



Laura N. Kirkland, Associate Professor and Cataloging Librarian

As Cataloging Librarian, Laura Kirkland oversees all materials added to the library's online catalog. She supervises and trains the student assistants who process library books and materials. She is also responsible for quality control, ensuring that all catalog records are accurate with up-to-date and correct headings.

Kirkland has published five articles, one on resources available for catalogers, one (co-authored with Associate Dean Debbi Dinkins) on the impact of

adding contents notes to bibliographic records, one on the relationship of metadata to item circulation, and one (co-authored with Jean Wald) assessing the results of adding contents notes to electronic music resources. Her most recent publication was a chapter in the book *Library Technical Services: Adapting to a Changing Environment*, "Assessing the Work of Technical Services Through an In-Depth Analysis of Physical Resource Usage."

Kirkland currently serves on the University's International Learning Committee, UCCAP, Faculty Senate, the Gender Equity Council, and chairs the Library Research Prize Committee. Together with colleague Debbi Dinkins, she presented a paper at the International Conference of the Book in Regensburg, Germany to share results of their research on the use of e-books by University faculty. The resulting article was published in 2014.

Previously, Kirkland has served as chair of the Central Florida Library Consortium Cataloging Interest Group, the Northeast Florida Library Information Network Tech Services Interest Group, and the Florida Library Association Technical Services Interest Group. She also served as *News Digest* Editor for the Florida Library Association, compiling and editing news from Florida libraries and from national library news sources on a monthly basis. In 2008, she and Instruction Librarian Jane Bradford presented a program at the FLA Annual Conference entitled, "Why We Can't 'Google' Everything - Smart Searching Strategies and Controlled Vocabulary" which was well-attended and received many favorable comments. They repeated the presentation for the CFLC Cataloging Interest Group at the group's request.