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Intro to Academic Librarianship

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Useful links:

- [Link to these slides: https://bit.ly/umsi647pt1](https://bit.ly/umsi647pt1)
- [Link to the videos in Canvas](#)



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The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, is....

- One of ~131 “R1” universities, according to the [Carnegie Classification of Institutes of Higher Education](#)
- One of ~15 public/state 4-year universities in the state of Michigan (including U-M Dearborn and U-M Flint)

The Library at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, is....

- One of 125 U.S. and Canadian members of the [Association of Research Libraries \(ARL\)](#)
- One of 15 members of the [Big Ten Academic Alliance \(BTAA\)](#)

In short: we're talking about one very specific thing tonight.

Academic libraries also exist at these types of institutions! (And there is overlap among these types, of course!

- Small liberal arts colleges
- Private universities
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- Community Colleges
- Law Schools
- Medical Schools
- Business Schools
- Seminaries
- And more!

“The University Library” at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor...

- **Includes:**
 - Hatcher Graduate Library
 - Shapiro Undergraduate Library
 - Art, Architecture, & Engineering Library
 - Taubman Health Sciences Library
 - Fine Arts Library
 - Music Library
 - Buhr Building (preservation, bindery prep, digitization, off-site shelving, publishing)
- **Does not include:**
 - Law Library
 - Kresge Business Administration Library
 - Clements Library
 - Bentley Historical Library
 - Ford Presidential Library

The University Library at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor...

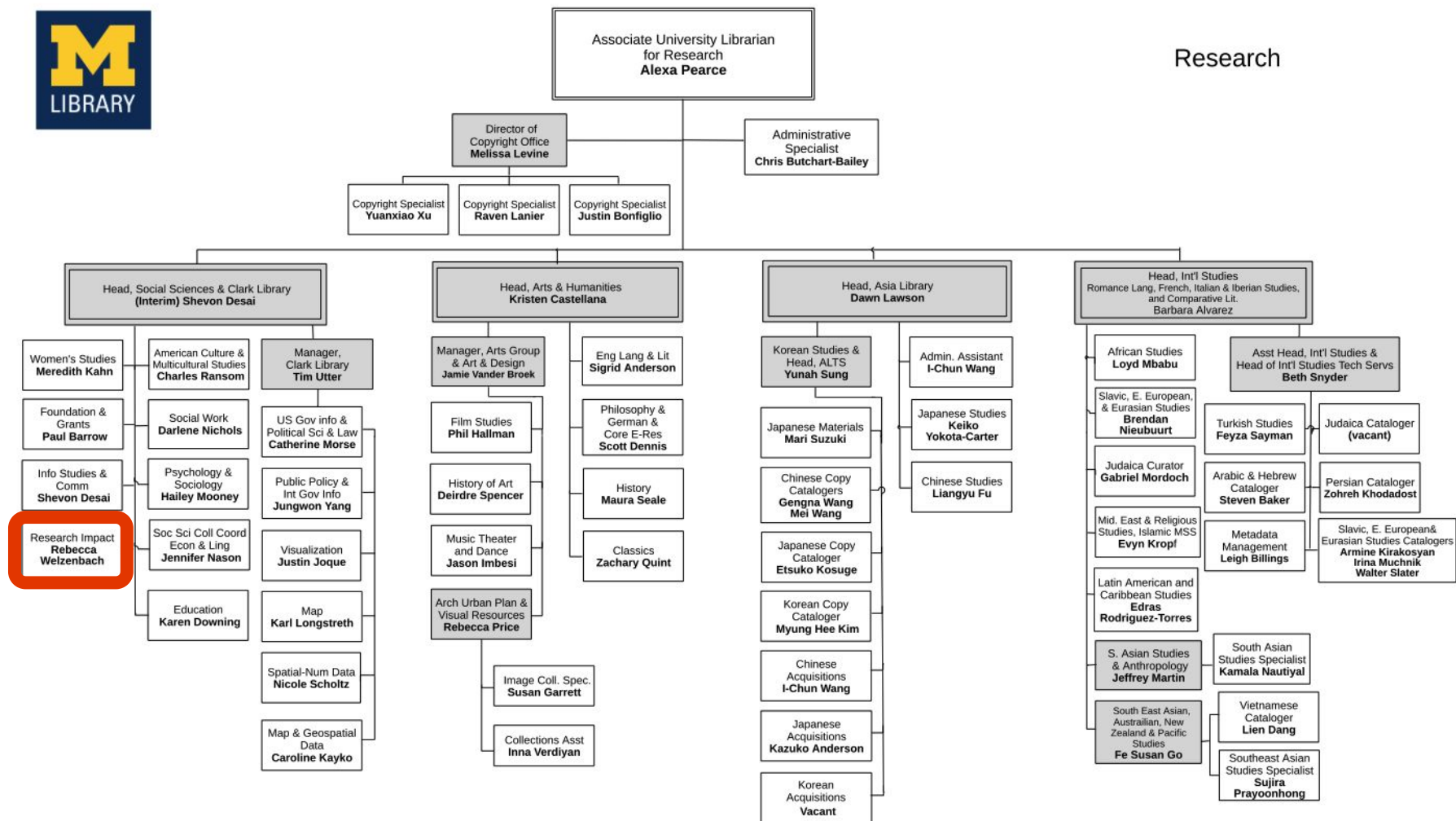
Is comprised of the following divisions:

- Library Administration
- Dean's Office
- Collections
- Hathi Trust
- HS-STEM
- Learning & Teaching
- Library Information Technology
- Michigan Publishing
- Operations
- **Research**

Employs ~450 people (mix of librarians and other staff) + ~50 students



Research

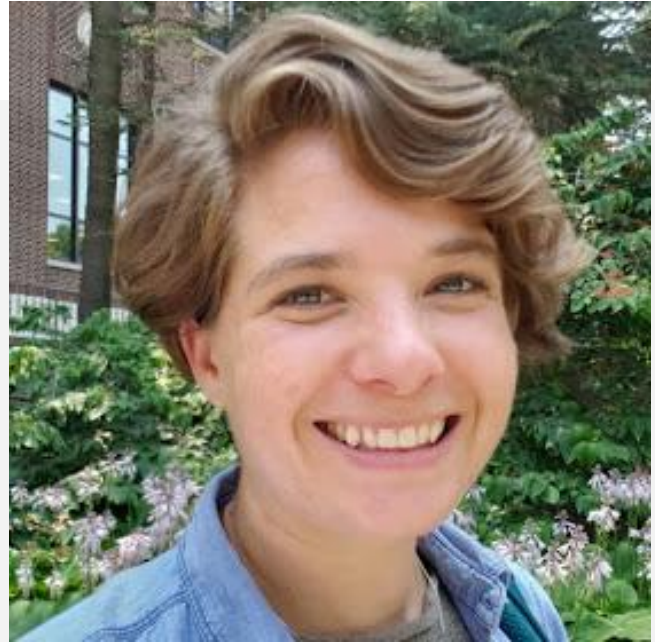


This is me:

I've been with the U-M Library since 2009 (when I graduated from UMSI!)

Work in scholarly communications, online journals, digital humanities projects, open access publishing, research impact, and more.

As of 2021: I am *your* librarian!



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Where did I come from?



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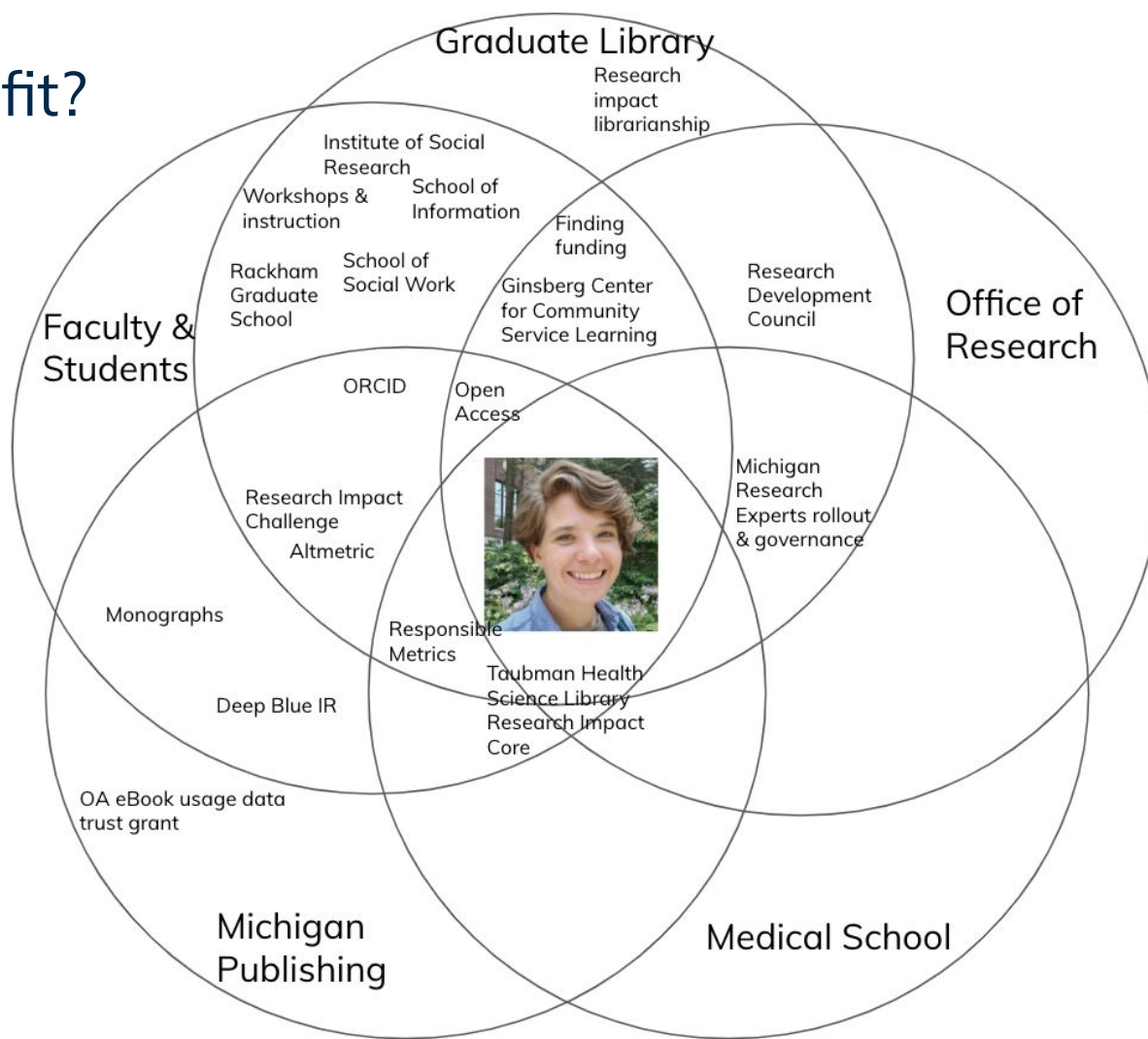
Michigan Publishing to Integrate Hypothesis Annotation with Fulcrum May 25th, 2018 by Jonathan McGlone	Top 10 most-cited UMP books are "oldies but goodies" April 24th, 2018 by Charles Watkinson	2017 Stories of Impact from the Deep Blue Document Repository January 18th, 2018 by Charles Watkinson	Open Access and Michigan Publishing Services October 27th, 2017 by Jaclyn Sipovic
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Michigan Publishing, U-M Library

- Digital Publishing assistant (2009)
- Digital Publishing Coordinator (2010-2012)
- Text Creation Partnership (2010-2014)
- Journals Coordinator (2013-2015)
- Lever Press (2014-2017)
- Director, Strategic Integration and Partnerships (2015-2017)
- Research Impact Librarian (2018-present)
- Information Science Librarian (2021)

Themes: open access, digital scholarship, usage/metrics, innovative business models/partnerships for producing & preserving scholarship, telling the story of why our scholarship matters

Where do I fit?



Typical Activities

- Reference questions & consultations over email, videoconference, in-person
- Instruction -- live, recorded, virtual or in-person
- Collection support -- purchasing some items for our collection (most others purchased on automatic approval)
- Supporting specific initiatives, such as Altmetric, ORCID
- Library committee work
- National/international service work
- Cross-unit projects--for me, usually in Publishing

Getting to your job

- Building skills and experience
- Flexibility, adaptability
- Professional organizations **that fit your needs**
 - Student chapters? Student memberships?
 - Support for conference participation?
 - Opportunities to publish?
 - Job resources?
 - Professional development resources?
 - Size, scope, focus

Examples:

- [American Library Association](#)
- [Association of College and Research Libraries \(sub-group of ALA\)](#)
- [International Federation of Library Association and Institutions \(IFLA\)](#)
- [Library Publishing Coalition](#)

Moving *through* your job

- Term vs. permanent hire
- Faculty vs. non-Faculty status
- Tenure or not?
- What does a path to promotion look like? Timeline, criteria, requirements?
 - Research & publishing?
 - Grants?
 - National service?
- Are you interested in management? Administration?
- Do you want to move around or put down roots?
- Check out: Erin White's ["What it means to stay" \(2016\)](#)

**That seems like a lot to
think about on a
Wednesday evening.**

I agree.

Let's digest and discuss.

What questions do you have for me?

What other information can I share with you?

Thank you! Please be in touch!



[Ask a Librarian!](#)

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