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Allison Cruise, MLIS, joined the UNM Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center (HSLIC) on September 1st as a Visiting Fellow.

Cruise's fellowship will focus on revitalizing HSLIC's outreach and community engagement program. Her focus is on intentional, appropriate outreach and engagement which address health inequities. She hopes to help UNM HSLIC reconnect with community partners throughout the state of New Mexico.

"I am honored to be hosted by UNM HSLIC for my second year," Cruise said. "The alignment between HSLIC's commitment to serving New Mexico's communities, and my passion for community engagement and outreach, presented an incredible opportunity to develop partnerships and collaborations with New Mexico's many dedicated libraries, academic centers and community organizations."

Cruise received her master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Prior to her fellowship, she worked as an intern and then a full-time research associate at the North Carolina Biotechnology Center. She holds a BS in Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"Being able to come to New Mexico, with its diverse, rich cultures, natural beauty and unique

experiences has been a gift for me both in my career as a librarian, and in my personal life,” said Cruise. “Growing up in a rural area of North Carolina, I appreciate New Mexico’s beautiful rural areas, as well as the welcoming, bustling city of Albuquerque!”

This fellowship is part of the National Library of Medicine’s (NLM) Associate Fellows program. The goal of the NLM Associate Fellowship Program is to introduce early-career librarians to the NLM and its impact both nationally and internationally on the fields of biomedicine, informatics, and information policy.

Fellows spend their first year in residence at NLM in Bethesda, MD working on projects and taking advantage of the wealth of professional development opportunities NLM has to offer. Cruise’s class of fellows then had the option of completing a second year at an academic health sciences library to focus on a particular area of librarianship. Her fellowship at HSLIC will run through August 2022.

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