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WORK EXPERIENCE

2006 – present Director of Libraries
Texas A&M University – Commerce
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I provide leadership and direction for the university's libraries, which include the main library and one branch. The full-time staff of 36 includes 17 librarians and other professionals, plus 19 paraprofessionals. The current budget is \$3.7 million. I led the library through a strategic planning and visioning process, which resulted in a restructuring of the organization, reclassification of staff, faculty status for librarians, and a shift in focus to supporting increased digital initiatives in our resources and services while revamping the library building to be customer-centered. The library has 200 computers, including the main computer lab for campus, faculty media services, as well as special collaborative technology areas and new multimedia learning commons. Other efforts to advance the library's digital capabilities include creating a digital library with collections about the National Conversation on Writing, World War II, and regional history; outfitting a new electronic instruction classroom; and improved digitization lab areas. Seeking outside funding, we secured multiple LSTA grants to support our regional collaboration efforts in providing continuing education to librarians and teachers and in preserving local history. This includes the first effort to create a digital collection on African American history in Northeast Texas. I succeeded in acquiring significant donations in aviation and music for our special collections, as well as the papers of our congressman. This has also led to scholarship endowments and fundraising opportunities. Increasing our emphasis on public programming, the library has hosted several well-attended speeches, performances, and book signings and renovated public areas for a café, information commons, and meeting rooms.

2002 – 2006 Assistant Director, Resource Management
University of Texas – Pan American Library
Edinburg, TX 78541

1998 – 2002 Division Coordinator
Eastern Kentucky University Libraries
Richmond, KY 40475

- 1996 -1998** Circulation Section Chief
Eastern Kentucky University Libraries
Richmond, KY 40475
- 1993-1996** Librarian, Extended Campus and Interlibrary Loan
Morehead State University
Morehead, KY 40351
- 1992-1993** Trainer
University of Kentucky Medical Center Library
Lexington, KY 40536-0084

EDUCATION

- 2001** Master of Arts in Higher Education
Morehead State University
Morehead, KY
- 1992** Master of Science in Library Science
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY
- 1979** Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude
Concordia College
Moorhead, MN

GRANTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLICATIONS

- 2013 “Here Today, Gone Tomorrow? Preserving Your Web-based Content,” co-presenter with Andrea Weddle, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, December 9.
- 2012 LSTA Cooperative Grants, “LEOtrain: Librarians Educating Others,” funded at \$58,124.
- 2012 “A Conversation with Dr. Bryan Alexander,” (panel discussion including Peter Deekel and Carlene Drake) Academic Library Directors’ Symposium, San Francisco, CA, March 29.

- 2011 “Places, Spaces, and Things: What a long, strange trip it’s been,” Academic Library Directors’ Symposium, San Francisco, CA, March 8.
- 2010 LSTA Cooperative Grants, “HeirLoom: Something worth saving, something worth sharing.” Third year funded at \$73,966.
- 2010 Humanities Texas grant, “Cotton Belt Railroad Symposium,” with Jason Davis. Funded for \$1,000.
- 2010 Humanities Texas grant, “Riders on the Orphan Train,” with Gayle Gordon. Funded for \$750.
- 2009 LSTA Cooperative Grants, “HeirLoom: Something worth saving, something worth sharing.” Second year funded at \$72,866.
- 2009 “Stories Around the Fire: A digital library and engaging students in primary sources,” (professional development conference), Commerce, TX, May 15.
- 2009 “Bringing Hidden Treasures to Light: The HeirLoom Project,” The East Texas Historical Association, Paris, TX, February 20.
- 2008 LSTA Cooperative Grants, “HeirLoom: Something worth saving, something worth sharing.” Funded at \$74,060 for first year.
- 2008 “Convergence on the Cheap: Making the shift happen in the library,” National Council of Teachers of English, San Antonio, TX, November 21.
- 2008 “Joining the National Conversation on Writing: An interactive workshop,” co-presenter with Shannon Carter and Donna Dunbar-Odom, National Writing Project, San Antonio, TX, November 21.
- 2008 “Affordances and Affordability: Writing, electronic publishing, and affordable effectiveness in the new library,” Watson Conference, Louisville, KY, October 16.
- 2008 “Strength in Community: World War II, the library, and a quest for buried treasure,” co-presenter with James Conrad, Southwest Archivists Association, Houston, TX, May 24.
- 2008 “We Remember: World War II: Oral histories and the digital library,” Full of Shift: History and English programs respond to our changing times (professional development conference), Commerce, TX, May 9.
- 2008 “No Shushing Required: Writing out loud in the library,” South Central

- Writing Centers Association conference, Stillwater, OK, March 7.
- 2008 “Gen Next Meets Greatest Generation: Creating community through a digital library,” co-presenter with Adam Northam, EDUCAUSE Southwest, Houston, TX, February 22.
- 2008 Humanities Texas grant, “Cotton Belt Railroad Symposium,” with James Conrad and Jason Davis. Funded for \$1,000.
- 2007 “Preserving the Legacy,” (speech at Texas A&M University – Commerce for the unveiling of digital library collection on World War II veterans), November 11.
- 2005 Chair, Texas Innovative Users’ Group Meeting, San Antonio, TX, March 17.
- 2005 “Embedded Digital Objects and the Future of Academic Journal Publishing,” co-presenter with Tamara Remhof, Charleston Conference, Charleston, SC, November 3. (Published in conference proceedings 2006).
- 2004 “Distinctive Expertise: Multimedia, the Library, and the Term Paper of the Future,” *Technology and Libraries*, 24 (1), 32-36.
- 2004 “Multimedia and the Internet,” co-presenter with Rick Peralez, Internet Librarian conference, Monterey, CA, November 13.
- 2004 “Media Nomads,” *Internet Reference Services Quarterly*, 8 (4), 69-78.
- 2003 “Lights, Camera – Get Digital,” co-presenter with Rick Peralez, Internet Librarian conference, Monterey, CA, November 5.
- 2002 “How to Control the Web OPAC in Your Library,” co-presenter with Todd King, Internet Librarian conference, Palm Springs, CA, November 6. This presentation was given at the Kentucky Library Association Academic Section Meeting, Lake Cumberland State Resort Park, April 11. It also was given at the request of the Kentucky Voyager User’s Group for the annual meeting in May, and again at the Southeastern Library Association conference in October.
- 2001 Grant, American Library Association, “Live @ Your Library” program, for Appalachian Music Series, held in February and March, 2002. Funded for \$2,100.
- 2001 Grant, Kentucky Humanities Council, for Appalachian Music Series, held

in February and March, 2002. Funded for \$1,500.

- 2001 “A Customized Gateway for Counseling Resources on the Web,” co-presenter with Dr. Kim Naugle, Kentucky Counseling Association Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY, October 16.
- 2000 “Fineless Circulation at ECU Libraries: An Evaluation,” *Kentucky Libraries*, 64 (1), Winter, 2000, 17-19.
- 1999 “Bringing Content to Light: Adaptive Technology for the Visually Impaired,” co-presenter with Janet Romine, Kentucky Library Association Academic Section Meeting, KenLake Resort Park, April 23.
- 1996 Grant proposal, Ashland Oil Corporation continuing fund, Morehead State University (with Julie Lewis and Gary Flanagan), “An Electronic Instruction Classroom in the Library.” Funded in 1998.
- 1995 "Extended Campus Library Service to Graduate Students -- A Partnership," panel co-presenter with Sarah Vaughn, Kentucky Library Association Academic Section Meeting, Breckinridge Inn, Louisville, KY, April 6.
- 1994 “Document Delivery: A Cost-Centered Approach,” co-presenter with Elsie Pritchard, Kentucky Library Association Academic Section Meeting, Lake Barkley State Park, April 7.

SERVICE

- 2014 Member, SACS-COC substantive change review team, Louisiana State University – Shreveport.
- 2012 - present Chair, Governance Committee, Texas A&M University System Library Council
- 2012 – present Sick Leave Pool Committee, Texas A&M University – Commerce.
- 2012 - 2013 Faculty Center for Excellence planning committee.
- 2012 - 2013 Provost Search Committee, Texas A&M University – Commerce.
- 2011 Search Committee for Dean of the College of Science, Engineering, and Agriculture, Texas A&M University – Commerce.

2010 – 2012	Academic Library Director Symposium Advisory Committee, Innovative Interfaces, Inc.
2010	College Reorganization Task Force, Texas A&M University – Commerce.
2010 – 2013	Chair, Commerce Public Library Cooperative Committee, Commerce, TX
2010	Co-chair, Cotton Belt Symposium, Commerce, TX, October 8-9.
2009 – present	University Executive Council, Texas A&M University – Commerce.
2008 – 2014t	Library Systems Advisory Board, state of Texas (second three year term); Chair for fiscal year 2012 and 2013.
2008 –2009	Provost Search Committee, Texas A&M University – Commerce.
2008 – present	Budget Review and Development Council, Texas A&M University – Commerce
2007 – 2009	Veterans’ Vigil Committee, Texas A&M University – Commerce. Director of Youth Education Program, 2007 – 2008. Outstanding Committee Member, 2008.
2007	Co-chair, Cotton Belt Railroad History Symposium.
2006	Chair, Texas Innovative Users’ Group.
2003 - 2005	University of Texas – Pan American Academic Computing Council
2003 - 2005	University of Texas – Pan American One-Card (ID) Committee
2002	Eastern Kentucky University One-Card Committee
2001	Eastern Kentucky University Grievance Committee.
2001	Eastern Kentucky University Salary Equity Committee (Faculty Senate).
2000	Eastern Kentucky University Bookstore Committee.
1998	Kentucky Library Association Academic Membership Committee
1996	NOTIS Users Group representative for EKU Libraries, annual meeting in Chicago, September 18-20.

1995	Kentucky Library Association Audit Committee.
1994-1996	Morehead State University Library Merit Pay Committee
1993-1996	Kentucky Library Association Registration Committee, annual conference.
1993-1995	Morehead State University Research and Creative Productions Committee; chair of Annual Awards Ceremony subcommittee.
1993-1996	State Assisted Academic Library Committee of Kentucky (SAALCK) Interlibrary Loan Task Force member.

HONORS

Texas A&M University - Commerce Faculty Senate award for service, 2012.

Who's Who in America 2011

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Library Association

Association of College and Research Libraries

Texas Library Association