

Biographical Notes of Authors

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Milan Hughston was a librarian at the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth, TX, from 1979 to 1999. During that time he published comprehensive bibliographies in museum publications, including Thomas Eakins (1996), the photography collection catalogue (1993), Eliot Porter (1989) and Laura Gilpin (1986). In September 1999 he became Chief of Library and Museum Archives at the Museum of Modern Art in New York; he retired in 2016. At MoMA he devoted his energies to planning and coordinating the opening of the Museum's research facilities in Manhattan and Queens. In 2000 he established, with May Castleberry, the Library Council, to promote the research resources of MoMA through a membership programme and publications of artist's books in a series called Contemporary Editions. He is also a

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Kaisa Sinikara is the former University Librarian of the Helsinki University Library (retired in 2013). In 2007 she completed her doctorate at the University of Helsinki on the change in the worldview of university library staff during the Information Age, 1970-2005. From 2002 to 2009 she worked as the Coordinating Director of the library sector at the University of Helsinki. In 2010 the new Helsinki University Library was founded, and all existing campus libraries were merged into one organisation; Dr Sinikara was its first director. Her other experiences include working as a Library Director and a library specialist, participating in academic administration and research projects, and teaching as a part-time lecturer at the University of Helsinki. She has collaborated with national and European library networks and has led several projects, including a development project for an African (Namibian) university library in 2011-2012. She has published approximately 30 scientific and 100 professional articles. She is currently writing a history of the Helsinki University Library Network from 1850 to 2010. She was awarded the honorary title of professor by the President of Finland in 2013. For a list of writings, see [https://tuhat.halvi.helsinki.fi/portal/en/persons/kaisasinikara\(dec9e7db-d5c2-4ec1-9f58-8022534156e9\).html](https://tuhat.halvi.helsinki.fi/portal/en/persons/kaisasinikara(dec9e7db-d5c2-4ec1-9f58-8022534156e9).html).

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