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EDUCATION

Master of Library Sciences, 2007

State University of New York at Buffalo (Buffalo, NY)

Juris Doctorate, 2006

Seattle University School of Law (Seattle, WA)

Bachelor of Arts, 2003

State University of New York at Buffalo (Buffalo, NY) Major:
Sociology

Bachelor of Arts, 2001

State University of New York at Stony Brook (Stony Brook, NY)
Majors: Political Science & English (Concentration: British Literature)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Connecticut School of Law (August 2018 – Present)

Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor of Law

- Manage and provide leadership for library services for all students, library patrons, and employees of the Law School.
- Oversee all technology resources at the Law School including hardware, software, student computer labs, web presence and classroom technology.
- Teach Advanced Legal Research (3 credits), Technology and Law Practice (3 credits) and Special Education Law (3 credits).

University of Connecticut School of Law (May 2012 – July 2018)

Director of Information Technology Services

- Manage and provide leadership for technology services for all students, library patrons, and employees of the Law School.
- Oversee all technology resources at the Law School including hardware, software, student computer labs, web presence and classroom technology.
- Provide expert advice and leadership to Law School deans, faculty and managers regarding technology use to meet the mission, goals, and objectives of the Law School.
- Evaluate, train and supervise staff, allocate internal flexible labor budgets, manage employees in the UCPEA collective bargaining unit and student employees.
- Establish annual and long range goals and objectives.
- Prepare, manage and administer annual technology budget.
- Develop and implement short and long term policies affecting the Law School community.
- Research and recommend technology-based initiatives and improvements designed to elevate or maintain the School's competitive standing within the legal community.
- Oversee and participate in securing written quotes and obtaining details necessary for ordering technology equipment, peripherals and services for the Law School.

- Evaluate the performance and requirements of technology use on campus, recommend additions or changes, and plan and manage implementation of new technologies
 - Led the creation of law school, law library, and portal websites for UConn Law.
 - Allocated departmental resources to facilitate two email migrations for faculty, staff, and students within two years.
 - Allocated departmental resources to facilitate migration from Novell eDirectory to Microsoft Active Directory.
- Co-manage UConn Law web team with the Director of Communications, curate and create written and multimedia content for the website to promote law school activities, faculty research scholarship and student engagement as needed.
- Serve as the primary IT liaison between the School of Law and the main University of Connecticut campus at Storrs.

University of Connecticut School of Law (September 2016 – December 2016)

Interim Head of Reference Services

- Assisted the Associate Dean for Library and Technology with overseeing the reference department.

The John Marshall Law School (June 2011 – May 2012)

Assistant Director for Academic Technology

- Educated faculty and staff on various technologies to increase student academic success.
- Led iPad pilot program and taught law students how to use mobile technology in legal practice.
- Negotiated with and managed outside vendors/contractors. Monitored SLA compliance. Contributed to a 70% increase in the overall productivity of lecture capture and classroom technology services at The John Marshall Law School.
- Led transition for new course management system (moving from Jenzabar to Moodle); trained over 200 end users including faculty, staff, and students.
- Oversaw planning, design, development, installation, and maintenance of hardware, software, and services for two brand-new teaching courtrooms.

The John Marshall Law School (December 2009 – June 2011)

Distance Education Librarian

- Designed six online courses at The John Marshall Law School in December 2009. Contributed to the increase in online course offerings over the next year and a half, resulting in an initiative to offer three fully online degrees by Fall 2012.
- Produced instruction manuals, software and hardware proposals, and marketing materials.

University of Florida Levin College of Law (January 2008 – December 2009)

Instructional Services Reference Librarian

- Pioneered first distance learning course at the University of Florida College of Law.
- Provided reference services to law faculty, students and staff at the University of Florida and to public patrons from the North Central Florida communities.
- Monitored developments in distance education and created electronic legal research modules.
- Provided instruction in both traditional and non-traditional classroom settings.
- Created print and electronic research guides (LibGuides).
- Served as a liaison between law library and law faculty at the College of Law.
- Collaborated with the UF Virtual Worlds Group to create virtual environments for practicing lawyering skills.

University of Buffalo Law Library (August 2007 - December 2007)

Reference Department – Student Staff

- Provided reference services to law faculty, students and staff at the University at Buffalo and public patrons in the Buffalo and Western New York communities.
- Updated print and electronic research guides.
- Provided research assistance for the Head of Collection Development on an upcoming publication (New York Legal Research).

University of Buffalo Law Library (January 2007 - December 2007)

Acquisitions Department - Student Staff

- Maintained a database of scholarly works authored by University at Buffalo Law School faculty and Law Library faculty.
- Compiled and identified hyperlinks for faculty publications available on BISON (OPAC), HeinOnline, Westlaw, LexisNexis, Social Science Research Network (SSRN), and other scholarly databases.
- Created an inventory of faculty publications available at Law Library, and identified items to be ordered for collection.

University of Buffalo Law Library (September 2006 - December 2007)

M. Robert Koren Center for Clinical and Legal Education – Student Staff

- Maintained working knowledge of all AV equipment and instructed patrons on usage.
- Assisted with filling faculty print requests for library materials on microfiche.
- Opened and closed Koren AV Center.
- Circulated, shelved and filed audio, video, and microfiche items on collection.

Seattle University Law Library (March 2005 – May 2006)

Special Project Intern

- Created, maintained, and archived exhibits for law library.
- Job-shadowed law library staff and reference librarians for hands-on experience and a day-to-day perspective of law librarianship.
- Conducted research-intensive projects for law librarians.

Seattle University Law Library (September 2003 – March 2005)

Circulation Desk/Document Delivery Center – Student Staff

- Greeted, assisted, and referred patrons to library materials and resources.
- Circulated all library materials and collected appropriate fines.
- Registered new patrons and edited registered patron information.
- Maintained a working knowledge of computers, printers, and microfiche readers to instruct patrons on usage.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Connecticut School of Law

Adjunct Professor, May 2012 - Present

- Advanced Legal Research (incorporating peer and team teaching)
- Technology and Law Practice (expanded to 3 credit course with practicum opportunity)

The John Marshall Law School

Adjunct Professor, December 2009 – May 2012

- Introduction to Legal Analysis
- Substantive Legal Overview

University of Florida Levin College of Law

Adjunct Professor, January 2008 – December 2009

- Advanced Legal Research (traditional and online)

University at Buffalo Law School

Workshop Instructor, Legal Research Clinic, April 2007

- Federal Case Law Research

Seattle University School of Law

Teaching Assistant, Summer 2004

- Criminal Law

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

New York Public Interest Research Group (2002)

Campus Organizer, State University of New York at Binghamton

- Recruited students to work on issues such as voting, energy and the environment, government accountability, consumer protection, and higher education affordability.
- Taught students to plan and run effective political campaigns.
- Built relationships with faculty and administrators.
- Organized news events and rallies, generated grassroots support to win campaigns.
- Ran citizen outreach office during the summer. Fundraised and built the organization by canvassing and training others to canvass.

PRESENTATIONS

Speaker and Facilitator. *Brave New World: What Will Artificial Intelligence Do to the Practice of Law: Is it a Blessing or a Curse?* Roundtable Discussion, Connecticut Bar Foundation. University of Connecticut School of Law. October 9, 2018.

Guest Lecturer. *Cybersecurity*. Trinity Pre-Law Excursion Day, University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. October 9, 2018.

Speaker. *Cybercriminals: Equal Opportunity Attackers*. Connecticut Bar Association. New Britain, CT. September 28, 2018.

Guest Lecturer. *Cybersecurity*. Law in the Age of AI, Platforms and Big Data, University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. September 25, 2018.

Speaker. *Data Breaches Don't Discriminate: Businesses Be Warned*. American Association of Law Libraries 110th Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD. July 15, 2018.

Speaker. *Datasecurity for Legal Professionals*. Paralegals Section, Connecticut Bar Association. New Britain, CT. May 9, 2018.

Guest Lecturer. *Cybersecurity*. Connecticut Community Law Center, University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. March 28, 2018.

Guest Lecturer. *Privacy, Security, and Other Issues*. Higher Education Law. University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT.. March 29, 2017.

Guest Lecturer. *Cybersecurity*. Connecticut Community Law Center, University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT.. March 24, 2017.

Moderator. *Hot Topic: The Deep Dark Web*. American Association of Law Libraries 108th Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. July 14, 2016.

Guest Lecturer. *Law Practice Technology*. Civil Procedure. University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. October 7, 2015.

Speaker. *Law School Website Redesign: Opening the Pandora's Box*. CASE D1 Conference. Boston, MA. January 2015.

Guest Lecturer. *Law Practice Technology*. Advanced Legal Research. University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. October 13, 2014.

Speaker. *Law School Website Redesign: Opening the Pandora's Box*. CALI 24th Annual Conference for Law School Computing, Cambridge, MA. June 20, 2014.

Speaker. *Ignite Presentation: Igniting Faculty Services in Your Library With Technology*. American Association of Law Libraries 105th Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. July 14, 2013.

Speaker. *Teaching and Learning with Technology: Making It Work For Everyone*. The John Marshall Law School Teaching Effectiveness Series. The John Marshall Law School. Chicago, IL. May 11, 2012.

Speaker. *Teaching and Learning with Technology: Making It Work For Everyone*. Chicago Association of Law Libraries Half Day Institute on Technology. Chicago, IL. April 27, 2012.

Speaker. *Developing Faculty Scholarship Using Web-Based Collaborative Tools*. CALI 21st Annual Conference for Law School Computing, Milwaukee, WI. June 24, 2011.

Moderator and Speaker. *Teaching with Technology: All-Day Program*. The John Marshall Law School Teaching Effectiveness Series, Chicago, IL. June 2011.

Speaker. *Using Adobe Connect Pro*. The John Marshall Law School Teaching Effectiveness Series. Chicago, IL. June 2011.

Speaker. *Using the OPAC in Course Development and Design for Online Delivery*. Teaching Excellence Workshop. University of Florida. February 3, 2009.

Guest Lecturer. *Legal Resources*. Writing in the Disciplines for Pre-Law, University of Florida. October 9, 2008.

Speaker. *Legal Research Podcasts*. Exploring Online Instructional Tools: A Showcase. 101st American Association of Law Libraries Conference. Portland, OR. July 15, 2008.

Moderator. *Endeca Open Forum*. University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries. May 14, 2008.

Moderator. Roundtable Discussion. *Will Distance Learning Work for You?* LLSDC/SEAALL 2008 Joint Conference. IP for the IP – Intellectual Property for the Information Professional. Old Town Alexandria, VA, March 29, 2008.

Guest Lecturer. *Legal Resources*. Institute of Farming and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, March 3, 2008.

Guest Lecturer. *Legal Resources*. Writing in the Disciplines for Pre-Law, University of Florida, February 21, 2008.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

The Case for Collaborative Tools: Long Distance Collaboration on a Shoestring Budget. AALL SPECTRUM 13, No. 3 (December 2008), at 8.

Beyond Print: A Second Life for Continuing Education. LEGAL INFORMATION ALERT 27, No. 3 (June 2008) at 1.

ALLUNY's Without Borders: a student perspective. ALLUNY NEWSLETTER 32, No. 4 (December 2007), at 4-5.

Book Reviews

Rights, Regulation and the Technological Revolution. LEGAL INFORMATION ALERT 27, No. 7 (July-August 2008) at 11(2).

Creative Works and Other Electronic Publications

Florida Secondary Sources. CALI Lesson.

Various virtual education materials for the AALL Second Life Workshop Open House.

EXHIBITS

Several exhibits were created for the Seattle University Law Library during 2005-2006:

- *History of Seattle University School of Law and the Law Library*.
- *Non-Legal Careers*.
- *Federal Indian Law*.
- *Famous Librarians*.
- *Library Week Around the World*.
- *From the Law Office to the Oval Office*.
- *Supreme Court*.
- *Banned Books*.

- *A Day in the Life of a Law Librarian.*
- *Do's and Don'ts of the Law Library.*
- *Constitution Week.*
- *First Year Study Aids.*
- *Judicial Oddities/Legal Humor.*

GRANTS AND AWARDS

SEAALL-CONNELL Grant (American Association of Law Libraries), July 2008.

COSELL Grant (Consortium of South Eastern Law Libraries). March 2008.

George A. Strait Minority Scholarship (American Association of Law Libraries), 2006.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 2008-Present.

- Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL), 2010-2012.
 - Placement and Recruitment Committee (Chair, 2010-2012).
- Computing Services Special Interest Section, 2008-Present.
 - Chair (2017-2018), Vice Chair (2016-2017).
 - Recruitment Subcommittee (Member, 2010-2012).
- Consortium of Newer Law Librarians Subcommittee, 2009-2013.
 - Chair (2012-2013), Vice Chair (2011-2012), Member (2009-2011).
- Law Libraries of New England (LLNE), 2012 – Present.
- Southeastern Chapter, American Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL), 2008-2009.
 - Editorial Board, Newsletter and Public Relations Committee (2008-2009)
- Southern New England Law Librarians Association (SNELLA), 2018 - Present

American Bar Association, 2006 - Present.

Connecticut Bar Association, 2017- Present

Phi Alpha Delta, 2005 - Present.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SERVICE

Fellow, Leadership Academy, American Association of Law Libraries, 2011.

Management Institute, American Association of Law Libraries, 2011.

Law School Service

2012 – Present Search Committee Member (Various Staff Positions)
University of Connecticut School of Law

2008 – 2009 Distance Learning Council
University of Florida

2008 – 2009 Representative, University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law
Digital Worlds Institute, Virtual Environments Group

2008 Technology Committee
University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law

University Service

2012 – 2018 Representative, University of Connecticut School of Law
Senior Leadership Team, University Libraries

2012 – 2018 Representative, University of Connecticut School of Law
Technical Partners Group, University Information Technology Services

2008 – 2009 Member, Committee on Committees (Senate Committee)
University of Florida

Library Service

2008 – 2009 Representative, University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law
Public Services Planning Committee, OPAC Subcommittee Council
of State University Libraries

2008 – 2009 Member, Virtual Worlds Group
University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries

2008 – 2009 Member, Endeca Committee
University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries

2008 – 2009 Subject Editor (Law) for *Guide to Reference*

2008 Member, Resource Navigation Group
University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries

COMMUNITY AND NON-PROFIT SERVICE

2017 - Present Committee Member, Peter Ladd/Johnny Moran Memorial Scholarship
Miracle League of Connecticut

INTERESTS

Law Librarianship, Legal Technology, Assistive Technology, Disability & Special Education Law