

Workshop to Discuss Return on Taxpayer Investment  
in  
Public Libraries in Florida

Biographies

**José-Marie Griffiths**  
**Doreen Boyce Chair & Professor,**  
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Dr. José-Marie Griffiths has over 30 years experience in evaluating libraries, consortia and other information services. She also has about ten years experience in administration of large-scale information services as Vice Chancellor for Information Infrastructure (University of Tennessee) and University Chief Information Officer (University of Michigan). Thus, she has a unique background in understanding the investment in information services and the importance of the return on this investment to the communities served and to the funders. She has published extensively on these issues, particularly in recent years on the funder and user perspectives. In recognition of her contribution to libraries and information services, she was recently named to the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee after a six year term on the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science; Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science; received the Award of Merit and Research Award from the American Society for Information Science & Technology, among other awards and honors.

**Donald W. King**  
**Research Professor**  
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Donald W. King, a statistician, has spent over 40 years describing and evaluating information products, services and organizations such as libraries, publishing, and clearinghouses. He has directed or co-directed statewide library and consortia studies in New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Delaware and Arizona and with two regional library networks in Florida. He has performed in-depth cost and use studies of over 100 public, academic and special libraries since 1980. He has co-authored 17 books and over 200 formal publications. In recognition of his research, he was named Pioneer of Science Information by the Chemical Heritage Foundation; Fellow, American Statistical Association; Research Award and Award of

Merit, American Society for Information Science and Technology; and Stallman Lecturer; among many awards and honors.

**Christinger Tomer**  
**Associate Professor**  
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Christinger Tomer is a graduate of The College of Wooster and Case Western Reserve University. He has been a faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh since 1989. His research interests include digital libraries, open source software development, and information economics.

**Steven Stewart**  
**Research Associate, Department of Hydrology and Water Resources**  
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Steven Stewart works at the interface of economics, public policy, and water resources. He spent four years as Assistant Professor of Economics at The University of Tennessee where he taught graduate and undergraduate courses in natural resource economics, environmental economics and microeconomics. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of New Mexico in 1998. Steven does research in the areas of environmental economics, water resources, experimental economics, behavioral economics, and risk and uncertainty. His specialties include non-market valuation including conjoint analysis, contingent valuation, and the travel cost method, using economic experiments to address the provision of environmental goods, and dynamic models of economy /ecosystem interactions. He is a member of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, the Economic Science Association, the Western Economic Association, the American Agricultural Economics Association, the American Economic Association, the American Meteorological Society, and the American Geophysical Union.

**Dr. Thomas (Tim) Lynch**  
**Director, Center for Economic Forecasting and Analysis,**  
**Chief Economist for the Center for Advanced Power Systems**  
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Tim Lynch leads research on the potential applications and commercialization opportunities of superconducting technologies across the national and international community. He brings to his research thirty-four years of working experience in the areas of utility planning and regulatory economic analysis. He completed Bachelor Degree in Economics, a dual MS in Urban Planning and Economics, and Ph.D. in Economics from Florida State University and works in the areas of

energy and environmental economics, and advanced transportation economics and economic modeling. He has published extensively in each of these areas both domestically and internationally and served on a number of Academy of Science and Congressional advisory committees. Dr. Lynch served seven years as Florida's Chief Environmental Economist and as the Director of Finance and Economics for the Florida High Speed Rail (HSR) Transportation Commission for six years. Governor Bush recently appointed Dr. Lynch to the State of Florida 2020 Electric Energy deregulation Advisory Commission.

**Scott R. Beach, Ph.D.**  
**Director, Survey Research Program**  
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Scott Beach received his Ph.D. in Social Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh in 1993. Currently, he oversees day-to-day operations of a 30-bank computer-assisted telephone interviewing facility, and supervises twelve professional staff members. Survey projects at UCSUR generally involve large, complex data sets; have been conducted with general community samples, special populations, and organizations; and have focused on a variety of topics with public policy implications. Dr. Beach has been involved in all phases of the survey research process, including overall study design, sample design, questionnaire design, data analysis, and report writing. He has applied various multivariate statistical procedures, including structural equation modeling and hierarchical linear modeling, to large, multi-site, longitudinal data sets. In addition to his interests in survey methodology, research design, and statistics, Dr. Beach has interests and has published in areas such as aging and caregiver stress, criminal victimization, and child development.

**Janine Golden**  
**Ph.D. Student**  
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Janine Golden is currently a Ph.D. student at the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Prior to enrolling at the university, she spent eighteen years working in public library management at the Memphis/Shelby County (TN), San Antonio (TX) and Houston (TX) Public Library systems. Her current doctoral research involves leadership and management of public libraries and also mentoring for middle level managers. Janine holds a BS from St. Francis College, PA; an M.Ed

from Penn State University, PA; and an MLS from Indiana University, IN. Her previous job experience includes serving as an elementary school librarian and an elementary school teacher.