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## **Education:**

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**Master of Arts in Political Science**, Public Administration & Political Theory emphasis  
Minnesota State University, Mankato. December 2007.

Thesis: *Unionized Library Organizations: A Comparative Case Study.*

**Master of Science in Library and Information Science**, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. May 2003.

**Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History**, Luther College. May 2000.

## **Experience:**

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**Government Documents and Instruction Librarian, Assistant Professor**, Minnesota State University, Mankato, August 2003 to Present.

- Provide regular weekly reference services at a busy service desk located in an information commons setting.
- Participate in 24/7 Virtual Reference, providing online reference service for nationwide cooperative through OCLC's Question Point
- Serve as an active member of the library's Reference Team, which collaborates to assess, plan, and promote reference services.
- Collaborate with other librarians on the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Team to provide outreach and collection development for departments in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.
- Serve as primary library liaison for the Departments of Geography, Political Science, Economics, Law Enforcement, and Urban and Regional Studies.
- Provide reference consultations and library instruction for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences as well as other colleges as needed.
- Manage the Government Document Collection through item selection and weeding.
- Serve as collection developer for map and atlas collection.
- Provide library instruction for first-year seminar classes as well as introductory English composition, and speech/communications classes.
- Develop classroom materials for bibliographic instruction such as power point presentations, quizzes, and study guides.
- Supervise Government Document and Map Department staff.
- Coordinate daily tasks in the Government Documents and Maps Department and represent the department at monthly Library Round Table Meetings.
- Identify and collect materials to supplement depository items.
- Conduct internal training sessions on electronic resources focusing on social science and government resources.

- Provide training sessions for new employees on the use of electronic resources, the library catalog, and government documents and maps.
- Manage ordering of replacements of lost or damaged library materials.
- Supervise mending and binding processes, distribute books in need of mending to collection developers.

**Co-Interim Reference Coordinator**, Minnesota State University, Mankato, January 2012 to May 2014.

- Supervise Library Technician for Reference
- Work with Co-Interim Reference Coordinator to coordinate Reference Team activities

**Interim Instruction Coordinator**, Minnesota State University, Mankato, August 2004 to August 2005.

- Promote, support, and develop library instruction program.
- Prepare documentation and statistics for the instruction program.
- Conduct Instruction Team Meetings.
- Provide leadership in the preparation of guides to the library, both electronic and print.
- Schedule library instruction sessions and the use of two library classrooms.
- Trained a new librarian and an MLS Graduate Assistant on providing library instruction.
- Provided leadership in evaluation of the library instruction program.

**Graduate Assistant for the Undergraduate Library**, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, August 2001 to August 2003.

- Worked up to ten hours a week at busy reference desk providing person-to-person, phone, e-mail, and live chat reference services. Used a number of online databases, web materials, and the library's extensive paper collection.
- Supervised staff of four to six student workers and oversaw library operations during evening and weekend hours.
- Performed collection maintenance and development in the library's special collections of self-help and career materials, and the library's audio-visual collection.
- Maintained the web site and searchable database for the Undergraduate Library's e-mail reference service, Question Board  
<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/ugl/qb/>.
- Conducted library instruction seminars of up to 30 students on the use of article databases and library's online catalog.

## **Committees and Service:**

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### **National Committees**

- Association of College and Research Libraries Law and Political Science Section: Conference Program Planning, (2007-2011)
  - Chair (2009-2010)
- Association of College and Research Libraries Law and Political Science Section: Review and Planning Committee (2005-2007)

#### **State and Consortial Committees**

- Federal Depository Regional Advisory Group (2017-Current)
- Reference/End User Experience Sub-Group of the Future ILS Task Force (2015-2016)
- MnPALS Plus Working Group (2009-2015)
- MnPALS Discovery Tool Task Force (2007-2009)
- Executive Committee: Minnesota Association of Federal Depository Libraries (2004 to 2008)
- Minnesota Academic Group for New Opportunities in Library and Information Access (2004-2005)

#### **University Committees**

- Faculty Improvement Grant/Sabbatical Committee: Represent FIG/S Committee on Faculty Association Executive Committee. (2004-present)
  - Chair (2005-2008)

#### **Library Committees**

##### Elected Committees

- Faculty Assessment and Planning Committee (2017-Present)
- Library Personnel Committee (2004-2008, 2009-2017)
  - Chair (2009-2014, 2015-2016)
- Library Faculty Development Committee (2008-2010)

##### Search Committees

- Search Committee for Electronic Access and User Experience Librarian (2014)
  - Chair
- Search Committee for Instructional Services Librarian (2013)
  - Chair
- Search Committee for Journals Acquisitions/Reference Librarian (2012)
  - Chair
- Search Committee for Probationary Electronic Resources Librarian (2008)
  - Chair
- Search Committee for Fixed-Term Electronic Resources Librarian (2006)
  - Chair
- Search Committee for Instruction Coordinator (2005)

##### Other Library Committees

- College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Collection Development Team (2004-present)
- Library-Wide Collection Development Team (2014-present)
- Serials Review Committee (2006-2007, 2008-present)
- Public Services Team (2007-present)
  - Convener (2008-present)
- Library Web Team (2004-2007)
  - Served on the Usability Sub Group which conducted a qualitative user study of the library's web site (2007)
- Electronic Resources Group (2004-2005)

#### **Other Service**

- Serve as an academic advisor to pre-major students.
- Provide library orientation sessions for high school students participating in History Day competitions. Have served as judge for regional History Day competition.
- Presented session on conducting research to the Mankato Area Lifelong Learners on in August of 2012.

#### **Professional Associations:**

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- American Library Association
  - Government Document Round Table
  - Library Instruction Round Table
  - Reference and User Services Association
- Association of College and Research Libraries
  - Law and Political Science Section
  - Instruction Section

#### **Research and Awards:**

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##### Presentations

- Presented *Journal Collection Analysis at Minnesota State University, Mankato* with Nat Gustafson-Sundell at the MnPALS Acq/Serials Day in Edina, MN March of 2016.
- Presented *VuFind - A Web 2.0 Interface for your Library Catalog*, Electronic Resources, and More with Al Rykhuis at the LibTech Conference in St. Paul, MN, March of 2013.
- Moderated Panel Presentation *Participatory Democracy in an Internet Age* at the American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, DC June 2010
- Presented *United States and Canadian Government Information for Family Research* at the South Central Minnesota Genealogy Expo in Mankato, MN October 2009.

- Presented *A Comparison of MnPALS Plus and WorldCat Local* with Dave Wuolu at the Consortium of MnPALS Libraries Annual Meeting April 2009.
- Presented *AskMN: The Librarian Is In - Minnesota's Cooperative Digital Reference Service* with Carla Pfahl at the MnPALS Reference Work Day in St. Paul, MN April 2009.
- Presented as a part of a panel presentation *Why You Get What You Get: Demystifying MnPALS Plus Search Results* at the MnPALS Reference Work Day in St. Paul, MN April 2009.
- Presented *AskMN: The Librarian Is In* with Brian Lind and Carla Pfahl at the Minnesota Library Association Conference in Bloomington, MN November 2008.
- Presented *Using Government Documents for Family Research* at the South Central Minnesota Genealogy Expo in Mankato, MN November 2008.
- Presented *Plagiarism and the Role of Librarians* with Mark McCullough at the MnPALS Reference Work Day St. Paul, MN March 2008.
- Presented *CRS Reports for Hot Topics*. at 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Minnesota-South Dakota Government Publications Forum. Duluth, MN April 2006.
- Presented paper *From Doughnuts to Batman Comics: Popular Culture Research and Non-Traditional Resources* with Amy Fry of University of Missouri-Kansas City at the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Conference in San Antonio, Texas. April 2004.

#### Grants

- Received a Research Incentive Grant with Bobby Bothmann and Mark McCullough identifying paper versus electronic usage of government documents.
- Received a Research Incentive Grant with Daardi Sizemore to explore electronic, video and paper teaching aids for primary source material. Included the creation of a video guide for using ST200 micrographic reader/scanner.
- Awarded Faculty Improvement Grant to attend *Reinventing Reference III: Emerging Technologies for Reference Services* at the American Library Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC, 2007.