

## RESUME

### JANICE G. COMFORT

#### HOME ADDRESS

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#### EDUCATION:

M.L.S  
1991

University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, PA

B.S. Family Resources  
1981

West Virginia University  
Morgantown, WV

#### RANK: (Full) Librarian

#### LIBRARY EXPERIENCE:

##### Reference Librarian

R.M. Cooper Library, Clemson University, Clemson, SC  
August, 1992 – present

**Engineering and Intellectual Property** (July, 2008 – present)

**Government Documents** (January, 1999 – June, 2008)

**Business and Intellectual Property** (September, 1993 – December, 1998)

**Physical Sciences** (August, 1992 – September, 1993)

#### Duties in all above positions:

- Provide excellent service at the Reference Desk
- Effectively teach library instruction classes
- Select appropriate books and other materials for the collection
- Represent Clemson as a Patent and Trademark Resource Center (PTRC), administered by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

#### Special Assignments:

**Library Assessment** (2001 – 2008)

**Interim Co-Unit Head, Acquisitions** (July, 2002 – August, 2002)

**Part-time, Interim Unit Head, Public Documents** (July, 1998 – December, 1998)

**Reference Librarian**

Bevier Engineering Library, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA  
December, 1991 – July, 1992 (Temporary, Half-time assignment)

Staff Reference Desk, perform mediated literature searches, and provide administrative support for Head of Engineering Library

**Reference Librarian**

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Science and Technology Department  
Pittsburgh, PA  
August, 1990 – July, 1992 (Half-time)

Provide reference assistance to the general public in all areas of science and technology, including intellectual property

**Reference Librarian**

Hampton Community Library, Allison Park, PA  
January, 1991 – July, 1991 (Half-time)

**OTHER EXPERIENCE:**

Manufacturers' Representative  
Giftware Associates, Pittsburgh, PA  
June 1986 – December 1991

Department Manager  
Assistant Buyer  
Kaufmann's Department Store, Pittsburgh, PA  
June 1981 – June 1986

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

LIB 301 – Patent Searching  
1 credit hour course on Patent Searching / Intellectual Property  
Clemson University  
Spring, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015; Fall 2015

LIB 399 – Creative Inquiry  
1 credit hour course on Intellectual Property  
Clemson University  
Spring, 2008; Fall 2014

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) 2010 – present

*Conferences Attended:*

Annual, Louisville, KY, 2010

Regional Government Information Librarians (ReGIL) 2003 – 2004

*Conferences Attended:*

Federal Depository Library Conference and Depository Library Council  
Fall Meetings, Washington, DC, 2000, 2002 – 2005

Spring Meeting

Albuquerque, NM, 2005

St. Louis, MO, 2004

American Library Association (ALA) 2000 – 2009

Government Documents Round Table (GODORT)

*Conferences Attended:*

Annual, Washington, DC, 2007

Annual, New Orleans, 2006

Annual, Orlando, 2004

Annual, Atlanta, 2002

Midwinter, New Orleans, 2002

Annual, San Francisco, 2001

Special Libraries Association (SLA) 1998 – 1999, 2009

Sci-Tech Division (2009)

Business and Finance Section, Publications Committee (1998 – 1999)

*Conferences Attended:*

Annual, Washington, DC, 2009

Special Libraries Association – South Carolina Division (SC-SLA) 1998 – 1999, 2009

Patent and Trademark Resource Center Association (PTRCA) 2012 – present

Patent and Trademark Depository Library Association (PTDLA) 1994 – 2011

Listserv Moderator, 2007 – present

President, 2006/2007

Vice President/President Elect, 2005/2006

Secretary, 2003/2004

ALA Panel Presentation Selection Committee, 2001 – 2002

Division Representative, KY, VA, NC, SC, GA, TN 1996 – 2009

*Annual Training Seminars Attended:*

Washington DC, 1994 – 2000, 2002, 2004 – 2009, 2011-2012, 2015

South Carolina Library Association (SCLA) 1993 – 2010, 2012 – 2015  
Colleges and Universities Section  
Government Documents Round Table 1993 – 2009  
Vice Chair, 2005/2006  
Chair, December 1999 – December 2000  
Vice Chair, June – December 1999  
Secretary, January – June 1999  
Advertising Manager, News & Views (Association newsletter) 1996 – 1998  
  
Conferences Attended:  
Various locations, 1995-2000, 2002, 2004, 2005 -2007, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2015  
  
Piedmont Library Association (PLA) 1993 – 2004 (organization inactive since 2004)  
Nominating Committee 1996 – 2000, 2003

**WORKSHOPS ATTENDED (selected list):**

Clemson Thinks2: Faculty Institute related to the Clemson University QEP (invited)  
Clemson University, 2015

ARL LibQUAL+  
Washington DC, 2007; Orlando, 2004; Atlanta, 2002; New Orleans, 2001  
Washington DC, 2000

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Assessment Institute  
Orlando, FL, 2005

Center for Intellectual Property at the University of Maryland  
Tackling the Teach Act, 2004  
Academic Integrity and Building Community Online, 2005

ARL Assessment Academy (invited)  
San Antonio, TX, 2004

Ethics on a World Stage (invited)  
Clemson University, 2003

SLA Assessment Institute  
Monterey CA, 2002

Fundamentals of Accounting  
Clemson University, 1998

Higher Education Network Association (HENA)  
Myrtle Beach, SC, 1995

Fundamentals of Textiles  
Clemson University, 1993

## PRESENTATIONS:

Improving Access to Clemson University Patents  
South Carolina Library Association (SCLA)  
Columbia, SC, October 2015

*Patent Services at Clemson University Libraries (various themes)*  
World Intellectual Property Day  
Clemson University, April 2007, April 2008, April 2009 (2 presentations), April 2010,  
April 2011, April 2014, April 2015

*Including Patents in the IR and the Library Catalog (roundtable)* (invited)  
Patent and Trademark Resource Center (PTRC) Annual Training Seminar,  
Washington, DC, March 2015

*Patents as a Genealogy Resource* (poster session)  
South Carolina Library Association (SCLA) / Southeastern Library Association (SeLA)  
Joint Conference, Greenville, SC, November 2013

*Teaching a Credit-Bearing Patent Searching Class (and Update)* (invited)  
Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program (PTDL) Annual Training Seminar,  
Washington, DC, March 2012, April 2011

*Using LibGuides* (invited) (with Suzanne Rook-Schilf and Karen Brown of USC)  
LIBRIS, Columbia, May 2010

*Library Services at CU-ICAR*  
*Patent Searching Fundamentals* (with Stewart Curry of Michelin)  
Special Libraries Association, South Carolina Chapter (SC-SLA),  
Greenville, April 2010  
<http://www.libsci.sc.edu/scsla/25thannscslaissue.pdf>

*LIB 100* (Poster Session) (with Anne Grant)  
South Carolina Library Association (SCLA), Annual Conference, Columbia, SC, 2009

*Diving into Patents* (invited)  
Full-day Preconference  
Special Libraries Association (SLA), Annual Conference, Washington, DC, 2009

*Other Duties as Assigned: Emerging Roles for Librarians* (Panel Discussion) (invited)  
South Carolina Library Association (SCLA) College and Research Libraries Division  
Summer Program, Columbia, 2009

*Outreach Strategies for PTDL Librarians*

Patent and Trademark Depository Library (PTDL) Annual Training Seminar, Washington, DC, 2009

*LIB 100 (Poster Session) (with Anne Grant)*

South Carolina Library Association (SCLA), Annual Conference, Greenville, 2008

*LibQUAL+ Share Fair (Poster Session), for Association of Research Libraries (ARL)*

American Library Association (ALA), Annual Conference, Washington, DC, 2008, New Orleans, 2006

*What Business Reference Librarians Need to Know about Intellectual Property*

American Library Association (ALA), Annual Conference, New Orleans, 2006

[http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/library\\_talks/15/](http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/library_talks/15/)

*Visioning the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Large Academic Libraries Perspective*

(moderator, with Esther Crawford of Rice University)

Federal Depository Libraries and Depository Library Council, October, 2005

*Patent Services at Clemson University Libraries*

Patent and Trademark Fundamentals workshop with guests from the PTDL  
Clemson University, September, 2005

*Patents as a Part of the Research Process*

Focus on Research Month, Clemson University, 2005

*Pilot Light: An Incremental Plan to a Predominantly Electronic Federal Depository*

Regional Federal Depository Libraries Meeting, Washington DC, 2004

*The Impact of International Patents on Basic Patent Searching*

American Library Association (ALA), Annual Conference, Orlando, 2004

*LibQUAL+ Share Fair (poster session), for Association of Research Libraries (ARL)*

American Library Association (ALA), Annual Conference, Orlando, 2004

*Library Summit III: Using LibQUAL+ Data as a Centerpiece for Assessment*

Clemson University, 2003

*Basic Patent Searching (moderator)*

American Library Association (ALA), Annual Conference, Atlanta, 2002

*Patents and Trademarks on the Web: Not Just for Inventors (moderator)*

American Library Association (ALA), Annual Conference, San Francisco, 2001

*The Importance of Training in Sharing Patent and Trademark Information (roundtable)*

Patent and Trademark Depository Library (PTDL) Annual Training Conference, Washington, DC, 2001, 2004

*Patent and Trademark Information on the Web* (poster session)  
South Carolina Library Association (SCLA), Annual Conference, Hilton Head, 1999

*Coordinating Web-based Resources with a University Department*  
*PTDL Panel, The Future of the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program*  
Patent and Trademark Depository Library (PTDL) Annual Training Conference,  
Washington, D.C., 1999

*Tapping and Mapping Local Census Data* (with Paul Lewis of USC Aiken)  
South Carolina Library Association (SCLA), Annual Conference, Columbia, 1998

*Investment Information Tools at R.M. Cooper Library*  
Fort Hill Investment Club, Clemson, 1998

*Patent Searching Fundamentals*  
Richland County Public Library, Columbia, 1997

*Technostress in Tigertown* (with other Reference Librarians)  
Piedmont Library Association (PLA), Clemson, 1997  
Special Libraries Association, South Carolina Chapter (SC-SLA), Clemson, 1997

*Third Thursday at Three* (Patent Searching Workshop open to the Public)  
R.M. Cooper Library, Clemson, 1996 – 1998

*Patent Searching Fundamentals for the Carolina Inventors Council*  
Greenville, 1996, 2005

*Patent Searching Basics for Clemson University Faculty Applying for Patents*  
With Bob Gilliland and the Special Projects Office  
R.M. Cooper Library, Clemson, 1996

*Patent and Trademark Fundamentals* (with Ellen Krupar)  
sponsored by the Clemson University Regional Small Business Development Center,  
Greenville Chamber of Commerce, Greenville, 1995

*Patent and Trademark Fundamentals*  
PLA Meeting, Easley, 1995

*South Carolina's Resource for Patent and Trademark Information* (Poster Session)  
Higher Education Network Association (HENA), Myrtle Beach, 1995  
SCASL - SCLA Joint Conference, Myrtle Beach, 1995

*Library Resources for Business and Technical Writing*  
*Writing Business Plans*  
Clemson, 1994

*Starting a Horse Related Business*  
Tri-County Technical College, Pendleton, 1994

## **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:**

Judge, *Anderson, Oconee, Pickens Regional Science Fair*  
Clemson, 2006, 2007, 2008

Judge, Invention Convention  
Greenville, 2008, 2009, 2010

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

LaGuardia, Cheryl and Bill Katz. (2016). *Energy*. From *Magazines for Libraries*. 24<sup>th</sup> ed. New Providence, NJ: ProQuest.

Wesolek, Andy, Jan Comfort, and Lisa Bodenheimer. (2015). *Collaborate to Innovate: Expanding Access to Faculty Patents through the Institutional Repository and Library Catalog*. *Collection Management*. pp. 219-235.  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/01462679.2015.1093986>

Ragains, Patrick. (2013). *Information Literacy Instruction that Works*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. ALA Neal-Schuman. (Chart on p. 310 in Suzanne L. Reinman's section on Patent Research).

Comfort, Jan and Leena Lalwani. (2007). *Patent Coverage in Scientific and Technical Research Databases*. *Intellectual Property Journal of the PTDLA*. pp.13-26.  
<http://www.ptdla.org/journal/2007comfortlalwani>

Comfort, Jan. (2007). *World Intellectual Property Day*. DttP: Documents to the People. pp. 25-26. [http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/DttP\\_Full\\_Text](http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/DttP_Full_Text)

Tyler, Peggy and Jan Comfort. (2005). *LibQUAL+ and Decision-Making: The Library Summit*. Brochure distributed by ARL.  
[http://www.libqual.org/documents/admin/LibQUAL\\_Summit.pdf](http://www.libqual.org/documents/admin/LibQUAL_Summit.pdf)

Task Force on Restrictions on Access to Government Information. *Restrictions on Access to Government Information (RAGI) Report*. (2003, June). Issued by the American Library Association.

Comfort, Jan. (2002). *Patents and Trademarks on the Web: Not Just for Inventors Anymore*. DTPP: A Quarterly Journal of Government Information Practice and Perspective. p. 9.  
<http://collections.stanford.edu/dttp/bin/search/advanced/process?sort=title&browse=1&clauseMapped%28yearBrowse%29=2002>



Comfort, Jan. (2001). Finding Grandpa's Patent: Using Patent Information for Historical or Genealogical Research. Science & Technology Libraries. pp. 39-56.

(Also published in: Baldwin, Virginia ed. Patent and Trademark Information: Uses and Perspectives.) [http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1300/J122v22n01\\_04](http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1300/J122v22n01_04)

Comfort, Jan. (2001, Nov/Dec). Endings and Beginnings: Law, Medicine, and Society in Assisted Life and Death. (Book Review). Journal of Government Information. pp. 846-848. <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1352023702003854>

Comfort, Jan. (2001, July/August and November/December). The Impact of Globalization on Population Change and Poverty in Rural Areas. (Book Review). Journal of Government Information. pp. 461-462 and pp. 835-836.

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S135202370100315X>

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1352023701003379>

Special Libraries Association, Business and Finance Division. (Fall, 1999). Fourteenth Annual Bibliography of Business and Finance Division Authors 1998-1999.

Special Libraries Association, Business and Finance Division. (Fall, 1998). Thirteenth Annual Bibliography of Business and Finance Division Authors 1997-1998.

Comfort, Janice G. (1997, October). Correspondence. South Carolina Historical Magazine. pp. 406-407.

[http://www.jstor.org/stable/27570270?Search=yes&resultItemClick=true&searchText=south&searchText=carolina&searchText=inventors&searchUri=%2Faction%2FdoBasicSearch%3FQuery%3Dsouth%2Bcarolina%2Binventors%26amp%3Bswp%3Don%26amp%3Bprq%3Dsouth%2Bcarolina%2Bmagazine%26amp%3Bgroup%3Dnone%26amp%3Bhp%3D25%26amp%3Bso%3Drel%26amp%3Bwc%3Doff%26amp%3Bfc%3Doff&seq=1#page\\_scan\\_tab\\_contents](http://www.jstor.org/stable/27570270?Search=yes&resultItemClick=true&searchText=south&searchText=carolina&searchText=inventors&searchUri=%2Faction%2FdoBasicSearch%3FQuery%3Dsouth%2Bcarolina%2Binventors%26amp%3Bswp%3Don%26amp%3Bprq%3Dsouth%2Bcarolina%2Bmagazine%26amp%3Bgroup%3Dnone%26amp%3Bhp%3D25%26amp%3Bso%3Drel%26amp%3Bwc%3Doff%26amp%3Bfc%3Doff&seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents)

Comfort, Janice G. (1997, Summer). South Carolina Inventors and Inventions 1793 - 1873. The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research. pp. 123-136.

The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Science and Technology Department. (1993). The Science and Technology Desk Reference : 1,500 Answers to Frequently Asked or Difficult to Answer Questions. Detroit: Gale Research. [Substantial Contributor].

## **UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES:**

Vice President for Research / Dean of Graduate School Search Committee, 2014 – 2015

Graduate Curriculum Committee, 2014 – 2015

University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UUCC), 2013 –

Academic Council, 2012 – 2014

Class of '39 Award Nominating Committee, 2004

President's Faculty Advisory Committee, 2003 – 2004

University Assessment Committee, 2001 – 2011

Past Chair, 2006/2007

Chair, 2005/2006

Chair-Elect, 2004/2005

Quality Enhancement Subcommittee, Chair, 2004

Honor Code Subcommittee, 2004

Academic Integrity Subcommittee, 2003 – 2004

Academic Integrity Summit Planning

Subcommittee on Assessing the Rutland Center, 2002 – 2003

SACS Financial Resources Committee, 1999 – 2001

Recreation Advisory Committee, 1999 – 2001

Faculty Senate Select Committee on Intellectual Property, 1999

Intellectual Property Committee (IPC), 1996 –

Participate in disclosure subcommittee meetings, 2010 – 2014

Bylaws change from visiting member to voting member, 2004

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property Policies at Clemson University, 2003

Scholarships and Awards Committee, 1996

Advanced Technology Center (ATC) Advisory Committee, 1995 – 1998

Bookstore Advisory Committee, 1992 – 1993

## **GRANTS RECEIVED:**

*Increased Awareness and Effective Use of Clemson University's Patent and Trademark Depository*

University Research Grant, Clemson University, Fall 1994