Q. Eileen Wafford Joins the Academy of Health Information Professionals

We are thrilled to announce that Galter Research Librarian, Eileen Wafford, MSt, MLIS, has been accepted to the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP). Certification by the Academy of Health Information Professionals is a testament to Eileen’s accomplishments and contributions to Galter and health sciences librarianship.

Eileen earned her MLIS from McGill University and joined the Galter team in 2015 as a Research Librarian with a background that includes cataloging, database management, and educational partnerships in the health sciences. Through her role at Feinberg, Eileen serves as the liaison librarian to several departments, institutes, and centers.

Eileen has dedicated her time at Galter to promoting, improving, and sustaining a strong systematic and scoping review service. Eileen has consulted or collaborated on systematic and scoping reviews since 2014. In 2018, she launched the Systematic Review Working Group whose members include librarians in her department, the hospital, and non-medical librarians from the main campus. Eileen used the information gathered from the working group, colleagues, and her own experience to lead the publication of two highly viewed case reports that discuss a toolkit for librarians and issues surrounding communication in the systematic review process. She developed the Conducting a Scoping Review and the Conducting a Systematic Review part one and part two classes.

In addition to her work in Galter’s Research and Information Services department, she partners with faculty and staff in initiatives and collaborations aimed at reducing health disparities. She worked with Dr. Susanna McColley and collaborators from Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) hubs across the US to produce a synergy paper that looked at inequities across the lifespan as highlighted by COVID-19. She works with Dr. Melissa Simon and the Center for Health Equity Transformation as a co-investigator on the Health for All grant project to help facilitate partnerships and knowledge sharing between researchers, the Chicago Public Library, and community members. She also serves as a Co-chair on the Network of the National Library of Medicine Region 6 Illinois State Advisory Group.

We are continually grateful for Eileen’s contributions in teaching, publishing, research and more that not only impact Feinberg but enhance access of health information resources to our surrounding communities. We are delighted that her work and dedication are being recognized through AHIP. It is such a well-deserved honor and certification! Please join us in congratulating Eileen on her membership to the Academy of Health Information Professionals.

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