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As the University System of Georgia's fourth public research university, Augusta University continues to grow. New programs and new initiatives help contribute to an increase in research and in enrollment. The university's goal is to enroll 16,000 students by the year 2030. With an increased focus on how the libraries contribute to student success and retention, the university has hired Brad Warren as the Inaugural Dean of Augusta University Libraries. Warren will oversee both the Robert B. Greenblatt, M.D. Library on the Health Sciences Campus and the Reese Library on the Summerville Campus. Warren's extensive experience in strategic planning and facilities development at research libraries will help guide the Augusta University Libraries as they continue to expand to meet the anticipated increase in research and growth in enrollment.

Warren came to Augusta from the University of Cincinnati (UC), where he had served as senior associate dean of library services. At UC, he led the team that developed a ten-year strategic

sizing charter to help address an anticipated 50% increase in student enrollment, experience that will be very useful in Augusta. He also led the UC Libraries' Organizational Development and Community Engagement initiative that ensured operational excellence and the development of a diverse, inclusive staff.

Prior to UC, he worked in various library positions at several research universities, including Yale, University of North Carolina (UNC) Charlotte, and North Carolina State University. At Yale, he reorganized access services and led that department's involvement in the planning and redesign of services for the Sterling Memorial Library Nave restoration project. At UNC Charlotte, he served as the public relations and grants librarian where he expanded the library's participation in the university's orientation and recruiting events.

Warren earned dual bachelor's degrees in comparative literature and history from Indiana University, which is where he also received his master's degree in library science. He is active in the American Library Association and Association of College and Research Libraries, including founding the Access Services Interest Group and coauthoring the Framework for Access Services Librarianship. He has published and presented extensively and was the keynote speaker at the 2019 Access Services Conference. He looks forward to leading Augusta University's libraries as they continue to grow and working with the Georgia Library Association and fellow librarians within the state.

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