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PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Title: Collection Development

Biddle Law Library, University of Pennsylvania

Collection Development Librarian : 2020-

Collection Development & Resource Sharing Librarian : 2010-2020

Collection Development & Document Delivery Services Librarian : 2006 to 2010

Document Delivery and Auxiliary Services Librarian : September 1996 - 2006.

Media and Document Delivery Services Librarian : June 1990 - August 1996.

Media Services and Attorney Services Librarian : June 1987 - June 1990.

Media Services/Reference Librarian : September 1985 - May 1987.

Acquisitions Librarian : September 1977 - August 1985.

Current responsibilities include:

- ◆ Collection development of print and non-print materials for non-foreign/international materials
- ◆ Collection assessment for non-foreign/international titles
- ◆ Collection development and faculty support of video collection
- ◆ Liaison to the Law School's student journals
- ◆ Electronic library development, including content, design and creation of web and social networking pages
- ◆ Serving on Library teams
- ◆ Faculty liaison to assist faculty with research needs

EDUCATION

Drexel University Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences. 1977, MSLS.

Rutgers University, Camden - College of Arts and Sciences. 1971, AB - English.

TEACHING

Documentaries and the Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Fall 2004

Immigration through Film, Co-Course Planner and Faculty, Philadelphia Bar Institute, 2008

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES (AALL)

APPOINTMENTS/OFFICES HELD:

- ◆ *AALL Executive Board* : Board Member, 2003-06.
- ◆ *AALL Executive Board Strategic Direction Information Gathering* : Chair, 2003-04.
- ◆ *AALL Executive Board Finance & Budget Committee* : 2004-05

- ◆ *AALL Executive Board Strategic Planning Committee*: 2003-04.
- ◆ *Volunteer Service Award Committee*: Chair, 2020-21, Vice Chair, 2019-2020, Member, 2018-
- ◆ *Leadership and Development Committee*: 2015-17.
- ◆ *Nominations Committee*: 2015-17.
- ◆ *Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section*: Bluebook Committee, Chair, 2013 - 2021; Program Committee, 2013-2014 ; Strategic Plan Task Force, Chair, 2011 - 2013; Task Force on ABA Standards Review, 2009; Collection Development Roundtable, Chair, 2007; ALL-SIS Chair, 2002-03; Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, 2001-2002; Secretary/Treasurer, 1989-91; ALL-SIS Awards Committee Chair, 2000-01, member 1999-2000; Fees-for-Service Roundtable, Coordinator, 1987-93.
- ◆ *AALL LLJ and Spectrum Committee*: Chair, 2012; Vice-Chair, 2011.
- ◆ *AALL Price Index Committee*: Chair, 2011.
- ◆ *AALL Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee*: Co-chair, 2011.
- ◆ *AALL Economic Status of Law Librarians Committee*, Chair, 2006-2008.
- ◆ *AALL Liaison to ALA Interlibrary Loan Committee*: 2001-2004
- ◆ *"Law Library Journal" and "AALL Spectrum" Editorial Advisory Board*: 2008 – present; 2000-2003
- ◆ *AALL Annual Meeting Local Advisory Committee, Philadelphia, 2000*: Chair, 1998-2000.
- ◆ *Recruitment to Law Librarianship Committee*: 1997-1999.
- ◆ *AALL Annual Meeting Program Chair* 1995-96.
- ◆ *Education Committee*: Chair, 1995-96; Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, 1994-95; Chair, Educational Policy Subcommittee, 1995-1996 ; Member, 1989-92; Subcommittee on Alternate Education Formats, Chair 1990-92.
- ◆ *Public Relations Advisory Committee*: Chair, 1994-95; Member, 1992-95.
- ◆ *Document Delivery Caucus*: Founder and Coordinator, 1994 – 2021.
- ◆ *AALL Institute on Training Foreign and International Law Librarians*: Chair, Local Arrangements, 1993-95.
- ◆ *Council of SIS Chairs* : Chair, 1992-93; Member 2002-03; 1990-91.
- ◆ *Micrographics & Audiovisual Special Interest Section*: Chair, 1990-91; Liaison to American Library Association Audiovisual Committees, 1989-90; 1993.
- ◆ *AALL Liaison to ALA Audiovisual Committees* (ALCTS AV Committee, ACRL AV Committee, Video Round Table) : 1990-93.
- ◆ *Publications Committee*: Chair, 1987-89; Subcommittee on Alternate Media Formats, Chair, 1986-89; Member, 1986-87.
- ◆ *Technical Services Special Interest Section*: Chair, 1986-87; Member-at-Large, 1981-82; Acquisitions Standing Committee, Chair, 1982-1985; Heads of Acquisitions Departments of Large Law Libraries, Coordinator, 1983-85.
- ◆ *Council of Chapter Newsletter Editors*: Founder and Chair, 1983-85.
- ◆ *Committee on Relations with Publishers and Dealers*: Member, 1982-85; Vice Chair, 1985-86.
- ◆ *Committee on Exchange of Duplicates*: Member, 1978-79; Chair, 1979-81.

MEMBER: Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section; Readers Services Special Interest Section; Technical Services Special Interest Section.

AALL PROGRAMS:

- ◆ Coordinator/Moderator, *"The Bluebook Version 21 : A discussion Among Editors and Librarians,"* 2021
- ◆ Coordinator/Moderator, *"The Bluebook Five Years and an Edition Later: Connecting Librarians and Editors,"* 2015

- ◆ Coordinator/Moderator, *"The Bluebook : An Open Discussion Among Editors"*, 2010.
- ◆ Coordinator/Moderator, *"Law Journals & ILL: A Model to Explore and Adapt,"* 2007.
- ◆ Coordinator, *"Back to the Future: Thinking and Acting Strategically,"* 2005.
- ◆ Speaker, *"What You Don't Know Can Hurt You: Essential Technical Services Knowledge for Public Services Librarians,"* 2001.
- ◆ Coordinator and moderator, *"Forming Partnerships Between Law Libraries and Library Schools,"* 2000.
- ◆ Coordinator and speaker, *"Document Delivery at the Crossroads: Options and Trends,"* 1999.
- ◆ Workshop Director, *"Communication, Diversity and Management Skills: Skills for the Job and Life,"* 1997.
- ◆ Coordinator and moderator, *"Delivering 100% of the Message -- Verbal and Non-Verbal Communication Skills,"* 1996.
- ◆ Coordinator and moderator, *"Future Libraries: Reality and Law librarians,"* 1996.
- ◆ Coordinator and moderator, *"Media Center Development: Planning Law Library Media Centers in New and Existing Facilities,"* 1993.
- ◆ Coordinator and moderator, *"Envisioning our Future: Strategic Visions and Law Libraries,"* 1993.
- ◆ Coordinator and moderator, *"Defining the Law Librarian: A Town Meeting,"* 1992.
- ◆ Coordinator and moderator, *"What to Buy, When to Buy: The Collection Development/ Selection Process for Audio and Video,"* 1991.
- ◆ Coordinator and moderator, *"Instead of a Bake Sale: Auxiliary Sources of Revenue for Academic, State, County and Court Law Libraries,"* 1990.
- ◆ Coordinator and moderator, *"A Mixed Bag: Cataloging Mixed Media,"* 1989.
- ◆ Coordinator and moderator, *"Interactive Videodisc as an Instructional Medium: Its Use and Potential,"* 1988.
- ◆ Coordinator and moderator, *"A to V: Almost Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Audio and Video,"* 1987.
- ◆ Faculty, *"Advanced Acquisitions Workshop,"* 1986.
- ◆ Workshop Co-Director, *"Electronic Formats, Collection Development and Public Services: Developing an Interface,"* 1985.
- ◆ Coordinator and moderator, *"Technical Services Workflow : Planning for Efficiency,"* 1985.
- ◆ Faculty, *"Editing Workshop,"* 1984.
- ◆ Coordinator and moderator, *"Electronic Transmission of Orders,"* 1984.
- ◆ Coordinator and moderator, *"Acquisitions Policies in Law Libraries,"* 1980

NEW ENGLAND LAW LIBRARY COOPERATIVE (NELLCO)

- ◆ Interlibrary Loan Special Interest Group Co-chair : 2014-2021
- ◆ ALLStAR Advisory Committee : 2017-2021
- ◆ Acquisitions and Collection Development Interest Group : Member, Past Chair

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALA)

APPOINTMENTS/OFFICES HELD:

- ◆ **Association of College and Research Libraries Law and Political Science Section:**
Pre-conference Planning Committee, 1993-95; Marta Lange/CQ Award Committee, 1994-2000, Chair, 1999-2000; Vendor/Publisher Review Committee, 1997-1999;; ACRL/LPSS 2000 Program Planning Committee, Chair, 1999- 2000; Review and Planning

Committee, 1999-2006; LPSS Liaison to AALL, 1999- ; Nominating Committee, Chair, 2006.
Public Relations in Academic Libraries: Steering Committee, 1990-93.

- ◆ **Association for Library Collections and Technical Services:** ALCTS Liaison to the American Association of Law Libraries, 1998-2003.
Media Resources Committee: Member, 1994-98; Consultant, 1998-1999; Producer/Distributor-Library Relations Subcommittee, Chair, 1994-1998; Member, 1992-1999; Task Force to Review the Audiovisual Committee's Name and Charge: Chair, 1995-1998; Standards Subcommittee, 1992-1998; Program Planning Subcommittee, 1993-96, 1998-1999; Publisher/Vendor Library Relations Liaison, 1994-1998;
- ◆ **Reader and User Services Association, Management and Operation of User Services Section,** *National Interlibrary Loan Code* Revision Committee, 1999-2001; *Guidelines and Procedures for Telefacsimile and Electronic Delivery of Interlibrary loan Requests and Materials* Committee : 2000-02; Codes and Guidelines Committee, 2004-2006.
- ◆ **Reader and User Services Association, STARS:** Codes, Guidelines and Technical Standards Committee; Cooperative Collection Development, CODES/STARS.
- ◆ **Video Round Table:** Secretary, 1992-94; Program Planning Committee, 1992-93.

MEMBER: Past member - Association of College and Research Libraries; Library Administration and Management Association; Library Information and Technology Association; Reference and User Services Association; Video Round Table

ALA PROGRAMS:

- ◆ Coordinator/Moderator, "Don't Run a Mickey Mouse ILL Operation," 2007
- ◆ Coordinator and moderator, "Legal Web Sites Aren't Just for Lawyers: Finding and Using Law-Related web Sites," 2000.
- ◆ Speaker, "Acquiring Minds Want to Know: The Acquisition of Videos and CD-ROM," 1999.
- ◆ Speaker, "OCLC and Direct Request: The Biddle Law Library Experience," 1998.

GREATER PHILADELPHIA LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION:

APPOINTMENTS/OFFICES HELD:

Immediate Past President, 1999-2000.
President, 1997-99.
Director-at-Large, 1996-97.
Member-at-Large, 1980-81, 1983-84.
Secretary, 1981-82.
Newsletter Editor, 1999- ; 1981-85.
Public Relations Committee, Chair, 2012; member, 1993-94.
Northeast Regional Law Library Conference Committee, Chair, 1989-91.
Library Cooperatives Committee, Chair, 1986-88.
Archives Committee, 1983-85.
Consulting Committee, 1982-83.
Standards Committee, Chair, 1981-83.
Membership Committee, Chair, 1978-80.
Institute Committee, 1978-80.

LIBRARY AFFILIATIONS:

American Association of Law Libraries, 1978 - present.
American Library Association (ALA), 1978-2010.
OCLC SHARES Executive Group: 2006-11.
Friends of the Glenside Free Library Board, President, 2004-2006, 1999-2001; Board Member, 1998-2006.

Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association, 1977 - present.
Mid-Atlantic Law Libraries Cooperative, Coordinator, 1982-1987.
PALINET (Pennsylvania Library Information Network) Educational Advisory Group : Member, 1999-2002.
University of Pennsylvania Librarians Assembly, Member-at-Large, 1982-83.

MEDIA AFFILIATIONS:

Birmingham International Education Film Festival, Judge, 1994
"Video, CD-ROM & Beyond: Motion Media and the Library of the Future." August 1995. On faculty of week long institute; project of National Video Resources, an initiative of the Rockefeller Foundation, presented in Cooperation with the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, The University of Texas at Austin

OTHER LIBRARY-RELATED PRESENTATIONS

"Document Delivery and Interlibrary Loan." Workshop, PALINET, 2002.
Speaker, "Trends in ILL." New England Law library Cooperative 2002.
Speaker, "The Biddle Law Library Experience: The Implementation of Direct Request." OCLC PALINET Annual Meeting, 1998.

AWARDS

American Association of Law Libraries Hall of Fame Award: 2016

American Association of Law Libraries Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section Outstanding Service Award: 2015

American Libraries Association Association of College and Research Libraries Marta Lange/CQ Award, 2005; for "distinguished contributions to bibliography and information service in law or political science."

PUBLICATIONS

"Dear Diary – Fast Forward 21 Years..." Law library Journal 2019 (Forthcoming)

"AALL Representatives Expand AALL's Voice, Resources." 6 AALL Spectrum_– Member's Briefing 1 (July 2002).

"Care and Maintenance of the Successful Career: How Experienced Law librarians Make their Work Rewarding – 'You've Been There How Long?'" 93 Law Library Journal 579 (Fall 2001).

Editor, *Law Books in Print*. Glanville Publishing. 2001 – present.

"Law and the Holocaust" web page, University of Pennsylvania Law Library, 1998-present.

"Dear Diary: A Day in My Law Library Life, Circa 1997." 89 Law Library Journal 206 (Spring 1997).

"Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Meet Technology." 8 Trends in Law Library Management and Technology 6 (January/February 1997).

Biddle Advocate, Editor, University of Pennsylvania Law library, 1994-present.

"Reports from the Field," contributing editor. In The Video Annual 1994, ed. Jean T. Kreamer. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 1994.

"Reports from the Field," contributing editor. In The Video Annual 1993, ed. Jean T. Kreamer. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 1993

"Keeping Up with Video." In The Video Annual 1993, ed. Jean T. Kreamer, 81-83. Santa

Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 1993.
"The Video Librarian's Hide and Seek: Videotapes and Collection Development." 67 Wilson Library Bulletin 36 (June 1993).
"The Audio Litigator." Review. 2 Legal Publishing Preview 206 (September/October 1990).
"Recovering for Psychological Injuries Video Series." Review. 2 Legal Publishing Preview 206 (September/October 1990).
"Legal Research Made Easy: A Roadmap through the Law Library Maze," by Robert Berring. Review. 2 Legal Publishing Preview 259 (November/December 1990).
"Legal Videos - How to Compile a Videography." 1 Bowker's Legal Publishing Preview 1 (May/June 1989).
Contributor, "Questions & Answers," 77 Law Library Journal #4 – 80 Law Library Journal #2 (1985-1988).
Publications Clearing House Bulletin, Editor. American Association of Law Libraries, 1985.
"ALI/ALI-ABA." 7 Publications Clearing House Bulletin 3 (July 1984).
"Law Books 1876-1981: A Critical Review." 6 Publications Clearing House Bulletin 2 (November 1982).
"Thor Power Tool's Effect on Law Book Inventories." 5 Publications Clearing House Bulletin 2 (February 1982).
GPLLA Newsletter, Editor. Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association, 1981-85.

PUBLICATION IN PROGRESS

"Immigration Law Through Film" – working title

OUTSIDE INTERESTS

Potter

Lampworker (glass beadmaking)