



### **Susan M. Ryan, Dean of the Library & Digital Learning Resources and Professor**

Susan Ryan holds the first Stetson University endowed dean position – the Betty Drees Johnson Dean of the duPont-Ball Library & Digital Learning Resources. She administers a staff of seven faculty librarians, 14 support staff, and three learning technologists. She is responsible for library strategic planning, budgets, development, and marketing. Ryan also oversees the Office of Learning Technologies. She is the curator of several high-profile Special Collections housed in the University Archives.

Ryan has published numerous articles on government information policy, including three in the top government information journal, *Journal of Government Information* (now merged into *Government Information Quarterly*). Ryan won the journal's Bernard Fry Award for Best Article of the Year; other Fry Award winners include Brian Kahin, a professor in Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government and Lewis Branscomb, noted Harvard scientist and presidential advisor. Her book, *Downloading Democracy: Government Information in an Electronic Age*, was featured in W.S Hein's recommended purchase list distributed to law libraries and others in the legal profession. Ryan is the only librarian to win the annual Stetson University Hand Award for Research. She has also won the premier national government information research award, the Catharine J. Reynolds Award for Excellence in the Field of Government Information.

Ryan's more recent research interests have focused on library website administration and the analysis of reference desk transactions; she has published articles on these topics in one of the top academic library journals, *The Journal of Academic Librarianship*. Her most recent article on the history of Stetson's Carnegie library was published in the international journal *Library & Information History*. Ryan has served as a referee for three journals, has been a consulting editor for a major publisher, and a column editor for the *Journal of Government Information*. She has authored two successful grants, including the National Endowment for the Humanities grant, *Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle*.

During the last few years, Ryan has increasingly focused her attention on the University archives and special collections. She serves as curator for the large Clay Shaw and Max Cleland collections (which include a combined 10,000 photographs and thousands of pieces of memorabilia), as well as for a number of smaller special collections.

Ryan has served on a number of University committees, including the University Promotion and Tenure; Provost Search Committee; Presidential Search Faculty Group; Tenure, Grievance, and Academic Freedom Committee; Faculty Compensation Committee; Professional Development Committee; and the Tenure and Promotion Review Task Force.

Ryan is a member of the Affinity Library Dean/Directors Group and has held a number of regional and state leadership positions, including Executive Board member of Florida College and Academic Research Libraries, Chair of the Government Documents Caucus of the Florida Library Association, and Chair of the Government Documents Interest Group of the Central Florida Library Consortium. Ryan also served a three-year term as a member of the Council of Advisors for the School of Library and Information Studies of the Florida State University.