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EDUCATION

Master of Library and Information Science, August 2019

University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina
Concentration in Academic Libraries

Master of Arts in English, December 2013

Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina

- Master's Thesis: "'I Speak, Therefore I Am:' Anne Elliot's Voice in *Persuasion*"
- Comprehensive Exams:
 - African American Female Narrative
 - Rhetoric and Composition
 - Regency Era Fiction
- 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

Instruction and Outreach Librarian

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, as well as face-to-face and online teaching. Establish and develop working relationships with liaison areas including the departments of Military Science and Leadership (ROTC), 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: Leverne McBeth, Assistant 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- May 2022, September 2023-Present
 - ALA Connect-Veterans Caucus Member Initiative Group
- Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL), August 2016- May 2022
- Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), August 2016- May 2022
- Jane Austen Society of North America (JASNA), May 2013, 2015- 2022
- Appalachian Studies Association (ASA), March 2013- March 2014

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- (Upcoming) Co- Presented, Southeastern Collaborative Online Conference, 2024
 - “‘Recognizing Excellence’: Nurturing a Culture of Employee Appreciation,” with Jackie Eagleson, Recorded Presentation, Live Q&A March 13, 2024
- Co-Presented, Cultivating Community: 65 Bicentennial Conference of the North Carolina Library Association (NCLA)
 - “‘Unearthing New Possibilities:’ Sowing Seeds of Outreach In and Beyond the Library,” with Rebecca Shaw, October 20, 2023
- 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, with Shabrina McPherson and Brenda Gonzalez Deras, October 30, 2021
- Co-Presented, Appalachian Studies Association Conference, Boone, North Carolina
 - “Poe’s ‘A Tale of the Ragged Mountains:’ Appalachian Literature?” with John Logan Schell, March 22, 2013

UNIVERSITY-WIDE PRESENTATIONS

- Poster Presentation Co-Presenter, 2023 DEI Summit- Appalachian State, Student Veteran Services
 - “Student Veteran Resource Center,” with Bethany Gonzalez, March 29, 2023
- Co-Presented, Research and Creative Activity at Appalachian State University
 - “Informing Our Practice: A Study of Faculty Expectations Around Undergraduate Research,” with Breanne Crumpton and Mark Coltrain, October 21, 2022

RESEARCH & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

- **Teaching Faculty Research Instruction Pedagogy**, Spring 2021-Present
 - Exploration of how teaching faculty approach research instruction in their own courses. Project has included two IRB forms, two rounds of multiple interviews, one electronic survey, two presentations, and a discussion series. Current analyzing results.
 - Collaborators: Breanne Crumpton and Mark Coltrain

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

- 30th National Conference on Students in Transition, National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition, University of South Carolina, In Person, Jacksonville, Florida, September 28th-October 2, 2023
- Tau Sigma National Leadership Conference, In Person
 - Orlando, Florida- September 23-25, 2022
 - San Antonio, Texas- October 29-31, 2021
- Transfer Student Summit, University of Texas at Austin
 - Virtual, April 11, 2023
 - Virtual, April 4, 6, and 7, 2022
 - Virtual, March 3 and April 30, 2021
- Student Veterans of America (SVA) National Convention (NatCon), Orlando, Florida, 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
- Online Learning Consortium (OLC), “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, In Person, Atlanta, Georgia, January 20-24, 2017

- JASNA Annual General Meeting, In Person, Louisville, Kentucky, October 9-11, 2015

SERVICE PARTICIPATION

Appalachian State University:

Non-Traditional Student Working Group

- Participating Member, October 2022- Present

Supporting Our Immigrant-Affected Population Interest Group (SIP)

- Participating Member, September 2021- Present

Writing Support Resource Collective

- Participating Member, August 2020-Present

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

- Faculty Advisor, July 2021-August 2023

Regional:

North Carolina Library Instruction Network (NCLINe)

- Participating Member, July 2020-Present
- NCLINe Share Out Co-Presenter with Laura Langberg, May 17, 2023, "It Takes Two!": Tips for Effective Team Teaching

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

- Appalachian State University
 - Departmental
 - Library Council, Appalachian State University
 - Committee Member, August 2021- July 2023
 - First Year Experience Librarian Search Committee, Appalachian State University
 - Committee Recorder, April 2022- October 2023
 - 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
 - University
 - Transfer Scholarship Selection Committee, Appalachian State University

- Scholarship Application Reviewer, March 2022
 - Military Affairs Committee, Appalachian State University
 - Committee Member, February 2021- Present
- Spartanburg County Public Libraries
 - Staff Association
 - Communications Chair, March 2016- March 2018

UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- **Appalachian State University Libraries**
 - Library Cares:
 - Orchestrated students support programming and events during final exam week including snack giveaways, meditation sessions, therapy dog visits, and mental health and wellness activities. Collaborated with community and campus resources including the Boone Woof Pack, the Wired Scholar, as well as University Libraries volunteers and university administration.
 - Spring & Fall 2021
 - Spring & Fall 2022
 - Spring 2023
 - “It Takes a Village”: Student Parent Information Fair
 - Orchestrated an information fair with the collaboration of 13 different academic departments, as well as 3 Boone community organizations for the purpose of providing information and resources to students at App State who have children under the age of 18. Held August 29th, 2023 from 5-7pm.

CERTIFICATIONS

- **Governor’s Institute, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**
 - Veteran Support Specialist, May 2023
- **Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Program**
 - QPR Gatekeeper Certificate, May 2023

TRAINING AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Appalachian State University

- “Wanna Make Out?”: A Conversation About Consent: Dr. Lori Bednarchik, April 19, 2023
- Protection of Minors on Campus 2023; AsULearn Modules July 27, 2023
- Green Zone Training (GZT): Veterans & Service Members on Campus, Center for Academic Excellence, Student Veteran Services, April 4, 2022
- 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

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

PsychArmor.org

- How to Seek Assistance at Institutions of Higher Education: A Course for Ill and Injured Student Veterans, February 8, 2023
- Communicating with Veterans, February 8, 2023
- 15 Things Military and Veteran Kids Want You to Know, June 15, 2023
- Women Veteran Series, August 3, 2023
- (Veteran) Food Insecurity: Bringing Solutions to the Table, August 3, 2023
- Myths and Facts About Wounded Warriors, July 25, 2022
- Supporting Student Veterans in Reasonable Academic Accommodations, July 25, 2022
- Developing a Military Awareness Program on Campus, August 4, 2022
- How to Seek Assistance at Institutions of Higher Education: A Course for Ill and Injured Student Veterans, February 8, 2023
- Why Collaboration is So Important in Supporting Military Members, Veterans, Their Families, and Caregivers, July 2, 2021
- How to Connect with a Checked Out Veteran, July 2, 2021

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 (Department of Local History and Genealogy) 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

Student Parents Support and Outreach: Library collaboration with University and community support resources for student parents during their time in higher education.

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

Martha and Nancy Lee Bivens University Library Fund

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.

Martha and Nancy Lee Bivens University Library Fund

Grant, Awarded June 2023

Appalachian State University

\$1,000.00

August 29, 2023

"It Takes A Village": Student Parent Support Information Fair

- This grant provides the funding to host a collaborative information fair between Appalachian State University departments, as well as community organizations in order to inform student parents at Appalachian State University of the resources and services available to assist them in their responsibilities as parents and students.

PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE

- Sierra and Polaris Library Services
- Databases:
 - Literature Resource Center
 - Project Muse
 - EBSCO Information Services
 - JSTOR
 - Learning Express Library
- Online Learning Platforms:
 - Moodle
 - D2L
 - eLearn
- Computer Programs:
 - Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Outlook, and PowerPoint
- Online Services
 - Canva
 - Google Suite
 - OneDrive
 - iCloud
 - Zoom
- Online Learning Tools
 - Screencast-o-matic
 - Slido
- Languages:
 - Conversational Spanish
- Springshare
 - LibGuides
 - LibCal
 - LibAnswer

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 (RC1000) as well as a Writing Across the Curriculum (RC2001) 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