

Supporting Faculty & Students as a New Academic Liaison Librarian Throuh Personal Relationship Connections

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## 01

#### Research!

- Programs & requirements
- Instructors Who teaches what? What are their research interests?
- Courses each semester Who's teaching?
- Administrative assistants & recruiters They run the world & can connect you directly to students.
- Get on school/department listservs when possible.
- Other library & related resources



## 02

#### Take inventory

- Knowledge gaps (evidence synthesis, subjectspecific basic knowledge, frequent journals/databases)
- Strengths SPIN them & market yourself!

## 03

### Document everything!

- Spreadsheets! (Programs, Email addresses/other contact info, Adjuncts, Courses, Libguides)
- Interactions & communications



## 04 Put yourself out there.

- Go to everything!
- Walk around the building/offices & leave cards or one-pagers (or QR codes)
- Prioritize individual emails over group ones
- Send resources in their fields of interest
- SAY YES!
- No response DOES NOT mean no interest



One professor, one student at a time

#### Advice

01

Have a plan. Be intentional. 02

04

Be open to saying yes & feeling rejected.

**O3** Stay organized consistently.

Be patient. This is slow, intentional work.



# Thanks!

Do you have any questions? srupton@uab.edu

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