

**Debbie Faires**  
**Lecturer**  
**School of Library and Information Science**  
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**Education**

MLIS (Library and Information Science) San José State University, 2001  
B.Mu. (Piano Pedagogy) Brigham Young University, 1977

**Academic/Professional Experience**

Assistant Director for Distance Learning, School of Library and Information Science, San Jose State University, 2006-  
Lecturer, School of Library and Information Science, San José State University, 2001-  
Web Designer, IT Consultant, San José State University, 2001-2006  
Faculty (Part-time), Diablo Valley College, 2001-2005  
Librarian (Part-time), Diablo Valley College, 2001-2003  
Webmaster, Digital Distance Education/Continuing Education Institute (IMLS funded grant project), 1999-2000  
Teacher (substitute), Mt. Diablo Unified School District, 1996-1998

**Teaching**

*Areas of special interest*

Educational technology  
Pedagogy and distance education in library & information science  
Web technologies

*Courses taught*

LIBR 240: Information Technology Tools and Techniques  
LIBR 246: Advanced Information Technology Tools and Techniques: Web 2.0  
New Student Technology Workshop, an online course for new students  
L-114: Developing and Managing Web Pages; Diablo Valley College

*Projects supervised*

Illuminate peer mentor program (oversee training of more than 400 students each semester and assistance for more than 1,000 online sessions in 2007), 2007-

*Advising*

American Library Association Student Chapter, Advisor 2005-

*Professional development activities led*

(2007, May). Faculty Institute (co-chaired the event and presented sessions on "Lectures in the Online Environment" and "Success Stories and Best Practices for Online Teaching").

(2007, August 3). *Best practices for synchronous online sessions*. Online professional development for SLIS faculty.

(2006-, multiple sessions). *Using Illuminate for online teaching*; online professional development for SLIS faculty.

(2005-, multiple sessions). *Teaching Online*; an online professional development course for SLIS faculty.

(2005, May). *Qualities of an Exemplary Online Course; Successful Teaching Online: Tips and Tricks*; Distance Education Workshop, San Jose State University, School of Library & Information Science.

(2004, April). *Essential Elements of Online Teaching*; Distance Education Workshop, San Jose State University, School of Library & Information Science.

#### *Continuing education activities led*

(2000, January). Using file transfer protocol to upload course websites. Presentation for Digital Distance Education Institute. San Jose State University.

### **Scholarly/Professional Activities**

#### *Invited presentations*

(2008, January 2). *Using blogs and wikis*. Presentation for Technology Innovations in Education workshop, Center for Faculty Development, San Jose State University.

(2007, September 26). Libraries in Second Life. Co-presenter at Future of Libraries III conference, San Francisco Public Library.

(2007, May). Web 2.0 tools and Second Life. Presentation to librarians and staff, Martin Luther King, Jr. Library.

(2007, April 5). Technology tools used at the School of Library and Information Science. Presentation to Strategic Planning Committee, Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

(2007, March 22). *Web 2.0/Library 2.0*. Colloquia presentation for SJSU School of Library & Information Science.

(2007, June 5). *Using blogs and wikis*. Presentation for Technology Innovations in Education workshop, Center for Faculty Development, San Jose State University.

(2006, May 23). *Using Blackboard for online courses*. Presentation for visiting Thai scholars from Chulalongkorn University's English as an International Language department.

(2006, March 11). *Introduction to Skype*. Demonstration for the SJSU Learning Innovations group.

(2005, November 21). *Using blogs and wikis in the academic world*. Presentation for the SJSU Learning Innovations group.

#### *Conference participation*

(2008, January 8). *Preparing Students for Online Coursework (Best Practices for Online Pedagogy Workshop)*. Presentation at Association for Library and Information Science Education Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

(2007, March 27). *Wild and wonderful world of wikis*. Presentation at Tech Ed Conference, Ontario, California.

(2007, March 15). *Not your mother's library school!* (co-presenter). Alliance for Distance Education in California: Summit XVIII. San Francisco.

(2005, March). *Distance education at San Jose State University's School of Library & Information Science* (co-presenter). Alliance for Distance Education in California: Summit XVI. San Francisco.

(2001, June). San Francisco orientation. American Library Association Annual Conference, sponsored by New Members Round Table.

#### *Research grants*

(2004). *PHP-powered class request project*. (SLIS summer research grant).

(2003). *Automation of SLIS schedule and conversion to database-driven web information*. (SLIS summer research grant).

#### *Professional development grants*

(2006, December). Lottery fund professional development grant (SJSU funding to attend Tech Ed 2007 conference).

(2005, December). Lottery fund professional development grant (SJSU funding to attend 2006 Stanford Web Publishing Course).

#### **Community/Professional Service**

Advisory committee, Library and Information Technology Program, Diablo Valley College, 2005-

American Library Association, member of ALA Recruitment Assembly, a presidential task force focusing on recruitment to the profession with a strong emphasis on diversity, 2000-2001

Treasure Mountain IX Conference (Nashville, IN), Administrative Assistant, 2001

American Library Association Open Stacks Project; student coordinator, recruited and supervised student contributors for the ALA Editions Web site, 1999-2000

#### *Consultant*

Diablo Valley College. co-development of online version of LS121, 2001-2002

#### *Other service to the community*

American Leadership Forum-Silicon Valley, Class XI; project assistant, developed project informational pamphlet, 2000

Project Assistant, Arbuthnot Lecture at San Jose State University, School of Library & Information Science, 1999

#### **University Service**

School of Library & Information Science  
Technology Program Advisory Committee, Faculty Co-lead, 2006-

School Environment and Resources Committee, Chair, 2005-  
School Leadership Coordinating Team, 2005-  
Virtual Learning Committee, 2005-2006

College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA)  
CASA Lottery Grant Committee, 2005

University Committees/Service

Accessible Technology Initiative, Instructional Materials Accessibility Team (2007- )  
iTunes University Committee, 2005-

- Podcasting Equipment Subcommittee
- Accessibility Subcommittee

### **Awards and Honors**

Pratt-Severn Faculty Innovation Award, Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), 2008; awarded to "the faculty of the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) at San Jose State University with a special recognition to Associate Director Linda Main and Assistant Director for Distance Learning, Debbie Faires"

Outstanding Lecturer, San Jose State University, School of Library and Information Science, 2007

Distinguished Alumna Award, San Jose State University, College of Applied Sciences and Arts, School of Library and Information Science, 2006

### **Publications**

Loertscher, D., Achterman, D. & Faires, D. (2006). *Wiki templates for super teaching*. Salt Lake City, UT: Hi Willow.

### **Memberships**

American Library Association  
Association for Library and Information Science Education  
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