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Education

Doctor of Education (EdD), Curriculum and Instruction

College of Education, University of South Carolina, 2018

Dissertation: “The effects of using an information literacy model on the information seeking behavior of sixth-grade students”

Specialist in Library and Information Science, (SLIS)

School of Library and Information Science, 2014

University of South Carolina

Master of Library and Information Science, (MLIS)

School of Library and Information Science, 2011

University of South Carolina

Bachelor of Arts, Religion, (BA)

Wofford College

Professional Experience

Learning Commons Director

March 6, 2024 - Present

Interim Learning Commons Director

March 1, 2023 – March 5, 2024

Undergraduate Experience Librarian, Teaching, Learning & Research, Clemson

University Libraries, Clemson, SC

August 2018 - Present

School Librarian, Meadow Glen Middle School, Lexington School District One, Lexington, SC

August 2012- August 2018

Information Technology Specialist, A.J. Lewis Greenview Elementary School, Richland One School District, Columbia, SC

November 2011- May 2012

Professional Memberships

American Library Association, 2018 - present
Association of College and Research Libraries, 2018 - present
Library Research Round Table
Library Instruction Round Table
RUSA, 2024 -
American Association of School Librarians, 2017 - 2024
South Carolina Association of School Librarians, 2011 - 2024
South Carolina Library Association, 2011-2012, 2017 - present

Research and Scholarship

Refereed Articles

Kohout-Tailor, J. & Rook Schilf, S. (2023). Residential transfer students and the university library: A needs assessment. *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, 49(3), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acalib.2022.102660>.

Kohout-Tailor, J. & Sheaffer, K.E. (2020). Using open educational resources to empower student creators. *Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship*, 32(1), 11-18. [doi:10.1080/1941126X.2020.1709728](https://doi.org/10.1080/1941126X.2020.1709728).

Kohout, J. & Gavigan, K. (2015). The years of our learning commons: A school district's perspective. *Teacher Librarian*, 43(2), 18-23. Retrieved from https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/A439185862/AONE?u=clemsonu_main&sid=bookmark-AONE&xid=fe2025c8

Non-Refereed Articles

Kohout-Tailor, J., & Klar, C. L. (2021). COVID-19, collections, and collaboration: Promoting inclusivity from the ground up. *College & Research Libraries News*. <https://crln.acrl.org/index.php/crlnews/article/view/24885>.

Kohout-Tailor, J., & Klar, C. L. (2020). Growing collaborative outreach efforts to support the well-being of communities. *Journal of Library Outreach and Engagement*, 1(1). doi:10.21900/j.jloe.v1i1.463.

Book Chapters

Kohout-Tailor, J., & Commons, T. (accepted). Empower, connect, belong: Supporting the whole Student Staff member in a Learning Commons. In M. Planansky, M. Romanchock, & R. Yiannakos (Eds.), *Student Workers in Academic Libraries*. ACRL.

Author 1 (**Kohout-Tailor, J.**), Author 2, & Author 3. (2025). [REDACTED] Library Juice Press. (published anonymously)

Kohout-Tailor, J. (2021). Feminist pedagogy and information literacy instruction: The hero(ine)'s journey. In J. Haigh & E. Brookbank (Eds.), *Critical Library Pedagogy in Practice*. Innovative Libraries Press. <https://wou.edu/wp/critlibpedagogy/>

Kohout, J. & Gavigan, K. (2015). The learning commons: from planning to practice in a school system in South Carolina, USA. In Oberg, D. & Schultz-Jones, B. (Eds.) *Global Action on School Library Guidelines*. DeGruiter Saur and International Federation of School Librarianship. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110362664>

Conference Proceedings

Scheaffer, K., & **Kohout-Tailor, J.** (2019). Guiding students through choppy creative waters: Collaborative pedagogy to empower ethical creators. 2019 LOEX Information Literacy Conference Proceedings. <https://commons.emich.edu/loexconf2019/15/>

Professional Newsletters

Kohout-Tailor, J., & Commons, T. (2023, November). New learning commons at Clemson Libraries. PASCAL eNews. Retrieved from <https://us11.campaign-archive.com/?u=22482a135f667c412b3b09ee8&id=def50c916c>

Kohout-Tailor, J. (2020, November). Outreach across communities: Collaborating with local libraries on Claudia Rankine visit. PASCAL eNews. Retrieved from <https://mailchi.mp/d1220ae4d70b/pascal-enews-september-4783642?e=77b4d7b0d6>

Klar, L., & **Kohout-Tailor, J.** (2019, November). Building community + student engagement + pumpkins. PASCAL eNews. Retrieved from <https://us11.campaign-archive.com/?u=22482a135f667c412b3b09ee8&id=bb098d7a2b>

Presentations

Kohout-Tailor, J. (2024, November 19). Cooper Library Reflection Room. ASERL Fall 2024 Membership Meeting, Virtual. (invited)

Kohout-Tailor, J., Commons, T., Fiema, M., Arredondo, I., Niemiec, C. (2024, Oct 24-25). Tailoring student projects as ethics of care. Student Employment in Academic Libraries (SEAL) Symposium 2024, Virtual Conference.

Kohout-Tailor, J. (2023, July 5-7). Tickets to success: Creating an arcade for your learners. Playful Learning Conference, Leicester, U.K.

Kohout-Tailor, J. (2023, May 10). Towards impactful research: A librarian's lens. Clemson University Research Symposium, Clemson, SC. (invited)

Townson, C., Klar, C. L., & **Kohout-Tailor, J.** (2020, October 13-15). From c to shining c: Cooperation to collaboration. South Carolina Library Association, Virtual Conference.

Kohout-Tailor, J. (2020, February 20-22). Using best practices of teaching and learning to make your meetings more inclusive and productive. Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy, Savannah, GA, U.S.A.

https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/lib_pres/185/

Kohout-Tailor, J. (2019, December 17). Using norms to help make collaborative learning more inclusive. Clemson University Teaching Symposium: Communication, Technology, and Research, Clemson, SC. https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/lib_pres/184/

Scheaffer, K., & **Kohout-Tailor, J.** (2019, May 9-11). Guiding students through choppy creative waters: Collaborative pedagogy to empower ethical creators. LOEX Information Literacy Conference, MN. (Invited to Present at LOEX Encore)

https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/lib_pubs/157/

Kohout-Tailor, J. (2019, April 24-26). Using feminist pedagogy to transform information literacy instruction. LILAC: The Information Literacy Conference, Nottingham, U.K.

https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/lib_pres/134/

Kohout-Tailor, J. (2019, March 7-9). The Simple Four: How to make researching simpler for all with information literacy models. South Carolina Library Association Conference, SC. https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/lib_pres/137/

Posters

Kohout-Tailor, J. (2025, June 4). Making space for reflection: Lessons learned with creating and managing a reflection room. Metrolina Library Association Conference 2025, NC.

Kohout-Tailor, J., & Rook Schilf, S. (2021, October 13-15). Assessing the library needs of unique transfer students [poster]. South Carolina Library Association Conference 2021, Virtual Conference. https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/lib_pres/220/

Kohout-Tailor, J. (2021, October 11-15). Creating a mindfulness virtual book study to support student wellbeing. Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services Conference 2021, Virtual Conference. https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/lib_pres/219/

Kohout-Tailor, J. (2020, June 24-26). Using play to engage first-year students with the academic library [poster]. American Library Association Conference, Virtual Conference. https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/lib_pres/208/

Scheaffer, K., & **Kohout-Tailor, J.** (2019, April 10-13). Cultivating collaboration and creative copyright: Joint instructional design to shape ethical users and empowered creators [poster]. Association of College and Research Libraries Conference (ACRL), OH. https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/lib_pres/133/

Kohout-Tailor, J. (2018, October 31-November 3). Transforming library instructors using 360° evaluation [poster]. South Carolina Library Association and Southeastern Library Association Conference, SC. https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/lib_pres/125/

Kohout, J. (2011, October 19-21). Enhancing access to DISCUS with SmartSearch widgets [poster]. South Carolina Library Association, SC.

Mangus, C., & **Kohout, J.** (2016, April 14). Connecting students through PBL, makerspaces, and your school librarian. Lexington School District One Instructional Fair.

Panels

Kohout-Tailor, J. (2025, September 17). Managing your minutes, protecting your peace: Time management for balance and wellness. Be Well Committee, Medical Library Association. (invited).

Kohout-Tailor, J. (2021, March 10). Providing reference and instruction services at a (social) distance: How libraries adapted during the COVID-19 pandemic. PASCAL Webinar, virtual. (invited) <https://pascalsc.libguides.com/c.php?g=768656&p=8253009>

Kohout, J. (2015, November 22). A panel discussion for SLIS 703: Introduction to Information Sources and Services. School of Information Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. (invited)

Kohout, J. (2012, October 10). Journey to librarianship. Library and Information Science Student Association, College of Mass Communications and Information Studies I-COMM Week, School of Information Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. (invited)

Committees and Other Service

Clemson University

- Member, Commission on Women, 2023-2025
- Member, Dean of Libraries Review Committee, Spring 2023
- Member, Coalition on Voting, Clemson Votes, 2021-2024
- Member, Pride Planning Committee, 2021-2022
- Member, Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month Committee, 2021
- Member, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Committee, 2020-2021
- Member, University Academic Council, 2020-2023
- Member, Gen Ed Assessment Team, 2020
- Member, General Education Committee, 2019-2022
- Member, Book Store Advisory Committee, 2019-2020
- Member, Faculty Senate Ad-Hoc Committee on the Status of Women Faculty at Clemson, Spring 2019

Clemson University Libraries

- Member, Science and Research Impact Librarian Search Committee, Spring 2025
- Member, Emerging Technologies Librarian Search Committee, Fall 2023
- Member, Post Tenure Review Committee, 2023-2024
- Member, Reappointment Committee, 2023-2026, Chair (2024-2025)
- Member, Learning Commons Manager Search Committee, Spring 2023
- Member, 309 Classroom Ad-Hoc Committee, November 2019-2023
- Member, Oral Historian Search Committee, Fall 2021-Spring 2022
- Chair, Library Residents Committee, 2021-2022
- Member, Library Residents Committee, 2020-2023
- Chair, Peer Evaluation Ad-Hoc Committee, January 2020-June 2021
- Chair, Library Resident Search Committee, Spring 2021
- Member, Learning Commons Planning Task Force, March 2020-February 2021
- Chair, Library Curriculum Committee, 2020-2021
- Member, Library Curriculum Committee, 2019-2022
- Chair, Strategic Planning Task Force, July 2019-June 2020
- Co-Chair, Web Advisory Committee, January 2019-July 2019
- Member, Assessment Librarian Search Committee, 2019

Clemson University Libraries

- Volunteer, Holiday Planning Committee, Fall 2023, Fall 2024
- Volunteer, Employee Recognition Day Committee, Spring 2023
- Volunteer, Journal Move Project, Summer 2019

Other Committees

- Member, Lexington School District One School Librarian Steering Committee, 2015-2018
- Member, Lexington School District One Library Assistants Committee, 2017-2018
- Member, Meadow Glen Middle Crew Curriculum Team, 2015-2018
- Member, Meadow Glen Middle Leadership Team, 2012-2018
- Member, Lexington School District One “Whatever it Takes” Leadership Team, 2012-2014
- Member, Lexington School District One Professional Development Task Committee Member, 2012-2013

Service to the Profession

American Library Association

- Member, American Library Association’s Library Research Round Table Research Forum Committee, 2019-2020, 2021-2023
- Member, American Library Association’s Library Research Round Table Shera Award Committee, 2021-2023
- Co-Chair, American Library Association’s Library Research Round Table Shera Award Committee, 2022-2023
 - Shera Award Juror, 2025

- Member, American Library Association's Library Instruction Research Round Table Transition to College Committee Member, 2020-2022

Association of College & Research Libraries

- Member, Standards Committee Member, 2019-2021

South Carolina Library Association

- SCASL Liaison, 2022-2024
- Secretary, South Carolina Library Association, 2020-2021
- South Carolina Library Association Conference Planning Committee, 2020

Oconee, Pickens, Anderson Libraries

- Member, Shared Public Programming Committee, 2019-2022

South Carolina Association of School Librarians

- Member, Pre-Service Committee, 2013-2014, 2016-2018

Peer Reviewer

- *Journal of Information Literacy*, 2021-
- *Journal of New Librarianship*, 2021
- LILAC: The Information Literacy Conference, Review Panelist, 2020- 2024
- *New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship*, 2024 -
- *The Reference Librarian*, 2024 -
- *South Carolina Libraries*, 2020 -

Other Professional Service

- Mentor, Clemson University Libraries, 2025-2026
- Mentor, Clemson University Libraries, 2024-2025
- Mentor, Lexington School District One, 2017-2018
- Intern Supervisor, University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science, 2015, 2016

Continuing Education

Conferences Attended

- Libraries Forward (Virtual), 2025
- Student Employment in Academic Libraries (SEAL) Symposium (Virtual), 2024
- Playful Learning, Leicester, UK, 2023
- South Carolina Women in Higher Education Virtual Conference, 2022
- Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services Virtual Conference, 2021
- Association of College and Research Libraries Virtual Conference, 2021

- American Library Association Virtual Conference, 2020
- South Carolina Library Association College and University Section's C U at the Conference (Virtual), 2020
- Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy, Savannah, GA, 2020
- LOEX Conference, Minneapolis, MN, 2019
- LILAC Information Literacy Conference, Nottingham, U.K., 2019
- ACRL Conference, Cleveland, OH, 2019
- South Carolina Association of School Librarians, 2012-2019
- South Carolina Library Association, 2011, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022

Presentations Given to Clemson Libraries

- Grant, A., & **Kohout-Tailor, J.** (2021, January 27). Creating lesson plans for one-shot sessions. Clemson Libraries Designed for Teaching Series. https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/lib_pres/214/
- Townson, C., Klar, C. L., & **Kohout-Tailor, J.** (2020, June 23). From c to shining c: Cooperation to collaboration. Clemson Libraries Summer Workshop Series. https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/lib_pres/195/
- **Kohout-Tailor, J.** (2020, June 2). Inclusive and professional communication: From classroom to work environment. Clemson Libraries Summer Workshop Series. https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/lib_pres/189/
- **Kohout-Tailor, J.** (2019, May 21). Using instructional practices to make meetings more inclusive and productive. Clemson Libraries Summer Workshop Series. https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/lib_pres/143/
- Grant, A., & **Kohout-Tailor, J.** (2019, April 2). Inclusive information literacy instruction. Clemson Libraries Teacher Forum Series.

Honors and Awards

- Selected to serve on Fostering Inclusive Membership: Building a Community of Practice for Librarian Mentors & Mentees at the University of Miami and Other ASERL Institutions, 2025-2026
- Nominated Clemson Centennial Professorship award, Clemson University, 2025
- Milliken Transformational Leadership Academy participant, Clemson University, February 2023
- Featured Teaching Librarian, ACRL Instruction Section Teaching Methods Committee, Spring 2021, <https://acrl.ala.org/IS/featured-teaching-librarian-jessica-kohout-tailor/>
- Tigers ADVANCE Trailblazer, Clemson University, 2019-2020
- Recipient of the 2011 Nancy Jane Scholarship, South Carolina Association of School Librarian's (South Carolina Association of School Librarians)
- Recipient of the 2010 William M. Trafton Outstanding Student Award for Leadership, School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina
- Member of Beta Phi Mu, International Honor Society for library and information

studies

- Summa Cum Laude, Wofford College
- Phi Beta Kappa, Wofford College