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Staff News

We are pleased and proud that Harriette Hemmasi has been appointed Joukowsky Family University Librarian at Brown University. Harriette's appointment at Brown will begin this fall.

For the last two years Harriette has served as Executive Associate Dean of Libraries at Indiana University with oversight for collections development, preservation, public services, technical services, and operations of the Wells Library and 16 campus libraries. Prior to her appointment as Executive Associate Dean, Harriette served as Associate Dean of Libraries and Director of Technical Services and had responsibilities for the arts, humanities, and social science libraries on the Bloomington campus. Before coming to Indiana University in 2000, Harriette was the Interim Associate University Librarian for Technical and Automated Services at Rutgers University, 1998-2000, and Music Librarian, 1989-1998. Harriette earned her MLIS from University of California at Berkeley and a master's in music from Indiana University.

During Harriette's tenure at IU, she has worked effectively across organizational boundaries, bringing a greater sense of cohesion and cooperation among library personnel and between the Libraries and various campus units. Harriette is a strong proponent for integrating digital library activities into traditional library services and the teaching and learning environment, evidenced by her leadership in initiating the creation of EAD finding aids in the Libraries, electronic submission of dissertations, online access to reformatted brittle books, the streaming video pilot, and planning for the institutional repository. Harriette served as chair of the Auxiliary Library Facility Steering Committee, co-chair of the Research Commons Committee, and most recently as chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. She has also served on numerous campus committees, including the Graduate Council, the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Council, the Academic Associate Deans Committee, and the Research Space Planning Committee. As a member of the Executive Committee and the Resources Subcommittee, Harriette has contributed to the Libraries budget and personnel decisions. She has assumed a leadership role in setting policies and advancing organizational planning within the IU Libraries.

During her years at IU Harriette has maintained research interests in online access to music and information about music by participating as a project investigator in Variations2 -- Digital Music Library. Over the years she has authored several papers and given national and international presentations on music metadata, the creation of a music thesaurus, and issues related to form and genre access to music. In 2004 Harriette was selected to be a participant in the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Academic Leadership Program and a fellow in the ARL Research Library Leadership Fellows Program.

Please join me in congratulating Harriette on her new position at Brown University and thanking her for a job well done here at IU.

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