

# Re-think it: Libraries for a New Age

## Invited Panelists



**Michael E. Bahr**

Mike is an architect who has specialized in leading client engagement and design management for more than twenty eight years. Mike has been headquartered in Wisconsin but has worked throughout the US with both local and international design firms. His approach to evidenced based design has been influenced by an eclectic mix of project types, especially Higher Education and Library projects.

In his role with Haworth, Mike leads research to help clarify the impact space has on people, and vice versa, to help Haworth clients understand how to provide highly effective environments. His research also helps inform Haworth about the changing nature of information technology, the design and construction industry, and project delivery methods.

Mike has been an active member of the American Library Association and the Wisconsin Library Association. In 2004 Wisconsin Governor Doyle appointed Mike to serve with the Wisconsin Council on Library and Network Development, and he served three terms through 2013. During his tenure he also served as Secretary for four years, lead the officer nominating committee, and lead sub-committees to evaluate a variety of emerging trends including state wide integrated library membership, and libraries (and librarians) acting as drivers of economic development. Mike has shared his views on library issues in a number of venues including presentations at Wisconsin Library Association events, system governance and sub-committee meetings, and as lecturer at Wisconsin – Milwaukee School of Information Studies.

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### **Michelle Boisvenue-Fox**

Michelle Boisvenue-Fox has worked for all types of libraries in her career from public and academic libraries. She loves ideas, innovation and thrives in helping her libraries find new ways to serve patrons and bring new relevancy to our communities. Her latest efforts focus on expanding library service outside the library walls and engaging the community in new ways through design think processes. Her management and administration career with Kent District Library (Michigan) has led her to her newest role as Director of Innovation and User Experience.

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**Michelle Carpenter**

A 2011 GVSU grad, Michelle Carpenter now holds the role of Learning Spaces Research Program Manager for Herman Miller, Inc. Michelle travels North America to share primary research findings from Herman Miller's Learning Spaces Research ProgramSM. The goal of this research program is to use data-driven insights to create holistic learning environments that improve the student and faculty experience.

#### **Education and Affiliations**

- \* Grand Valley State University, BBA Marketing: Distribution and Logistics
- \* Aquinas College, Masters of Management: Marketing Communications
- \* American Library Association, member

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**Sean M. Corcorran**

Sean M. Corcorran serves as General Manager of Steelcase Education in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

From 2008 to 2011, Sean was Director of Product Development and Marketing for Steelcase Education Solutions. In this role, Sean was responsible for research, product development, and marketing of Steelcase products for secondary and higher education, including the new node™ classroom seating line.

From 2005 to 2008, Sean was Vice President of Product Development for Vecta and PolyVision. In these positions, he was responsible for research and development of new education solutions including visual collaboration technologies, interactive whiteboards, and furniture, for classrooms and other learning environments.

Before joining PolyVision and Vecta, Sean spent 16 years at IDEO, the world's premier design and innovation professional services firm. He has more than twenty years of experience in design, engineering, product development, and innovation consulting. He has lead teams and projects in the development of innovative new furniture and technologies for education and business applications, consumer telecommunications products such as the ubiquitous VOIP phone from Cisco, medical devices, semi-conductor manufacturing equipment, computer hardware, and household tools and appliances. From 1985 to 1988, Sean was the Co-Founder and President of the Hardware Arts Group, a company that designed and developed high-tech, high design consumer products.

Sean holds numerous patents and advisory board positions as well as an engineering degree from UC Berkeley.

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**Karen Fairbanks**

Karen Fairbanks is a founding partner of Marble Fairbanks Architects and a Professor of Professional Practice and Chair of the Architecture Department at Barnard College, Columbia University. Marble Fairbanks is an architecture, design and research office at the forefront of discussions concerning digital technology, integrated design processes, and education. Their work has focused on cultural and institutional projects for public and private clients including Queens Library, New York Public Library, Hunter College, NYU, Columbia University, Lawrence University, and Princeton University. While at Barnard,

Karen has participated in the capital planning of the campus and she brings this extensive knowledge of institutional organizations to the work of Marble Fairbanks. Karen is currently serving as the Chair of the ALA's Committee on Buildings for College and University Libraries. She received her Master of Architecture Degree from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree from the University of Michigan.

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### **Joe Fennewald**

Joe Fennewald has been with Penn State University Libraries since 2000 and Head of its Knowledge Commons since it opened in January 2012. With his office positioned in the heart of this very popular space, he has gained a unique perspective on how students use this space from daily observations, data collection, and collaborating with graduate students on ethnographic studies. He has published in leading library journals and presented at state, national and international conferences.

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### **Krista Graham**

As Department Head for Digital Library Services at Georgia State University, Krista Graham provides leadership and management for web services, network and desktop systems, and digital initiatives. She has worked with library information technology throughout her career and is committed to providing technology programs, infrastructure, and services that are innovative and responsive to the teaching and learning needs of faculty and students.

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### **Nate Hill**

Nate Hill is the Executive Director of the Metropolitan New York Library Council (METRO).

Nate grew up in upstate New York and began his career in libraries at Brooklyn Public Library's Stone Avenue Branch. After almost ten years of service and several different roles within Brooklyn Public Library, he relocated to Silicon Valley to retrain and re-tool as a web designer and developer for the San Jose Public Library. Before joining METRO in June 2015, Nate served as Deputy Director of the Chattanooga Public Library, where he led the 4th Floor project, a 12,000 square foot library loft space featuring a public access makerspace, civic laboratory, and gigabit laboratory.

Nate was named a "Mover and Shaker" by Library Journal in 2012. He earned his undergraduate degree in art from Skidmore College and an MLIS from Pratt Institute's School of Information and Library Science. When he's not busy library-ing, Nate enjoys hiking, camping, art, design, and tinkering alongside his wife and kids.

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### **Jeremy Kitchen**

Jeremy Kitchen is a branch manager in the Bridgeport neighborhood of Chicago home to the White Sox and 5 mayors. Formerly a Children's Librarian, he loves the library and everything about it. Jeremy's library interests include community empowerment through the arts, Literary Fiction, Reader's Advisory, getting teens in the doors, and keeping a safe environment for all patrons.

He worked some pretty wild jobs before his library career, as a soldier, in a flashlight factory, in group homes for at risk teens, and as a chat room monitor.

He lives on the South Side of Chicago with his wife Carrie, two Pomeranians and a Pitbull named Knuckles. When he is not at work he is reading, skateboarding, exploring his hometown, or checking out local punk and extreme metal shows.

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**James R. Moyer**

More than forty years of program and project management in the facility development field.

Currently the Associate Vice President for Facilities at Grand Valley State University. Since 1996, have managed a nearly 4 million square feet expansion of the University. This work has included more than 1 million square feet of LEED certified structures with nearly 200,000 additional square feet of space in the construction process.

Prior positions have included Assistant Vice President and Director of Facilities Planning at Grand Valley State University; Director of Facilities Planning for Arlington County, Virginia; project manager for Federal (US DOJ/JC, DOI, and DOJ/INS) government facilities programs; environmental planner on the North East Corridor Rail Improvement Project; sub-division administrator for Laramie County, Colorado, and the director of a non-profit community planning organization in Washington D.C.

Bachelor of Architecture, 1971 Howard University, Washington, D.C.; Licensed by examination, December 1977, Washington D. C.

Prior and current non-profit board experience includes West Grand Neighbor Organization, West Michigan Environmental Action Committee, Porter Hills Retirement Communities and Services, Porter Hills Foundation, and the Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital. Have served on various committees within these organizations. Have served in various officer positions with the listed boards including serving as Board Chairperson for Porter Hills.

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**Mary O'Kelly**

Mary O'Kelly, MLIS, is Head of Instructional Services at Grand Valley State University Libraries where she leads the Research Consulting Service in the Knowledge Market. She also is responsible for developing a framework for assessment of library instructional efforts, establishing standards for teaching, and coordinating continuing education programs for library faculty instructors.

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**Josie Parker**

I was born and reared in MS, and am a 1979 graduate of Auburn University with a BA in English. I did my graduate work at the University of MI and received an MLS in 1996. I have worked in three public library systems in Washtenaw County, and have served as the Director of the Ann Arbor District Library since 2002. I was honored to be named an Honorary Affiliate of the Michigan AIA in 2010.



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### **Emily Puckett Rodgers**

Emily Puckett Rodgers is the University of Michigan School of Information's first Entrepreneurship Program Manager. She helps to develop the school's entrepreneurial extra-curricular and experiential learning opportunities, with an emphasis on exposing students to innovation processes in cultural institutions. She received her MSI from the School of Information in 2010, after working for eight years at the Fayetteville Public Library in Arkansas. In 2013, she was named a Library Journal Mover & Shaker for her work in open education and open access scholarship. Outside of work, Emily is actively involved in community engagement and currently serves on the board of A2Geeks, a local nonprofit. In this role, she coordinates the annual Ann Arbor Mini Maker Faire and regional Ignite speaker series events.

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### **Marianne Ryan**

Marianne Ryan is Associate University Librarian for Public Services at Northwestern University, where her responsibilities include Access Services, Research and Learning, and the User Experience. Previously, she was Associate Dean for Learning at Purdue University Libraries. Marianne received her MLS and PhD degrees from the University of Iowa. Her doctoral work is in higher education policy; her research interests include assessment, organizational development, and the relationship between Congress and baseball. She was a member of the 2012 cohort of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Research Library Leadership Fellows and a UCLA Senior Fellow in 2010.

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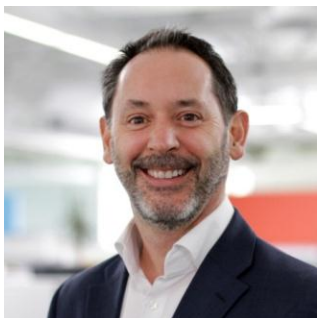
### **Jeffrey A. Scherer**

Jeffrey A. Scherer, FAIA is a principal in the firm of Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd. located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The firm of 50 specializes in academic, public and special libraries. Mr. Scherer received his Bachelor of Architecture with Honors from the University of Arkansas. He taught design, ethics and professional practice at the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at the University of Minnesota from 1978-1998. Mr. Scherer has focused his work on innovative public, academic and private libraries. He is the past President of AIA Minnesota, the Library Foundation of Hennepin County and the Americans for Libraries Council and Libraries for the Future in New York. He is past chair of

the ALA Architecture for Public Libraries Committee and currently serves as the ALA representative to the IFLA Building and Equipment Section.

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### **Tod Stevens**

Tod offers insight into trends and strategies for effective planning of modern academic libraries. He has more than twenty years of experience, with a focus on design, and an expertise in library planning. Leading Stantec's Library Research and Benchmarking team, Tod has been very hands on conducting both primary and secondary research on Libraries, visiting state-of-the-art institutions, speaking nationally, attending American Library Association (ALA ) conferences and has attended a variety of Harvard's Graduate School of Design Executive Education programs, specifically the Planning and Design of Libraries.

Through these endeavors, Tod is able to approach projects with progressive problem solving techniques and is able to develop innovative solutions specific to the issues facing today's library challenges. Recently as lead project designer for the Grand Valley State University's Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Commons, Tod brings real world expertise to educational environments.

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### **Christopher Stewart**

Christopher Stewart is an assistant professor in the Graduate School of Library & Information Science at Dominican University. Dr. Stewart's academic areas of interest include management and leadership, organizational culture, library space planning and design, and library assessment. His book, *The Academic Library Building in the Digital Age: A Study of Construction, Planning, and Design of New Library Space* was published by the Association of College and Research Libraries. His most recent study of academic library facilities planning and design, *Building with Purpose: A Quantitative Overview of U.S. Academic Library Construction 2000-2014*, was published in 2015. His work has appeared in *The Journal of Academic Librarianship*, *World Libraries*, and *Science & Technology Libraries*, among others. He is the former editor-in-chief of the journal, *World Libraries*. He currently serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Academic Librarianship*. He has spoken at academic and professional conferences in the United States, Europe and Mexico, and has consulted libraries on issues ranging from strategic management to building design.

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### **Mark Walters**

As the Category Product Manager for Steelcase Education Solutions, Mark Walters is responsible for the product development and marketing of Steelcase products for secondary and higher education learning environments. Mark uses his diverse background to lead teams in creating product solutions that support improved student engagement wherever learning happens.

Mark's experience includes 9 years in product development for Steelcase and Turnstone (a Steelcase Company), 2 years as a Turnstone Business Development Manager for the Central U.S., and 4 years as a Workplace Consultant servicing the design and architecture community in San Francisco, California. He has a Master's degree in Business Administration from Western Michigan University.

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