

CHRISTOPHER G. VINSON, MLIS

Associate Librarian

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EDUCATION

Master of Library and Information Science, 2008.

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Bachelor of Arts, English Literature and Language, 2006.

Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Head of Digital Strategies

Special Assistant to the Associate Dean for Organizational Performance & Inclusion

Clemson University, Clemson, SC

July 2022 – Present

Digital Strategies

- Provides leadership, strategy, and consultation for technology-related initiatives and implementations across all divisions in the libraries. Supports other divisions to ensure public and staff technology needs are met through appropriate communication, project oversight and management, and identifying creative solutions for a range of operational needs.
- Plans, implements, scales, and sustains equitable digital technologies and infrastructure that enable Clemson's faculty, staff, students, and researchers to function skillfully and competitively in a digital environment. Develops and implements a long-term digital strategy plan to guide future technology innovations at Clemson Libraries.

Special Assistant to the Associate Dean

- Leads or consults on large-scale special projects that impact the entire Libraries and involve parties across the divisions. Provides direction in the initiation, planning, and management of those projects and required resources throughout the project lifecycle.
- Assists the Associate Dean for Organizational Performance and Inclusion in focused strategic planning efforts.

Interim Associate Dean, Technical Services & Collection Management

Clemson University, Clemson, SC

July 2021 – June 2022

Set the vision and strategic direction of the Technical Services and Collection Management division by developing and implementing an interim reorganization plan to ensure core services continued to function and meet needs of internal stakeholders. Identify areas of need and foster an environment of collegiality, respect, trust, and teamwork. Oversee day-to-day operations and explore opportunities for improving workflows and processes through automation, communication, or cross-team/cross-unit collaboration.

Head of Library Technology

Clemson University, Clemson, SC

August 2011 – June 2022

Tenured and Promoted to Associate Librarian, 2015

Provide leadership for the Library Technology unit and participate in broader management, budget management, strategic planning for the Libraries' organization as part of the Dean's Library Leadership Team. Serve as the primary liaison to Clemson's central IT organization and foster collaborative relationships with other campus partners to encourage consistent services, shared resources, and adoption of innovative practices.

Digital Projects Librarian

Clemson University, Clemson, SC

May 2011 – Aug. 2011

Coordinate the design, creation, and maintenance of the collections comprising the Clemson University Digital Collections and South Carolina Digital Library-Upstate. Supervise the conversion of textual, image, audio, and video materials into digital form.

Head of Library Systems

College of Charleston, Charleston, SC

Dec. 2009 – May 2011

Systems Librarian

College of Charleston, Charleston, SC

Nov. 2008 – Dec. 2009

South Carolina Digital Library Project Manager

University of South Carolina, Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries, Columbia, SC

Jan. 2007 – Oct. 2008

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Library Association
- South Carolina Library Association

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Digitizing Resource Management Records of Big Cypress National Preserve: \$25,000

National Park Service, South Florida Collections Center, Homestead, FL

Christopher Vinson, Principal Investigator

Digitization and Migration Project for Virgin Islands National Park and Martin Luther King National Historic Site: \$101,611

Services subcontract with AQuate II, LLC, in partnership with National Park Service

Christopher Vinson, Project Coordinator

Digitize Photographic Materials for Everglades, Biscayne, Big Cypress, and Dry Tortugas National Parks: \$88,750

National Park Service, South Florida Collections Center, Homestead, FL

Christopher Vinson, Principal Investigator

Digitize and Transcribe Historical Documents, Oversized Documents, Videotapes, Audiotapes, and Photographic Materials: \$45,958

Jean LaFitte National Historical Park and Jazz National Historical Park, New Orleans, LA

Christopher Vinson, Principal Investigator

Digitize Archeological Oversized Documents and Photographic Materials: \$25,000

National Park Service, Southeast Archeological Center, Tallahassee, FL

Christopher Vinson, Principal Investigator

Open Parks Network 3.0: \$87,497

National Park Service, Southeast Regional Office, Atlanta, GA

Brett Wright, Principal Investigator; Christopher Vinson, Co-PI

Digital Public Library of America Hubs Pilot Project: \$225,000

Sub-awards from Open Knowledge Commons, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and Arcadia Fund

Christopher Vinson, Principal Investigator

Open Parks Grid: The Gateway to Parks Information: \$773,444

Institute of Museum and Library Services National Leadership Grant [LG-05-10-0117-10](#)

Christopher Vinson, Principal Investigator and Project Director (Sept. 2011 – Sept. 2014); Emily Gore, Principal Investigator and Project Director (Sept. 2010 – Sept. 2011); Elizabeth Baldwin, Co-PI (Clemson University); Michael Witt, Co-PI (Purdue University)

PRESENTATIONS

"Managing Occupancy through Tech Solutions during COVID-19." December 2020.

With Kelsey Sheaffer and Suzanne Rook-Schilf, Coalition for Networked Information Fall 2020 Virtual Meeting.

"Technology Equipment Loan Programs: Impact, Modifications, and Trends." October 2020.

With Kelsey Sheaffer and Fredda Owens, South Carolina Library Association 2020 Virtual Conference.

"Emergency Planning in a Time of Crisis." May 2020.

With Christopher Cox, Coalition for Networked Information Spring 2020 Virtual Meeting.

"Open Parks Network: A Cross-Governmental Approach to Open Access and Sustainability." June 2018.

With Rachel Wittmann, Joshua Morgan, and Colleen Curry, Open Repositories 2018, Bozeman, MT.

"Interdisciplinary Thinking and Collaboration: Environment and Sustainability Panel." October 2017.

With Martin Brook (Duke), Ben Horst (Georgia Tech), Steve Yanoviak (Louisville), Lexi Lord (Smithsonian), ACCelerate: The ACC/Smithsonian Creativity and Innovation Festival, Smithsonian National Museum of American History, Washington, DC.

"Experimental Learning Environments at Clemson University Libraries." April 2016.

With Robert Hollandsworth, Wesley Smith, and Patricia Carbajales-Dale, Coalition for Networked Information Spring 2016 Membership Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

"Open Parks Network: The Next Century of Digital Park Stewardship." April 2016.

Coalition for Networked Information Spring 2016 Membership Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

"Open Parks Network: An Open Government Information Resource." January 2016.

ACRL Science and Technology Section, Government Information Committee, American Library Association Midwinter Conference, Boston, MA.

"South Carolina Digital Library Roundtable." November 2015.

With Kate Boyd and Heather Gilbert. South Carolina Archival Association Annual Conference, Columbia, SC.

"Getting a DPLA Service Hub off the Ground: Sharing Experiences, Challenges, Best Practices, and Replicable Hub Models." October 2015.

With Patricia Hswe, Delphine Khanna, Sandra McIntyre, and Kerri Willette. Digital Library Federation Forum, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

"Open Parks Network." September 2015.

With Rachel Wittmann; Robert Powell, PhD; and David White, PhD. National Association of State Park Directors Conference, Greenville, SC.

"Open Parks for the People." August 2015.

Invited keynote presentation to the joint Society of Georgia Archivists/Special Libraries Association-Georgia Chapter Meeting, Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA.

"What Digitization Can Do For You." October 2014.

With Kate Boyd and Heather Gilbert. South Carolina Library Association Annual Conference, Columbia, SC.

"Bringing Parks to the People: Online Access to the Scenery and History of our National Parks." June 2014.

With Morag Hutchison (National Parks Canada). Special Libraries Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

"Turning the Corner on ETDs." April 2014.

With Andrew Wesolek and Ellen Ramsey. Digital Initiatives Symposium, San Diego, CA.

"Overview of Digital Public Library of America, and How ASERL Libraries are Supporting It." September 2013.

With Emily Gore and Kay Wall. ASERL Webinar Series.

"The Open Parks Network: Connecting Parks to Resources." August 2013.

Department of the Interior Library Council Webinar.

"Breaking Up with CONTENTdm." July 2013.

With Heather Gilbert, Emily Gore, Tyler Mobley, and Midge Coates. American Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

"Thinking Digital' Panel Discussion." April 2013.

With Heather Gilbert and Elise Lewis. SC Archival Association Spring Workshop, Florence, SC.

"Connecting the Highly Distributed Parks Network." March 2013.

With David White, PhD. George Wright Society Conference on Conservation, Denver, CO.

"New Digital Efforts in South Carolina." October 2012.

With Angela Flenner, Heather Gilbert, and Virginia Pierce. South Carolina Library Association Annual Conference, Columbia, SC.

"The Open Parks Grid: Uniting the Highly Distributed Parks Community to Enhance Stewardship of Parks." February 2012.

With Betty Baldwin, PhD. Healthy Parks/Healthy People Symposium, Clemson, SC.

"The Open Parks Grid: A Collaborative Project Combining HubZero and Fedora." October 2011.
With Emily Gore and Michael Witt. Digital Library Federation Forum, Baltimore, MD.

"Open Parks Grid: Connecting the Parks Community." Presentation to the Hon. Jon Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service. October 2011.
With Brett Wright, PhD; David White, PhD; and Emily Gore. George Hartzog Lecture Series, Clemson, SC.

"Preserve and Persevere: Digital Preservation and Library Advocacy." October 2010.
South Carolina Library Association Annual Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC.

ARTICLES

"Making a List and Checking it Thrice: Three Universities Implement Ex Libris' Leganto."
Albro, Maggie; Baker, Ariana; Gilbert, Heather; Hughes, Jennifer; Rock, Edward; Rodriguez, Elena; Rook-Schilf, Suzanne; and Vinson, Christopher. *South Carolina Libraries* 5.2 (Fall 2021).
https://scholarcommons.sc.edu/scl_journal/vol5/iss2/16/

"The South Carolina Digital Library (SCDL): What Is It and Where Is It Going?"
Boyd, Kate; Gilbert, Heather; and Vinson, Christopher. *South Carolina Libraries* 2.1 (2016).
http://scholarcommons.sc.edu/scl_journal/vol2/iss1/3/

"Cracking the Egg: The South Carolina Digital Library's New Perspective."
Vinson, Christopher and Boyd, Kate. *Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship* 20.2 (2009).
<https://doi.org/10.1080/19411260802298144>

POSTERS

"Download, Clean, Repeat: Creating a Sustainable Data Dashboard Workflow." November 2022. Poster presentation with Klar, Lili; Maye, Kaypounyers; Palmer, Megan; Sheaffer, Kelsey; and Sheffield, Megan, Library Assessment Conference 2022 (Online).

"Find Your Park Metadata." October 2015.
With Rachel Wittmann and Joshua Morgan. Digital Library Federation Forum, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

"JCDL 2013 Poster Abstract: The Open Parks Network."
Yu, Yongyang; Witt, Michael; Abdelfattah, Mohamed; Vinson, Chris; and Hammel, Scott. *JCDL '13: 13th ACM/IEEE-CS Joint Conference on Digital Libraries Proceedings* (2013).
<https://doi.org/10.1145/2467696.2467779>

COMMITTEES AND POSITIONS HELD

UNIVERSITY

- Alternate, Parking Review Board (2019-2022)
- Academic Technology Council (2017-2019, 2012-2014)
- Provost's Facilities Prioritization Committee (2016-2017)
- Research Council (2015-2018)
- University Research Grants Committee (2014-2017)
- University Libraries Advisory Committee (2012-2015)
- CyberInstitute Steering Committee (2011-2014)
- Data Management Task Force (2013-2014)
- Digital Humanities Task Force (2014)

LIBRARIES

- Reorganization Task Force (2020-2021)
- Chair, Associate Dean for Technical Services & Collection Management Search Committee (2019-2020, search suspended due to COVID-19 pandemic)
- Data Services Librarian Search Committee (2019)
- Carnegie Research I Libraries Task Force (2018-2019)
- Chair, Tenure and/or Promotion to Associate Librarian Committee (2018-2020)
- Chair, Learning Technologies Librarian Search Committee (2018)
- University Libraries Chair Review Committee (2018)
- Libraries Interim Dean Vetting Committee (2017)
- Library Curriculum Committee (2015-2018)
- Library Council (2014-)
- Public Services Council (2014-)
- Chair, Head of Digital Scholarship Search Committee (2013)
- E-Science Librarian Search Committee (2012)
- Administrative Council (2011-2013)
- User Services Group (2012 - 2013)
- Information Access Committee (2011)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries
 - Shared Library Services Platform (SLSP) Steering Committee (2021 – 2023)
 - Steering Committee liaison to Discovery, Reference, & User Experience Working Group (2021-2022)
 - Systems Librarian Search Committee (2021-22)
 - Institutional Library Representative (2018 – current)
 - Systems Working Group (2018 – 2021)
 - SLSP Request for Proposals Evaluation Panel (2017 – 2018)
- Associate Director, South Carolina Digital Library (2011-present)
- Manager, Digital Public Library of America South Carolina Service Hub (2013-2017)
- Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) Institutional Representative (2011-present)
- ASERL *Deeply Rooted* Steering Committee (2014-2017)