

The Mary P. Key Diversity Residency Program

The Ohio State University Libraries, one of the nation's largest academic research libraries, is committed to introducing and orienting a recent library school graduate to the complexities of librarianship. The two-year Mary P. Key Diversity Residency Program, started in 1989, is designed to assist graduates in making a successful transition to academic research librarianship and provides the opportunity for hands-on experience in most areas of the University Libraries' operations, including public and technical services, as well as administration. In 2015-17, the program will place residents in Metadata Transformation, Digital Research Services for the Arts and Humanities, and Latin American Studies. Each of these librarians will gain hands on experience working collaboratively across the Libraries, supporting the work of students, faculty and staff, and innovating in emerging areas of impact.

The program provides professional development in a nurturing, yet productive, real world environment. The resident will also be encouraged to participate in appropriate workshops, conferences, institutes, and committees. Mary P. Key was an emerita assistant professor of the University Libraries. Before retiring from the Agriculture Library in 1998, she served as the first chair of the Libraries' Diversity Committee, which oversees the diversity residency program. She was the second African American librarian to head a department at the OSU Libraries. Former participants in the program

Former Residents

2011-2013: Brian Leaf, Juleah Swanson

1997-1999: Courtney Young

2007-2009: Dracine Hodges

1995-1997: Will Hires

2005-2007: Deidra Herring, Eboni Francis

1993-1995: Jon Cawthorne

2001-2003: Leslie Hayden, Alysa Peterson

1991-1993: Debbie Hollis, Jose Ruiz-Alvarez

1999-2000: Angela Gooden

1989-1991: Leta Hendricks