Disney Outstanding Marketing for *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*