

David Gaither

Scholarly Communications and Analytics Librarian & FYE Adjunct Faculty

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Education

Master of Arts in Liberal Arts

2023

Louisiana State University in Shreveport

18 hours in English/9 hours in History/18 hours of interdisciplinary Liberal Arts

Focus: Medieval Literature

Thesis: *What Makes a Legend: Searching for Caratacus in the Mythology of Wales*

Bachelor of Arts in History

2010

Louisiana State University in Shreveport

Teaching Experience

Adjunct Faculty, Louisiana State University in Shreveport

Freshman Seminar 103: Learning Strategies for College Success

Fall 2023 – Fall 2025

English 105: English Composition I

Fall 2025

Professional Experience

Scholarly Communications and Analytics Librarian

Jul 2024 – Present

Noel Memorial Library, Louisiana State University in Shreveport

- Maintain LSUS Scholarly Repository, participate in Open Scholarship initiatives, and promote dissemination of faculty research and publications.
- Partner with faculty, administrators, and consortia participants to promote the adoption and usage of affordable and open access educational resources.
- Aggregate and process data for library assessment, Affordable Learning Louisiana, and institutional reporting
- Provide consulting and outreach to increase faculty and institutional awareness of copyright, fair use, open access, and publishing best practices.

Project Manager, LOUIS OER Beyond Gen Ed

Jul 2024 – Aug 2025

Noel Memorial Library, Louisiana State University in Shreveport

- Primary contact for author participants for project, responsible for ensuring project remains on task, selecting editors, and dispersing funds for meeting goals

Library Associate, Digital Resource Management

Sep 2019 – Jun 2024

Noel Memorial Library, Louisiana State University in Shreveport

- Developed and implemented all departmental and e-resource data aggregation and analysis workflows including Affordable Learning, and Act 125 reporting.
- Cataloged e-resources and serial publications and reported usage statistics for annual impact report

Publications & Media

“Research Interview with David Gaither.” *Research Bites* with NML, 18 June 2025.

“A Whiteboard Assessment at LSUS with David Gaither.” *Listen with LOUIS*, 16 May 2025, <https://louislibraries.org/about/news/listen-with-louis>

Gaither, David. “LOUIS Collaborator Profile” *LOUIS Lagniappe*, vol. 10, no. 2, April 2025, pp. 23-24.

Gaither David. “Case Study: Louisiana State University Shreveport.” *Marking Open and Affordable Courses: Best Practices and Case Studies*. 2nd ed. Mavs Open Press. To be Published October 2025.

Presentations & Conference Participation

Gaither, David. “Tag! You're Affordable: A Primer on Act 125 Course Tagging.” LSUS Faculty Focus Workshop, March 28, 2025, Noel Memorial Library, Shreveport, LA. Faculty Presentation.

Gaither, David. “A Lesson in AI Literacy: Revisited.” LUC-E 2025, March 12, 2025, C.B. Webinar. Conference Presentation.

Gaither, David. “Avoiding Predatory Publishing.” LSUS Faculty Focus Workshop, October 25, 2024, Noel Memorial Library, Shreveport, LA. Faculty Presentation.

Gaither, David. “OER, AER, and You.” LSUS Faculty Senate Professional Development Workshop, October 18, 2024, Noel Memorial Library, Shreveport, LA. Faculty Presentation.

Gaither, David. “A Lesson in AI Information Literacy: Guiding without Guidance.” LOUIS Users Conference 2024, October 10, 2024, C.B. Pennington Jr. Conference Center, Baton Rouge, LA. Conference Presentation.

Gaither, David, Abigail McCoy, and Sarah Simms. “Frameworks in Action: Elevating Library Instruction with the ACRL Frameworks.” LOUIS Users Conference 2024, 10 Oct. 2024, C.B. Pennington Jr. Conference Center, Baton Rouge, LA. Conference Presentation with Panel Discussion.

Gaither, David. “Working in the Data Mines: Successful Data Collection and Analysis.” LOUIS Users Conference 2023, October 18, 2023, C.B. Pennington Jr. Conference Center, Baton Rouge, LA. Conference Presentation.

Gaither, David, Amy Baptist, and Jeanne Pavy. “Survive and Thrive with Act 125: Approaches and Ideas for Promoting Affordable Textbook Adoptions.” LOUIS Users Conference 2023, 18 Oct. 2023, C.B. Pennington Jr. Conference Center, Baton Rouge, LA. Conference Presentation with Panel Discussion.

Exhibits

Writings Revived: History's Rediscovered Texts. 1st Floor Exhibit, Noel Memorial Library, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, Feb. 2025.

Superheroes of History: Historical Figures and their Comic Representations. 1st Floor Main Exhibit, Noel Memorial Library, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, Aug-Sept. 2022.

The Stories We Tell: Creatures of Folklore and Myth. 1st Floor Main Exhibit, Noel Memorial Library, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, Oct. 2021.

Awards & Honors

LSUS Professor of the Year Nominee, April 2025, LSUS Student Government Association

LSUS Professor of the Year Nominee, April 2024, LSUS Student Government Association

LSUS Outstanding Service Award, February 2024, LSUS Foundation

LUC 2023 First-Time Attendee Scholarship, May 2023, LOUIS: The Louisiana Library Network

Grants

Graduate Assistant for OER Implementation at LSUS [Project Lead], Southern Regional Education Board, July 2025: \$10,000 [Under Review]

Providing Scientific Models for Chemistry and Biology Instruction [Primary Contact], LSUS Technology Fee Committee, July 2025: \$7,400

Maintaining Momentum: Sustaining and Improving LSUS's Open Education Landscape [Project Lead], LOUIS Library Consortium and Louisiana Board of Regents, February 2025: \$15,000

Faculty Development: Attend ER&L 2025 Conference [Applicant], LSUS Faculty Research and Development Committee, January 2025: \$1,500

Re-Imagining Information Literacy: Distributable Online Learning Modules for Asynchronous and Synchronous Instruction [Project Lead], Louisiana Board of Regents eLearning Task Force, December 2024: \$17,000 [Not Funded]

LOUIS Affordable Learning 2024 CDA Grants [Primary Contact], LOUIS Library Consortium, July-December 2024: \$3,960.04

OER Beyond Gen ED [Project Co-Lead], LOUIS Library Consortium and Louisiana Board of Regents, March 2024: \$26,400

Digitizing Shreveport: What Were We Thinking? Cablevision in Northwest Louisiana, 1983-1995
[Collaborative Member]. Recording at Risk, Council on Library and Information Resources, 2023 [Not Funded]

Service

LSU Shreveport

Member, QEP Implementation Committee, Feb 2025 – Current

Chair, QEP Assessment and Analytics Sub-Committee, Feb 2025 – Current

Member, QEP Leadership and Administration Sub-Committee, Feb 2025 - Current

Member, Selection Committee for Assistant Direct for Academic Success, Jan – Mar 2025

Member, QEP Selection Committee, Nov 2024 – Mar 2025

Noel Building Representative, Annual Food Drive, Oct – Nov 2024

Faculty Advisor, GRID (Student Organization), Aug 2024 – Present

Member, Faculty Research & Development Committee, Aug 2024 – Present

Member, First Year Experience Committee, Feb 2024 – Present

Lead, Freshman Convocation Sub-Committee, Feb 2024 – Present

Member, Freshman Seminar Curriculum Sub-Committee, Sep. 2024 – Present

Instructor, FYE Renewal Program, Aug 2023 – Present

Includes attending additional training in June and July and participating in US@LSUS, Freshman Convocation, and assisting in FYE curriculum development.

Noel Memorial Library – LSU Shreveport

Member, Library New Employee Task Force, Jun 2025 – Present

Chair, Selection Committee for Director of Research and Instruction, Jan – Mar 2025

Member, Selection Committee for Library Associate for User Experience & Discovery Strategies,
Jan – Mar 2025

Member, Selection Committee for Director of Access and Discovery, Jun – Dec 2024

Member, Selection Committee for First-Year Experience Librarian, Feb – Aug 2024

Member, Selection Committee for Evening Supervisor Library Associate, May 2024

LOUIS

Member, Louisiana Instruction Community of Practice, May 2024 – Present

Peer group for discussion of pedagogies and best practices within library instruction

Member, Louisiana OER Climate Survey Committee, Apr. 2024 – Present

Committee for designing and distributing a faculty survey for roll-out to all Louisiana LOUIS consortium higher education institutions to determine the key barriers preventing the adoption of OER.

Professional Activities & Certifications

Certificate in Open Education Librarianship, Open Education Network, February – September 2025

Library Copyright Institute [Professional Development Workshop], The Library Copyright Institute, June 2025

The Humanity of Teaching [Professional Development Course], John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, July 2025

, Teaching for Impact, [Professional Development Course], John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education. March – April 2025

Student Success Assessment Workshop [Professional Development Course], The University of Illinois Chicago Library, April – June 2025

International Games Week, Nov 7 – 13, 2025, Noel Memorial Library, 2024.
Hosted 5 events during week

Academy on the First College Year Certificate, John N Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, October 2024.

ACRL Information Literacy Library Instruction Development, LSUS, Jun – Oct 2024

Florida Atlantic University Appreciate Advising Online Course, FAU College of Education, March 2024.

LOUIS Affordability Tracking Consultant, LOUIS, Apr 2024 – Present

3D Printing Services, Noel Memorial Library, 2022 – Present

Over 600 medallions were printed in 2023 and 2024 for Freshman Convocation, in addition to hundreds of items for exhibits and giveaways

LA Act 125 Compliance, LSUS and LOUIS, 2020 – Present

Theses and Dissertation Processing and Review, LSUS, 2020 – Present

Data Analytics and Impact Reporting, Noel Memorial Library, 2019 – Present

LOUIS Consortium Affordable and Open Educational Resources Initiative and Curriculum Driven Acquisition, Noel Memorial Library and LOUIS, 2019 - Present

Paul Jones History Library ILS Integration, Spring 2020 – Spring 2021

Affiliations

Tri-Alpha Honor Society for First Generation