

New University Library Dean Named

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Professor Tara Lynn Fulton, former librarian at Eastern Michigan University, has been named the new university library dean. She will assume the position May 29.

Prior to joining Eastern Michigan, Fulton was university dean of library and information services and associate vice president for Academic Affairs at Lock Haven University in Lock Haven, Penn. She also held positions at Bucknell University, Loyola University of Chicago, Northwestern University, The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University.

“We are delighted to welcome Dr. Fulton to the university, and excited about her leadership for the university library,” says Lisa MacFarlane, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. “Academic libraries, especially those at research universities, are in a period of enormous transformation; Tara’s experience and professional associations across the region and the country will help us to develop an even better understanding of those, and how UNH can best meet them with clarity, transparency and deep attention to serving our students and faculty.”

“The position of dean of the university library at UNH promises to be an exciting one,” says Fulton. “The university has a very clear strategic plan, and the centrality of the library in achieving excellence as an institution is widely acknowledged on campus. I have felt warmly welcomed at UNH and believe the campus culture is a good match with my leadership style.”

Fulton received a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in library and information science from Indiana University followed by a master’s in education from the University of Texas at Austin, and a doctorate in philosophy in higher education from Pennsylvania State University. In 2013 she attended a Fulbright International Education Administrators seminar in Germany.

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