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- Judy Van Alstyne received her MLIS from Simmons University and is a Ph.D. candidate at the Warner School of Education, University of Rochester.
- She worked in public libraries and as a K-12 librarian in an independent school for over twenty years. Helping students keep track of digital information led her to discover the field of Personal Information Management.
- She decided to pursue a doctorate in order to research the information practices of youth.

“I am currently researching in the secondary school context, where I believe it is imperative to start PIM education before more students graduate from high school without familiarity with PIM issues. Although most of my professional experience and doctoral coursework has been centered on youth, I am fascinated with the PIM practices of individuals at any age. In addition, I am concerned about how all of us will be able to successfully manage our increasingly digital personal information. There is no denying that for truly personal information including health and financial documentation, as well as sentimental items such as photos, videos, emails from loved ones, or digital creations, the incentives for management are diffuse, making it easy to delay. I am excited to learn from PIM scholars and hope to contribute to the collective effort towards assisting people's development of PIM Literacy.”

