



## *Professional Position Posting*

# Curator of Literary and Poetry Collections

<b>Department:</b>	Collection Development, The Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library
<b>Salary:</b>	Commensurate with qualifications and experience
<b>Position Availability:</b>	Immediately/Timeline ex. Summer, Fall, Spring

### **Position Summary**

Reporting to the Assistant Director of Collection Development, the Curator of Literary and Poetry Collections is responsible for the development, management, and promotion of the Rose Library's significant collections related to modern and contemporary poetry and literature. These collections include the papers of writers, poets, and critics, the records of publishers and presses, and rare books and literary manuscripts, with exceptional strengths in Irish literature, modern poetry, counterculture, African American writers, and Georgia and Southern writers. The curator also stewards the Rose's print collections, including the Raymond Danowski Poetry Library, an extensive collection of more than 75,000 volumes of English-language poetry. As part of the Collection Development team at Rose Library, the Curator plays a significant role in setting strategic directions for Rose Library Collections and works alongside colleagues to connect collections with a broad audience.

### *Flexible Workplace*

This position offers some possibility for flexible work arrangements; however, the expectation is that the successful candidate will work primarily on-site.

### **Essential Responsibilities & Duties**

- Selects materials for acquisition through donation or purchase to build and maintain meaningful and useful research collections, working closely with Collection Services to consider and ensure the library's ability to steward collections responsibly.
- Builds relationships with donor communities, faculty, and other research audiences to ensure the long-term vitality of the collections.
- Promotes engagement with the collections, in collaboration with internal and external partners, through outreach that includes public programming and other innovative forms of engagement.
- Contributes to instruction and researcher services, creating a direct and vital connection to researcher, faculty, student, and community interests and demonstrating a commitment to teamwork.
- Participates as a member of the library and university community by maintaining visibility on campus, serving on various committees, and incorporating literary collections in the cultural life of the university.
- Contributes to the library and professional community through committee service, conference presentations, and/or scholarship.

### **Required Qualifications**

- ALA-accredited master's degree in library and information science OR equivalent education and experience, e.g. collection development expertise demonstrated by direct experience with acquisitions processes.
- Minimum of two years of experience with collection development of rare materials.

### **Preferred Qualifications**

- Subject expertise in poetry, literature, or a related field, demonstrated through advanced coursework or commensurate experience.
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively in a team.

### **Join Our Information Session: Curator of Literary and Poetry Collections**

**Date:** June 3, 2025

**Time:** 3:00–4:00 PM (ET)

**Details:** Learn more about the role, our collections, and what we're looking for in the next curator.

If you're interested and available to join, please register here to receive the Zoom webinar link:

 [https://emory.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_CQBnBmMzShqG9RzHbqqO3w](https://emory.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CQBnBmMzShqG9RzHbqqO3w)

### **Application Procedures**

Interested candidates should review the application requirements and apply online at <https://apply.interfolio.com/167978>.

Applications may be submitted as Word or PDF attachments and must include:

- 1) Current resume/vita detailing education and relevant experience.
- 2) Cover letter describing qualifications and experience.
- 3) Please describe what makes a cohesive and effective team. What qualities or actions do you think contribute to team success, and how do they influence performance and productivity? Describe the role you would play in creating a work environment that allows all employees to contribute their best work toward achieving the university's mission. Please limit your response to no more than 3 paragraphs.
- 4) In a separate document list the names, email addresses, and telephone numbers of 3 professional references including a current or previous supervisor.

**Candidates applying by June 20, 2025, will receive priority consideration.** Review of applications will continue until the position is successfully filled. Emory is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and encourages applications and nominations from women, minorities, people with disabilities, and veterans.

### **General Information**

Professional librarians at Emory Libraries are 12-month faculty-equivalent positions evaluated annually with assigned ranks renewable for 3 or 5 years based on experience and background. Appropriate professional leave and funding is provided. Depending on educational credentials and position, librarians may be considered for a shared/dual appointment between the library and academic department as a faculty member.

Librarian appointees at Emory generally have educational credentials and professional backgrounds with academic library experience and/or disciplinary knowledge and demonstrate a commitment to continuous learning, professional engagement and involvement, research and scholarship, creativity, innovation, and flexibility. Such backgrounds will normally include a graduate degree from an ALA-accredited library and information science program AND/OR a discipline-specific master's OR doctoral degree. In addition to professional competence and service within the library in the primary job assignment, advancement and/or appointment renewal requires professional involvement and contributions outside of the library and scholarly activities. Candidates must show evidence or promise of such contributions.

Emory provides an extremely competitive fringe benefit plan that includes personal leave, holiday pay, medical and dental plans, life insurance, courtesy scholarships, and tuition reimbursement just to name a few. For a full list of benefit programs, please go to <http://www.hr.emory.edu/eu/benefits/>.

### **Description of Institution and Library**

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Ranked among the top 20 Association of Research Libraries (ARL) in North America, Emory University Libraries in Atlanta and Oxford, Georgia is the interdisciplinary intellectual commons for Emory University. The collections at the nine Emory Libraries include more than 5.6 million volumes, over 500,000 electronic journals, over 2 million electronic books, and internationally renowned special collections. The Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Books Library is home to over 133,976 print titles, 201,134 volumes and over 2,200 collections measuring over 21,815 linear feet of manuscript material. Rose Library's collections span more than 800 years of history, with particular depth in modern literature and poetry, African American history and culture, political, social and cultural movements, rare books and the University's archives.

Emory Libraries staff, including student workers, number approximately 350 with an overall library budget of approximately \$42 million. The WHSC Library has institutional memberships with the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL) and the Medical Library Association (MLA). Emory University Libraries is a member of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), the Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education (ARCHE), the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI), the Center for Research Libraries (CRL), the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), the Digital Library Federation (DLF), International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), and the Scholarly Publishing & Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) as well as regional associations including the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) and Georgia Library Learning Online (GALILEO).

The Emory University Libraries include the Robert W. Woodruff Library, which is also home to the Goizueta Business Library, the Heilbrun Music and Media Library, and the Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library. Other library spaces include the Science Commons, the Library Service Center operated in collaboration with the Georgia Institute of Technology, the Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library, the Pitts Theology Library, the Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library, and the Oxford College Library located on the Oxford Campus approximately 30 miles from Atlanta.

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