

# BLC Research Academy



**PROJECT**  
Information Literacy

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Information Session

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## Professional development program

1. 9-months of virtual continuing education
2. Cohort of 12 Fellows
3. Info lit & assessment research
4. Learn by doing, sharing, making
5. Faculty mentors with applied expertise

### Teaching Faculty



Alison Head



Steven Braun



Alaina Bull



Kirsten Hostetler



Margy MacMillan

## What's offered

1. 1½ hour webinars (7)
2. Paired homework assignments (5-6)
3. One-to-one research consultations (2 ea.)
4. “Critical friends” service: review of writing in progress (1 ea.)
5. BLC-wide forum showcasing Fellow’s research projects



## **Gains for BLC Fellows**

- Growing need for info lit research
- Promotion, tenure, teaching
- Assessing library operations & services

## **Value PIL brings**

- National research institute
- 12 groundbreaking OA studies
- Methodological expertise

## Collaborative Research



- Bringing distinct expertise to projects
- Building a network of research peers

- Empirical findings to inform recommendations and solutions for library and information practitioners

# Questions?



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