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EDUCATION

Master of Library and Information Science, August 2019

University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina

Master of Arts in English, December 2013

Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina

- Certificate of Rhetoric and Composition, May 2013

Bachelor of Arts in English, May 2011

- Milligan University, Milligan College, Tennessee, August 2009-May 2011
Minor: Art; Graduated Cum Laude
- Carson-Newman University, Jefferson City, Tennessee, August 2007-May 2009

LIBRARY WORK EXPERIENCE

Lecturer Librarian, Appalachian State University

Boone, North Carolina: February 2020-Present

Tasks include contributing to the robust library instruction program through teaching information literacy both individually and in class modalities. Create and implement course material for both synchronous and asynchronous library instruction for face-to-face and online teaching. Establish and develop working relationships with liaison areas including Transfer Admissions and Engagement, as well as Student Veteran Services. Develop outreach and support for students through programming and service participation. Provide research assistance to students, faculty, and staff, as needed.

Supervisor: Kelly Rhodes, Coordinator of Information Literacy and Instruction

Full-Time Reference Assistant, Spartanburg County Public Library Headquarters

Spartanburg, South Carolina: October 2016-February 2020

Tasks include creating programs on various subjects for the benefit of community members encompassing a span of interests in addition to previously described duties as a part-time employee. Responsible for assigned tasks for the library Makerspace including displays, equipment training, tours, and production.

Supervisor: Sheryl Mann, Assistant Director of Reference Services

Part-Time Reference Assistant, Spartanburg County Public Library Headquarters

Spartanburg, South Carolina: October 2015-October 2016

Tasks include assisting patrons with various research and reference needs. Responsible for the statistics for the Reference Department, teaching several computer classes to patrons, and the displays in the Biography section of the headquarters library.

Supervisor: Andy Flynt, Director of Reference Services

Graduate Library Assistant, Belk Library and Information Commons

Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina: August 2012-July 2013

Tasks included assisting patrons with returning and checking out books, attending to their reference needs, as well as retrieving materials from the stacks. Responsible for opening up the library, assisting and supervising undergraduate student workers, and running the main circulation desk.

Supervisor: Russell Paige, University Library Technician

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- North Carolina Library Association (NCLA), April 2021- Present
- American Library Association (ALA), August 2016- Present
- Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL), August 2016- Present
- Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), August 2016- Present
- Jane Austen Society of North America (JASNA), May 2013, 2015- Present
- Appalachian Studies Association (ASA), March 2013- March 2014

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- Poster Presentation, NCLA S.E.E the Future: Support. Educate. Empower Conference
 - “Got Kids?:” Academic Library Support of Student Parents, October 20, 2021
- Poster Presentation, Institute for Museum and Library Services: Libraries and Veterans National Forum
 - “Pencil Me In:” Practical Publicity Strategies for Librarian Support of Student Veterans within the Student Veteran Lounge, September 17, 2021
- Co-Presented, Tau Sigma Leadership Conference, San Antonio, Texas
 - “We’re Moving! :” Tau Sigma’s Presence in the Transfer Student Residence Hall, Emma Sobczak Schell, Shabrina McPherson, Brenda Gonzalez Deras, October 30, 2021
- Co-Presented, ASA Conference, Boone, North Carolina
 - “Poe’s ‘A Tale of the Ragged Mountains:’ Appalachian Literature?”, March 22, 2013

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

- Student Veterans of America (SVA) National Convention (NatCon), January 5-7, 2022
- North Carolina Libraries for Virtual Education (NCLIVE), “Building Cultures of Resilience,” Virtual, May 17-21, 2021
- ACRL- NY, “Critical Pedagogy Symposium,” Virtual, May 17-19, 2021
- LOEX, “Information Literacy in a Time of Transformation,” Virtual, May 11-14, 2021
- Association of College and Research Libraries-North Carolina (NCLA), “Transforming Our Future: How Practices Today Inform Our Future Tomorrow,” Virtual, May 6, 2021
- OLC(Online Learning Consortium), “Innovate: Education Reimagined,” Virtual, March 15-19, 2021
- JASNA Annual General Meeting, Virtual, October 2020
- ALA Annual General Meeting, Virtual, June 23-29, 2020
- Jane Austen Society (JAS) of the United Kingdom, Annual General Meeting, In Person, Chawton, United Kingdom, July 2018
- ALA Midwinter Meeting, Atlanta, In Person, Georgia, January 20-24, 2017
- JASNA Annual General Meeting, In Person, Louisville, Kentucky, October 9-11, 2015

SERVICE PARTICIPATION

Supporting Our Immigrant-Affected Population Interest Group (SIP)

- Participating Member, September 2021- Present

Tau Sigma National Transfer Student Honors Society, Gamma Nu Chapter, Appalachian State University

- Faculty Advisor, July 2021-Present

Writing Support Resource Collective

- Participating Member, August 2020-Present

North Carolina Library Instruction Network (NCLINE)

- Participating Member, July 2020-Present

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- Appalachian State University
Military Affairs Committee Faculty/Staff Award
 - 2021-2022 Academic Year, Awarded
 - 2020-2021 Academic Year, Nominated
- University Libraries
 - Appalachian Spirit Award
 - 2021-2022 Academic Year, Nominated

COMMITTEE WORK

- Transfer Scholarship Selection Committee, Appalachian State University
 - Scholarship Application Reviewer, March 2022
- Library Council, Appalachian State University
 - Committee Member, August 2021- Present
- Military Affairs Committee, Appalachian State University
 - Committee Member, February 2021- Present
- Employee Appreciation Committee, Appalachian State University
 - Committee Chair, August 2021-July 2022
 - Committee Secretary, February 2020- August 2021
- Humanities Librarian Search Committee, Appalachian State University
 - Committee Recorder, February 2021-August 2021
- Lecturer Librarian Search Committee, Appalachian State University
 - Committee Member, May 2020- June 2020
- Spartanburg County Public Library Staff Association
 - Communications Chair, March 2016- March 2018

LIBRARY TRAINING AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Appalachian State University

- APP Unidos, Immigrant Mountaineers Movement, Appalachian State University.
 - Immigrant Ally Training: Level 1: Awareness, June 3, 2021
 - Immigrant Allies Training: Level 2: Skills, June 17, 2021
 - Immigrant Allies Training: Level 3: Action, April 28, 2022
- Transfer Admissions and Engagement, Transfer Student Faculty Mentor Training, February 2, 2021
- Green Zone Training (GZT): Veterans & Service Members on Campus, Center for Academic Excellence, Student Veteran Services, April 4, 2022

American Library Association

- ALA Coursework
 - “Developing Signature Pedagogies in Information Literacy” February- March 2020, Participant
 - “Engaging with the ACRL Framework: A Catalyst for Expanding and Exploring Our Teaching Practices” June- July 2020, Participant
 - ALA Essentials for Library Workers Training Module, June 2019, Completed

Chawton House Room Guide, Chawton House Library

Chawton, United Kingdom: July 2018

Tasks included guiding the visitors around the manor house, particularly in the Lower Reading Room. Assisted with basic conservation work on materials in the Early Women Writers and Knight family collections by repairing binding and torn or damaged pages. Selected, collected, and pulled material from the vaults to be used in next year’s upcoming exhibition on women’s suffrage at Chawton House.

Supervisor: Dr. Darren Bevin, Head Librarian and Ian Beveridge, Chawton House Volunteer Coordinator

Kennedy Room Temporary Assistant, Spartanburg County Public Libraries

Spartanburg, South Carolina: July 2017

Tasks included cross referencing archives on the shelves of the vault in comparison to the actual Polaris online catalog. Labeled archives in the vault with particular vault notation. Made comments on the state of the archives, any conservation or preservation needs, etc.

Supervisor: Charity Rouse, Director of Local History and Genealogy Services

RESEARCH EXPEDITIONS AND INTERESTS

Independent Study, University of South Carolina

Chawton, United Kingdom: July 2018

Research included a thorough study of private, country house libraries in Regency Era England, with particular attention to the Chawton House Library. Close examination of the archived 1908 Chawton House Catalog and the importance of digitization.

Independent Study Director: Dr. Paul Solomon, Associate Professor; Dr. Darren Bevin, Chawton House Librarian

Transfer Student Support and Outreach: Library support of transfer students (including the subpopulation of student veterans) during their transfer experience, as well as the development of outreach and academic support while finishing their degrees

Academic and Instructional Librarianship: Information literacy instruction as it relates to underclassmen, as well as its integration into curriculum throughout the college experience.

Archives and Preservation: The Chawton House Library and the 1908 Chawton House Library Catalog, as well as the 1818 Godmersham Catalog.

18th Century Literature: Fanny Burney, Maria Edgeworth, Ann Radcliffe, and Jane Austen

19th Century Literature: Jane Austen, Elizabeth Gaskell, and the Brontë sisters

GRANTS

Bivens Grant, Awarded January 2022

Appalachian State University

\$1,600.00

April 20-22nd, 2022

Student Veteran Support Speaker Forum

- This grant provides the funding for Sarah LeMire, former U.S. Army Veteran and Academic Librarian from Texas A&M to visit Appalachian State University and talk to the campus at large and then the library specifically about how best we can support student veterans and those who are military affiliated during their time at App State.

PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE

- Sierra and Polaris Library Services
- Databases:
 - Literature Resource Center
 - Project Muse
 - Early English Books Online
 - EBSCO Information Services
 - JSTOR
 - Learning Express Library
- Online Learning Platforms:
 - Moodle
 - D2L
 - eLearn
- Computer Programs:
 - Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Outlook, and PowerPoint
- Online Services
 - Google Suite
 - OneDrive
 - iCloud
 - Zoom
- Computer Languages (Basic Knowledge)
 - HTML
 - CSS
 - SQL
- Online Learning Tools
 - Screencast-o-matic
 - Slido
- Languages:
 - Conversational Spanish
- Springshare
 - LibGuides
 - LibCal
 - LibAnswers

COLLEGIATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor, Walters State Community College

Walters State Community College, Greeneville, Tennessee: August 2014-July 2015

Tasks included teaching four sections (one online) of Composition I: English 1010 and Composition II: English 1020.

Responsible for instructing students in basic composition, research, and rhetorical skills in English 1010. Responsible for instructing students in writing about literature, theory, and research in English 1020.

Supervisor: Chip McClain, Chair of the English Department

Adjunct Instructor, Northeast State Community College

Northeast State Community College, Blountville, Tennessee: August 2014-May 2015

Tasks included teaching an online section of Composition I: English 1010 and one online section of Composition II:

English 1020. Responsible for online communication, lectures, grading, and introducing students to freshman composition in English 1010 and writing about literature in English 1020.

Supervisor: Dr. William Wilson, Dean of Humanities

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Appalachian State University

Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina: August 2012-May 2013

Tasks included teaching an Expository Writing as well as a Writing Across the Curriculum class of 26 students for a semester each. Responsible for lecturing, conducting peer workshops, conferencing with students, grading assignments, assisting students in their writing process and creating portfolios to exhibit their progress in the writing classroom.

Supervisor: Dr. Kim Gunter (Expository Writing) and Dr. Beth Carroll (Writing Across the Curriculum)

Writing Consultant, Appalachian State University Writing Center

Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina: August 2011-July 2012

Tasks included consulting with clients about their writing assignments, exhibiting knowledge of MLA format as well as APA and Chicago formats, conducting online sessions with students over Google docs.

Supervisor: Rachel Robinson, Assistant Director

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AND CLUBS

- Social Order of Graduate Students, Appalachian State University
 - Participant, Fall 2011-Fall 2012
- Sigma Tau Delta, upperclassmen English honorary society, Fall 2010
- Alpha Lambda Delta, freshman and sophomore honorary society, 3.5+ GPA, Fall 2007-Spring 2009, Carson-Newman University
- Dean's List, 3.5+ GPA
 - Milligan University: Fall of 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011
 - Carson-Newman University: Fall of 2007, Spring 2008