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**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

### PROFESSIONAL

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

Faculty position with multiple responsibilities.

Technical Services: Manage acquisitions, cataloging, classification, and maintenance of monographs and serials. Supervise 5 staff and 10 student assistants.

Instruction: Create and deliver in-class instruction sessions.

Collection Development: Responsible for collaborative collection development and budget management for Philosophy, English, and Women's Studies.

Information services several hours per week.

**University of Wisconsin - Baraboo/Sauk Co., T.N. Savides Library. 2005-2006**

**Library Director.**

Managed library operations and services. Supervised all library staff and student assistants. Initiated and implemented new services.

Created computer lab. Provided individual and classroom instruction. 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, grants and proposals.

Increased annual support by 10% in first year; wrote successful \$525,000 proposal to a major corporate foundation.

**Eureka (IL) 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 by initiating and leading a successful annexation referendum; implemented automated functions and new technologies.

**Bloomington (IL) Public Library. 1976-1987.**

**Head of Adult Services (1985-1987)**

Responsible for management and supervision of the department and 11 FTE 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.

Wrote and administered LSCA grant to coordinate reference service among metropolitan area libraries; re-designed floor plan for efficient and effective public service.

**Head of Technical Services (1976-1985)**

Responsible for management and supervision of Technical Services department and 5 FTE staff. Coordinated departmental activities: acquisitions, cataloging, processing.

Designed departmental floor plan for new facility; initiated and implemented OCLC cataloging and automated system.

**SELECTED  
PUBLICATIONS**

“John Wesley Powell: White Water to White City.” *Proceedings of the Grand Canyon History Symposium, 2007.* (At press)

*John Wesley Powell: An Annotated Bibliography.* Westport, CT: Praeger Press, 2004.

Recognitions: “Best Bibliographies in History” 2004-2005 by 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).

### **Book Reviews**

*Handbook of Gender in Archaeology*, ed. Sarah Milledge Nelson. *Feminist Collections* 28:3 (Spring 2007).

*Critical Companion to Emily Dickinson*. *Choice* July 2007.

*Dictionary of Wisconsin History* [www.wisconsinhistory.org/dictionary](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/dictionary). *Choice* October 2005.

*An Ambrose Bierce Companion* by Robert L. Gale. *Choice* January 2002.

*A Glossary of Contemporary Literary Theory*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. *Choice* June 2001.

*World Cultural Leaders of the Twentieth Century* by Jennifer L. Durham. *Choice* March 2001.

*Nobel Laureates, 1901-2000*, by Alan Symons. *Choice* December 2000.

*Collins Quotation Finder*. *Choice* June 2000.

*Nineteenth-century American Fiction* (Dictionary of Literary Biography, no. 200). *Choice* October 1999.

*FaxUSA*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed., by Jennifer Perkins. *Choice* May 1999.

### **SELECTED**

**PRESENTATIONS** “John Wesley Powell: White Water to White City.” Grand Canyon History Symposium, 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]  
3d International Rivers Conference, 2006.

“John Wesley Powell and the Popular Press.”  
Arizona History Convention, 2005

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

“Feline Reactions to Bearded Men, or, Thinking Critically about Web Resources.” Co-presenter, Summer Workshop for IWU Faculty, 2000.

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

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

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

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

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE**

### **National Associations**

Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), College Libraries Section, Continuing Education Committee. 2005-

Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) Publications Committee. 1999-2004

ALCTS Collection Management & Development Section, Administration of Collection Development Committee. 2001-2003

ACRL College Libraries Section, CLIP Notes Committee. 2001-2004

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**

University Archivist Search Committee (Chair), 2007-  
Ames Library Building Review Committee, 2007-  
Faculty Development Committee, 2007-  
University Librarian Search Committee, 2006-2007  
Assessment Task Force, 2006-  
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**

“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.

Junior Faculty Leave, Illinois Wesleyan University, Spring 2002.

“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." Application to Illinois State Library for LSCA Title III funds for Corn Belt Library System for cooperative development of reference collections. \$37,570. Co-author, 1987.