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Education

PhD Student, Simmons College, Boston, MA, May 2008 -
M.B.A., Bentley College, Waltham, MA, February 2008 with Distinction
M.S.L.S., The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, December 1994
(Degree earned under the name: Mary Elizabeth Rouleau)
B.A., Theology, Assumption College, Worcester, MA, May 1992
(Degree earned under the name: Mary Elizabeth Rouleau)

Experience

Associate Director, Community, Technology and Global Relations, University of Massachusetts
Medical School, Worcester, MA: 40 Hours 1/2009 – present

- Responsible for developing a vision for implementing and assessing the Libraries' instruction and reference services for students, faculty and staff in support of their research, clinical practice, teaching and learning
- Work with University administrators, managers, and campus groups to address education, clinical, and research issues relating to library services
- Develop strategies for information management and delivery that will leverage the potential of new technologies, databases, the Internet, new forms of scholarly publishing and other resources for medical education and research
- Provide leadership, management, support and technical expertise for specific project groups directly responsible for on-going projects related to the library services; while also working collaboratively to lead, support and guide staff
- Leads a continuous process of assessment to ensure the Library's success in advancing the University's evolving goals in light of pedagogical, information, and technology changes
- Take an active leadership role in campus-wide committees by representing the Library
- Develop, establish, and maintain a broad set of relationships across the institution and with internal and external partners
- Keep abreast of new technology developments and make recommendations of upcoming operational opportunities that could benefit from the implementation of new technologies
- Oversees the development and ongoing activities of an academic department liaison program
- Collaborate with the library committee, faculty, department heads, and other members of the campus community to ensure that library collections meet user needs
- Use sound project management methodologies to successfully manage a complex portfolio of services projects
- Keeps abreast of new trends, tools, opportunities, and campus needs.
- Oversees the implements, supports, and assessment of new technologies
- Acts on behalf of the director, in the absence of, or at the requests of the director
- Promotes and facilitates professional growth and development of library personnel
- Serve as an active member of library teams, task forces and committees

- Participates in and represents the Lamar Soutter Library in local, state and national professional activities

Associate Director, Technology Initiatives and Resource Management, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA: 40 Hours 6/2007 - 1/2009

- Serve as an active member of the Library Management Team and participate in the overall strategic planning of the Library
- Provides leadership in planning, implementing and evaluating new and existing departmental programs and services
- Ensures that the technology and systems development strategies are aligned with the overall Library strategy
- Participates in the general administration of the library
- Hires, trains, schedules and supervises all acquisitions, serials, bindery, cataloging, collection control, and systems staff
- Manages and monitors acquisitions budget
- Manage daily operations of the library computing environment
- Advises public services staff relative to selection/retention of serials both in print and electronic formats
- Acts as Library's primary liaison with systems, software, and database vendors
- Manage and implement library digitization projects, oversees the implementation of the Institutional Repository
- Reviews the Library equipment and software needs in public and staff areas for upgrades and new purchases
- Responsible for statistical data collection, analysis, and reports regarding use of automated and electronic systems

Associate Director, Library Systems, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA: 40 Hours 5/02 – 6/07

- Serve as an active member of the Library Management Team and participate in the overall strategic planning of the Library.
- Ensures that the technology and systems development strategies are aligned with the overall Library strategy.
- Hire, train, supervise and evaluate department staff responsible for library web presence and daily maintenance of library PC's, peripherals and software in Library Computer Area (public workstation groups) and in staff areas
- Manage daily operations of the library computing environment
- Participates in planning, development, implementation and management of the Library computing and network resources
- In collaboration with Information Services, develop, implement, and maintain the library workstation interface
- Work with library departments to implement new modules and procedures, including training
- Acts as Library's primary liaison with systems, software, and database vendors
- Manage and implement library digitization projects
- Reviews the Library equipment and software needs in public and staff areas and makes recommendations for upgrades and new purchases
- Responsible for statistical data collection, analysis, and reports regarding use of automated and electronic systems
- Participate in Library and Information Services departmental staff meetings
- Participate in Library teams, task forces and committees as assigned

Systems Librarian, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA:
40 Hours 3/99 – 4/02

- Manage daily operations of the library computing environment including:
 - Endeavor Integrated Library System
 - Computer Assisted Instruction (CAI) Systems
 - Web and List servers
 - CD-ROM and Internet based databases
 - Library Computing Area (80 public workstations)
- Participates in planning, development, implementation and management of the Library computing and network resources
- In collaboration with Information Services, develop, implement, and maintain the library workstation
- Work with library departments to implement new modules and procedures, including training
- Acts as Library's primary liaison with systems, software, and database vendors
- Reviews the Library equipment and software needs in public and staff areas and makes recommendations for upgrades and new purchases
- Responsible for statistical data collection, analysis, and reports regarding use of automated and electronic systems
- Participate in Library and Information Services departmental staff meetings
- Participate in Library teams, task forces and committees as assigned
- Manage and implement library digitization projects

Systems Librarian, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Rockville, MD: 40 Hours
5/96–2 /99

- Maintain Geac Advance ILS: Universe database files, UNIX operation, daily backups and system printers. Troubleshoot all technical problems and ensure all library materials flow through the technical processing section in a timely manner.
- Serials: Maintain relationship with subscription vendors, recommend titles for cancellation and purchase, acquire and maintain electronic journal subscriptions, catalog all serial titles (print and electronic), setup all pub patterns, process claims, oversee binding, train serials technician
- Acquisitions: Setup and maintain all yearly funds, import new MARC records for ordering, produce all statistical reports, run year end processing
- OPAC: design user interface, train users
- Circulation: Design notice formats, train staff
- Catalog: Design work forms, catalog all serials in US MARC format, OCLC, maintain MARC changes, maintain edit checks, train staff
- Produce system statistical reports in the Universe Database Language
- Oversee Internet database subscriptions
- Maintain all CD-ROM workstations
- Design and update library web pages
- Work reference desk during staff shortages (avg. 20 hours per month)
- Language: American Sign Language

Librarian, Macro International, Calverton, MD: 40 Hours 12/94–5/96

- Responsible for all aspects of the library:
- Ensure library spending remains within budget limits

- Provide reference and online searching to all staff in all locations
- Supervise and train part time library assistant
- Manage and update six corporate databases, including full text of archival material
- Setup and train all staff on uses of the Internet and CD-ROM's
- Created Home Page for the library, and team member to design company Home Page
- Responsible for Inter Library Loans, Cataloging, subscription renewals, collection development, and handling of various library accounts.

Computer Lab Manager, School of Library & Information Sciences, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 30 Hours 1/94–12/94

- Establish and maintain two computer laboratories
- Supervised two computer lab assistants

Intern, Pentagon Library, Washington, DC 120 Hours 9/94–10-94

- Evaluate GPO depository program
- Charted requirements of Depository Library Program and current status
- Inventories DLP documentation
- Evaluated the steps a GPO documents takes through the library
- Registered with the GPO Federal Bulletin Board and instructed staff to its uses
- Determined points of conflict between proper disposal of unwanted GPO material and Army Policy
- Investigated possibility of adding GPO documents into Public Access Catalog

Intern, Overseas Private Investment Corporation: Library, Washington, DC 30 Hours 6/94–8/94

- Daily and weekly online searches
- Lexis/Nexis, Datatimes, Dialog, Congressional Quarterly
- Reference
- Evaluation of libraries current census material
- Created patron guides for CD-ROM products
- Prepared material for Country Files and Vertical Files

Intern, Smithsonian Institute: National Gallery of Art Archives, Washington, DC 40 Hours 9/94-11/94

- Inventory, Indexing, Cataloging, and Storage of architectural materials
- Reference work with architectural materials

Professional Activities

Book Chapter

Piorun, Mary, Deanna, Lucia, "Managing a Library Renovation Project: A Team Approach," in Planning, Renovating, Expanding, and Constructing Science, Technology, and Medical Library Facilities. Heyworth Press 2005.

Articles

Carpenter, M., Graybill, J., Offord, J., Piorun, M. "Envisioning the library's role in scholarly communication in the year 2025," *portal: Library and the Academy*, Volume: 11 Issue: 2 Pages: 659-681, 2011. DOI: 10.1353/pla.2011.0014

Piorun M, "Evaluation of Strategic Plans in Academic Medical Libraries," *Library & Information Science Research*: Volume: 33 Issue: 1 Pages: 54-62, 2011. DOI: 10.1016/j.lisr.2010.05.002

Rethlefsen M, Piorun M, Price, D. "Teaching Web 2.0 Technologies Using Web 2.0 Technologies," *Journal of the Medical Library Association*: Volume: 97 Issue: 4 Pages: 253-259, 2009. DOI: 10.3163/1536-5050.97.4.008

Gore S, Nordberg J, Palmer L, Piorun M. "Trends in Health Sciences Library and Information Science Research: An Analysis of Research Publications in BMLA and JMLA from 1991 to 2007," *Journal of the Medical Library Association*: Volume: 97 Issue: 3 Pages: 203-21, 2009. DOI: 10.3163/1536-5050.97.3.009

Piorun M, Palmer L. "Digitizing Dissertations for an Institutional Repository: A Process and Cost Analysis," *Journal of the Medical Library Association*: Volume: 96 Issue: 3 Pages: 223-229, 2008. DOI: 10.3163/1536-5050.96.3.008

Piorun, Mary, Palmer, Lisa, James Comes, "Challenges and Lessons Learned: Moving From Image Database to Institutional Repository," *OCLC Systems and Services*: Volume 23 Issue: 2 Pages: 148 - 157, 2007. DOI: 10.1108/10650750710748450

Piorun, Mary, Fama, Jane, "Choosing the International Standards Organization's Interlibrary Loan Protocol (ISO) or Preserving the Status Quo?" *Journal of Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery & Electronic Reserve* Volume: 17 Issue: 1/2 2007. DOI: 10.1300/J474v17n01_08

Posters

Mary E. Piorun, Paul Colombo, Donna Kafel, Tracey Leger-Hornby, Siamak Najafi, and Elaine Martin
Teaching Research Data Management: An Undergraduate/Graduate Curriculum
MLA Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN. May 17, 2011
University of Massachusetts and New England Area Librarian e-Science Symposium, Shrewsbury, MA. April 4, 2011

Mary E. Piorun, Jane Fama, Elaine Martin, and Nancy LaPelle
The Outreach Continuum: Expanding the Medical Librarian's Role
MLA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, May 23, 2010

Social Networking Taskforce
MLA Members' Social Software Use and Beliefs
MLA Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI. May 18, 2009

Mary E. Piorun, Sally A. Gore, Lisa A. Palmer and Judy Nordberg
Trends in Health Science Research
MLA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. May 19, 2008

Jane Fama, Mary E. Piorun and Barbara Ingrassia
Reaching New Levels: Creating a Career Ladder for Support Staff
MLA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. May 18, 2008

Mary E. Piorun and Lisa A. Palmer
Anatomy of a Digitization Project: Dissecting the Process
MLA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, May 20, 2007

Sally Gore, Judy Nordberg, Mary E. Piorun and Barbara Ingrassia
New Partnerships for a New Generation
MLA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, May 20, 2007

James F. Comes, Cecile Bianco, Sally A. Gore, Lisa A. Palmer, & Mary E. Piorun
Capturing Students' International Experiences: eScholarship@UMMS and International Medical Education
University of Massachusetts Global Health Symposium, Shrewsbury, MA, May 3-4, 2007

Mary E. Piorun, James F. Comes & Marilyn S. Billings
The Role of the Institutional Repository in Preserving the Scholarly Record of the University of Massachusetts
Instructional Technology Conference: The Scholarship of Teaching & Learning: Technology & Reflective Practice, University of Massachusetts, Sturbridge, MA, April 5, 2007

Patricia Franklin, Heather-Lyn Haley, Barbara Ingrassia, Elaine Martin, Ellen More, Mary Piorun & Phyllis Pollack
Changing the Face of an Institution: Creative Partnerships for Women's Professional Development.
AAMC Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA October 29, 2006

Mary Piorun, Barbara Ingrassia & Jane Fama
Journals, Journals Everywhere and not a Shelf to Spare.
MLA Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX May 17, 2005

Mary Piorun & Robert Vander Hart
Library Web Site Development: A Decade in Review
MLA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC May 22, 2004

Mary Piorun & Deanna Lucia
Managing a Library Renovation Project: A Team Approach
MLA Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, May 4, 2003

Mary Piorun & Barbara Ingrassia
Creating a Digital Collection: The Original Research of Dr. Gregory Pincus
MLA Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, May 19, 2002

Mary Piorun & Pauline McCormick
Expanding the OPAC
MLA Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL., May 20, 2001

Mary Piorun & Pauline McCormick
Expanding the OPAC
NAHSL Annual Meeting, Newport, RI., Oct 23, 2000

Mary Piorun & James Comes

From a Paper Based System to a Database: Using Microsoft Access to Track Reference Desk Usage

MLA/CHLA Annual Meeting, Vancouver, B.C. May 8, 2000

Speaking Engagements

Panel Member: Careers in Medical Librarianship

Medical Librarianship LIS

Simmons College, Boston, MA. April 24, 2010

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Teaching Research Data Management

Workshop: Digital Citizenship: Where Academic Research and the Personal Meet

Northeast Regional Computing Program (NERCOMP)

Norwood, MA, April 14, 2011.

Panel Member: Careers in Medical Librarianship

Medical Librarianship LIS

Simmons College, Boston, MA. May 2, 2009

Mary Piorun, Lisa Palmer

Digitizing Dissertations for the eScholarship@UMMS Institutional Repository

Massachusetts Library Association: Technical Services Section

Worcester Public Library, Worcester, MA., October 28, 2008

Mary Piorun, Lisa Palmer

Anatomy of a Digitization Project: Dissecting the Process

Scanning Forum

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA., November 6, 2006

Panel Member: Ask an Expert - Voyager Systems

New England Voyager User Group

Assumption College, Worcester, MA., July 24, 2006

The Care and Feeding of Your Personal Computer

MAHSLIN Educational Program

UMass Medical School, Worcester, MA., October 20, 2005

Mary Piorun, Barbara Ingrassia, Jane Fama & James Comes

How Diversity Effects Communication

MLA Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX May 16, 2005

Mary Piorun, James Comes

Feeling Around in the Dark: Defining the Library's Role in a Campus-Wide Digitization Project

MLA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC May 23, 2004

Expanding the New Users Horizons

PDA Expo

UMass Medical School, Worcester, MA., June 11, 2002

Library Document Delivery & Distance Education Support
Massachusetts Education Computing Conference 2002
Cape Cod Community College, West Barnstable, MA., June 6, 2002

Wireless Technologies in Academic Libraries
ACRL Information Technology Committee
Rivier College, Nashua, NH., August 31, 2001

Mary Piorun, Deborah Sibley & Mary Ann Slocomb
Laptops: No Dragon Wires with Wireless Technology
MLA/CHLA Annual Meeting, Vancouver, B.C. May 9, 2000

Recent Continuing Education Credits

- Now's the Time: Understanding the Electronic Health Record Maze and Health Sciences Librarians' Roles, March 24, 2010: 2 hours
- Exploring Stem Cell Research: What does it mean for Librarians? May 13, 2009: 5 hours
- Finding Work-Life Balance: Strategies for You and Your Institution, March 15, 2009: 2 hours
- Your Library's Value: Needs Assessment, Program Development, Program Evaluation, October 19, 2008: 4 hours.
- Web 2.0 101: Introduction to Second Generation Web Tools, March 10-May 4, 2008: 8 hours
- Web 2.0 Principles and Best Practices: Discovering the Participatory Web, March 5, 2008: 2 hours
- Scholarly Publishing and Open Access: Straight Talk, November 20, 2007: 2 hours
- A Matter of When, Not If: Preventing and Preparing for Library Disasters, November 16, 2007: 6 hours
- Teaching in Libraries: Skills to Become a Better Instructor, September 5, 2007: 4 hours
- Association of College and Research Libraries Harvard Institute on Leadership, August 6-10, 2007
- So You Want to Be a Library Director, May 18, 2007: 4 hours

Teaching Activities

Course Coordinator
University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Library and Information Science
Health Science Librarianship, Spring 2010

Co-Instructor
North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries Continuing Education Course
Sharing your work: posters and publishing
4 Hours Continuing Education Credits
October 24, 2010

Guest Lecture (Two weeks)
Medical Library Association Continuing Education Course
Web 2.0 101: Introduction to Second Generation Web Tools
8 Hours Continuing Education Credits
March – May 2008
Topics: Social networking Sites
Web Office Tools

Guest Lecture (Two weeks)

University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Library and Information Science
Health Science Librarianship, Spring 2008
Topics: Systems Librarianship in Medical Libraries
Management and Administration of Medical Libraries

Guest Lecture

University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Library and Information Science
Health Science Librarianship, Spring 2006
Topic: Systems Librarianship in Medical Libraries

Honors

International Honor Society Beta Gamma Sigma, membership awarded April 2008

Awards and Scholarships

David A. Kronick Traveling Fellowship: May 2009: \$2,000

W. Michael Hoffman Prize for Business Ethics, Bentley College, Center for Business Ethics.
May 2008: \$1,000

Student Scholarship, PhD Program, Simmons College, Supported by the Institute for Museum and
Library Services. 2008-2011: \$36,000.

NLM/AAHSL Leadership Fellow 2007-2008: Up to \$7,000 travel

Trends in Health Sciences Library and Information Science Research

Lamar Soutter Library – Research Award
Mary Piorun, Sally Gore, Lisa Palmer, Judy Nordberg
University of Massachusetts Medical School, \$2,000
December 2007-December 2008

AAHSL Future Leadership Initiative Scholarship 2005/2006: \$2,000

Grants

Digital Collections: Improving Access to Library Materials

Information Technology Council - Professional Development Grant
John Callahan, Apurva Meta, Mary Piorun
University of Massachusetts, \$18,000
May 2000 – June 2002

Certifications

American Academy of Health Information Professionals
Distinguished Member: April 2007 – March 2012
Member: April 2002 – April 2007
Provisional: April 2000 – April 2002

Professional Memberships and Activities

Member, Medical Library Association: February 2000 -
Section: Educational Media and Technology 2000 –
Officer: Section Council Representative Elect 2007 – 2009
Name Submitted for Nominating Committee, 2010
Section Committees: Nominating Committee 2003
Learning Resource Center Committee 2003
By Laws: 2009-
Section: Leadership and Management 2006 -
Section: Research 2006 -
Association Appointments:
MedLib-L Coordinator: 2005-2008
Task Force: Social Networking Task Force 2007- 2009
Editorial Board JMLA 2009 -
Member, North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries (NAHSL): March 2000 -
NAHSL 03 Planning Committee: Co-Chair Hotel and Local Arrangements Committee
Member, American Library Association April 2005 -
Member, Association of College and Research Libraries: New England Chapter April 2005 –
Board Member: Secretary 2006-2008
Scholarship Committee 2008-present
Section: Information Technology
Committees: Information Technology Steering Committee 2004/2005 -