



## MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN OF THE LIBRARIES



I am pleased to welcome you to our third issue of *SOURCE: the Magazine of the University of Florida* George A. Smathers Libraries, published by the LibraryPress@UF. This is an open access journal, distributed primarily in electronic format twice a year. *SOURCE* offers the reader an opportunity to view remarkable materials from our collections, learn about our innovative research and collaborations conducted both in the Libraries and with other colleagues throughout the University and beyond, and explore highlights of exceptional faculty and student services provided by the Smathers Libraries.

This issue features fantastic stories highlighting the Libraries' work in leveraging technologies for public good, preserving unique collections, and showcasing history. This includes engaging students in new ways: with social media, by collaborating on field research, and with specific programs for first-generation students and textbook affordability.

With this issue's story on *The Alligator* newspaper, I am pleased to announce that the full digital archives are now openly available online from the Libraries (<https://ufdc.ufl.edu/alligator>). As the host for the statewide Florida Digital Newspaper Library, the Libraries take great pride and joy in sharing historical news, and it is especially joyous to share our own history with *The Alligator*.

We welcome your feedback and ideas. Please let us know what you think and we hope you enjoy reading this very special issue of *SOURCE*. 

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