



## Conference Announcement

### DEIA + Information Literacy Instruction

MILEX 2023 Spring Conference

Friday, April 21, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Join us at this year's MILEX Spring Conference to explore ways academic librarians can conceptualize and utilize diversity, equity, inclusion, and antiracism in our teaching praxis.

Register on the MILEX website: [www.milexmd.org/events.html](http://www.milexmd.org/events.html).

*Please register early, as space is limited.*

**Registration fee:** \$35, includes complimentary 2023-2024 MILEX Membership.

**Keynote Presenters: Laura Saunders and Don Simmons, Jr.**  
**Information Intersections: Mis- and Disinformation at the Convergence of Critical Information, Critical Pedagogy, and Critical Race Theory**



**Laura Saunders** is a Professor in the School of Library and Information Science at Simmons University. She teaches and conducts research in the areas of user services, information literacy, and intellectual freedom. She is the co-author, along with Melissa Wong, of the open access textbook [\*Instruction in Libraries and Information Settings: An Introduction\*](#). Laura has a PhD and a Master of Library and Information Science, both from Simmons College, and a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Boston University.

**Don Simmons, Jr.** is the Information Literacy Coordinator and Student Engagement Librarian at SUNY Westchester Community College, where he manages the library's information literacy program and designs outreach activities and programming for students. Don holds a master's degree in Library and Information Science and a bachelor's degree in Communication and Rhetorical Studies from Syracuse University. Don will be graduating with his EdD in Higher Education Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi in the fall.



Please contact Brandy Whitlock, Conference Committee Chair, with questions at [chair@milexmd.org](mailto:chair@milexmd.org).

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