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PROFESSIONAL

EXPERIENCE Illinois Wesleyan University, Ames Library. 1998-2005, 2006-present Director of Collections and Technical Services; Associate Professor.

Full-time faculty position with multiple responsibilities.
Oversee collection development and management, all formats.
Manage Technical Services department of 5 staff and 4 student assistants.
Provide in-class library instruction and reference service.
Library liaison to Philosophy, English, and Women's Studies.

University of Wisconsin - Baraboo/Sauk County, T.N. Savides Library. 2005-2006 Library Director.

Managed all library operations and services, supervised 3 library staff and 5 student assistants. Responsible for individual and classroom instruction. Initiated and implemented new services including in-library computer lab. Reported directly to Dean.

McLean County (Illinois) Museum of History. 1995-1998. Director of Development.

Responsible for building a comprehensive fund-raising and development program: annual pledges, designated gifts, special events, corporate and foundation support, grants. Increased annual support 10% in first year and secured \$525,000 corporate foundation grant.

Eureka (Illinois) Public Library District. 1987-1995. Library Director.

Administered library directly under elected board of trustees. Managed all library services. Supervised all staff (4 FTE). Administered budget and levy of \$175,000. Wrote and administered grants. Worked with community groups and individuals to promote library services and coordinated cooperative activities with school libraries and Eureka College. Doubled library revenues with successful annexation referendum; implemented automated functions and new technologies.

Bloomington (Illinois) Public Library. 1976-1987.

Head of Adult Services (1985-1987)

Managed and supervised department and 11 professional and clerical staff. Coordinated department activities: reference, adult and young adult collection development, special collections, reader's advisory, interlibrary loan, and public programs. Administered departmental budget.

Head of Technical Services (1976-1985)

Managed and supervised department and 5 staff. Coordinated departmental activities: acquisitions, cataloging, processing. Designed departmental floor plan for new facility. Initiated and implemented OCLC cataloging and automated system.

EDUCATION

M.S. in Library Science, University of Illinois, 1975

B.A. in English, Illinois Wesleyan University, 1972

HONORS

Beta Phi Mu (Library and information science honor society)

Alpha Lambda Delta

SELECTED

PUBLICATIONS

Emergency Response Planning in College Libraries. Ed. by Marcia Thomas; compiled by Marcia Thomas and Anke Voss. (ACRL Clip Notes, no. 40) Chicago: Association of College and Research Libraries (2009).

“John Wesley Powell: White Water to White City.” *Reflections of Grand Canyon Historians; Ideas, Arguments, and First-Person Accounts*. Ed. Todd R. Berger. Grand Canyon, AZ: Grand Canyon Association (2008).

John Wesley Powell: An Annotated Bibliography. (Bibliographies and Indexes in American History, no. 49) Westport, CT: Praeger Press, 2004.

Recognitions: “Best Bibliographies in History” 2004-2005 by the American Library Association, Reference and Users Services Association, History Section. “Southwest Books of the Year” 2004 by Tucson-Pima County Library and Arizona Historical Society.

“Partnership for a Community Cancer Information Center.” *Illinois Libraries* 84:2 (Spring 2002).

Twentieth-Century Romance and Historical Writers, 3d ed. Ann Arbor: St. James/Gale Research International (1995). Editorial advisor and contributing author.

PLA Handbook of Public Library Policies. Chicago, Public Library Association (1993). Contributing author.

“Reference Librarians Round Table: A Multitype Network for Improved Reference Service.” *Public Libraries* 29:1 (Jan/Feb, 1990).

Reviews

Reviewer for *Choice* (American Library Association) since 1999

Reviewer for *Feminist Collections* (Univ. of Wisconsin) since 2007

SELECTED

PRESENTATIONS “Getting to the Heart of the Matter: What Faculty Tell Us about How Our Collections Support Student Learning.” Charleston Conference, 2011.

“John Wesley Powell: White Water to White City.” Grand Canyon History Symposium, 2007.

“Library Technology and Services.” Co-presenter, Teaching and Instructional Technology Workshop, Illinois Wesleyan University, 2007.

“Visioning an Integrated Learning Center at University of Wisconsin – Baraboo/Sauk Co.” University of Wisconsin Colleges Colloquium, 2006.

“John Wesley Powell and the Popular Press.” [revised version] Third International Rivers Conference, 2006.

“John Wesley Powell and the Popular Press.” Arizona History Convention, 2005, and Society for the History of Discovery Conference, 2004.

“Community Cancer Center: A Model Community/Librarian Partnership” (poster session). American Library Association Annual Conference, 1999.

“Living Rural Is for Me: A Celebration of Rural Library Service” (conference panel program). American Library Association Annual Conference, 1993

“Library Annexations: The Legal and Practical Matters of Enlarging a District” (conference panel program). Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, 1991.

“Cooperative Collection Management in the Multi-type Community (conference panel program).” Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, 1990.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE

National Associations

Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS)
Acquisitions Section, Planning Committee, 2010-
Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Leadership
Recruitment and Nominating Committee, 2009-
ALCTS Planning Committee, 2009-
ACRL College Libraries Section, Professional Development Committee,
2005-2009
ACRL College Libraries Section, CLIP Notes Committee, 2001-2004
ALCTS Collection Management & Development Section, Administration
of Collection Development Committee, 2001-2003
ALCTS Publications Committee, 1999-2004
ALCTS Development Issues for the Practitioner Committee. 1999-2000.
Public Library Association (PLA) Small and Medium Sized Libraries
Section Board of Directors, 1995-1997 (Member-at-Large)
PLA Policy Manual Committee, 1990-1994
PLA Leadership Development Committee, 1990-1992
PLA Small and Medium-Sized Library Section Rural Libraries
Committee, 1992-1994
PLA SMLS University Press Books for Public Libraries, 1988-1993
Library Administration and Management Association Small Libraries
Publications Series Committee, 1991-1994 (chair, 1991-1993)
American Library Association Poster Sessions Review Panel, 1989-1995

State Associations

Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians, Membership Committee
2006 (co-chair)
University of Wisconsin Colleges Library Council, Strategic Planning
Committee, 2005-2006
Illinois Library Computer Systems Organization (ILCSO) Users' Group
Cataloging Electronic Resources Task Force, 2003-2005
ILCSO Users' Group Committee on Committees, 2001-2002
ILCSO DRA Acquisitions/Serials Reports Task Force, 1999
Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries, Executive Board,
1999-2001
Illinois Library Association (ILA) Nominating Committee, 1999-2000
ILA Conference Program Planning Committee, 1983-1984; 1988-1990
ILA Forum of Library Districts, 1993-1994 (co-chair)

Illinois Wesleyan University

Hearing Committee, 2011-
Committee on Endowed Professorships and Chairs, 2010-2011
Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2009-2011 (Vice-Chair, 2009-2010)
University Archivist Search Committee (Chair), 2007-2008
Ames Library Building Review Committee, 2007-
Faculty Development Committee (Vice-Chair) 2007-2008
University Librarian Search Committee, 2006-2007
Assessment Task Force, 2006-2007
Hearing Committee, 2004
Bookstore Advisory Committee, Convener, 2003-2004
Humanities Series Program Committee, 2000-2004
(Chair pro temp Fall 2003)
Green Task Force, 2000-2001
Student Life Committee, 1999-2001
Campus Programming Board, 1989-1999

University of Wisconsin-Baraboo/Sauk Co. Faculty

Integrated Learning Center Task Force (Chair) 2005-2006
Instructional and Information Technology Committee 2005-2006

AWARDS & GRANTS

Library Resources & Technical Services ALA Carnegie-Mellon grant to provide support in preparing a review of collection development and management literature published in 2009 and 2010. \$980. 2010.

“Digital Publication of Letters Received by John Wesley Powell.” Artistic and Scholarly Development Grant, Illinois Wesleyan University.” \$3,500. 2008.

“Purchase of Non-Western Philosophy and Religion Monographs.” Illinois Cooperative Collection Management Program. \$5,000. 2004.

“Classical and Early Modern Philosophy.” Heritage/Arthur Vining Davis Collection Development Grant, Illinois Wesleyan University for library materials. \$5,000. 2004 .

“Women’s Studies Core Collection.” Heritage/Arthur Vining Davis Collection Development Grants, Illinois Wesleyan University: awarded 2003 for library materials. \$5,000. 2003.

“John Wesley Powell, An Annotated Bibliography.” Artistic and

Scholarly Development Grant, Illinois Wesleyan University. \$3,500. 2002.

"Partnerships for Community Cancer Information Center/Library." Illinois State Library for Bloomington-Normal Reference Roundtable/BroMenn Healthcare. \$30,000. Co-author, 1998.

"Museum Assessment Program MAP III: Public Dimension Assessment" American Association of Museums for McLean County Historical Society. \$2,097. 1997-98.

"Proposal to Enhance Operating Budget and Endowment." State Farm Insurance Companies Foundation for McLean County Historical Society. \$525,000. 1997.

"Project Plus Year II." Illinois State Library LSCA Title I funds for Eureka Public Library District to demonstrate library service. \$12,000. 1990-1991.

"Project Plus Year I." Illinois State Library LSCA Title I funds for Eureka Public Library to demonstrate library service. \$9,000. 1989-1990.

"Video Classics." John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation for Eureka Public Library. \$3,000. 1988.

"Plans for Cooperative Collection Development in the Bloomington-Normal Metropolitan Area." Illinois State Library, LSCA Title III funds for members of Corn Belt Library System. \$37,570. Co-author, 1987.