

I am pleased to submit my dossier for promotion to the rank of Librarian III at Michigan State University Libraries. Since beginning my faculty appointment in 2011 and advancing to the role of Government Information Librarian in 2013, I have demonstrated a sustained record of leadership in academic librarianship. My career is characterized by strategic vision, innovative program development, effective team leadership, and a strong commitment to advancing access to government information in support of research, teaching, and public policy. This statement highlights my contributions in librarianship, scholarship, and service, with particular emphasis on the leadership that has shaped outcomes at local, state, regional, and national levels.

I provide leadership in collection development, resource management, and user services as the subject specialist for government information (U.S., EU, international, Canadian, and Michigan), military studies, packaging, political science, and public policy. I direct Michigan State University's participation in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), serving as the primary coordinator responsible for ensuring legal compliance, strategic collection management, and program sustainability in collaboration with the University of Minnesota Regional Depository and the Government Publishing Office. This leadership role includes guiding Technical Services staff on government document processing and implementing efficient workflows.

I have built and maintained strong liaison relationships with the School of Packaging and Department of Political Science, leading initiatives that integrate library resources into curricula and faculty research agendas. In my secondary assignment in Cataloging, I have exercised leadership by developing original cataloging practices for video games, creating workflows and procedures in close partnership with the Video Game Coordinator, and enhancing discoverability of emerging formats. Earlier leadership as Library Liaison to James Madison College and Assistant Copyright Librarian strengthened my ability to deliver instructional programs and develop educational resources on copyright and information policy.

My leadership extends to forward-looking projects such as web archiving of local election and government websites, promotion of digital deposit initiatives, and enhanced support for data-intensive research, including Census, Gallup microdata, L2 voter data and other statistical resources. These efforts demonstrate my capacity to identify emerging needs, mobilize resources, and implement solutions that benefit the broader academic community.

I have established myself as a recognized leader in government information scholarship through peer-reviewed publications, national presentations, and creative endeavors. Recent examples include "Stitching Solutions: The Bureau of Home Economics as a Fashion Influencer" (*DttP: Documents to the People*, Winter 2025) and continuing contributions to *Magazines for Libraries* on the topic of Peace and Conflict Studies. I have delivered invited webinars and presentations on timely topics such as U.S. and international food law research, digital deposit, web archiving, and government data APIs at venues including the FDLP Academy, FDLP conferences, and Canada Government Information Day(s).

Through co-authored projects, conference panels, and curated exhibits (e.g., "The Politics of Food," 2024–2025), I have consistently led interdisciplinary collaborations that translate specialized expertise into accessible, impactful resources for researchers and practitioners. My

scholarship reflects not only subject mastery but also leadership in shaping professional conversations around government information access in the digital age.

Leadership and professional service form a cornerstone of my career. Nationally, I currently serve as Chair of the Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) (2025–2026), providing strategic direction for the organization of over 500 members, following my term as Chair-Elect. In this role, I also chaired the Special Committee on Reorganization and serve as an ex-officio member of the Development Committee. My prior leadership within GODORT includes Chair of the Program Committee, multiple terms leading the Publications and Nominating Committees, and service on the Steering Committee. I have moderated the GOVDOC-L listserv since 2018 and was appointed to a three-year term on the Government Publishing Office's Depository Library Council (2020–2023), serving as an advisor to the Superintendent of Documents and the Director of GPO.

At the Big Ten Academic Alliance level, I chaired the Heads of Government Documents group and continue to contribute actively. Within Michigan, I provided multi-term leadership as President of GODORT of Michigan and as Program Chair and Webmaster. At Michigan State University, I served as Secretary of the University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG) (2024–2026) and will be Vice Chair of UCAG starting in Fall 2026. I contributed to the following UCAG Ad Hoc Committees: Bylaws Review Process; Pool of Faculty Volunteer Standards; and the Equitable Non-College Faculty Representation. Within the Libraries, I have chaired the Faculty Affairs Committee and Faculty Bylaws Committee, served on the Libraries' Steering Committee, and led or participated in numerous working groups advancing faculty governance, cataloging, digital scholarship, and research data management. These leadership roles have allowed me to mentor colleagues, shape policy, steward organizational change, and strengthen communities of practice across multiple levels of the profession.

My trajectory from early-career librarian to national leader in government information reflects a deepening commitment to strategic leadership, collaboration, and innovation. I have consistently stepped forward to guide complex initiatives—whether coordinating FDLP compliance, leading professional organizations, or advancing faculty governance—while fostering inclusive and effective teams.

As a Librarian III, I look forward to expanding my leadership impact through enhanced mentorship of emerging professionals, continued national service, and strategic contributions to Michigan State University's priorities in open scholarship, data stewardship, and interdisciplinary research support. I remain dedicated to advancing the Libraries' mission and the core values of equitable access and informed citizenship.

Thank you for considering my candidacy for promotion to Librarian III. I welcome further discussion of my record and vision.

Sincerely,

Julia Ezzo