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EDUCATION

Roberts Wesleyan College, North Chili, NY • 1967
BA in English

University of New York at Geneseo, Geneseo, NY • 1979
MLS in Library Science

University of New York at Fredonia, Fredonia, NY • 1980
3 Graduate hours in Education

Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA • 1994
3 graduate hours in Church and Ministry

Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA • 2001
6 graduate hours in Education

Morningstar School of Ministry, Charlotte, NC • 2008
Correspondence degree in ministry

Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA 2008
3 graduate hours in Children's Literature

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA

Librarian: Head of Public Services – 2010 – Present

Oversee the operations of the Curriculum Library and Circulation Department. Prepare materials and programs to promote the activities of the Integrated Learning Resource Center. Create training opportunities to optimize customer service.

Librarian for Curriculum Library and Cataloger - 1997 – 2010

Supervise operations and catalog all materials for Curriculum Library. Oversee and catalog music and audio-visual collections. Oversee Listening Stations. Provide laminating, binding and transparency production services to university family.

Librarian for A-V and Curriculum Library - 1992-1997

Supervised all operations for stated departments. Scheduled use of A-V equipment, maintained equipment and cataloged materials for both libraries.

Lynchburg Christian Academy, Lynchburg, VA

Librarian for grades K-12 – 1989 – 1992

Curriculum Vitae

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Aided in reorganization of collection and procedures. Helped in procurement of over 2,000 volumes. Taught classes in library skills for various grade levels. Supervised student workers and catalogued new materials.

Liberty Godparent Home, Lynchburg, VA

Teacher – English teacher for grades 7-12 – 1988-1989

Created reading library and taught various classes in English and in Life Management Skills

Frewsburg Central School, Frewsburg, NY

Library Media Specialist – 1969-1986

Supervised all operations of the library for grades 6 -12. Wrote units of study for library skills instruction for grades 9 – 12. Aided Elementary Librarian with cataloging and teaching of library skills classes.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Lecturer *Center for Teaching Excellence In-Service Training Workshops, Liberty University*

2005

Collaborated with Janice DeLong, English Professor, to provide a lecture about children's literature.

“Award Winning Children's Literature”

2004

Collaborated with Greg Smith, Dean of the Integrated Learning Resource Center to provide a lecture on choosing a publisher.

“Christian Writer and Secular Publisher”

2003

Collaborated with Janice DeLong to present a workshop on the process of writing and publishing a book.

“Working in Tandem”

Association of Christian Schools International Conferences

Collaborated with Professor of Adolescent Literature to provide lecture about literature for young people.

Greensboro, North Carolina, 2006

“The Hero in Literature for Adolescents”

Collaborated with Professor of Children's Literature to provide lectures on various aspect of literature for children and young adults.

Greensboro, North Carolina, 2008

“Using Children's Literature to Teach Writing”

“Mice are Nice”

Greensboro, North Carolina, 2007

“Best Books of the Decade”

“Poetry Alive”

Greensboro, North Carolina, 2004

“The Family in Contemporary Children's Literature”

“Using Christian Fiction in the Classroom”
Greensboro, North Carolina, 2000
“ Happily Ever After: Folklore for the Adolescent”
“Enriching History Through Christian Fiction”
Greensboro, North Carolina , 1998
“A Values Approach to Children’s Literature”
“Using Christian Fiction in the Classroom”

Association of Christian Schools International Early Childhood Conferences

Collaborated with Professor of Children’s Literature to provide lectures on various aspect of literature for pre-school and kindergarten children at three separate conventions, 1999

High Point, North Carolina; Lynchburg, VA; Leesburg, VA
“Content and Character”
“Happily Ever After”

Miscellaneous On-Campus lectures

Introduction to Adolescent Literature

Presented worthwhile titles for adolescent readers to the Adolescent Literature Class each semester 2008 – 2010

Introduction to Interactive Books for children

Presented titles of children’s literature that incorporate interactive methods, such as pop-ups, books on tape, etc. Presentations were made each semester 2004 – 2010

Introduction to the resources of the Curriculum Library

Presented each semester to the Curriculum classes of the Education Department. 2004 – 2010

ILRC In-Service Training, 2009

Presented lecture to faculty and staff of the ILRC on literature choices for young children.

ILRC In-Service Training, 2003

Presented an introduction to the ERIC database for ILRC faculty and staff.

Campus Honor Societies Sigma Tau Delta and Kappa Delta Phi, 1997

Collaborated with Professor of Children’s Literature to give lectures on literature, and writing techniques.

Graduate Education Class Lecturer, 1996

Collaborated with Professor of Children’s Literature to present lecture for DLP video of Graduate Education Class.

Writers Conference, 2008

Collaborated with Professor of Children’s Literature to present lecture on using Children’s Literature to Teach Writing

Miscellaneous Off-Campus Lectures

Council of Community Services, 1999

Collaborated with Barbara Sherman in presenting workshop to child care providers.

“*Children’s Literature That Encourages Positive Character Traits*”

Piedmont Area Reading Council, 1998

Lectured on choosing multicultural titles for use in the classroom

Home School Conference, Roanoke, 1997

Collaborated with Professor of Children’s Literature to present workshops to Home School parents.

“*A Values Approach to Children’s Literature*”

“*Children’s Book Awards and ‘Safe’ Books*”

Instructor

Chaired committee to develop training modules for ILRC student workers. 2003-2004

Revised and created new training modules for ILRC student workers, 2005 - 2009

Consultant

Liberty University Continuing Education

Was member of a panel for “*A Writers’ Life*” a literary event where published authors talk about their lives and advise would-be writers about writing and publishing their work. – March 29, 2011

Association of Christian Schools International

Was member of team established to evaluate Christian schools seeking accreditation with the Association of Christian Schools International.

Mountain View Christian Academy, Winchester, VA - 2008

Faith Christian School, Hurt, VA – 2006

Dominion Christian Academy, VA – 2005

Calvary Baptist Day School, NC -1998

Fredericksburg Christian School, Fredericksburg, VA - 1995

Richmond Christian School, Richmond, VA - 1994

Local Christian School Libraries

Have provided informal consulting services for local Christian elementary and high school librarians.

Temple Baptist Christian School, Madison Heights, VA, 2004

Faith Christian Academy, Hurt, VA, 2002

Christy Award for Christian Fiction,

Member of judging team for this national award, 2000-2003, 2005-2008, 2010 - 2011

Gifted and Talented Writing Contest, Jefferson Forest

Was judge for this contest at Jefferson Forest Elementary, VA – 2004

PUBLICATIONS

Newsletters

Education News - Created newsletter for education professors and students making them aware of education resources available in the ILRC. – 2005 - 2009

Library News: 1993 – 1998 — Published newsletter designed to encourage and instruct librarians of private and Christian schools

The ILRC Connection, 2010- Present

Created copy and story ideas for newsletter to keep faculty, staff, and students of the ILRC informed of developments within the organization.

Journal Articles

“The Christy Award: Excellence in Christian Fiction, an Annotated Bibliography” – Authored article for *The Christian Librarian* defining the Christy Award and giving an annotated list of winners for 2000 through 2003.

Books

Core Collection for Children and Young Adults. Scarecrow Press, 2008

Co-authored, with Janice DeLong, an annotated bibliography designed to give direction to librarians, classroom teachers, and parents in choosing quality literature for children and young adults. All selections have won some type of local, state, or national award.

Young Adult Poetry: A Reference and Theme Guide, Greenwood Press, 2002

Co-authored, with Janice DeLong, an annotated guide to young adult poetry which includes a subject index to individual poems.

Contemporary Christian Authors, Scarecrow Press, 2000

Co-authored, with Janice DeLong, an introduction to living writers of contemporary Christian fiction. Volume includes list of titles written, annotations of works, and personal observations from each author highlighted.

Core Collection for Small Libraries, Scarecrow Press, 1997

Co-authored, with Janice DeLong, an annotated bibliography designed to aid librarians, classroom teachers, and parents in choosing quality literature for children and young adults.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE
PROFESSIONAL**

Faculty Senate

ILRC representative to Faculty Senate, (Secretary of the Senate)

Member of the following committees:

Executive Committee (Secretary)

Elections Committee

Under-graduate Curriculum Committee

Facilities Committee

Academic and Admissions Standards Committee (Secretary)

Student Life Committee (Secretary)
Information Services Senate Committee

Writers Conference

Committee Member and co-chair, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2010
Helped to sponsor, organize, and promote bi-annual Writer's Conference, bringing well-known authors and experienced teachers to campus to lecture on writing techniques and methods for teaching writing.

Young Writer's Conference

Sponsored this event bringing over 500 students from area Christian Schools to campus for instruction in how to write. 2001, 2003, 2005

Mentoring Program

Participated in mentoring program sponsored by the Dean of Women's Office. 1999-present
Conducted mentoring sessions for female students titled: "Knowing the Mind of Christ."

In-Service Program

Arranged for the government documents librarian from Hollins University to present a workshop for Liberty University librarians about free government websites available for research

Indexer

Retrospective indexer for Christian Periodical Index, 2004 - 2005

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Virginia Library Association Conference – Portsmouth, October, 2010
ALA Conference – Washington, DC – Summer 2010
Children's Literature Conference – Shenandoah University, Summer 2009
Virginia Library Association Conference – Williamsburg, VA – October 2009
Seven Things for 2007 Workshops, Liberty University – Summer 2007
Virginia Library Association Conference – Williamsburg, VA – November 2006
Association of Christian Librarians Conference – Columbia International University, Columbia, South Carolina – June, 2005
Excel Training workshops provided by DISC, Summer 2005
American Christian Writers Conference, Richmond, VA - April 2005
Virginia Library Association Conference – Williamsburg, VA 2004
Christian Writers Association Conference – Richmond, VA 2004
Faculty workshops presented by the *Center for Teaching Excellence* taught by various Liberty University professors, 2001 - 2005

Liberty University Quality Service Training Program – “Connections” - Liberty University, 2004
Virginia Library Association Public Documents Forum – “Ask What Your Country Can Do For
You: Free Government Web Sites and the SOLs” – Roanoke, VA, 2003
Liberty University Customer Service Workshop - Liberty University, 2002
Virginia Library Association Conference – Richmond, VA 2001
Celebration of Children’s Literature (Sponsored by UVA) – Abingdon, VA – 2000
Workshop for Instruction in Cataloging Music Materials, - Greensboro, 2000
On line workshops presented by Library Journal and School Library Journal
Mind, Body, Spirit Spring workshop – January 13, 2011
Reference: The Missing Link in Discovery – May 11, 2010
SLJ Nonfiction Spring 2010 Book Buzz – April 13, 2010
The Success of web-scale discovery in returning net=gen users to the library – April 8,
2010
Gadgets and tools and apps, Oh my! – February 9, 2010
Christian Fiction Book Buzz – November 19, 2009
Teen Read Week 2009 Book Buzz – October 22, 2009
Doing More with Less: ‘Training up’ in Tough Economic Times – October 20, 2009

Current Professional Goals

Examine ways that the Curriculum Library can provide better services for distance students in the field of education.
Improve cataloging skills through self-study (particularly with music materials)
Improve supervisory skills with student workers and staff.

Professional Memberships

Past

Chautauqua Country Librarians Association
Have participated in the events of the Virginia Society for Technology in Education, the Virginia Educational Media Association and the Virginia Library Association as a non-member
Local College Librarians Association
Association of Christian Writers
Local Writers Group

Present

Christian Librarian's Association

Professional Interests

Children's Literature
Young Adult Literature

Classical Music
Christian Fiction

Community Service (Personal)**Past and Present**

Church Prayer Committee, Church related musical groups, Sunday School teacher
(Local churches)

Director of Children's Ministry (Stillwater United Methodist Church)

Leisure Interests

Natural approach to medicine
Gardening
Music

Interior decoration
Reading
Antiques

Honors and Awards

Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities
Outstanding Young Women in America
Who's Who of American Women

