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Library

Experience: **Information Literacy Librarian**

Michigan State University. East Lansing, MI.
December 2008 – present

- Designed and taught inquiry-based information literacy classes for students taking a First-Year writing class in WRAC
- Collaborated with WRAC Department faculty on research projects, assignment design, instruction sessions and other related activities
- Managed Libraries' Peer Research Assistant Program in four of the MSU Neighborhood Engagement Centers
- Taught instruction sessions for MSU faculty and staff, K-12 students, and others upon demand
- Coordinated libraries' involvement in Academic Orientation Program (AOP) Resource Fairs each summer
- Completed course and research LibGuides and instructional modules
- Handled reference inquiries at desk, via phone, email, and chat/IM
- Selected materials and completed collection development duties for European Studies and the European Union Depository Collection

Instruction & Reference Librarian

Mars Hill College. Mars Hill, NC.
September 2007 – November 2008

Assistant Librarian

South College Asheville. Asheville, NC.
May 2007 – September 2007

Related

Experience: **Third Grade Teacher**

Brentwood Elementary School, Wake County Schools. Raleigh, NC.
June 2004 – June 2005

- Taught self-contained class according to the NC state curriculum
- Responsible for maintaining student safety

Third Grade Teacher

Laurel Mill Elementary School, Franklin County Schools. Louisburg, NC.
June 2003 – June 2004

Peace Corps Volunteer: Teacher of English as a Foreign Language

United States Peace Corps. Presov, Slovak Republic.

May 2000 – July 2002

- Taught English as a Foreign Language classes for students at three primary schools (K-9)
- Created and led after-school English language club
- Acquired computer for the Fintice Primary School (their first ever) through a grant from the US Embassy in Bratislava, Slovakia
- Organized and led students on educational field trips in Slovakia and Poland
- Conducted multiple professional development classes and sessions for Slovak teachers of English in the region

Education: M.A. in Education with focus on Technology & Leadership (May 2014)
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI 48824

Master of Library and Information Studies (May 2007)
University of North Carolina – Greensboro
Greensboro, NC 27412

B.S. Elementary and Early Childhood Education (May 2000)
Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Millersville, PA 17551

Publications: DeJoy, Nancy, Sara Miller and **Benjamin Oberdick**. (2013). RAIDS for Research. In B. Bloom & M. Deyrup. (Eds.), *Successful Strategies for Teaching Undergraduate Research* (137-154). Toronto: Scarecrow Press.

Ladenson, Sharon and **Benjamin Oberdick**. (2011, March). Check These Out! *Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) News*, 33(1), 5-7.

Oberdick, Benjamin and Michelle Allen. "From Pre-Defined Topics to Research Questions: An Inquiry-Based Approach to Knowledge." 2010 LOEX Conference Proceedings.

Research-in-Progress:

Investigator in IRB-approved project to study student search behavior before, during, and after an information literacy instruction session for a WRA First-Year writing class. Study began in Spring 2013 and is ongoing.

Reviews: Mahoney, William M. The History of the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Santa Barbara, Calif., Greenwood Press/ABC-CLIO, 2011. (The Greenwood Histories of the Modern Nations). ISBN 13: 978-0-313-36305-4. American Reference Books Annual (ARBA).

Adalian, Rouben Paul. Historical Dictionary of Armenia. 2nd ed. Lanham, Md., Scarecrow, 2010. (Historical Dictionaries of Europe, no.77). ISBN 13: 978-0-8108-6096-4. (ARBA).

King, Mary. The New York Times on Emerging Democracies in Eastern Europe. Washington, D.C., CQ Press, 2010. (Times Reference from CQ Press). ISBN 13: 978-1-60426-471-5. (ARBA).

Stallaerts, Robert. Historical Dictionary of Croatia. 3d ed. Lanham, Md., Scarecrow, 2010. (Historical Dictionaries of Europe, no.74). ISBN 13: 978-0-8108-6750-5. (ARBA).

Editing: Assistant Editor of LOEX Quarterly, a publication of the Library Orientation Exchange (LOEX). August 2010-present.

Co-edited "Research Writing" section of McGraw-Hill Handbook for MSU students and faculty in the WRAC department. Completed with Sara Miller and faculty from the Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures.

Selected

Presentations: **Oberdick, Benjamin** and Sharon Ladenson. "What is Your Teaching Philosophy? Art of Liaison, Instruction & Selection series. MSUL. August 29, 2013.

Ladenson, Sharon and **Benjamin Oberdick**. "What Shapes the Ways We Teach? Lessons from ACRL Information Literacy Immersion." Art of Liaison, Instruction & Selection series. MSUL. May 1, 2013.

DeJoy, Nancy, Sara Miller, and **Benjamin Oberdick**. "Disciplinary Literacy in First-Year Writing Courses: A Collaborative Context for Critical Information Literacy Instruction." Workshop. Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) Conference. Indianapolis, IN. April 11, 2013.

Oberdick, Benjamin. "Give Your Instruction a Boost of Creativity!" Brick & Click: An Academic Library Symposium. Maryville, MO. October 26, 2012.

Oberdick, Benjamin, Rachel Minkin and Deborah Margolis. "Out of the Computer Lab and into Bumper Chairs: Hi-Tech Information Literacy in

a Flexible Learning Environment.” Michigan Library Association (MLA) Applied Technology and Trends Workshop. Ann Arbor, MI. May 18, 2012. DeJoy, Nancy, Sara Miller, and **Benjamin Oberdick**. “Disciplinary Literacy – A Context for Learning Critical Information Literacy.” Workshop. Librarians’ Information Literacy Annual Conference (LILAC). Glasgow, Scotland, UK. April 11, 2012.

Oberdick, Benjamin and Stephanie Perentesis. “Lifelong Learning, Lasting Impact: Reconnecting Retired Faculty with the University Library.” Poster presentation. Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Conference. Philadelphia, PA. April 1, 2011.

Oberdick, Benjamin. “What Do We *Really* Want Our Students to Learn? Tips from ACRL Information Literacy Immersion.” Art of Liaison, Instruction & Selection series. MSUL. February 10, 2011.

Perentesis, Stephanie, Sara Miler, **Benjamin Oberdick** and Michelle Allen. “Librarian? Teacher? Navigator? Information Literacy, Library Instruction, and the Changing Role of Librarian.” LAMP Summer Institute. MSU. May 22, 2010.

Oberdick, Benjamin and Michelle Allen. “From Pre-Defined Topics to Research Questions: An Inquiry-Based Approach to Knowledge.” Workshop on Instruction in Library Use (WILU) Conference. Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. May 13, 2010.

Oberdick, Benjamin and Michelle Allen. “From Pre-Defined Topics to Research Questions: An Inquiry-Based Approach to Knowledge.” Library Orientation Exchange (LOEX) Annual Conference. Dearborn, Michigan. May 1, 2010.

Benjamin Oberdick and Allen, Michelle. “Meeting Students Online (at Google, YouTube, etc.) and Luring Them to the Library!” Michigan Library Association (MLA) Annual Conference. Lansing, Michigan. November 6, 2009.

Creative
Activity:

“Peer Research Assistant Guide.” LibGuide (created and maintained)
“AOP Resource Fair Volunteer Guide” Libguide (created and maintained)
“Anatomy of a Citation” research module (created and maintained)
“High School Student Guide to the MSU Libraries” LibGuide (created and maintained)
“Search the Web like a Pro – Odyssey Course Guide” LibGuide (created and maintained)
“Tips for Finding Articles in the MSU Libraries” LibGuide (modified and

- maintained)
- “The European Union: A Guide to MSU Libraries and Online Resources”
(maintained)
- “Celebrating 50 years of the Peace Corps.” Created display for the 1-
West display cases from May 2010 to August 2010.
- “Library Technology: Back to the Future.” Co-created display for the 2-
West display cases from June 2010 to August 2010.

Library and
University
Service:

- MSUL Discovery Tool Evaluation Group (April-December 2013)
 - Helped format RFP for MSUL discovery service
 - Reviewed submitted vendor proposals, meet with each vendor, attended all vendor presentations and meetings with Library Departments/Units, evaluated discovery solutions, helped finalize recommendation for Library Director and Executive Committee (EC).
- MSUL Erasmus Ad-Hoc Committee (April-August 2013)
 - Member of group that proposed redesigned layout of MSUL electronic resources pages
- MSUL Peer Feedback Process for Non-continuously Appointed Librarians (November 2012-April 2013)
 - Member of small ad-hoc group that designed new review process for all non-continuously appointed librarians (Peer Feedback Meeting/Process).
- MSUL Steering Committee (2010-2013)
 - committee member, 2011-2013
 - Secretary of committee, 2012-2013
 - representative from Faculty Affairs Committee, 2010-2011
- MSUL Search Committee for Education and Social Sciences Librarian
 - committee member, May-August 2012
- MSUL Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)
 - committee Chair, 2010-2011
- MSUL LAMP Committee
 - committee member, November 2009-May 2010
- MSUL Search Committee for Assistant Director of Public Services
 - committee member, July-August 2009
- MSUL Ergonomics Committee
 - committee member, 2009-present
- MSUL Nominations and Elections Committee
 - committee member, 2009-2010
- MSU Pre-College Programs Committee
 - MSUL representative to committee, 2010-present

- Member of sub-committee that selected students who participated in pre-college programs for scholarships if they attend MSU (served in 2011 & 2013)

Community

Service:

MSU Peace Corps Office

- spoke regularly about my PC service at general information sessions for potential Peace Corps Volunteers
- made presentations to MSU classes about my PC service
- attended annual Peace Corps Volunteer Nomination and Send-off Celebration at Cowles House
- panelist for presentation by Peace Corps Assistant Director during her visit to MSU for the Peace Corps 50th Anniversary (2011)

Greater Lansing Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Organization

- maintained RPCV member database
- distributed emails to group members
- organized and attended group meetings and events

East Lansing Art Festival

- volunteered at festival each year from 2010-2012, 2014

Great Lakes Folk Festival

- volunteered at festival each year from 2009-2013

American Red Cross

- Donated regularly at campus blood drives

St. John's Catholic Church Food Cupboard

- Volunteered monthly at food cupboard (2009-present)
- Became cupboard "pro" - responsible for setting up the cupboard, coordinating the volunteer assignments and "running" the cupboard when I was there (2011-present)

Advent House Kitchen (2009-2012)

- Prepared and served lunch to attendees

Continuing

Education:

Attended the following conferences and programs:

*** denotes that I also presented at conference/event**

ACRL Information Literacy Immersion Program

- Intentional Teacher Track, Nov. 14-18, 2012, Nashville, TN
- Teacher Track, July 25-30, 2010, Burlington, VT

2014 ALA Annual Conference, June 27-30, Las Vegas, NV

2014 WILU Conference, May 21-23, London, Ontario, Canada*

2014 LOEX Conference, May 9-10, Grand Rapids, MI

2014 CCCC, March 20-22, Indianapolis, IN*
 2013 ALA Conference, June 28-30, Chicago, IL
 2013 LOEX Conference, May 2-4, Nashville, TN
 2013 ACRL Conference, April 10-13, Indianapolis, IN*
 2012 MLA Annual Conference, November 7-9, Dearborn, MI
 2012 Brick & Click: Academic Library Symposium, Oct. 26, Maryville, MO*
 2012 ALA Annual Conference, June 22-25, Anaheim, CA
 2012 MLA Applied Technology & Trends Workshop, May 18, Ann Arbor, MI*
 2012 LOEX Conference, May 3-5, Columbus, OH
 2012 Librarians Information Literacy Annual Conference (LILAC), April 11-13, Glasgow, Scotland, UK*
 2011 MLA Conference, October 26-27, Kalamazoo, MI
 2011 ALA Conference, June 24-28, New Orleans, LA
 2011 LOEX Conference, April 30-May 2, Fort Worth, TX
 2011 ACRL Conference, March 30-April 2, Philadelphia, PA*
 2010 LAMP Summer Institute, May 20-23, East Lansing, MI*
 2010 WILU Conference, May 11-14, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada*
 2010 MLA Academic Libraries Conference, May 6-7, Novi, MI
 2010 LOEX Conference, April 29-May 1, Dearborn, MI*
 2009 MLA Annual Conference, November 4-6, Lansing, MI*
 2009 ALA Annual Conference, July 10-14, Chicago, IL
 2009 MLA Information Literacy Initiative, June 19, Farmington Hills, MI
 2009 MLA Academic Libraries Day, June 5, Jackson, MI
 2009 LOEX Conference, April 30-May 2, Albuquerque, NM

Awards: 2012 Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service to the MSUL
 2010 Chat Transcript of the Year Award from the Michigan Research Help Now Cooperative

Affiliations/

Offices Held: American Library Association, 2008-present
 Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT), 2008-present

- LIRT Top Twenty Committee (member), 2009-2012
 - reviewed articles to select top twenty information literacy articles for the year
 - wrote annotations for two winning articles each year for LIRT Newsletter

 Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL), 2008-present

- Instruction Section (IS) member, 2008-present
 - Peer-Reviewed Instructional Materials Online (PRIMO) Committee
 - Co-chair of committee, 2012-2014

- responsible for overseeing and coordinating all work of committee
- Committee member, 2010-2014
 - reviewed and assessed instructional materials to determine which to add to the PRIMO database
 - trained intern and reviewed coding before publishing interviews
- Committee intern, 2009-2010
 - completed HTML coding for monthly interviews committee members completed

Library Orientation Exchange (LOEX)

- appointed by LOEX Director to three year term on the LOEX Advisory Board (August 2012-)
 - advised, consulted and provided suggestions and feedback to LOEX Director (Brad Seitz)
 - attended biannual board meetings
- served as co-editor of LOEX Quarterly

Michigan Library Association, 2008-present

- served on 2012 Annual Conference Planning Committee and Programing sub-committee - responsible for selecting and coordinating all presentations, poster sessions, and keynotes