Stanford

Felicia A. Smith

Librarian 4, Social Sciences Resource Group

Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

BIO

Felicia A. Smith, MLIS, is the inaugural Racial Justice and Social Equity Librarian at Stanford University Libraries. She is responsible for outreach to faculty and students across all schools and departments including the Department of African and African American Studies (DAAAS), and Stanford Center for Racial Justice (SCRJ), as well as the Equity, Community, Leadership (ECL) centers.

Felicia is also the Communication & Journalism Librarian who serves as the primary liaison between the library and those academic departments, programs, faculty and students. She is the library liaison to the Stanford Big Local News Project and the Black Graphic Design History Collections.

Felicia is responsible for collection development of research materials in all formats including data sources that support the research and teaching needs of Stanford scholars and that expand the breadth of Stanford's collections.

Felicia believes that as a librarian, she is charged with the awesome responsibility of being a keeper of the light and protector of our shared memories. In addition to her numerous national and international presentations, Felicia has published several peer-reviewed articles as well as a book, Cybrarian Extraordinaire, detailing her highly successful and unique approach to library instruction. Felicia created a program that taught Information Literacy using Kindles for inmates in a Juvenile Jail. Previously, Felicia was as a Criminal Defense Private Investigator in Chicago, Illinois, specializing in homicide and narcotics. Her motto is, "I make the unknown, known."

Felicia received a Master of Library Science degree, from Dominican University and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her past positions include serving as the Latino Studies Subject Specialist as an Assistant Librarian, at the University of Notre Dame.

CURRENT ROLE AT STANFORD

Racial Justice and Social Equity Librarian;

Communication & Journalism Librarian.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Black Community Service Center (BCSC) Community Service Award Nominee, Stanford University's Black Community Service Center (BCSC) (May 28, 2021)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Bachelor of Arts, University of Illinois at Chicago , Public Relations/ Communications (1994)
- MLIS, Dominican University , Master of Library Science (2004)

PROJECTS

- Rainbow Coalition Alumni Panel - Stanford University (October 24, 2023 - 10/24/2023)
- Say Their Names – No More Names - Stanford University (9/4/2020 - present)
- Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (JEDI) Fair - Stanford University (10/24/2023 - 10/25/2023)
- "The 2020 Project" by the African & African American Studies (AAAS) Program - Stanford University (10/19/2020 - present)
- Community College students pursue DH research through CESTA partnership with OCE and SUL - Stanford University (4/13/1972 - 4/13/1972)
- Stanford makes community college connections - Stanford University (7/18/2022 - 8/18/2022)

SERVICE, VOLUNTEER, AND COMMUNITY WORK

- ‘Say Their Names — No More Names’ Black Lives Matter Exhibit (September 4, 2020)
- Rise Up for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) (May 10, 2021)

LINKS

- My ORCID ID: https://orcid.org/my-orcid
- ‘Lead With Love’: Women of the Black Panther Party visit Stanford Libraries’ JEDI fair: https://stanforddaily.com/2022/10/12/lead-with-love-women-of-the-black-panther-party-visit-stanford-libraries-jedi-fair/
- Rainbow Coalition Alumni Panel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDhPL6_pyeI
- Stanford Law Center for Racial Justice Newsletter June 30, 2022 article about me: https://enews.law.stanford.edu/t/ViewEmail/r/D60AFC92A6796D6D2540EF23F30FEDED/21BDC3C83C5A3CFFB45DBD14E78D5A4A?alternativeLink=False
- KNOW Systemic Racism: Community College Students' Summer at CESTA: https://cesta.stanford.edu/news/know-systemic-racism-community-college-students-summer-cesta
- Stanford Women in Technology (WIT) Newsletter July 2021 article about me: https://mailchi.mp/lists/stanfordwit-april2020-1661530?e=79161c9593
- The Say Their Names – No More Names exhibition opens at Stanford Libraries: https://news.stanford.edu/2020/09/04/say-names-no-names-exhibit-stanford-libraries/
- Remembering Black lives through ‘Say Their Names — No More Names’: https://www.stanforddaily.com/2020/09/10/remembering-black-lives-through-say-their-names-no-more-names/
- A Brief History of Black August: https://law.stanford.edu/2022/08/10/a-brief-history-racial-justice-across-the-eras-in-august/
- Stanford Libraries hosts first JEDI Fair: https://www.stanforddaily.com/2021/09/30/stanford-libraries-hosts-first-jedi-fair/
- POC-IT Launch article: https://itcommunity.stanford.edu/news/ideal-it-launches-people-color-technology-poc-it-affinity-group
- American Libraries article about me June 1, 2020: https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2020/06/01/library-technology-what-future-holds/
- Virtual Reality Symposium article Jan. 26, 2020: https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/using-virtual-reality-fight-fake-news/
- Stanford Report article about me April 1, 2020: https://news.stanford.edu/2020/04/01/scattered-staff-members-help-keep-stanford-operational-afar/
- 2nd Year of my Paid Internship (2014): https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P_6Uqv0pAIZETIG1k2p74xuy1jRSAHhA/view?usp=drive_link
- I created Paid Internship in 2013: https://drive.google.com/file/d/126YN3rQPsm1fc1vFf4EFcnl0Rd451Hmh/view?usp=drive_link
- Say Their Names is In Stanford Reports’ Year in Review under Arts & Creativity: https://news.stanford.edu/2020/12/11/stanford-2020-year-review/
- What the Other Wes Moore Reveals About Systemic Racism - Podcast Episode: https://open.spotify.com/episode/2L0AIQgkAgYI6I1r3belBm?si=a7874247c1404769

Teaching

COURSES

2023-24

- Digital Traces: AFRICAAM 198B, ANTHRO 198B (Win)

2022-23

- Digital Traces: AFRICAAM 198B, ANTHRO 198B (Win)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **The KNOW Systemic Racism Project at Stanford University** *Liberatory Librarianship: Stories of Community, Connection, and Justice*
  Smith, F. A.
  ALA Editions.2024
- **Loving Libraries – Stanford University Library's Paid Summer Internships."** *Fostering Student Success: Academic, Social, and Financial Initiatives*
  Smith, F. A.
  ALA Editions.2022: 125-135
- **Putting Ass in Library Class** *Teach Library and Information Literacy With a Sense of Humor: Why (and How to) Be a Funnier and More Effective Library Instructor and Laugh All the Way to Your Classroom*
  Vaidya, K., et al
  Curious Academic Publishing .2021: 43–53
- **Information Literacy Instruction using Virtual Reality** *Beyond Reality: Augmented, Virtual, and Mixed Reality in the Library*
  Smith, F. A.
  ALA Editions.2019: 87–98
- **Virtual Reality in Libraries is Common Sense** *Library Hi Tech New*
  Smith, F. A.
  2019; 36 (6): 10-13
- **Linguistic Diversity in Libraries** *LIBRARY JOURNAL*
  Smith, F. A.
  2018; 143 (11): 17
- **Evaluating the Options for Virtual Reality in Literacy Instruction** *Computers in Libraries*
  Smith, F. A.
  2018
- **Artificial Intelligence & Malicious Steganography** *Computers in Libraries,*
  Smith, F. A.
  2018
- **Should Libraries Even Consider Hacking Back If Attacked?** *Computers in Libraries*
  Smith, F. A.
  2017; 37 (1): 14-16
- **The Amazing Library Titles Race** *LIBRARY JOURNAL*
  Smith, F. A.
  2015; 140 (15): 20
- **In Praise of Helicopter Librarians** *LIBRARY JOURNAL*
  Smith, F. A.
  2012; 137 (18): 42
- **Cybrarian Extraordinaire : Compelling Information Literacy Instruction**
  Smith, F. A.
  Libraries Unlimited.2011
- **Freedom Readers in a Juvenile Correctional Facility** *Librarians as Community Partners: An Outreach Handbook*
  Smith, F. A.
  ALA Editions.2009

- **Perspectives on . . . The pirate-teacher** *JOURNAL OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIANSHIP*
  Smith, F. A.
  2007; 33 (2): 276–88
- **J.A.W.S. -- A Historical Perspective** *The Journal of Electronic Publishing*
  Smith, F. A.
  2007; 10 (2)
- **Games for Teaching Information Literacy Skills.** *Library Philosophy and Practice*
  Smith, F. A.
  2007; 9 (2)

PRESENTATIONS

- Women of the Black Panther Party: The Struggle is Real - Stanford University (3/10/2023)
- How Can We Adapt Data Practices to Advance Social and Racial Justice? - Stanford Humanities Center (2/15/2023)
- What Does Woke Mean? - The San Mateo County Bar Association (SMCBA) (November 30, 2023)
- Inclusive Outreach Matters - Brigham Young University Law Library (10/7/2022 - 10/7/2022)
- I KNOW Systemic Racism Exists - Stanford Historical Society (5/12/2022 - 5/13/2022)
- Environmentalism and Racial Justice in America Today. Two Sides of the Same Coin? - Stanford University (May 16, 2022)
- KNOW Systemic Racism in California - Bucknell University (10/18/2022 - 10/20/2022)
- Introducing the 'KNOW Systemic Racism' Project - Stanford University (April 12, 2022 - April 12, 2022)
- What Does Juneteenth Mean to Me? It's Complicated - Stanford Residential & Dining Enterprises (6/16/2021)
- "From Black Power to BLM: Reimagining Dr. King's Dream" - Stanford University (January 21, 2021)
- Academic Fake News: The Great Information War! - Alabama Library Association Annual Convention, (4/2/2019 - 4/5/2019)
- Rise Up & Say Their Names - Stanford FLI Conference (May 15, 2021)
- Virtual Reality in Instruction: A Common-Sense Solution - Library Technology (LibTech) Conference (3/20/2019 - 3/21/2019)
- "Low-Income Students Can Not Afford to be Victims of Low-Information!" - Stanford University Annual FLI Conference (2/8/2020)
- Lovin' Libraries: Stanford Internship Program - October Conference for New England Academic Librarians (October 18, 2013)
- Can Virtual Reality Change Information Literacy Instruction? - American Library Association Annual Midwinter 2020 (1/25/2020)
- Amazing Races Spanning from Outdoor Instruction All the Way to Virtual Reality - LOEX Conference (5/9/2019 - 5/11/2019)
- "Ivy-Plus Research, Teaching and Learning Crash Conference," - Ivy Plus Libraries (4/1/2020 - 4/1/2020)
- Flipped Classroom and Amazing Race Outdoor Library Workshops - Hawai'i Library Association (11/11/2016 - 11/12/2016)
- Be Anyone You Want while Becoming Information Literate in Virtual Reality," - Alberta Library Conference (4/26/2018 - 4/29/2018)