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*The Department of Library and Information Science invites you to:*

## A Colloquium with Dr. Daniel O'Connor

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### **Abstract:**

Library and Information Science (LIS) educational programs have had a traditional connection to libraries but that link is wearing thin. There are many reasons for this, including the feeling on the part of many, that librarianship is being overshadowed by the several information fields. The crisis confronting libraries of all types could be defined by their long-term, unprecedented decline in funding. The attractiveness of choosing a library career may be tempered by the downward spiral libraries are now experiencing and the concomitant decline in articulated standards by accredited library education programs. If librarianship is to thrive and expand, then it will need to attract the best individuals in our society. Significant changes may be needed to make librarianship attractive and productive if top individuals are to choose librarianship as a career. If that is not possible, then librarianship may need to merge into other fields that are perceived to perform the functions associated with libraries.

### **About the speaker:**

Daniel O. O'Connor has his MSLS and Ph.D. from Syracuse University and he is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Library and Information Science at Rutgers where he teaches research methods in the undergraduate, masters and doctoral programs at the School of Communication & Information. At the graduate level he has also taught courses in Data Analytics, Evaluation of Library and Information Services and Systems, Financial Management, Cataloging and Classification, Collection Development and Management, and Information Sources in Science and Technology. His dissertation dealt with library catalog design. He has served on many boards and committees, including ALA's Education Committee and the Public Policy Committee of the New Jersey Library Association and the American Association of University Professors as well as various committees at Rutgers.

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