

Melanie R. Thomas
Curriculum Vitae

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Education

M.L.I.S., 1986, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Library and Information Science
B.A., 1984, Jackson State University, English Literature

Professional Experience

Associate Professor 2008-present
Assistant Professor 2002-2007
Coordinator of Library Services, MSU Meridian Campus
2002 - Present
Mississippi State University, Meridian Campus Mississippi
Responsibilities include:

- Assisting students and other library users in locating information and providing individual instruction in utilizing the library's resources
- Providing library research assistance to MSU Meridian staff, faculty and students
- Providing in-depth assistance through library research consultations, as needed
- Offering library instruction in the use of library resources and services, as assigned
- Aiding in the building of the reference and circulating collection by selecting books and monographs for the MSU Meridian portion of the collection housed at the local library facility at the Meridian Community College

Other professional Experience

Instructor, 1986-1992
Assistant Professor, 1993-2001
User Services Librarian
James E. Walker Library
Middle Tennessee State University

- Supervising the public services duties of three library associates in periodicals department
- Aiding in the training and supervision of approximately 20 student assistants
- Providing library instruction, reference, and research consultations to faculty, staff and students
- Conducting general and specialized library orientation sessions as assigned
- Aiding in the building of the reference collections by selecting print resources for the reference collection

Publications

Articles

Thomas, Melanie. 2005. Library Services for a Branch Campus: A Partnership between Mississippi State University-Meridian Branch and Meridian Community College. *Community and Junior College Libraries*, 12 (4): 59-64. (Refereed)

Thomas, Melanie. 2007. "An Evaluation of Selected ASERL Web Pages: Best Practices for Serving Distance Learning Students. *Journal of Access Services*, 5(1/2): 37-46. (Refereed)

Thomas, Melanie and Kathrin Dodds. 2007. Closing the Generation Gap: Building Library Services for Net Gen and Adult Learners through Virtual Reference. *Inventio: A Journal of Creative Thinking about Teaching and Learning*. (Refereed) <http://www.doit.gmu.edu/inventio/>

Thomas, Melanie. 2009. "An Evaluation of Selected ASERL Web Sites: Best Practices for Service Distance Learning Student" *Best Practices in Access Service*, ed. by Lori Driscoll and W. Bede Mitchell. N.Y.: Routledge. 37-45. [article reprinted in a monograph].

Other Scholarly Works

Thomas, Melanie. 2004. [Contributions of 61 abstracts for articles and other materials in Chapter 3 and additional chapters of *Library Services for Distance Learners, Fourth Annotated Bibliography*, 2004]. <http://uviclib.uvic.ca/dls/bib3a.html>

Thomas, Melanie. 2008. [Contributor of five biographies In *African American National Biography, African American National Biography*, New York: Oxford University Press. Edited by Professors Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Evelyn Higginbotham].

"Mayme Clayton," *AANB*, Vol 2, p. 315-316

"Zenobia Coleman" *AANB* Vol. 2, p. 364

"Benjamin Lattimore," *AANB* Vol. 5, p.166

"Albert P. Marshall," *AANB*, Vol. 5, p. 397-398

"Sally Thomas" *AANB*, Vol.7, p. 561-562

Reviews

Thomas, Melanie. 2006. [Review of the book *The Human Tradition of the New South*]. *Journal of Mississippi History*. Summer 2006, Vol. 68, n. 2, pp. 159-161.

Thomas, Melanie. 2008. [Review of the book *In Black and White: Interpretation of the South*]. *Journal of Mississippi History*

Thomas, Melanie.2008. [Review of the book *In Search of Willie Morris*]. *Mississippi Libraries*. 72, 1 Spring 2008, p.23.

Grants

(2005-2006) *Collection Enhancement Project*

The purpose of this project was to seek funds to enhance the monograph collections selected by Mississippi State University Libraries and housed at local facility at Meridian Community College's Todd Library.

Awarded by the Riley Foundation of Meridian, MS

\$40,000

Presentations

Presentation on the Evaluation of Internet Information, FBLA Group (Future Business Leaders Association)
October 10, 2002 at Meridian Community College

Web of Science Demonstration, MSU Meridian Faculty, September 29, 2003

Professional Memberships

National Organizations:

ALA (American Library Association)

ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries)

ACRL/Distance Learning Research Committee

ACRL/Distance Learning Standards Committee

Regional Organizations:

SELA (Southeastern Library Association)

Assisted Membership Committee Special Projects 2006

State Organizations:

MLA (Mississippi Library Association)

University and Institutional Service

University Library Committee

Search Committee for MSU Meridian Dean and Executive Director, 2009

University Grievance Panel, Meridian representative—elected alternate 2009-2010

MSU Committees

Collection Development Committee 2002-present, as liaison for MSU Meridian campus

Research Committee 2004-2006

Leadership and Development Committee 2004-2005

University Library Committee, elected, 2007-2009

Search Committee member for Architecture Library faculty position 2004

Search Committee member for Meridian Dean & Executive Director 2009-2010

MSU Libraries Promotion & Tenure Committee 2008 - .