

# Jade Kastel she, her

Music Librarian | Assistant Professor  
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## Education

### **Doctoral Student, DMA in Jazz Performance, 2022–Present**

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

### **Master of Library & Information Science, 2020**

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

### **Master of Music, Saxophone Performance, 2008**

Dana School of Music, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH

### **Bachelor of Music, Saxophone Performance, 2005**

Concordia College, Moorhead, MN

## Experience

### **Music Librarian, Assistant Professor**

Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL  
May 2021 – Present

### **Visiting Librarian, Assistant Professor**

Purdue University Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, IN  
August 2020 – June 2021

### **Reference & Instruction Librarian**

Johnson & Wales University, North Miami, FL  
October 2018 – September 2020

### **Supervisor of Library Services**

Broward College, Davie, FL  
November 2017 – October 2018

### **Director of Music**

Sherman Park Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI  
September 2011 – July 2017

### **Recreational Therapist, Music Specialist**

The Lutheran Home, Wauwatosa, WI  
May 2012 – March 2014

### **Director of Music**

Calvary Lutheran Church, Brookfield, WI  
August 2008 – September 2011

## Selected Fellowships & Publications

### **Jazz Archival Fellowship, 2019**

Rutgers University, Institute of Jazz Studies, Newark, NJ

### **Book Review: Creative Improvised Music by John Gray**

Notes, Music Library Association Journal  
Volume 77, No. 2, December 2020, pp. 313–315  
doi:10.1353/not.2020.0113

### **Book Chapter: “Librarian Mo Testa and the Lesbian Archives of Dykes to Watch Out For”**

Forthcoming in: *Libraries, Archives, and Librarians in Graphic Novels, Comic Strips, and Sequential Art* published by McFarland  
Edited by: Carrye Syma, Donell Callender, and Robert G. Weiner

### **Article: “Small Library, Big Impact: How JWU’s North Miami Library Developed Early Career Library Professionals”**

*Florida Libraries*, Journal of the Florida Library Association  
Volume 64, No. 2, Fall 2021, pp. 10–13

## Professional Organizations

### **Indiana Library Federation:**

Racial Justice & Inclusion  
Committee, Tapestry Series  
Coordinator

### **Women in Jazz Organization**

### **Illinois Association of College and Research**

**Libraries (IACRL):** DEI  
Committee, Secretary

### **Music Library Association:**

Member of MLA Big Band

### **Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois**

**(CARLI):** Preservation  
Committee, Co-Chair

### **WIU University Committee on Sexual Orientation Gender**

**Identity and Expression  
(UCOSOGIE)**

### **WIU Libraries Diversity Committee: Chair**

## Creative Projects

**Radio Series:** *We are the ones  
we have been waiting for,*  
Tri–States Public Radio

**Film:** *Letters in Motion,*  
#CitizenMiriam

**Poetry Anthology:** *The Politics  
of Shelter*

**Interview Series:** *Tapestry,*  
Celebrating Indiana’s Diverse  
Library Staff

**Free Improv:** Inspired by  
Pharoah Sanders for  
saxophone, piano & accordion

*Full CV and list of publications  
and recordings are available at  
[jadekastel.com](http://jadekastel.com)*

