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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Library Innovation, Research Methods, LGBTQA+ Advocacy, Student Diversity, First Generation College Students

EMPLOYMENT OVERVIEW

University of Houston Law Center (Houston, Texas) **2017-Present**
Director, John M. O'Quinn Law Library
Assistant Professor

Tulane University School of Law (New Orleans, Louisiana) **2010-2017**
Adjunct Associate Professor
Associate Director, Tulane Law Library

- Supervise all library departments
- Manage 7 librarians, 7 full-time staff members and 17 student workers
- Plan and teach all sections of first-year legal research
- Prepare reports for Deans and Library Director
- Serve as faculty liaison for 8 tenured faculty and two clinicians
- Provide reference services (ten to fifteen hours per week)
- Only non-IT staff person asked to manage servers (proxy, digital signage, archives)
- Consistently tasked with technology purchasing decisions throughout law school (demand printing, document scanning, instructional video creation)
- Sought after for technological solutions in various law school departments (career services and alumni relations data management, law school website redesign, public relations social media management)

State Law Library of Mississippi (Jackson, MS) **2009-2010**
State Librarian

- Legislative Appointment
- Established long-term funding for public wireless Internet
- Implemented secure wireless Internet system
- Negotiated grant for public access Westlaw terminal

- Contributed to Mississippi becoming first state to implement PACER for state court documents
- Established permanent link solution for Mississippi Supreme Court and Court of Appeals
- Negotiated vendor contracts

Phelps Dunbar, LLP (Jackson, MS)

2003-2009

Manager of Information Services

Regional Law Librarian

- Created firm intranet (Sharepoint, still in use)
- Created firm extranets (Sharepoint, still in use)
- Redesigned library website (HTML/CSS/Java)
- Chosen to be a part of West Advisory Committee for WestKM
- Served as primary liaison between attorneys, clients and technology to ensure user needs were met and technology goals were clear and attainable
- Assisted in vendor negotiations
- Participated in lawyer training
- Provided reference services
- Assisted with collection development
- Client document management system
- Library budgeting system
- Knowledge management system (WestKM)
- Firm competitive intelligence system (Sydney Plus)

PUBLICATIONS

Chapter, *Understanding and Utilizing Digital Authentication*, in *Digital Rights Management: The Librarian's Guide* (Cathernie Lemmer & Carla Wale 2016).

“Don’t Burn the Books, Read Them” 46.2 *International Journal of Legal Information* 79 (2018).

PRESENTATIONS AND SPEECHES

“United States Government Documents: Technological Lessons Learned” Presenter. Future of Legal Digital Documents Spanish/English Conference. Nov. 12, 2018.

“Technology Competence in Legal Practice: Where Do Libraries Fit In?” Presenter. American Association of Law Libraries National Conference. July 17, 2018.

“Using Legal Research to Fulfill your Ethical Obligations” Presenter. Harris County Attorney General’s Office CLE. June 21, 2018.

“Texas Legal Research” Presenter. University of Houston Law Center CLE. June 8, 2018.

“Digital Privacy” Houston Public Radio, Briefcase Radio. June 4, 2018.

“Disaster Recovery: Law Library Responses in Times of Crisis.” Presenter. Southwestern Association of Law Libraries Annual Conference. Houston, TX. April 5-7, 2018.

“Fake News” Houston Public Radio, Briefcase Radio. This specific segment received a gold medal at the Collegiate Advertising Awards for best webcast/podcast. November 8, 2017.

“A Tale of Two Accreditations.” Presenter. Southeastern Association of Law Libraries and Southwestern Association of Law Libraries Joint Annual Conference. Dallas, TX. April 14-16, 2016.

“Taking Langdell Literally: The Law Library as Technology Lab.” Presenter. Southeastern Association of Law Libraries Annual Conference. Louisville, KY. April 16-18, 2015.

“Effective Use of Social Media in Libraries.” Presenter. New Orleans Association of Law Libraries. New Orleans, LA. September 2015.

Quoted in “Cloudy with a Chance of Collaboration: How Cloud services can Enhance Collaboration Among Librarians.” Spectrum, April 2013.

TEACHING

Assistant Professor, University of Houston Law Center

Advanced Legal Research (Simulation Experiential Learning)
Texas Legal Research

Adjunct Associate Professor, Tulane University Law School

Advanced Legal Research (Simulation Experiential Learning)
Advanced Legal Research

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Florida State University

Legal Research for Librarians

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Mississippi School of Law

Legal Research

Adjunct Professor, Tugaloo College

Legal Research for Undergraduates

SERVICE

Professional Service

AALL Annual Meeting Program Committee, 2019-2020.
Board Member, ALLStar Benchmarking, 2018.

AALL CS-SIS Committee Member, 2018-2019.
Membership Chair, Southeastern Association of Law Libraries, 2016.
Presentations Chair, Southeastern Association of Law Libraries, 2015.
Membership Committee, Southeastern Association of Law Libraries, 2015.
President, New Orleans Association of Law Libraries, 2015.
Vice President, New Orleans Association of Law Libraries, 2014.
Education Committee Chair, New Orleans Association of Law Libraries, 2011-2014.

University Service

First Generation College Student Advisory Council, Tulane University, 2015-2017.

Law School Service

Chair, Library Committee, 2018-Present.
Online Learning Committee, 2018-Present.
New Building Committee, University of Houston Law Center, 2018-Present.
Facilities Committee, University of Houston Law Center, 2017-2018.
Hiring Committees (various), University of Houston Law Center, 2017-Present.
First Generation Student Group, University of Houston Law Center,
2018-Present.
Pipe-Line Interviewer, University of Houston Law Center, 2018-Present.
Library Committee, Tulane University Law School, 2014-2017.
Administrative Committee, Tulane University Law School, 2013-2014.
Hiring Committees (various), Tulane University Law School, 2011-2017.

Library Service

Executive Committee, John M. O'Quinn Law Library, 2017-Present.
Programs Committee, John M. O'Quinn Law Library, 2017-Present.

EDUCATION

Master of Information Science, *Florida State University*

Summa Cum Laude
Graduate Assistant to Doctor John Gathegi
Participated in designing online course for librarian legal research (BlackBoard)

Juris Doctor, *University of Mississippi School of Law*

Phi Delta Phi
Journal of National Security Law
Assistant in Legal Research and Writing
Library Reference Desk Assistant
Research Assistant to Professor Deborah Bell
Poverty Law Clinic

Bachelor of Arts, *Mississippi University for Women*

Cum Laude

University Honors Program
University Scholar
Edwina Poindexter Scholar
Research Assistant to Doctor Scott Bauer

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Mississippi Bar Association (Admitted 2001)
International Legal Technology Association
American Association of Law Libraries
American Library Association
Southwestern Association of Law Libraries
Southeastern Association of Law Libraries
Houston Association of Law Libraries
New Orleans Association of Law Libraries

TECHNOLOGY PROFICIENCIES

Web Programming: 10+ years of intensive development with PHP, SQL, CSS, HTML, and XML
Java: 10+ years of in-depth experience with security, libraries and interfaces
Adobe Creative Suite: 10+ years of experience including multiple intensive courses
C#/Visual Basic .NET: 5 years of moderate experience, with in-depth experience coding and testing Excel and Access add-ins
Data Management: 10+ years of Access, 5 years of moderate experience to MySQL, DB2 Microsoft Suite, including Access, Visio and Publisher: 10+ years of in-depth experience
Microsoft SharePoint: 10+ years of intensive development including custom SQL solutions
Other programming languages: 2-3 years of moderate exposure to C++, Scheme, Mathematica