



Sims D. Kline, Research Services Librarian and Associate Professor

As Research Services Librarian, Sims Kline works individually with patrons and answers questions from students, faculty, staff, alumni, Library Associates, and others.

Kline began his work at Stetson as Reference/Government Documents Librarian 1976-1982, after which he served as Acting Library Director 1982-1984, and Library Director 1984-2002. He led the Library's planning efforts for a \$5.5 million renovation and expansion completed in 1999. He established the Stetson Library Associates organization to encourage gifts to support collections, equipment, and services.

Kline was a founding Board of Directors member of the Central Florida Library Cooperative (CFLC) and later served as President. The organization's mission has been to promote resource sharing and to provide training to librarians and support staff in an eight-county area. He led a statewide initiative resulting in the Florida Legislature adopting statutes recognizing the importance of regional multitype library cooperatives and providing funding. Appointed by the Florida Secretary of State to the Florida Library Network Council, Kline was the first representative for private academic libraries to serve on the Council.

With the Director of the Library at Jacksonville University, Kline guided the establishment of a library database consortium among institutions in the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida, in order to achieve significant discounts for electronic information resources.

Kline is active in campus organizations and serves as the faculty advisor for Omicron Delta Kappa and faculty co-advisor for Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity.

His community activities have included terms as Chair, City of DeLand Historic Preservation Advisory Board; Chair, Board of Trustees, St. Barnabas Episcopal School; President, DeLand High School Improvement Team; and Senior Warden, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church.