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Work Experience: **Valdosta State University: Odum Library:** Professor, 2013-; Associate Professor of Library Science, 2002-; Assistant Professor of Library Science, 1997- 2002
Instructor of Library Science, 1993-1997

- As Archives Director, (1998-present) responsible for day-to-day operation of the VSU Archives: Supervision of Staff and Students; Reference Services for Archives; Processing, Arrangement and Description of new and existing collections; Outreach activities, Teaching Program, Grant writing; Preservation Activities with collection; Overseeing Indexing Projects; Digitization and Digital Preservation; All aspects of Archives management and liaison with the institution for Archives
- From 1993 to 2004, Perform General Reference functions, participate in team management structure, participate in Bibliographic Instruction program of Reference Department
- Until June of 1998, served as Bibliographic Instruction Team leader, and as such, was primarily responsible for Instruction Program of the Library

Education Post MLIS course work: Topics in Archives and Cataloging the Web: VSU MLIS Dept, 2002 and 2005

Master's in Library Science
University of Maryland, College Park,
August, 1989
Valdosta State College,
Coursework and completion of
English Degree: 1979-1981; 1984

Master's of Arts and Teaching (MAT)
[Master's in English]
University of Georgia, 1987
BA Economics
University of Georgia, 1983

Awards and Honors

- Davis, Deborah. Presidential Excellence Award for Service 2018
Davis, Deborah: Web Profile and Video on National Endowment for the Humanities website 2017
Davis, Deborah: Collegiate Women of Valdosta State University award for Outstanding Staff member, 2014
Davis, Deborah: Plaque AFAM Community Servant of the Year, 2014
Davis, Deborah: Plaque "In Appreciation for your Outstanding Service and Distinction to COBEC" (Consortium for Belize Educational Cooperation) August, 2013
Davis, Deborah: Certification and Re-Certification by Academy of Certified Archivists, 2005, 2011, 2016
Davis, Deborah and the VSU Archives: Lowndes County Historical Society Keeper of History Award for creation of the VSU Museum. 2008
- Sommers, Laurie, Deborah Davis, John Taylor, Michael Holt and Stacey Wright received the **Brenda McCallum Award** from the American Folklore Society's Archives and Libraries Section. The award recognizes exceptional work dealing with folklife archives or the collection, organization, and management of folklife materials. This is a national award, and recognizes a large project. 2007.*
- Davis, Deborah. Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board's Award for Excellence in the Educational Use of Historical Records, October 2004. (State-wide award, presented by Secretary of State and GHRAB)
Davis, Deborah. "I Caught You Caring" service pin and commendation, June 2004, 2011, 2016, 2017.
Davis, Deborah. Lowndes County Historical Society Keeper of History Award for *Valdosta State University*. 2002.
Davis, Deborah. Fellow for the Center for Teaching and Learning, BOR project for VSU, 1996-1997, \$5,000.00 grant accompanied project.

Selected Publications

- Oguz, F. and Davis, D. Developing an Institutional Repository at a Medium-Sized University: Getting started and Going Forward, *Georgia Library Quarterly*, Fall 2011.
- Holt, M., Oguz, F., & Davis, D. (2009). Building an Institutional Repository in Very Tight Budgets. *Proceedings of the 72th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. (Short Paper) <http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM09/open-proceedings/posters/65.xml>
- Davis, Deborah. *Valdosta State University*. Charleston: Arcadia Press, 2001, went into second printing 2008.
- Amy Warren, Diane Howard, Bobbie Warren, and Deborah Davis, eds. *Regional Identity Critical Journal and Anthology* (online and print), July 2004.
<http://books.valdosta.edu/arch/jdaugharty/anthology/journalhome.htm>
- Davis, Deborah. "Valdosta State University" *New Georgia Encyclopedia*. Published online on Galileo Site, Fall 2003. http://galileo.usg.edu/cgi-bin/homepage.cgi?_cc=1&_id=a81298d5-1138909778-0707
- Davis, Deborah and Alan M. Bernstein. "From Survey to Service: Using Patron Input to Improve Customer Satisfaction." *Technical Services Quarterly*, 14 (3): 1997, 47-62.

**Other web-based publications omitted from short resume

Presentations

- 60 presentations given to Archives or History or VSU-related groups from 1998-20017, including repeated presentations at Society of Georgia Archivists, GLA, and SELA.
- 13 other presentations not related to Archives from 1994-1998 at national, state and regional conferences.

Selected Grants out of 15 total:

- Davis, D. Digital Library of Georgia, Digitization of the Pinebranch, \$4920 sub-grant 2017-18
- Davis, D. Georgia Humanities Council: "Let's Talk About it—Civil War" \$2000 grant with Davis as PI and Chris Myers of VSU History as featured scholar. 2012.
- Davis, D. NEH Preservation Assistance Grant. \$6000. Davis, D. PI, 2012-2013.
- GKR—GEORGIA KNOWLEDGE REPOSITORY, \$800,000 STATE-WIDE GRANT FROM IMLS WITH GEORGIA TECH AS PI, VSU'S PORTION IS \$20,000. 2011-2013
- Sommers, Laurie and Deborah Davis "South Georgia Folklife Collection" Georgia Arts Council, July 3005-June 2006, \$6,000.00—second grant \$7,500.00 - "South Georgia Folklife Collection: Access" GAC 7-06--6-07.
- Davis, Deborah. "Presidential Finding Aids Grant," Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board. Oct 1. 2002-Sept. 30 2003. \$3000.00. Grant Complete, Finding Aids on website:
- Davis, Deborah with Diane Howard, "Regional Identity: Reading, Writing and Regional Issues Project Using the Works of Janice Daugharty." July 2, 2004-June 30, 2004, \$3000.00. Georgia Humanities Council.
- Grant, LSTA, through the Georgia Public Library Service, \$20,000.00 to VSU Archives and South Georgia Regional Library to create a Union Catalog of Local History Sources. 2001.
- Grant, Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board (GHRAB), \$4000.00: 1999, Total Project Amount: 7,708.00. Grant brought in consultant to work with Archives to evaluate procedures, and policies and arrangement
- **Other smaller grants omitted

Service

Statewide and National Memberships:

Consortium of Belize Educational Cooperation, Treasurer, 2013-17; Archivist, and member 2006-
Academy of Certified Archivists, member 2005-; ACA exam proctor, 2013
Georgia Library Association, Archivist, Board Member, Chair of the Records Committee 2010-
Georgia Archives Month Planning Committee: 2011-2013
Society of Georgia Archivists, Nominating Committee, 2012-13, Program Planning Committee, member, 2010-
2012, 2017-18, Scholarship Committee, 1999-2004, Program Committee, 2013, 2017, Mentor 2010-2014
Georgia Knowledge Repository Metadata Subcommittee, 2009-2012
GUGM Planning Chair for Special Collections 2009-2011
GUGM Planning Co Chair for Archives, 2008-2009,

Teaching

- **MLIS 7710**, Introduction to Archival Theory and Issues, Online Class, Taught: 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014,

2016, 2018

- **Archives classes**, usually one time orientations and workshops, taught between 30 and 50 per year.
- **History Extra Credit Program**, developed in 2004, we have introductory history students who need extra credit come and work in the archives. Approximately 800 students have participated over the years giving over 100000 hours of work in archives. I teach an orientation and then we train them one on one in the Archives.