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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Drexel University College of Law Library. Director, Law Library and Associate Dean for Library and Professor of Law. July 2006 –

Responsible for all aspects involved in establishing the Drexel University College of Law Library including setting vision for an academic law library that combines the best of digital and print resources and incorporates best practices to develop a library that builds upon Drexel University's recognized leadership and commitment to the innovative use of technology in education.

Northwestern University School of Law Library. Associate Dean for Library and Information Technology and Professor of Law. July 1996 to July 2006

Responsible for all aspects of library operations (\$3.25M annual budget) and law school technology (\$700K annual budget). Developed library-faculty liaison program and student research assistant pools to support faculty scholarship. Lead transformation from an entirely print collection to a collection that is a mix of print and digital information. Managed downsizing of library space to accommodate growth of additional law school programs. Coordinate electronic publishing initiatives (SSRN/BePress negotiator), negotiate royalty agreements for law school journals with Westlaw, Lexis, ProQuest, Ebsco, Hein, and others. Supervise operational aspects for student edited publications resulting in a new budget model for the journals and their move to digital and print publication. Review and recommend instructional technology for faculty and students. Serve on various Law School and University committees.

Courses: Advanced Legal Research; Advanced Electronic Legal Research; Researching the Scholarly Paper.

Marquette University Law Library. Director, Law Library and Assistant Professor of Law. January 1994 to June 1996.

Responsible for all aspects of library operations and law school technology.

Courses: Legislation (seminar); Advanced Legal Research (seminar).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Northwestern University Law Library. October 1990 to December 1993.

Acting Director, May 1993 to December 1993. Associate Director/Head of Public Services, October 1990 to December 1993.

Responsible for all aspects of public services operations, including reference, circulation, interlibrary loan, and instructional services. Acting director from May to December 1993.

Tarleton Law Library, The University of Texas at Austin. January 1987 to October 1990.

Assistant Director for Education and Public Services. July 1989 to October 1990. Head of Reference Services. July 1988 to July 1989. Reference Librarian. January 1988 to July 1988.

Courses: Advanced Legal Research; Texas Legal Research.

Willamette University College of Law. September 1980 to December 1987.

Associate Professor of Law. September 1985 to December 1987. Assistant Professor of Law. September 1982 to August 1985. Instructor. September 1980 to August 1982.

Courses: Legal Research and Writing; Torts; Administrative Law; Environmental Law.

Instituto Universitario Pedagógico Experimental de Barquisimeto. Barquisimeto, Venezuela. Professor of English. September 1973 to August 1975.

Courses: English as a Foreign Language; North American and British Literature; Literary Criticism.

EDUCATION

M.L.I.S. The University of Texas at Austin. 1989

J.D. Northwestern School of Law, Lewis and Clark College. 1980

Ph.D. Marquette University, 1977. American literature before 1900

M.A. Marquette University, 1970. English and American literature

A.B. University of Michigan, 1968. English and American literature

WORK IN PROGRESS

Article: *What to count and why: thoughts on useful measures of library quality in a changing world* (this grows out of my work on the ABA Questionnaire Committee and the ABA Law Library Committee and challenges the current methods of evaluating library quality and proposes new measures of assessment). Prepared for the AALL 2006 Annual Meeting in July, 2006

PUBLICATIONS

Our Question – Your Answers, 4 PERSPECTIVES 59 (Winter 1996)

It's Deja Vu All Over Again (Book review), 3 PERSPECTIVES 83 (Spring 1995).

Writing about Research, 3 PERSPECTIVES 51 (Winter 1995).

THE FLAG AND THE LAW: A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY OF THE TREATMENT OF THE AMERICAN FLAG BY THE SUPREME COURT AND CONGRESS. (With Marlyn Robinson). Buffalo, N.Y.: William S. Hein & Co., 1993.

Where the Research Hits the Road. Syllabus at 4 (Summer 1992).

The Pedagogy of Legal Writing. 2 The Scribes J. of Leg. Writing 156 (1991).

The Value of Business-Related Information in the Academic Law Library. (With Roy M. Mersky). 83 LAW LIB. J. 109 (1991).

Computer Assistance for the Lawyer with Disabilities. (With David R. Burch). In FROM YELLOW PADS TO COMPUTERS: TRANSFORMING YOUR LAW PRACTICE WITH A COMPUTER. 2d ed. Chicago: American Bar Association, Section on Law Practice and Management, 1991.

Toward Differential Case Management--Predictive Factors and Analysis in Oregon Dissolution Cases. (With Michael B. Wise and Michael Finigan). 27 Willamette L. Rev. 51 (1991).

The Practicing Writer. (Book review). 1 The Scribes J. of Leg. Writing 167 (1990).

Litigant and Attorney Attitudes Toward Court-Annexed Arbitration: An Empirical Study. (With Michael B. Wise and Michael Finigan). 28 Santa Clara L. Rev. 543 (1988).

COURT-ANNEXED ARBITRATION IN LANE, LINN-BENTON, AND MULTONMAH COUNTIES: A REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON THE JUDICIAL BRANCH (OREGON SUPREME COURT). (With Michael B. Wise). Salem, Or.: Willamette University Center for Dispute Resolution, 1987.

GRANTS

Principal investigator: "Electronic Document Delivery": Illinois State Library Grant LSTA01-416. June 2000 to establish electronic document delivery system using ARIEL and PROSPERO among the nine Illinois academic law libraries and the Illinois Supreme Court library. \$115,378.

Principal investigator: "Digitization of the Supreme Court Papers of Arthur J. Goldberg": Illinois State Library Grant E&A-99-9518. February 1999 to digitize selected papers from the Arthur J. Goldberg Archive at the Pritzker Legal Research Center and make available via the Internet. \$44,014.

CONSULTANCIES

Addis Ababa University Law Faculty, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, October 1997. USIA funded program to improve library and technology services at the law library.

University of Ghana, Faculty of Law, Legon, Ghana. October 2000, October 2002, December 2003. USIA funded program to improve library and technology services to law faculty and students.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION SITE INSPECTION TEAMS

Boston College (1999); Vermont Law School (2000); Florida Coastal School of Law (2001); Vanderbilt (2002); Ohio State University (2004)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- “Starting a law library in the 21st century.” Presentation to Beta Phi Mu, Drexel University Chapter, October 2006
- “Hot Topics – Counting Library Resources. Panelist, AALL Annual Meeting. July 2006.
- “Becoming a library director.” Panelist, Chicago Association of Law Libraries Professional Development Program. March, 2006.
- “The Future of Law Libraries.” Program co-coordinator and presenter. ABA Mid-winter Dean’s Meeting, February 2006.
- “Law Libraries, Licensing and Copyright: Moving Target or Sitting Duck.” Program coordinator and moderator. AALS Annual Meeting, January 2002.
- “Funding Law School Technology.” Program coordinator. AALS Annual Meeting. January 2000.
- “The Future of Law Library Acquisitions.” Presenter. AALL Annual Meeting. July 1996.
- “Why teaching legal research in the first semester doesn’t always work.” Presenter. Midwest Association of Teachers of Legal Writing. Valparaiso University College of Law. June 1992.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- AALL Copyright Committee. 2004 – 2006
- AALL, Academic SIS Statistics Committee. 2004 – 2006
- AALL Law Library Journal Advisory Committee, American Association of Law Libraries. 1996 – 1999
- AALS Section on Libraries. 1996 – 2000 (Chair 1999-2000)
- AALS Committee of Libraries and Technology. 1999 – 2002 (Chair 2001-2002)
- ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar: Vice-Chair Facilities Committee. 2006 –
- ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar: Law Libraries Committee. 1999 – 2006
- ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar: Questionnaire Committee. 2003 – 2006
- Editorial Board, *Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing*. 1994 – 2000
- Chicago Association of Law Libraries. Co-chair, Continuing Education Committee. 1991 – 1993; Public Affairs Committee. 2003 – 2006
- LLMC, Advisory Committee, 2004 – 2006; Board of Directors, 2006 –
- The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing*. Associate Editor 1990 – 1992
- Uniform State Laws Committee, Oregon State Bar. 1986 – 1987

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Oregon State Bar (inactive status)
- American Association of Law Libraries
- American Bar Association
- Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association
- Special Libraries Association