

## KENNETH W. AND ELSIE W. BUTLER AWARD FOR LIBRARY FACULTY SERVICE

### *Elsa Loftis, M.L.I.S*



**ELSA LOFTIS, M.L.I.S.** joined the Portland State University library faculty in 2018 as the humanities and acquisitions librarian. She is the subject liaison to the College of Art + Design, Film Studies, and the World Languages and Literature departments. She fields copyright questions for the library, and coordinates all streaming video content. Prior to her arrival at PSU, she was the director of library services for the Oregon College of Art and Craft, and held positions at Everest College, the Brooklyn Public Library, and the Pratt Institute Library.

“As theory informs practice and vice versa, Assistant Professor Loftis demonstrates her commitment to best practices and incorporates theoretical knowledge into her professional work,” said Jian Wang, PSU professor, electronic & continuing resources librarian and subject librarian for applied linguistics. “I have observed her teaching, and her enthusiasm is infectious, creating joyful and positive learning experiences for students in the classroom.”

“Assistant Professor Loftis has had a particularly positive impact across Portland State in regard to procuring streaming films for our community

and as lead on copyright issues,” said Kimberly Pendell, PSU associate professor and research & instruction services manager. “Her unwavering nature and expertise in licensing provides us with access to these increasingly relied upon resources for courses across all disciplines. She is a fantastic colleague, consistently taking initiative to improve learning and teaching for the Portland State community.”

Loftis received her MLIS from the Pratt Institute, and her BA in international studies at the University of Oregon. She is passionate about her work and sincerely loves helping students with their research interests. When she's not in the library, she likes to be out playing in the woods with her husband and two boys.

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*The Butler Award for Library Faculty Service was established in 1999 to recognize outstanding performance by a faculty member of the Branford P. Millar Library. This annual award—supported through a gift by professor emeritus Kenneth W. Butler and Elsie W. Butler—is granted to librarians who demonstrate excellence in their service to students, faculty and the community.*