Barbara M. Sorondo, PhD, MLIS joined the Louis Calder Memorial Library in May 2021 as Head of the Department of Learning, Research, and Clinical Information Services. Dr. Sorondo previously worked at the Florida International University (FIU) Libraries as the Health Sciences Librarian in the Department of Information and Research Services, where she served as the liaison librarian to the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences, the Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work, and the Department of Psychology.

Dr. Sorondo earned a doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from the FIU School of Education and Human Development, with a concentration in Mathematics, Science, and Learning Technologies. Her dissertation focused on information literacy instruction in higher education from the perspectives of academic librarians, faculty, and students. Dr. Sorondo also holds a Master of Science in Library and Information Studies from Florida State University, a Master of Science in Psychology from FIU, and a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience from the University of Miami.

Dr. Sorondo’s research focuses on information literacy, library instruction in higher education, and the well-being of library employees. Her work has been published in Advances in Library Administration and Organization, Developmental Psychology, Florida Libraries, Association of College and Research Libraries casebooks, and other library science and psychology publications. She served as the inaugural managing editor of Athenaeum, an open access, peer-reviewed collection of the scholarly works of the faculty and staff of the FIU Libraries.

This is Dr. Sorondo’s second employment at the Calder Library. Prior to her position at FIU, she managed the Calder Library’s Interlibrary Loan Department, where she worked with numerous departments at the University of Miami as well as libraries around the world to coordinate the exchange of information resources.