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EDUCATION

San Jose State University, School of Library and Information Science M.L.I.S., 2007
Member, *Beta Phi Mu* , International Library and Information Science Honor Society.

Northeastern University School of Law J.D., 2004

Shippensburg University BA & BS, 2001
Summa Cum Laude, Psychology & Criminal Justice

LIBRARY & LEGAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Head of Staff Development & Legal Research Instructor August 2019 - present

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law

Provide training and support for library and law school staff. Teach the Advanced Legal Research and Corporate and Transactional Legal Research courses as well as in the first year Legal Research, Writing, Analysis & Communication course as needed. Guest lecture on subject-specific resources in substantive courses covering such topics as Business Ethics, Corporate Social Responsibility, Transactional Legal Writing, Insurance Law, Statutes & Legislation, and Medical Malpractice as well as provide research trainings to students in the Clinic for Asylum, Refugee and Emigrant Services (CARES), Farm Workers Legal Aid Clinic (FLAC), and students involved in the summer Externship program. Teach several sessions in Professional Development I course (Preparing for Interviews and Summer Research readiness) and a session on Nonlegal Research in Professional Development II/III. Provide training on Zoom, AI legal research programs, Mediasite, Zotero and other technology tools to adjunct and full-time faculty as well as law school staff. Maintain law school website documents and update the law library's website; create and maintain Libguides research guides. Assist in maintaining the law school's digital repository. Supervise the work of the Scholarly Services Associate in updating faculty scholarship platforms including the repository. Also provide course and research support to faculty and research assistance to students, faculty, and staff. Assist Law Review in administration of the annual Write-on Competition. Serve on the Orientation Committee and have primary responsibility for updating the Orientation Blackboard course and New Student Resources libguide along with presenting a pre-Orientation session on study aids and teaching one section of the How to Brief a Case session during on-campus orientation. Serve on the selection committees for the PIFP Fellowship and PIFP LRAP program recipients. Previously served on the Distance Learning working group.

Electronic Services Librarian & Legal Research Instructor

Sept 2012 – July 2019

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law

Co-chaired law school website redesign committee and provided daily website maintenance. Served as contact point and manager for law databases. Assisted in the development and maintenance of the law school's digital commons repository. Taught in the first year Legal Research, Writing, Analysis & Communication course and in the Advanced Legal Research course. Guest lectured on subject-specific resources in substantive courses covering such topics as Transactional Legal Writing, Retirement Policy, Insurance Law, Business Ethics and Statutes & Legislation as well as provided research orientations to students in the Clinic for Asylum, Refugee and Emigrant Services (CARES), Farm Workers Legal Aid Clinic (FLAC), and students involved in the summer Externship program. Presented programs to faculty and students on Zotero and other Research Management Systems. Provided course and research support for faculty and provide research assistance to students, faculty and staff at the law library reference desk.

Instructor, Paralegal Program

Sept 2015 - present

Villanova University, College of Professional Studies

Teach *Paralegal Office Coordination* (formerly *Legal Information Systems 1 & 2*) course to evening paralegal certificate students. Course covers case management software, time keeping & billing software, document redaction, e-filing, e-discovery and trial presentation software. Students are assessed through online document submissions, in-class exercises and analysis papers. Course is taught in 6 week sessions, with up to three separate course cohorts taught per year.

Adjunct Professor

Sept 2014 - Dec 2014

Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research

Taught *Legal Research & Writing* course while full-time faculty member was away on sabbatical. Covered federal and state primary and secondary materials and students were tasked with completing research papers on a legal issue of their choice.

Reference Librarian & Legal Research Instructor

Oct 2010 – Sept 2012

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law

Taught in the first-year legal research and writing program as well as presented the Environmental Law and Labor Law modules of the Advanced Legal Research Course. Taught *Prepare to Practice* refresher session. Served as a faculty liaison providing faculty with classroom and research support. Provided research assistance to students and staff members at the library Reference Desk. Managed law database access.

Solo Law Firm Librarian

Aug 2006 – Sept 2010

Wood Smith Henning & Berman LLP, Los Angeles

Responsibilities included reference, original legal research and analysis and packaging information into deliverables for attorneys and paralegals, maintenance of print and online subscriptions, negotiation of vendor service contracts, creation of pathfinders and finding aids, processing of

materials, and research training of Summer Associates, paralegals, and attorneys. Also coordinated Continuing Legal Education in-house seminars for attorneys and paralegals and served on the firm's Training Committee.

Library Assistant

Feb 2006 - Mar 2007

Hollander Library, Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles CA

Worked with contract librarian to weed and refocus collection to the museum's core exhibits and coordinated transfer of materials to new physical location. Created catalog list using MARC fields for input by contract librarian, including some original cataloging. Position became part-time in August 2006 to accommodate full-time position at Wood Smith Henning & Berman.

Circulation Assistant

June 2002-Feb 2004

Law Library, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston MA

Staffed circulation desk and answered general reference questions, updated loose-leaf reference materials, processed inter-library loans and fulfilled faculty paging requests. Served on search committee for Law Library Assistant Director (12/03-2/04).

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Student Legal Researcher:

Mar - May 2004

Tobacco Control Resource Center, Boston MA

Researched and authored articles and memoranda for public health journals, law reviews, and staff attorneys. Examined approximately 50,000 tobacco company internal memoranda and training manuals in several databases for evidence of in-house and outside counsel abuses and violations of general rules of legal ethics. Summarized numerous lengthy documents for future use by staff attorneys and faculty researchers.

Student Prosecutor

Aug - Nov 2003

Suffolk County District Attorney's Office West Roxbury District Court, West Roxbury MA

Acting under M. G. L. 3:03 certification, evaluated arraignments, made bail arguments, conducted motions to revoke bail, drafted case evaluations and served as second-seat counsel at trial.

Law clerk

Mar - May 2003

Children's Legal Services, Inc., Boston MA

Conducted client interviews (children and adults) and court investigations for guardian ad litem cases and interviewed collateral contacts (teachers, social workers, therapists etc.) for care and protection cases, CHINS cases, special education matters and child custody proceedings.

Judicial Intern

Aug - Nov 2002

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Trial Court, Superior Court Judge Raymond Brassard

Performed legal research on Massachusetts "rape shield" statute, insurance law, the use of deposition summaries at trial as well as research in other civil and criminal areas. Drafted memoranda and assisted in drafting legal opinions.

PRESENTATIONS

Co-Presenter: “AI Demystified: Overview of AI and its Impact on Public Interest Law at the Philadelphia Bar Association’s 2024 Public Interest Law Day on December 3, 2024.

Co-Presenter: “Generative AI and Ethics in the Practice of Law” at the Nicholas Cipriani American Inn of Court on September 11, 2024.

Panel Moderator: Moderated “Local Perspectives” session at the Greater Philadelphia Law Libraries Association (GPLLA) 2024 Annual Institute: Keeping it Local, on March 20, 2024.

Co-Presenter: “Finding Opportunity in Existing Tools: How one library personalized remote faculty services through private liaison channels in Microsoft Teams” at the New England Law Library Consortium (NELLCO) conference on March 25, 2021.

Presenter: “You Don’t Have to Have a Mustache (or a Large Budget Either) to Be a Good “PI”:
Free Resources for Background Information on People, Property and Companies” at the Chesapeake Bay Division: International Association for Identification’s Spring Conference on April 21, 2017.

Presenter: “Work Smarter, Not Harder: Using Free Software to Turbocharge Your Practice” webinar on January 27, 2017 for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

Presenter: “Internet Research for Real Estate Attorneys” on December 8, 2016 at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s 20th Annual Real Estate Institute.

Presenter: “Be Your Own Sherlock Holmes: Tracking Down Background Information for Free” webinar on August 3, 2016 for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

Presenter: “Conducting Free Legal Research Online: Fast, Reliable and No Budget Required!” webinar on April 12, 2016 for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

Presenter: “We’ve Got the Numbers to Back that Up: Putting Metrics to Work for You” on January 27, 2016 at the Greater Philadelphia Law Libraries Association Winter Program.

Presenter: “Conducting Legal Research Online (How to use the Internet for Real Estate)” on December 10, 2015 at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s 19th Annual Real Estate Institute.

Presenter/Facilitator: “Wearing the Project Manager Hat-with Style!” on June 5, 2015 at the Greater Philadelphia Law Libraries Association Annual Institute.

Co-Presenter: “Redefining Remote Databases: Free, Public and Academic Resources” on June 5, 2015 at the Greater Philadelphia Law Libraries Association Annual Institute.

Co-Presenter: “Free Resources for Legal Research” on November 8, 2014 at the Villanova University School of Law Alumni Weekend CLE session.

Co-presenter: “The Librarian and the Huntsman” on October 29, 2013. Webinar hosted by BePress and presented to academic librarians across the United States.
<http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/webinars/45/>

Co-presenter: “How to Steer with 20 Hands on the Wheel: Tech Tools that Guide Collaboration” on June 14, 2013 at the 2013 CALI conference in Chicago, IL.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zS8f_CwjKK8

PUBLICATIONS

Book Review: Lori Strickler Corso, *Review Article: Keeping Up with New Legal Titles*, 115 *Law Libr. J.* 396 (2023) (reviewing Claire E. Parsons, *How to Be a Badass Lawyer: The Unexpected & Simple Guide to Less Stress and Greater Personal Development Through Mindfulness and Compassion* (2022))

Invited Author: “From Detective to Curator: Evolution of the Modern Legal Research” 39 *Delaware Lawyer* 6 (Spring 2021). Available at <http://digital-editions.todaymediacustom.com/delaware-lawyer/spring-2021/#p=8>

Co-author: “Junking Good Science: Undoing Daubert Through Cross Examination and Argument.” *The American Journal of Public Health*, Fall 2005.

Contributing Author & Researcher: “Transporting a Legal System for Property Rights from the Earth to the Stars.” *Chicago Journal of International Law*, Summer 2005.

AWARDS

Staff Member of the Year from the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law Student Bar Association (2023)

Diane E. Ambler '78 Faculty Curricular Innovation Award (2020)

CERTIFICATIONS

2021 AALL MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (March 2021)

EdX: Teaching & Learning in the Diverse Classroom, October 2020

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Law Libraries

Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section-Legal Research & Sourcebook Committee
Research Instruction & Patron Services Special Interest Section-Legal Research
Competencies Committee
Vice Chair/Chair Elect, 2024-2025

Greater Philadelphia Area Law Libraries Association

Immediate Past President, 2016-2017
President, 2015 - 2016
Vice President/President-Elect, 2014-2015

American Bar Association

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, December 2004.