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EDUCATION

MLIS-Generalist, The Catholic University of America, December 2017

MA, English-Post Colonial Studies, Truman State University, May 2014

BA, German, Truman State University, May 2011

BS, Linguistics, Truman State University, May 2011

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Current

Reference Coordinator (March 2017 – Present)

American University, Washington DC

Manage and staff reference desk and maintain reference collection. Also, provide reference assistance to faculty and students. Co-manage reference budget. Member of the University Information Literacy Committee, which works in writing studies and information literacy curriculum. Leader of the Library Tutorial Working Group, which updates and maintains a wide variety of library tutorials, both written and video. Maintain a schedule for more than thirty university staff and faculty members. Maintain statistics and forms, ensuring all data collection methods are timely and up-to-date.

Adjunct English Professor (May 2018 – Present)

American University, Washington DC

Teach Summer Transition Enrichment Program writing section, which prepares a diverse group of students for work at the undergraduate level at American University. Apply writing studies curriculum to courses for undergraduate students. Work with students on developing writing skills, citation skills, and information literacy skills. Teach Writing Studies 100, working with incoming first year students on developing and practicing writing skills. Also, teach Writing Studies 101, a more advanced beginner writing course, themed on food, community, and culture, which pushes students to make complex academic and rhetorical moves in their writing. This position requires building syllabi, working across the department to arrange events relevant to the course, and being closely involved with the progress of first year students. This position liaises with librarians, student counselors, and university administrators.

Past

Digitization, and Oral History Library Intern (September 2016 – December 2016)

DC Public Library Punk Archive, Washington, DC

Conducted oral history interviews about Radio CPR in Washington, DC. Transcribed those interviews. Learned in detail about the digitization selection process, as well as the digitization workflow.

Senior ESL Teacher (October 2014 – March, 2017)

Mentora College, Washington, DC

Taught writing, and ESL. Work also included training teachers in writing best practices and the application of technologies for projects and in the classroom. Developed school writing curriculum and digital integration of the writing program (Google Docs, Word Online, Prezi, and Wiki).

Adjunct English Professor (Spring 2016)

University of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC

Taught academic writing to community college students. Also, taught critical thinking and research skills relevant to academic study. Provided fast-feedback to students, as well as conducted reference interviews regarding student research projects. Work also included teaching MLA citation conventions.

Adjunct English Professor (Fall 2014)

Marymount University, Arlington, VA

Taught academic writing to incoming freshmen undergraduates. Worked with students on several writing projects. Worked with librarians to train students in information literacy, specifically regarding MLA citation conventions, academic databases, and journals.

Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant, (August 2013 – May 2014)

Truman State University, English Department, Kirksville, MO

Performed academic research within the English Department focusing on postcolonial theories, post modernism, and identity politics. Taught academic writing to incoming freshmen and worked with the library to teach information literacy skills. Integrated Dropbox and Tumblr into class. Provided academic materials for lectures and edits to writers.

ESL Teacher (August 2012 – December 2013)

Truman State University, TLC, Kirksville MO

Developed and taught ESL classes for students planning on matriculating to the university. Provided students with library tutorials, including how to navigate databases and perform searches.

ESL Teacher (October 2011 – May 2012)

King Faisal University, al-Hofuf, Saudi Arabia

Taught medical students and incoming freshmen English. Worked with students daily on building vocabulary and grammar skills used at the university.

PANELS, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLICATIONS, AND ROUNDTABLES

2U Collection Development Library Science Roundtable Discussion with Jill Hurst-Wahl. 2017.

2U School Libraries and Technology Roundtable Discussion with Barbara Stripling. 2018.

2U Technology in School Libraries Roundtable Discussion with Marilyn Plavocos Arnone. 2018.

“An- Particle Verbs in German: A Lexical Sematic Analysis.” Paper presented at the Language and Linguistics Student Conference at the University of Central Oklahoma. November 2010.

Always the Wanderer. Kirksville, Missouri: Golden Antelope Press, 2015. Print.

Information Literacy Design with Technology: A Panel Evaluation of Instructional Tools. Panel Leader at The Catholic University of America Bridging the Gap Symposium. February 2018.

“Saudi Arab Stereotype and Culture in News Media and Literature.” ProQuest Dissertations Publishing, 2014. Web.

The Loud Library. Blog. Ongoing.

RELATED EXPERIENCE Summer 2018 – Hiring Committee Member for Part Time Reference Librarian at The American University Library

Spring 2018 – Hiring Committee Member for Part Time Reference Librarian at The American University Library

Spring 2018 – Hiring Committee Member for University Library Writing Studies Coordinator position at American University

Summer 2017 – Hiring Committee Member for Part Time Reference Librarian at The American University Library

Summer 2017 – Hiring Committee Member for Associate Director of Instruction and Research Services at The American University Library

Spring 2017 – Researcher: evaluated and assessed onamrecords.com and provided suggestions for change

Fall 2016 – Researcher: evaluated DigDC, a digital special collections archive for DCPL

Spring 2016 – Certified as a professional development trainer by TESOL

Spring 2016 – Featured Author, Capitol Hill Literary Festival and Kensington Day of the Book Festival

Spring 2014 – Commencement Speaker Selection Committee Member, Truman State University

Spring 2013 – Research Assistant to Dr. Linda Seidel regarding German Cinema, Truman State University

2012 - 2014 – Research Assistant to Dr. Hena Ahmad regarding Postcolonial Theory, Truman State University

Fall 2012 – Present – Independent novel writing and editing

Fall 2010 – Presenter at the University of Central Oklahoma English and Linguistics Conference

Summer 2010 – Research Assistant to Dr. Douglas Ball regarding a linguistic analysis of German, Truman State University

2005 –2006 – Parliamentary Partnership Exchange Student in Germany

SKILLS

Language: Fluent German, Beginner Spanish, Beginner Arabic (including Arabic orthography)

Tech and Web: HTML, CSS, XML, LaTeX type setting, Blackboard, Moodle, Prezi, R, AntConc, Jing, Iorad, and Social Media Management

INTERESTS

Digital Humanities: critical editions using XML, digital repositories, open-access and web accessible content, elegant data presentation, the application of R and R Studio to literary analysis.

College Writing: develop curriculum that incorporates information literacy into required college writing courses, work toward the creation of supportive and inclusive classrooms.

Research: intellectual freedom in libraries, library accessibility, post-war German literature, post-colonial theories, writing pedagogy, the philosophy of language, and epistemology.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The American Library Association

The District of Columbia Library Association

The Association of College and Research Libraries