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biographical summary: Dr. Bill Nelson has been Professor and Library Director at Augusta State University in Augusta, Georgia, since 1993. He received B.A.'s from Centenary College in both English and History. Post-graduate degrees include an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Latin American Studies, and an M.L.S., all from Louisiana State University. He has served as library director at Mobile College, Carson-Newman College, and Samford University. His research and publication interests include ALA and ACRL standards, SACS accreditation, and the GALILEO Project. Bill chaired the GALILEO Steering Committee for two years (1996-1998) and in 2005 completed another two-year term on the Committee; he also served two years on the GIL (GALILEO Interconnected Libraries) Steering Committee. He completed a two-year term (2001-2003) as chair of the ACRL Committee on the Status of Academic Librarians and was a member of the Task Force on Academic Library Outcomes Assessment (1997-1998). He chaired the new ACRL Guidelines for Media Resources in Academic Libraries Review Task Force (2004-2006), and currently chairs the ACRL Standards and Accreditation Committee (2005-2008).

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biographical summary: Presenter Dr. Bob Fernekes is an Assistant Professor and Information Services Librarian, Business Specialist, at Georgia Southern University, in Statesboro, Georgia. He is a graduate of the University of San Francisco with a B.S. in Sociology. Post-graduate degrees include an M.L.S., and Ed.S. in Library Science, and a Ph.D. in Education from George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee. Upon retirement from the US Army as a communications officer, Bob served as a Reference Librarian at the Aiken County Public Library, and as User Education Librarian at the University of South Carolina in Aiken. His research and publication interests include linking technologies for connecting students to library resources. Bob recently completed a term on the ACRL University Library Section (ULS) Standards Committee.

Both presenters served on the ACRL College Libraries Section (CLS) Standards Committee, of which Dr. Nelson was chair. The Standards Committee produced the 2000 edition of the *Standards for College Libraries*. They both were appointed to the ACRL College and Research Libraries Standards Task Force where the CLS, ULS, and CJCLS sections worked together on a common set of standards for all higher education libraries. The task force produced the ACRL *Standards for Libraries in Higher Education*, based on the CLS standards. Approved in June 2004, the new standards are intended to apply to all types of libraries in higher education.