

Dr. Brandy Luther

PhD in Public Policy | MLIS | Librarian

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dedicated public policy researcher and information science professional with a passion for understanding and improving public library funding. Research explores the intersection of political ideology, demographic factors, and perceived value of public libraries. Combines academic expertise with hands-on library experience to develop programs serving diverse communities and promoting information literacy.

EDUCATION

PhD in Public Policy

Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA | December 2023

- Dissertation: "An Analysis of Public Library Funding: Policy Implications for Democratic and Republican Library Districts"

MLIS in Library and Information Science

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA | December 2016

BA in English Literature

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA | December 2012

AA in Liberal Arts

Baton Rouge Community College, Baton Rouge, LA | July 2009

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Librarian

East Baton Rouge Public Library | May 2017 - Present

- Develop and implement library programs serving diverse communities
- Promote information literacy and 21st century learning initiatives
- Combine academic research with practical library science application

Student Lecturer

Southern University | Fall 2022 - Spring 2023

- Delivered lectures on public policy and library science topics
- Mentored students in research methodology and academic writing

Library Technician

East Baton Rouge Public Library | November 2012 - May 2017

RESEARCH

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Primary research focus on public library funding analysis, examining policy implications for library districts across political ideologies. Additional research includes teen virtual library usability and the role of school libraries in staying relevant in the digital age.

PUBLICATIONS

- "An Analysis of Public Library Funding" - Dissertation and published research

HONORS & AFFILIATIONS

- Academic Honors
- Professional Memberships in library and information science organizations

SKILLS

Public Policy Analysis | Library Science | Information Literacy | Research Methodology | Community Engagement | Program Development | Academic Writing