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EDUCATION

MLS University at Buffalo

Information & Library Studies, September 1997

BA SUNY at Geneseo

English, May 1994

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Visiting Reference/Instruction Librarian/Webmaster, 2002-:

SUNY at Geneseo, Milne Library, Geneseo, NY 14454.

Provide reference service at information desk and in one-on-one consultation, in rotation with other reference staff. Teach several course-integrated library instruction classes per semester for various academic departments. I am one of two technology instructors in the library who teach course-integrated technology classes, including Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop and Macromedia Dreamweaver MX. I am webmaster for the SUNY Information Delivery Services Pilot Project, Friends of Milne Library, and currently manage and coordinate Milne Library's web site redesign project. Formerly, I coordinated the Government Documents collection and supervised one clerical assistant and two student workers.

Librarian I, 1999-2002:

The Rochester Public Library, Literature & Media Division, Rochester, NY 14604.

Provided specialized reference service in the literature and audiovisual department of the Central library of Rochester and Monroe County. Other duties included collection development, government documents maintenance, library instruction, technology training, and media resource acquisition. I also provided specialized reference service in the social sciences subject area of the library. Other duties included collection development of nonfiction and audiovisual materials in the social sciences and creating book displays for the department.

Adult Services Senior Librarian, 1997-1999:

The New York Public Library, Dongan Hills Branch, Staten Island, NY 10304.

Provided general reference service at the adult services information desk in a small city library branch on Staten Island. I supervised three student pages and two student computer assistants. As Senior Librarian, I was in charge of branch in absence of the Supervising Librarian. My other duties included collection development for adult and reference collections, branch programming for the community, assistive and Internet technology training for the public, and maintenance and weeding of collections.

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Resume

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- ❖ Pitcher, Katherine E. *Blogging for Librarians: Find & Read Blogs by Others! Create and Publish Your Own!*, a workshop presented at Southeastern New York Library Resource Council, Highland, NY, November 17, 2005.
- ❖ Pitcher, Katherine E. *Blogging for Librarians*, a workshop presented at Dutchess County BOCES, Poughkeepsie, NY, November 16, 2005.
- ❖ Pitcher (Merrill), Katherine E. *Alternative Press Resources*, workshop presented at the Rochester Regional Library Council, June 16, 2005.
- ❖ Merrill, Katherine E. *Blogging 101: An Introduction to Blogging for Librarians*. SUNY Librarians Annual Conference, New Paltz, NY, June 9, 2005.
- ❖ Merrill, Katherine E. *Alternative Press Resources & the NOVEL Databases*, workshop presented at the Pioneer Library System, May 24, 2005.
- ❖ Merrill, Katherine E. *Alternative Press Resources*, workshop presented at the Western New York Library Resources Council, May 16, 2005.
- ❖ Merrill, Katherine E. *Blogging for Librarians*, workshop presented at the Western New York Library Resources Council, April 18, 2005.
- ❖ *Friends Making Friends*: Panel. Co-presenters: Katherine E. Merrill and Elizabeth Argentieri. New York Library Association, Annual Conference, October 22, 2004.
- ❖ Merrill, Katherine E. *Blogging for Librarians*, workshop presented at the Rochester Regional Library Council, September 13, 2004.
- ❖ Merrill, Katherine E.; Davies, Kimberly; and Harrington, Alice. *Focus on Five: Using the First Five Minutes of Class to Grab Your Students' Attention*. SUNY Librarians Association Annual Conference, Cortland, NY, 2004.
- ❖ Merrill, Katherine E. *Blogging for Librarians*, workshop presented at the Rochester Regional Library Council, May 20, 2004.
- ❖ *Civic Engagement Week: Multiple Perspectives on the Patriot Act*: Panel. Co-presenters: Katherine E. Merrill, Dr. Jeffrey Liles and Dr. Harry Howe. Presented as part of the GOLD Leadership Certificate Program, SUNY at Geneseo, Geneseo, NY, February 16, 2004.

PUBLICATIONS

Book Reviews

- Merrill, Katherine E. Rev. of The Best of the Show: A Classic Collection of Wit and Wisdom, by Bill Scheft. *Library Journal* v130 n11 (June 15, 2005): 79.
- . Rev. of Love, Poverty, and War: Journeys and Essays, by Christopher Hitchens. *Library Journal* v130 n1 (January 2005).
- . Rev. of Big Russ & Me: Father and Son: Lessons of Life, by Tim Russert. *Library Journal* v129 n12 (July 2004).
- . Rev. of The Fourth Network: How FOX Broke the Rules and Reinvented Television, by Daniel M. Kimmel. *Library Journal* v129 n10 (June 1, 2004): 150.
- . Rev. of The Checkbook and the Cruise Missile: Conversations with Arundhati Roy, by David Barsamian. *Library Journal* v129 n7 (April 15, 2004): 106.
- . Rev. of Tales from the Times: Real-Life Stories To Make You Think, Wonder, and Smile, from the Pages of The New York Times. *Library Journal* v129 n5 (March 15, 2004): 86.

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- . Rev. of The Penguin Dictionary of Epigrams, by M.J. Cohen. *Library Journal* v128 n19 (November 15, 2003): 57.
- . Rev. of How Free Can the Press Be?, by Randall P. Bezanson. *Library Journal* v128 n18 (November 1, 2003): 109.
- . Rev. of It's a Man's World: Men's Adventure Magazines, the Postwar Pulps, by Adam Parfrey. *Library Journal* v128 n16 (October 1, 2003): 90.
- . Rev. of Front Page: Covers of the Twentieth Century, by Stephane Duperray and Raphaelae Vidaling. *Library Journal* v128 n12 (July 2003): 96.
- . Rev. of Broadway Boogie Woogie: Damon Runyon and the Making of New York City Culture, by Daniel R. Schwarz. *Library Journal* v128 n7 (April 15, 2003): 99.
- . Rev. of Media Wars: News at a Time of Terror, by Danny Schecter. *Library Journal* v128 n10 (June 2003): 134.
- . Rev. of This Just In: What I Couldn't Tell You on TV, by Bob Schieffer. *Library Journal* v128 n1 (January 2003): 128.
- . Rev. of A Job to Die For: Why So Many Americans are Killed, Injured or Made Ill at Work and What To Do About It, by Lisa Cullen. *The Shy Librarian* v3 n1 (Spring 2003): 30.
- . Rev. of Making a Literary Life: Advice for Writers and Other Dreamers, by Carolyn See. *The Shy Librarian* v3 n1 (Spring 2003): 30.
- . Rev. of The Virgin's Knot, by Holly Payne. *The Shy Librarian* v3 n1 (Spring 2003): 31.
- . Rev. of Banned in the U.S.A.: A Reference Guide to Book Censorship in Schools and Public Libraries, by Herbert N. Foerstel and Censored 2003: The Top 25 Censored Stories, by Peter Phillips and Project Censored. *Library Journal* v127 n20 (December 2002): 105-106.
- . Rev. of Journalism After September 11, ed. by Barbie Zelizer and Stuart Allan. *Library Journal* v127 n16 (October 2002): 109.
- . Rev. of The Guardian Columns: 1998-2000, by Julie Burchill. *Library Journal* v127 n13 (August 2002): 111.

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

Graphic Design & Image Editing

- ❖ Adobe Photoshop
- ❖ Adobe Illustrator
- ❖ Macromedia Fireworks

Page Layout

- ❖ Adobe InDesign

Webpage Creation and Design

- ❖ MS Frontpage
- ❖ Macromedia Dreamweaver
- ❖ Macromedia Homesite

Project Management

- ❖ Microsoft Project

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ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS, POSITIONS, AND SERVICE

- ❖ American Library Association, 1996-
 - Association of College and Research Libraries, 2002-
 - Public Libraries Association, 1997-2002
- ❖ American Society for Information Science & Technology, 2005-
- ❖ New York Library Association, 1996-
- ❖ SUNY Librarians Association, 2002-
 - SUNY at Geneseo, *Delegate*, 2003-

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES

College Committees

SUNY at Geneseo

- ❖ Summer Reading Program Committee, 2004-2005 & 2005-2006
- ❖ College Senate, 2005-
 - Student Affairs Committee, 2005-

Library Committees

Milne Library, SUNY at Geneseo

- ❖ ALEPH Redesign Committee, 2003-2004
- ❖ Creation Station Multimedia Project Support Team, 2003-2004
- ❖ SUNY Information Delivery Services Pilot Project, 2003-
- ❖ Web Development Team, 2005- ; *Chair*

The Rochester Public Library

- ❖ Displays & Signage Committee, 2001-2002
- ❖ Government Documents Committee, 2001-2002
- ❖ Instructional Publications Committee, 2001-2002; *Chair*

The New York Public Library

- ❖ Assistive Technology Committee, 1999
- ❖ Adult Booklists Committee, 1997-1999
- ❖ Books to Remember for 1998, 1998-1999

Statewide and Regional Committees

- ❖ 2006 Annual Conference Local Arrangements Committee, SUNY Librarians Association, 2005-
- ❖ 2006 Annual Conference Planning Committee (Web Site), SUNY Librarians Association, 2005-
- ❖ 2005 Annual Conference Planning Committee (Program Planning), SUNY Librarians Association, 2004-2005
- ❖ Ad Hoc Committee on the USA PATRIOT Act, SUNY Librarians Association, 2004
- ❖ Membership Development Committee, SUNY Librarians Association, 2002-
- ❖ Membership Committee, Public Libraries Association, 2001-2002