

Appointments

Charlie Barlow has been appointed executive director of the Boston Library Consortium (BLC). Barlow joined BLC from the Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM), a consortium of 14 liberal arts colleges across five states. As ACM's vice president for strategic initiatives and programs, he led strategic planning, the development and launch of new programs, institutional data reporting, partnerships and engagement, as well as related communications, operations, and grants management. Prior to ACM, Barlow served as the director of the Policy Research Collaborative at Roosevelt University. Drawing upon a rich history of engaged scholarship and experiential learning, he increased opportunities for civic partners and the university community to address interdisciplinary policy issues, including racial equity, housing and economic mobility, health justice, and youth development. Barlow held academic appointments in geography and public policy studies at the University of Chicago.

Linda Kopecky has been named associate dean for the university libraries at the University of Nevada-Reno. Kopecky's primary responsibility is to lead the teaching, learning, and research-related departments and services of the libraries, as well as working to ensure the libraries are highly engaged in meeting the needs of a Carnegie R1 university in a rapidly changing academic environment. She supports the libraries' Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) committee leading EDI initiatives, training programs, and educational workshops. Kopecky also provides leadership for the libraries' learning-centered service model that encourages student engage-

ment, experiential learning, and knowledge creation in a collaborative environment.

Stacey Krim was appointed assistant professor and curator of manuscripts at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

Retirements

Sharon Bostick, dean of libraries at Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), retired in 2019. Bostick joined IIT in 2012. Among her many accomplishments, she enhanced student spaces and services to allow for innovative collaboration and learning, created the Exploration Space for prototyping and experiential learning, responded to student needs by expanding overnight service to both levels of the library, and leveraged partnerships by rejoining the Center for Research Libraries and serving on the Board of Directors for the Chicago Collections Consortium. Bostick has written and presented extensively on information-seeking behavior in university students, on academic and library consortia in the United States, and academic library building design. In 2016 she brought the International Federation of Library Association to Galvin Library to host their satellite conference on library design, attended by library professionals from all over the world. She also created the Library Anxiety Scale, a statistically validated instrument, which is in use worldwide as a diagnostic and research tool. Her contributions have helped libraries better understand and adapt to the evolving needs of their users. *ZZ*

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