

Your Very Own Librarian: Library Liaisons

The faculty of the Zach S. Henderson Library serve as Library Liaisons for various entities within Georgia Southern University. Our goals include the following: to facilitate consistent, ongoing, two-way communication between Henderson Library and GSU students, staff, and faculty; to gather input from GSU entities which will be vital in continually refining Henderson Library’s provision of access to information, collections, and services; and to ensure that everyone within these areas is aware that they have their very own dedicated librarian as a resource.

Subject Specialist Librarians: Your Human Search Engines

The Information Services Librarians, along with the Coordinator of Content Management (coordinator of the Library Liaison program) and the Coordinator of Continuing Resources, provide integrated services focusing upon specific subject areas. As Subject Specialists, we work closely with students, staff, and faculty in the appropriate colleges/departments, in delivering reference and research assistance, information literacy instruction, and library collection development, as integrated services for our subject specialties. Our specialties are based upon a combination of our backgrounds (academic degrees and/or subject-specific library service experience) and our research interests. We offer research and computing workshops each semester for classes and individuals; create guides to library and computer use; and manage the library’s web pages. As members of the Information Services Department, we also serve in the Information Desk rotation and teach Information Literacy sessions in general and subject-specific courses.

Following are the focus areas of the Subject Specialist Librarians. Whether you’re a student, staff member, or faculty member, your very own dedicated librarian is ready to work with you! Feel free to ask for one of us by name. If the Subject Specialist isn’t available at the moment, just ask for a Librarian. We’re all at your service!

Ask a Librarian Now (with Instant Messaging!): <http://library.georgiasouthern.edu/forms/askzach.html>

	<p>BA (History & French, double major, English minor) Georgia Southern University MLIS University of South Carolina</p>	<p>Subject Specialist Foreign Languages</p> <p>Liaison to the SDRC (Student Disability Resource Center), the International Student Club, and the Office of International Student Programs & Services</p> <p>Tony also manages the Facebook and Twitter accounts for Henderson Library.</p> <p>Experience: Tony has studied in Quebec and France, and has provided reference services at Henderson Library since 1994.</p>
	<p>BA (History) Briar Cliff College MA (American Studies) University of Dayton MLS Kent State University PhD (History, abd) University of Nevada, Las Vegas</p>	<p>Subject Specialist History, Chemistry, Physics, Construction Management & Civil Engineering, and Mechanical & Electrical Engineering</p> <p>Liaison to SAGE (Student Alliance for a Green Earth)</p> <p>JoEllen also monitors the AskZach e-mail reference service.</p> <p>Experience: JoEllen worked as the librarian for the Transportation Research Center in the Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering at University of Nevada at Las Vegas. Prior to that she was a Science Librarian at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI.</p>



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Accountancy; Economic Development; Finance & Qualitative Analysis; Management, Marketing, & Logistics; and Military Science

Liaison to the Coastal Georgia Center, the CTLS (Center for Teaching, Learning & Scholarship), the RAC (Recreation Activity Center) and the Southern Center for Logistics & Intermodal Transportation

Bob also coordinates library instruction.

Experience: Bob worked as the User Education Librarian at the University of South Carolina in Aiken, and as a part-time instructor for the USCA School of Business.



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Political Science, Justice Studies, Public Administration, Statistics, and Psychology

Lori also manages the reference and depository services for United States and Georgia state government documents, including collection development, government information promotion, and oversight of the Government Documents Department.

Experience: Lori served as the Government Documents Coordinator at the University of West Georgia.



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Sociology & Anthropology and Music

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Jonathan also coordinates the management and assessment of library collections, and oversees the Library Liaison program.

Experience: Jonathan worked as the Reference Librarian for Education at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and prior to that as the Reference/ Interlibrary Loan Librarian at Berry College. Before becoming a librarian, he was a teacher in Lezha, Albania, for two years.

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 <p>Jessica Minihan Coordinator of Continuing Resources (912) 478-5026 jminihan@georgiasouthern.edu</p>	<p>BS cum laude (Computer Science; Statistics minor), Maryville College MS (Information Science), University of Tennessee, Knoxville</p>	<p>Subject Specialist Mathematics</p> <p>Jessica also coordinates orders, licenses, trials, renewals, access, and data on cost, impact, and usage for our subscriptions, standing orders, and databases.</p> <p>Experience: Jessica previously served as the Electronic Resources Librarian at the University of Mississippi.</p>
 <p>Jocelyn Poole Information Services Librarian, Department Head (912) 478-7818 jpoole@georgiasouthern.edu</p>	<p>BS (Library Science) Virginia State University MSM Hampton University MLS University of Pittsburgh</p>	<p>Subject Specialist Geology & Geography; Health & Kinesiology; Public Health; and Hospitality, Tourism, and Family & Consumer Sciences</p> <p>Liaison to the Center for Africana Studies, the Multicultural Student Center, and the United Caribbean Association</p> <p>Jocelyn is the Head of the Information Services Department.</p> <p>Experience: Jocelyn has four years of library experience as a library health specialist in the area of nursing. She also served as the Librarian for the School of Nursing and as the Architecture Librarian at Hampton University.</p>

	<p>BS (Computer Science) LaGrange College MSLS Clark-Atlanta University EdD (Educational Administration) Georgia Southern</p>	<p>Subject Specialist Curriculum, Foundations, & Reading; Leadership, Technology, & Human Development; and Teaching & Learning</p> <p>Liaison to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Relations</p> <p>Experience: Sonya formerly served as Assistant Government Documents Librarian at GSU. She has also served as the Learning Commons Director and Associate Department Head of Information Services.</p>
	<p>BA (History, Minor in French) Brenau Women's College BS (Nutrition and Food Science) Georgia Southern University MLS The University of Alabama MEd Georgia Southern University</p>	<p>Subject Specialist Biology, Mathematical Sciences, and Nursing</p> <p>Liaison to the Center for Rural Health & Research; the First Year Experience; and the University Honors Program</p> <p>Lisa also coordinates the library's information literacy initiatives.</p> <p>Experience: Lisa served as the Outreach Medical Librarian with the Magnolia Coastlands Area Health Education Center (AHEC).</p>
	<p>BA (History of Religions) University of Chicago MA (Folklore and Mythology) University of California, Los Angeles PhD (Interdisciplinary Studies) University of California, Los Angeles MLS University of California, Los Angeles</p>	<p>Subject Specialist Art, Literature & Philosophy, and Writing & Linguistics</p> <p>Liaison to the Center for Irish Studies, the Center for Religious Studies, and the Georgia Southern University Museum</p> <p>Rebecca's passions are books, art, writing poetry, and seeing the world. She possesses a <i>Wunderkammer</i> mentality: she has wide-ranging curiosity about many things. In the library, Rebecca's focus is upon teaching students information literacy skills in order to facilitate critical thinking. She also coordinates exhibits in the library.</p>

They're Everywhere!

(Library Liaisons Beyond the Subject Specialties)

The following librarians are collaborating with centers, programs, offices, and other organizations beyond the subject categories listed above (more are included above under **Liaison**). Their main goals are the same as explained above. The focus is upon ongoing two-way communication, rather than research, instruction, and collection development in a particular subject area. Budget Office and GSU Foundation: [Charles Skewis](#), Center for Wildlife Education: [Fred Smith](#), Center for Academic Technology Support: [David Lowder](#), George-Anne: [Jonathan Harwell](#)

Some of these liaisons might float to different organizations as needs change. If your organization is not on this list, and you would like to have a Library Liaison, please contact Jonathan Harwell at jharwell@georgiasouthern.edu or (912) 478-5114.