

**Kate McDowell**  
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**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

**CV, 2008**

**Resident Instruction**

**1. Evaluations**

The following are the courses I taught from May 2007 to April 2007. ICES evaluations are attached as separate documents.

Summer 2007 Courses Taught:

LIS 591 KMC, Practicum (two students)

Fall 2007 Courses Taught:

LIS 409 LEA, Literature and Materials for Children (23 students)

LIS 409 LEB, Literature and Materials for Children (22 students)

LIS 591 KMC, Practicum (one student)

LIS 591 KM, Independent Study (one student)

Spring 2008 Courses Taught:

LIS 409 LEA, Literature and Materials for Children (18 students)

LIS 409 LEB, Literature and Materials for Children (18 students)

**2. Contributions to Teaching**

Updated and revised readings and assignments for LIS 403 and LIS 409.

Coordinated meetings and syllabi congruence with two Adjunct Faculty members, Betty Bush (LIS 403) and Dan Keding (LIS 409).

Presented guest lecture for LIS409AG Storytelling, taught by Dan Keding, March 2008.

Supervised one TA, Minjie Chen, spring 2008.

Teaching Awards:

*Incomplete List of Teachers Rated Excellent by Their Students, UIUC, spring 2007.*

*Incomplete List of Teachers Rated Excellent by Their Students, UIUC, fall 2007.*

*Incomplete List of Teachers Rated Excellent by Their Students, UIUC, spring 2008.*

**Research, Creative, and Other Scholarly Activities**

## **1. Publications**

### **C. Chapters in Books**

\*McDowell, Kate. "Truth Over Fiction: Librarians' Book Recommendations for Children, 1876-1890" in *Education and Print Culture in Modern America*, Adam R. Nelson and John L. Rudolph, eds., University of Wisconsin Press, spring 2008 (forthcoming).

### **E. Articles in Journals**

(Refereed journals are marked "\*\*")

\*McDowell, Kate, "Change and Continuity in Professional Community: PUBYAC Listserv and Historical Context in Public Youth Services Librarianship," *Children and Libraries* 4, no. 1 (Spring 2006): 6-10.

\*McElrath, Eileen and Kate McDowell. "Pedagogical Strategies for Building Community in Distance Education Courses." *Journal of Online Learning and Teaching* 4, no. 1 (March 2008), <http://jolt.merlot.org>.

\*McDowell, Kate. "Distance and Presence: A Case Study of Performance in Two Online Storytelling Courses." *Storytelling, Self, Society* 4, no. 2 (September 2008): (forthcoming).

\*McDowell, Kate. "Women and Surveys in Librarianship, 1882-1898." *Library Quarterly* (forthcoming, in revisions).

### **H. Book Reviews**

"Review of *Storytelling in Daily Life: Performing Narrative* by Langellier and Peterson" *On the Horizon* 14, no. 4 (2006): 173-174.

### **J. Other**

(Bold items are new this year.)

Featured Performer, Story Songs Concert, Champaign Public Library, Champaign, IL, 2000.

Featured Storyteller, Urbana Park District Big Grove Storytelling Festival, Urbana, IL, 2001.

Featured Solo Performer, Street Theatre Festival, sponsored by Developmental Services Center, Urbana, IL, 2001-2003.

Featured Solo Performer, Storytelling Concert, The Teller's Art Series, Café Verde, Champaign, IL., 2004.

Invited Performer, GSLIS Storytelling Festival, GSLIS, Champaign, IL, April 2004, 2006, and 2007.

**Producer, *CCB Storytelling Festival, Volume One* (audio CD), May-October 2007.**

**Blog Author, “What Kate Reads,” <http://katereads.blogspot.com/> reviews of books, from children’s literature to history of children’s reading, for an audience of students and colleagues (linked from [www.katemcdowell.com](http://www.katemcdowell.com)), 2006-present.**

**Guest Storyteller for LIS409AG, with performance of “The King is Bare,” original adaptation of *The Emperor’s New Clothes* by Hans Christian Andersen, April 2008.**

## **2. Grants**

“Community Funds of Knowledge: Bridging Family and School Life for At-Risk Children,” UIUC Campus Research Board Grant for \$14,386 (co-written with Ann Bishop as P.I.), grant award began in August 2006.

Scholar’s Travel Fund Award, \$640 for travel to ALISE conference, Philadelphia, PA, awarded January 2008.

Scholar’s Travel Fund Award, \$1040 for travel to SHARP conference, Oxford, U. K., awarded June 2008 (forthcoming).

“Sharing Success: Training Educational Leaders for Youth Services Librarianship,” IMLS grant written with Carol Tilley and Christine Jenkins, proposal submitted December 2008.

“Toward a History of Children as Readers, 1890-1930,” UIUC Research Board Grant, submitted April 2008.

## **3. Recognitions and Outstanding Achievements**

American Library Association’s *Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarship*, 1997. One of four nationally selected recipients.

*Herbert Goldhor Award for Public Librarianship*, GSLIS, UIUC, 2000.

Selected participant, *Outcome Evaluation and Consulting Institute*, sponsored by IMLS, GSLIS, UIUC, 2003.

*Project Athena Fellowship*, IMLS funded, GSLIS, UIUC, 2003-2005.

*Incomplete List of Teachers Rated Excellent by Their Students*, UIUC, fall 2003.

*Incomplete List of Teachers Rated Excellent by Their Students*, UIUC, spring 2004.

*Incomplete List of Teachers Rated Excellent by Their Students*, UIUC, fall 2006.

*Incomplete List of Teachers Rated Excellent by Their Students*, UIUC, spring 2007.

*Incomplete List of Teachers Rated Excellent by Their Students*, UIUC, fall 2007.

#### **4. Supervision of Student Research**

Faculty Field Exam Committee Member, doctoral student April Spisak, fall 2007.

Faculty Advisor and Committee Chair, CAS student Meghann Walk, 2007-2008.

Faculty Committee Member, CAS students Deidre Winterhalter and Elizabeth Voss, spring 2008.

Faculty Advisor, doctoral student Karla Lucht, admitted for fall 2008.

#### **6. Conference and Other Public Presentations**

(Bold items are new this year, and items marked “\*” have undergone stringent editorial review by peers.)

“Pedagogies of LIS Distance Education Programs,” invited panel presentation, ALISE, January 2005.

“Before There Were Children’s Librarians: Surveys of Youth Services Methods and Emerging Professional Specialization Before 1900,” Doctoral Student Poster Session, ALISE, January 2005.

“Recruiting Librarians and Faculty: Two IMLS funded Projects” Contributor and Panelist for “Project Athena: Weaving a Web of Recruitment,” ALISE, January 2005.

\*“Performing Girlhood, Performing Self: Naylor’s *Alice* Books,” Children’s Literature Association Annual Conference, June 2005.

\*“Truth Over Fiction: Librarians’ Book Recommendations for Children, 1876-1900,” panel presentation, Education and the Culture of Print in Modern America conference, sponsored by the Center for the History of Print Culture in Modern America, University of Wisconsin Madison, September 2006.

“Library Collections II,” Panel Chair, Library History Seminar XI, October 2006.

“Elder Sisters from Large Families:’ Family Metaphors in Library Services to Children, 1876-1900,” panel presentation, Family, Youth and Literature conference at Allerton, UIUC, October 2006.

“Building Community in Distance Education Courses: Teaching Participants,” invited panel presentation, ALISE, January 2006.

\*“From ‘Not Unreal’ to Fantasy: Librarians’ Changing Recommendations of Children’s Books, 1876-1900,” panel presentation, Children’s Literature Association conference, June 2007.

**\*“Survey Methods in Librarianship and Youth Services, 1882-1906,” Juried Paper, ALISE Annual Conference, January 2008.**

**Guest Presenter on Digital Storytelling, Eclectic Design Group, April 10, 2008.**

**GSLIS Research Showcase, “Toward a History of Children as Readers, 1890-1930,” April 2008.**

**\*“Children’s Reading Choices, 1890-1930,” proposal accepted for the Children’s Literature Association conference, Bloomington-Normal, IL, June 2008 (forthcoming).**

**\*“A History of Children as Readers, 1890-1930,” proposal accepted for the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing (SHARP) conference, Oxford, U.K., June 2008 (forthcoming).**

**\*“Darwin and evolution in science books for children, 1859-1926,” beginning with the U.S. publication of *The Origin of Species* and ending a year after the Scopes Trial, proposal accepted for the Print Culture in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Medicine conference, Madison, WI, September 2008 (forthcoming).**

## Service

### **1. Public Service**

(Bold items are new this year.)

“How Possum Brought Fire: A Story from Mexico,” Booker T. Washington Afterschool Program (coordinated by Ann Bishop), September 2006.

Trustee, The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees, 2003-2008.

Served as Co-Chair of the Executive Director Search Committee, May 2006-May 2007.

Served as Vice-President of the Board June 2006-June 2007.

**Interviewee for newspaper article “Once Upon a Time: libraries keep up with the ages through digital storytelling” by Kate R. Houlihan, Naperville Sun Times, October 8, 2007.**

**Interviewee for Illinois Library Association (ILA) newsletter article by Jane Chamberlain on the roles of library trustees, <http://www.ila.org/pub/reporter/vol25no4.pdf>, summer 2007.**

**Invited Guest for Afternoon Magazine radio program on WILLAM 580, on the topic “Storytelling and the GSLIS Storytelling Festival,” April 11, 2008**

**Invited Guest for Afternoon Magazine radio program on WILL AM 580, on the topic “Playing With Books,” May 5, 2008.**

**Invited Speaker, “Read It Again! Great Books for Preschool Classes,” Early Reading First grant, DELL-D project (Developing Early Language and Literacy in Danville), funded by Early Reading First, U.S. Department of Education, Danville, IL. Based on this talk, created “Read It Again! Great Books for Preschool Classes” list and distributed to Urbana Free Library and Champaign Public Library.**

**Volunteer Consultant to local Planned Parenthood, compiling evaluative and critical support for the best materials (print, digital, audio-visual) for children that offer comprehensive sex education information, spring 2008.**

**Invited Guest for Afternoon Magazine radio program on WILL AM 580, continuation of the topic “Playing With Books,” fall 2008 (forthcoming).**

## **2. Disciplinary and Professional Service**

(Bold items are new this year.)

Member of the American Library Association, 1997-2008.

Member of the Association for Library Service to Children, 1997-2008.

Member of the Association for Library and Information Science Education, 2003-2008.

Member of the Young Adult Library Services Association, 2004-2008.

Member of Children’s Literature Association, 2006-2008.

Member of History of Education Society, 2006-2008.

Member of SHARP (Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing) 2007-2008.

Member of the Society for the History of Children and Youth, 2008.

**Invited Participant, American Library Association (ALA), Young Adult Library Service Association (YALSA) annual Strategic Planning Session, American Library Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, January 2008.**

**Consultant to Char Williams of the Tolono Public Library, recommending student summer story time internships, yearly 2006-2008.**

### **3. University/Campus Service**

(Bold items are new this year.)

Member, GSLIS Publications Committee, fall 2006- spring 2007.

Member, GSLIS Lecture Committee, fall 2006- spring 2007.

Member, Joint GSLIS-UIUC Library IMLS Internal Review Committee, spring 2007.

Member, Advisory Committee to the UIUC Education and Social Science Library's School Collection of Children's and Young Adult Literature, 2006-2007.

**Faculty Organizer, GSLIS Story Coach Group, a monthly rehearsal and discussion group for aspiring and accomplished student storytellers who are either preparing to take LIS 409 or expanding upon what they learned in that course.**

**Organizer, Master of Ceremonies, and Storyteller for the annual GSLIS Storytelling Festival, April 12, 2008. Rehearsed with student tellers throughout the spring 2008 semester, with intensive rehearsals two week prior to the festival. Performed and premiered a new story song, titled "Life is Not Fair," adapted from "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Vinegar Bottle" and composed in 2008.**

**Faculty Organizer for Center for Children's Books Presentation at UIUC Foundation Day, September 28, 2007. Work for this event included planning the program for the presentation, speaking about events at the CCB, booktalking a Gryphon award book, creating display of best books for early literacy, and organizing volunteer student storytellers.**

**Faculty Representative of the Center for Children's Books during visits of current and prospective UIUC/GSLIS donors organized through Diana Stroud, Office of Advancement, fall 2007 and spring 2008.**

**Faculty Representative, Library School Alumni Association (LSAA) Awards Committee, selected recommended awardees for Distinguished Alumnus Award, Leadership Award, and Service Award, Spring 2008.**

**Member, Advisory Committee to the UIUC Education and Social Science Library's School Collection of Children's and Young Adult Literature, 2007-2008.**

**Member, GSLIS Curriculum Committee, fall 2007-spring 2008.**

**Member, GSLIS CCB Advisory Committee, fall 2007-spring 2008.**

**Faculty Co-Sponsor (with Christine Jenkins) of the Youth Literature Interest Group, CCB, GSLIS, a monthly discussion group for doctoral students and faculty at UIUC and other institutions, funded by the Illinois Program in Research for the Humanities (IPRH).**

**Faculty Co-Leader (with Christine Jenkins), Youth Services meetings, semi-monthly meetings for masters' students on a variety of topics, from book selection to job interview strategies, relevant to students interested in youth services.**