

An Inquiry Regarding the Experiences of American Academic Librarians

[Subject]: Participant Invitation: **An Inquiry Regarding the Experiences of American Academic Librarians**

The Library and Information Science (LIS) profession is different from many others because much of the work that librarians do may not be seen or recognized by the public (Nardi & O'Day 1999; Lee & Ngatai 2004). Nardi and O' Day assert "many of the contributions of librarians are invisible to library clients... [A]s a result, few people have much of an idea of what librarians do." (82). Using qualitative methods, I am working on a study that seeks to discover systemic, cultural, economic, or other topics that impact the experiences of American academic librarians and the development of American academic librarianship.

I am looking for participants who are willing to participate in an interview during mid-to-late July 2013. If you are a librarian who works at an American college or university and you are interested in being interviewed, I encourage you to send me an e-mail to set up an appointment: kaetrena@mailbox.sc.edu

If you do not want to participate in my study but know a colleague who might be interested in participating, please forward my invitation. **Interviews will be confidential and participants will not be identified personally.**

This study is part of a comparative librarianship project that focuses on the development of Korean and American academic librarianship from the perspectives and experiences of practicing college and university LIS professionals. The study is funded by a 2013-2014 University of South Carolina Lancaster Research and Productive Scholarship Award.

To learn more about my research activities and interests, which include international librarianship, international student academic library users, and the continuing education and professionalism of academic librarians, please visit <http://kddk.wikispaces.com>

Thank you very much for your attention and interest.

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