

2018 Annual Assembly

August 9 – 9am to 2pm Maceli's Banquet Hall 1031 New Hampshire Street; Lawrence, KS 66044

8:30am Registration, Continental Breakfast

9:00am Welcome, Introductions

9:15am Introduction of State Librarian Eric Norris, Remarks

9:30am State of the System – Laura DeBaun, NEKLS Director

10:45am Budget Hearing

11:00am System Business Meeting

Bylaws Change

Budget Approval

Executive Board Election

2019 Meeting Date: Thursday, August 15

11:30am Library Super Volunteer Recognition

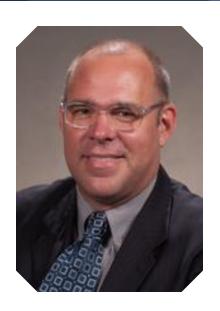
Noon Buffet Luncheon

12:30pm Exploring Free Speech in an Information-Overloaded

World – Dr. James Walther, Emporia State University

2pm Adjourn

Exploring Free Speech in an Information-Overloaded World – Dr. James Walther, Emporia State University



Being informed requires information, yet do we have the right information to be informed citizens? Understanding government policies regarding public access to data is key. This presentation provides an overview of information policy access. It raises critical questions: Do people have the right information, and enough of it, to make informed choices in their lives? How can libraries of all types help patrons access reliable information and refute fake news?

Jim Walther teaches library and information science at ESU's School of Library and Information Sciences (SLIM). Jim says, "In a time where we all think we are information gatherers, we have to now learn the steps and process of information synthesis better, to make sure we have all we need to make the best of decisions."

Dr. Walther's presentation and discussion are made possible in part by:

