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### **EDUCATION**

University of Illinois, M.S., Library Science, 1975  
Illinois Wesleyan University, B.A., English, 1972

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

Beta Phi Mu (Library and information science honors society)  
Alpha Lambda Delta

Best Bibliographies in History 2004-2005, American Library Association, Reference and Users Services Association, History Section; Southwest Books of the Year 2004, Tucson-Pima County Library and Arizona Historical Society. For *John Wesley Powell: An Annotated Bibliography*. Westport, CT: Praeger Press, 2004.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Director of Collections and Professor. Illinois Wesleyan University, Ames Library. May 1998-December 2004; August 2006-present. Tenured and promoted 2004.*

Full-time faculty position with multiple responsibilities. Responsible for library collection development and management, and library materials budget. Provide library instruction and reference service. Library liaison for departments of Philosophy, English, and Women's Studies.

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

Managed all library operations and services; supervised 3 library staff. Responsible for individual and classroom instruction. Initiated and implemented new services including in-library computer lab.

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

Responsible for building a comprehensive fund-raising 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.

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

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

*Bloomington (Illinois) Public Library. 1976-1987.**Head of Adult Services (1985-1987)*

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

*Head of Technical Services (1976-1985)*

Managed and supervised department and 5 staff. Coordinated acquisitions, cataloging, processing. Initiated and implemented OCLC cataloging and automated system.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Monographs

*Emergency Response Planning in College Libraries.* Edited by Marcia Thomas; compiled by Marcia Thomas and Anke Voss. ACRL Clip Notes Series, 40. Chicago: Association of College and Research Libraries (2009).

*John Wesley Powell: An Annotated Bibliography.* (Bibliographies and Indexes in American History, 49) Westport, CT: Praeger Press, 2004. (sole author)

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.

### Articles and Chapters

"Disruption and Disintermediation: A Review of the Collection Development and Management Literature, 2009-10." *Library Resources & Technical Services* 56:3 (July 2012), 183-198. (invited article, peer reviewed)

"Partnership for a Community Cancer Information Center." *Illinois Libraries* 84:2 (Spring 2002). (peer reviewed)

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

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

*Public Library Association Handbook of Public Library Policies*. Chicago: Public Library Association, 1993. Contributing author to committee publication.

### **Conference Proceedings**

"Getting to the Heart of the Matter: What Our Faculty Tell Us about How Our Collections Support Student Learning." *Proceedings of the Charleston Library Conference 2011*. Purdue University Press, 2012.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.5703/1288284314956>

"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.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Conferences Papers And Poster Presentations**

"Getting to the Heart of the Matter: What Our Faculty Tell Us about How Our Collections Support Student Learning." Charleston Conference, Charleston SC, 2011. (conference paper, peer-reviewed)

"John Wesley Powell: White Water to White City." Grand Canyon History Symposium, 2007. (conference paper, peer-reviewed)

"John Wesley Powell and the Popular Press." (Revised & expanded version.) Third International Rivers Conference, University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse, 2006. (conference paper, peer-reviewed)

"Visioning an Integrated Learning Center at University of Wisconsin - Baraboo/Sauk Co." University of Wisconsin Colleges Colloquium, 2006. (conference presentation)

"John Wesley Powell and the Popular Press." Arizona History Convention, 2005, and Society for the History of Discovery Conference, 2004. (conference paper, peer reviewed)

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

"Living Rural Is for Me: A Celebration of Rural Library Service." American Library Association Annual Conference, 1993. (panel participant, peer reviewed)

"Library Annexations: The Legal and Practical Matters of Enlarging a District." Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, 1991. (panel participant)

"Cooperative Collection Management in the Multi-type Community." Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, 1990. (panel participant)

### **Other Presentations (Select)**

"John Wesley Powell in Illinois." Sweetwater County Library. Green River, Wyoming, May 2012 (invited).

"John Wesley Powell." IWU/McLean County Museum of History Lunch and Learn Series. Bloomington, Illinois, May 2012.

"John Wesley Powell: White Water to White City." Grand Canyon River Guides Training Seminar. Lee's Ferry, Arizona, 2009 (invited).

### **GRANTS**

Mellon Writing and Information Literacy grant, Illinois Wesleyan University. Course development grant for English 280 Practical Criticism. Co-recipient with Mike Theune. 2014.

Mellon Writing and Information Literacy grant, Illinois Wesleyan University. Course development grant for Philosophy 281, History of Modern Philosophy. Co-recipient with Emily Kelahan. 2014.

Mellon Writing and Information Literacy grant, Illinois Wesleyan University. Course development grant for English 480 Senior Seminar. Co-recipient with Kathleen O'Gorman. 2014.

Mellon Writing and Information Literacy grant, Illinois Wesleyan University. Course development grant for Philosophy 268 Philosophy of Religion. Co-recipient with Emily Kelahan. 2013.

Mellon Re-centering the Humanities grants, Illinois Wesleyan University, Fall 2013 and Spring 2014. To support transcription of *Letters to John Wesley Powell*.

"Writing Program Grant Proposal to Substantially Revise English 280: Practical Criticism." Curriculum Development/Writing Program grant, Illinois Wesleyan University. Co-recipient with Joanne Diaz, Department of English. 2011.

"Literature Review for Collection Development and Management 2009-2010." American Library Association (ALA) Carnegie-Whitney Grant. To support writing a literature review for Library Resources & Technical Services (journal of the ALA Association for Library Collections and Technical Services). \$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." Collection Enhancement Award, Illinois Cooperative Collection Management Program. \$5,000 for Illinois Wesleyan University (participant with five libraries, grant total \$35,000). 2004.

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

"Women's Studies Core Collection." Heritage/Arthur Vining Davis Collection Development Grants, Illinois Wesleyan University, for purchase of 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 the Bloomington-Normal Reference Roundtable/BroMenn Healthcare. \$30,000. Co-author, 1998.

"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.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE**

### **American Library Association (ALA) - Member since 1978**

#### **ALA Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS)**

ALCTS Acquisitions Section Policy & Planning Committee, 2011-2013 (Chair, 2012-13)

ALCTS Planning Committee, 2009-2012

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

ALCTS Publications Committee, 1999-2004

ALCTS Development Issues for Practitioners Committee, 1999-2000

#### **ALA Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)**

ACRL Leadership Recruitment and Nominating Committee, 2009-2011

ACRL College Libraries Section, Professional Development Committee, 2005-2009

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

#### **ALA Public Library Association (PLA)**

PLA Small and Medium Sized Libraries Section (SMLS) Board of Directors, elected Member-at-Large 1995-1997

PLA Policy Manual Committee, 1990-1994

PLA Leadership Development Committee, 1990-1992

PLA SMLS Rural Libraries Committee, 1992-1994

PLA SMLS University Press Books for Public Libraries, 1988-1993

ALA Library Administration and Management Association, Small Libraries Publications Series Committee, 1991-1994 (Chair, 1991-1993)

ALA Poster Sessions Review Panel, 1989-1995

### **State Associations & Organizations**

Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians, Membership Committee, 2006 (co-chair)

Illinois Library Association (ILA) - Member since 1977

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)

## **UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

### **Illinois Wesleyan University**

Council on University Programs and Policy, Aug 2012-2014 (elected)

Strategic Planning and Budget Committee, Aug 2012- 2013 (appointed)

Hearing Committee, 2004-2005, 2011-2012 (elected)

Committee on Endowed Professorships and Chairs, 2010-2011 (appointed)

Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2009-2011 (Vice-chair, 2009-2010) (elected)  
 Faculty Development Committee, 2007-2008 (Vice-chair) (elected)  
 Senior English Honors Advisory Committee 2007-2008  
 Summer Reading Program facilitator, 2008-present  
 Assessment Task Force, 2006-2007 (appointed)  
 Bookstore Advisory Committee, Convener, 2003-2004 (appointed)  
 Humanities Series Program Committee, 2000-2004, (Chair pro temp, Fall 2003)  
 (appointed)  
 Green Task Force, 2000-2001 (appointed)  
 Student Life Committee, 1999-2001 (appointed)  
 Campus Programming Board, 1989-1999 (appointed)

### **IWU Ames Library**

External Review Self-Study Team Leader for Collections, 2011-2012  
 University Archivist Search Committee (Chair), 2007-2008  
 University Librarian Search Committee, 2006-2007  
 Ames Library Building Review Team, 2007-present  
 Digital Initiatives Team, 2004-2007  
 Visiting Librarian search committees 1998, 1999, 2001, 2004  
 IWU Great Illinois Book Fair (manager), 1998-2001  
 Library Administrative Planning Team, 1998-2004

### **Other Library Service**

University of Wisconsin Colleges Library Council, Strategic Planning Committee, 2005-2006  
  
 Illinois Library Computer Systems Organization (ILCSO)  
 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

## **REVIEWS**

### **Reviewer for *Choice* (publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries)**

*Kansas Memory* <http://www.kansasmemory.org>. *Choice* July 2012.  
*Kansas History, Territorial through Civil War Years, 1854-1865*  
<http://www.territorialkansasonline.org>. *Choice* August 2011.  
*Historical Dictionary of Westerns in Literature*, by Paul Varner. *Choice* May 2011.  
*Salem Literature* <http://literature.salempress.com>. *Choice* September 2010.  
*Place Names of Illinois*, by Edward Callary. *Choice* June 2009  
*American Ethnic Writers*. Rev. ed. *Choice* March 2009  
*Washington University Digital Gateway* <http://digital.wustl.edu>. *Choice* April 2008.  
*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.

**Reviewer for *Feminist Collections* (published by the Office of the Women's Studies Librarian, University of Wisconsin).**

*Adoption and Surrogate Pregnancy*, by Faith Merino. *Feminist Collections* Spring 2012.

*Women's Lives in Medieval Europe: A Sourcebook*, ed. Emilie Amt. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. *Feminist Collections* Fall 2010.

*The Cambridge Companion to Early Modern Women's Writing*, ed. Linger Knoppers. *Feminist Collections* Summer 2010.

*Between the Covers: the Book Babes' Guide to a Woman's Reading Pleasures*, by Margo Hammond & Ellen Heltzel. *Feminist Collections* Spring 2009.

*Handbook of Gender in Archaeology*, ed. Sarah Milledge Nelson. *Feminist Collections* Spring 2007.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/CONTINUING EDUCATION (Select)**

Charleston Conference (National conference for librarians and the publishing industry). Charleston, South Carolina, 2006, 2009, 2011, 2013.

Workshop on Information Fluency in Literature. Council of Independent Colleges and Association of College and Research Libraries, New Orleans, 2011.

Beams & Bytes: Constructing the Future Library. ALA Association for Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) Symposium, San Diego, 2010

Fundamentals of Electronic Resources. Association for Collections and Technical Services, online course, 2009.

LOEX Annual Conference, Oak Brook, Illinois, 2008

Assessing Learning Outcomes in Programs Large and Small. ALA Association for College and Research Libraries, Philadelphia, 2008.



Coalition for Networked Information Task Force Meeting. Minneapolis, 2008

Metadata Standards and Applications. Library of Congress and Association for Collections and Technical Services, Chicago, 2006.

Metadata and Digital Library Development. Library of Congress and Association for Collections and Technical Services, Chicago, 2006.

Learning Spaces: Collaborations and New Opportunities. Association for College and Research Libraries and Coalition for Networked Information, Chicago, 2005.