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AOK Library & Gallery Announces Winner of Provost's Library Faculty Award

Lindsey Loeper is the winner of the 2021 UMBC Provost's Library Faculty Award. This award was created in 2019 and is given every two years to a member of the Albin O. Kuhn Library & Gallery faculty for excellence in librarianship, research, publications, and service to UMBC and the profession. The award comes with a \$2,000 stipend to support the winner's professional development.

Ms. Loeper was nominated and received the award as a result of her numerous achievements over more than 13 years as an archivist at UMBC. The nominating committee singled out Ms. Loeper's "effective leadership skills, extensive service contributions, and impressive record of scholarship and creativity," as well as her "outstanding and innovative work in teaching, and collaborative and collegial working manner." Library Director Patrick Dawson says, "Lindsey is well-respected throughout the library and across campus for her enthusiasm and dedication to her work. We are extraordinarily fortunate to have her as a member of our community."

Ms. Loeper, a UMBC alumna (BA, American Studies, 2004) earned her Master of Library Science (MLS) from the University of Maryland in 2007 and joined the UMBC Library & Gallery as a Visiting Archivist in 2007. She became a full-time Archivist in 2008 and served as Acting Director and Curator of Special Collections from July 2017 to August 2018. As the Reference and Instruction Archivist, she helps students and faculty learn to find, use, and evaluate unique and valuable materials in [Special Collections](#). During the COVID-19 pandemic, much of Ms. Loeper's work focused on transitioning the reference and instruction program for Special Collections to the virtual learning environment, allowing faculty to continue to incorporate archival research methods and materials into their courses despite the closure of the UMBC campus.

About UMBC

UMBC, an honors university serving more than 11,000 undergraduates and 2,000 graduate students, is one of two public universities in Maryland to achieve the “doctoral/research university-extensive” Carnegie classification. Located just outside Baltimore and 45 minutes from Washington, DC, the campus is growing rapidly under dynamic leadership.

About Albin O. Kuhn Library and Gallery

Located in the heart of the UMBC campus, Albin O. Kuhn Library and Gallery provides innovative services, spaces, collections, and technology to support the research, teaching, and learning needs of the University.