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## News - Kennesaw State University Library System

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### Congrats!

Congratulations to Dr. Linda Marie Golian-Lui, who has received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime

Achievement Award (2019) for over 20 years and 36 publication listings in their reference materials. Dr. Golian-Lui is the current associate dean and leader of Engagement



and Assessment Services at the Kennesaw State University (KSU) Library System.

### Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!

When a librarian collaborates with researchers and faculty, extraordinary things happen. The team of the Kennesaw State University (KSU) Bagwell College of Education, including the librarian, has established the Interactive Research Methods Lab (IRML). According to the Bagwell College of Education dean, Dr. Reed, "It is the creation of something absolutely spectacular."

The lab is already a valuable asset for undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and researchers and

generates methodologically sound research designs. With the installation of the functional furniture, technology, and the incorporation of the lab into the Learning Management System, curriculum, and instruction, the IRML will stimulate the further development of research at KSU, which became an R2 university last year.

Dr. Olga Koz, the graduate education librarian, has worked on the development of the IRML's virtual space, which includes a 360-degree virtual tour, augmented reality technology, and replicates the experience that students have in the physical lab. As a co-instructor and a consultant in many research projects, methods courses, capstone, and dissertation seminars, she was a valuable partner in selecting resources, designing instructional aids, and building the website using the Springshare platform.

"The IRML is one of, if not the first, lab in the US to provide users with personalized instruction and practical experience in the process and strategies involved in generating research designs using multimedia and augmented reality contents," Dr. Jorrín-Abellán, the



founder of the lab, said. “We will continue to improve and enhance the user experience in the lab.”

This project highlights the changing role that an academic librarian can play in supporting research and scholarly communication. In addition to focusing on issues related to the dissemination and preservation of scholarship, Dr. Koz switched her attention to sometimes “forgotten parts of scholarly communication,” such as the creation of research or development of a researcher or a scholar-practitioner.

The IRML is built based on the principles of open science and education, so anybody, including librarians, is welcome to use it virtually to develop their research project. The creators made a conscious effort to include

open access resources. For more information see the Interactive Research Methods Lab website at: <https://libguides.kennesaw.edu/IRML/>.

### **Library Reorganization**

As of July 2019, the Kennesaw State University Library System underwent a reorganization to become a more effective organization and to better meet the needs of an R2 institution. To do this, two new positions were created: department chair of public services and department chair of library resources. Under these two new departments, the KSU Library System will grow into an efficient organization that will be better able to tend to student, faculty, and staff needs.