

Bio:

Kelly C McCallister is the Associate Dean of University Libraries at Appalachian State University. She holds a BA in Anthropology, MA in Anthropology, MLIS in Library and Information Sciences and is currently enrolled in the EdD program in Educational Leadership. Ms. McCallister has over 17 years experience working in academic libraries and has served on many ALA and ACRL committees such as: ACRL Virtual Conference Committee (2019), ACRL Chapters Council (2016-2018), DLS Conference Advisory Board (2016-2019), ACRL/DLS Conference Program Planning Committee (2018), ACRL Virtual Conference Committee (2017), and ACRL/DLS Conference Program Planning Committee Member (2015). She has also served in the North Carolina Library Association (NCLA) as the Past Chair, Chair and Vice Chair (2015-2018) of the NCLA College and University Section (CUS), creator of the CUS Webinar Wednesday online professional development series, Chair of the CUS Virtual Conference Planning Committee (2016-2017) and NCLA/CUS Conference Planning Committee (2014). Ms. McCallister has also published 2 book chapters on transfer and online student services, 7 peer reviewed journal articles on access services and transfer students success and was a CHOICE reviewer for anthropological books. She is currently working on her dissertation concerning the role of librarians in the academic success of military students. She is passionate about serving non-traditional students, collaborations, partnerships and outreach and providing free (often online) professional development opportunities to library colleagues across the world.

Position Statement:

Advocacy and creating partnerships in unlikely places have been the basis for my work in academic libraries for over 17 years. I have served as a one woman librarian in several past positions where a travel and professional development budget was non-existent. When I began my tenure as the distance education librarian at Appalachian State University in 2014, I began to look for ways to not only complete the professional development requirements for tenure, but to also find a way to offer professional development opportunities to library colleagues across the nation. As chair of the 2016-2017 College & University Section (CUS) of the North Carolina Library Association (NCLA). I led the implementation of a series of professional development opportunities for professional librarians using web conferencing systems. Though hosted by the CUS section, I created, marketed, provided tech support, offered practice sessions, recorded and archived all the sessions. The webinars were an engagement opportunity for *all* types of librarians and library staff, including library students, professional library staff, academic librarians, public librarians, and others. Given this diverse audience, the webinars were created to cover a wide range of topics, including but not limited to distance library services topics. In order to reach a wider audience and to provide concurrent virtual sessions, the CUS executive board collaborated with members of Appalachian State University's Center for Academic Excellence and librarians from the Belk Library & Information Commons. Having the opportunity to serve as the Vice Chair of the ACRL Chapters Council is a tremendous opportunity to partner with colleagues across the country in advocating and providing professional development opportunities. It is a chance to pay it forward and to create lasting collaborations.

Thank you for your consideration.