

Yolanda Cooper Biography

Yolanda Cooper joined the faculty of the University of Miami Libraries in 2006 as Librarian Associate Professor and Deputy University Librarian. She provides leadership and oversight in the planning, management, and day-to-day operations of the UM Libraries to include the Otto G. Richter Library, the Weeks Music Library, the Architecture Library, the Business Information Resource Center, the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science Library, Digital Initiatives and Services, Access Information, and Research Services, Special Collections, the Cuban Heritage Collection, and Information Management and Systems.

Prior to joining the University of Miami Libraries Yolanda served as the Associate University Librarian for Organizational Development at the University of Virginia Library from 2003 to 2006. She was responsible for Human Resources, Business Services, Management Information Services, Grants, and Fiscal Administration. Prior to that she was the Assistant Dean for Human Resources at Indiana University Bloomington Libraries from 1994 to 2003, and from 1979 to 1994 she worked at the University of Illinois Library, and the University of Northern Colorado working primarily in technical services.

Yolanda holds a B.G.S. and a M.L.S. from Indiana University. In 2004 she was selected to attend the FRYE Institute in Atlanta, Georgia, and participate as a FRYE Fellow. Her professional interests are in Organization Development, Digital Library Operations, Assessment, and Diversity in Higher Education. Yolanda has presented and done training on diversity in libraries, web development, organization development, change and transition management, leadership, fiscal management, organizational assessment strategies, and Worklife.

Yolanda is a member of the American Library Association, the ALA Association of College and Research Libraries, Black Caucus, and Library Administration and Management Association. She has participated on the ALA Committee for Diversity, co-moderated the Diversity Interest Network Exchange, and currently chairs the LAMA Committee on Organization. She is a member of the University of Miami's Information Technology Advisory Council, the University's Graduate Council, the Advisory Committee for Africana Studies and is the Vice President of the Woodson, Williams, Marshall Association, which promotes strategies for the recruitment and retention of Black Faculty and serves as a vital resource for Black students. She participated on the University's Quality Enhancement Planning Committee during the University's recent reaccreditation process and contributed to the development and implementation of the University's QEP to develop Faculty Learning Communities. The QEP/FLC focuses on Information, Communication, and Technology Literacy.