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Education

MLIS, University of Pittsburgh, 2004
Pittsburgh, PA

BA, English Writing and Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh, 2002
Pittsburgh, PA, cum laude

Library Experience

Assistant Director of the Library 2024-present
Rocky Mountain College, Billings, MT

In addition to my existing responsibilities I'm now responsible for supervising the Library Associate position, budgeting input, collection development, and additional committee responsibilities.

Assistant Librarian for Instruction and Web Development 2018-present
Rocky Mountain College, Billings, MT

Primary duties consist of leading the instruction program and the ownership and ongoing improvement of the library's web presence, including Primo, and the development of original digital products that support student learning and the mission of the library.

Assistant Information and Web Services Librarian 2014-2018
Saint Francis University, Loretto, PA

Primary duties were instruction, web development and Springshare product management, reference, collection development and serving as library liaison to a variety of departments.

Assistant Information Services Librarian 2009-2014
Saint Francis University, Loretto, PA

Instructor Information Services Librarian 2006-2009
Saint Francis University, Loretto, PA

Reference and Instruction Librarian 2005-2006
Community College of Allegheny County—North, Pittsburgh, PA

Teaching

ENG 120: Critical Reading and Evaluative Writing Co-taught one three-credit section.	Spring 2023
Custom Information Literacy Sessions 250+ custom information literacy sessions in faculty members' classrooms.	2006-present
Core 113 Library Workshops 135+ workshop sessions, including: Your Academic Library, Searching Databases, Resource Evaluation, Avoid Plagiarism, and MLA/APA Citing.	2011-2018
Core 101 Instructor of record for 35+ sections of a 1-credit course required of all first-year students.	2006-2011

Technology Projects

Archive.rocky.edu Overhaul In order to modernize, better preserve, and enable enhanced visibility of and searchability for the Archives at RMC I migrated the old database of archives holdings and built a new website for archive.rocky.edu.	2021-2022
E-Resources and Discovery Services Management Responsible for ensuring on and off-campus access to all databases and discovery systems and also for the management of our digital records and holdings to ensure access.	2020-present
Library Cheatsheets Built a custom pathfinder solution for RMC Library with an eye toward open-sourcing it and helping libraries with low resources implement them. Under continual development.	2019-present
RMC Library Data Manager Custom API for our database metadata and other library information. Front-end made with Vue and the back-end utilizes Firebase. This project enables "databases by subject" views for patrons and the ability to manage all database metadata easily.	2018-2019
RMC Library Website Redesign Entirely responsible for the design and code for the library website overhaul. Modernized and responsive with a focus on funneling users to the most important resources.	2018-2019

APIs for Librarians	2017-present
A web project that shares brief guides, replete with easy-to-implement code snippets, using various APIs to enhance library websites and LibGuides. Accepts submissions from others and encourages users to seek my help. https://www.apis4librarians.com	
Integration of LibGuides content into Canvas	2016-2017
SFU Library Website Complete Redesign	2014-2015
In response to upgrade of our campus CMS; entirely new codebase including a responsive grid.	
Migration of LibGuides to version 2.0	2014-2015
Including implementation of a guide-review process and an authoritative style guide.	
SFU Library Website Complete Redesign	2012-2013
Administrator of LibGuides and other Springshare products	2011-2018

Collection Development Projects

Collaborative Major Collection Development	2009-2017
Worked with faculty to develop specific areas of our print collection: Environmental Engineering, Women's Studies, Medical Sociology, and Renewable Energy, etc.	
Major Collection Evaluation Project	2012-2015
Evaluated all print books in my liaison subject areas based on criteria developed in collaboration with faculty in liaison departments; approximately thirty-thousand titles.	
Regional Authors Collection	2008-2012
Developed collection of more than 200 volumes featuring regional writers; primarily creative works but also including nonfiction.	

Presentations

"Library Cheat Sheets': An Open Source LibGuides Alternative @ Rocky Mountain College." TRAILS Symposium	May 2021
"APIs for Librarians." Poster Session at "Understanding and Using APIs" by NEASIST	Jan. 2018
"What Your Library Can Do for You", Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Saint Francis Univ.	Feb. 2015

“Effective Faculty Outreach and Collaboration: Our Reinvigorated Library Liaison Program,” Western PA and West Virginia Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries, Fall Meeting	Nov. 2014
“Evernote for Academics” (two sessions), iDevice Users Group, Saint Francis Univ.	Jan. 2012
“In with the New: Our Revised First-Year Information Literacy Program” Western PA and West Virginia Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries, Fall Meeting	Nov. 2012

Service

Professional

• Website/Forum Committee, TRAILS	2025-present
• Buildings and Grounds Board Representative, Rocky Mountain College	2025-present
• Honor’s Board Committee, Rocky Mountain College	2023-present
• Assessment Committee, Rocky Mountain College	2020-2025
• Electronic Resources Committee, TRAILS Consortium	2020-present
• Digital Preservation Committee, TRAILS Consortium	2019-2024
• Student Services Committee, Rocky Mountain College	2019-2020
• Creative Writing Contest judge, Rocky Mountain College	2018-present
• Programming Committee, Western Pennsylvania / West Virginia Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries	2014-2018
• General Education Committee, Saint Francis Univ.	2013-2018
• Writing Task Force, Saint Francis Univ.	2012-2014
• Mentor, Western Pennsylvania / West Virginia Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries	2012-2013
• Gunard Berry-Carlson Writing Contest judge, Saint Francis Univ.	2010-2018
• Learning Management System Selection Advisory Committee Saint Francis Univ.	2008-2009
• Tobin and Borland Library Research Awards judge, Saint Francis Univ.	2006-2018
• Curriculum Committee, Saint Francis Univ.	2006-2013

Community

• Volunteer Website Creation and Management, Marvel Kennels	2022-present
• Volunteer Website Creation and Management, When There are Nine	2021-present
• Volunteer Website Redesign and Maintenance, Earth Law Center	2018-2019
• Volunteer Web Dev Consultation, St. Peter’s Episcopal Church	2018
• Website Design, Refugee Working Group	2017
• Co-Facilitator, VetsWrite community writing group	2016
• Website Manager and Redesigner, Western Pennsylvania / West Virginia Chapter of the Association of College and	2015-2018

Publications

“Fish Creek Drought, 1991,” *Pithead Chapel*, Feb. 2023. <https://pitheadchapel.com/fish-creek-drought-1991>

“A Silent Offering,” *Yellow Chair Review*, Sept. 2016.

“A Good Place,” *Pittsburgh City Paper*, 2000.