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EDUCATION

Master of Library Science, University of Maryland, College of Information Studies, College Park, Md., 2004. Beta Phi Mu, International Library and Information Studies Honor Society, 2005.

B.A., Anthropology, American University, Washington, DC., 1997. Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, 1997.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009-Present

Liaison Librarian, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Wash.

- School of Business and Economics
- School of Education
- Developed and taught classes in research skills in collaboration with professors
- Teaching, reference work, collection management for the School of Business and Economics and the School of Education
- Facilitate Work & Faith Committee to oversee the Pete Hammond Collection

2008-2011

- Guest Lecturer, iSchool, University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

2008-2009

Teacher-Librarian, Mercer Middle School, Seattle, Wash.

- Collection management to upgrade the library's collection
- Developed and taught classes in information literacy skills, often in collaboration with classroom teachers
- Served on Leadership team
- Served on Instructional Council
- Coordinated Measures of Academic Progress testing for school of 700 students

2006-2008

Media Specialist, Springbrook High School, Silver Spring, Md.

- Media Center Department Chair (supervised 4 staff)
- Member, Literacy Team
- Created and taught research classes to International Baccalaureate students
- Developed and maintained extensive website for the library
- Taught numerous professional development classes for faculty

2007-2008

Guest Lecturer, College of Information Science, University of Maryland, College Park, Md.

- Co-taught class on Collection Development for Master of Library Science students at the University of Maryland, 2007

2004-2006

Media Specialist, Watkins Mill High School, Gaithersburg, Md.

- Created and taught research classes to International Baccalaureate students
- Developed and maintained website for the library
- Taught numerous professional development classes for faculty
- Formulated and implemented a plan for information literacy (for schools of approximately 2000 students and 150 faculty)
- Junior State of America, club sponsor
- Literacy Project Team Manager, 2005-2006
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes, club sponsor

PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**Peer reviewed publications**

- “Collaborating With Your Staff Development Teacher and Literacy Coach to Advocate for School Change” *Knowledge Quest* [Web Edition]: September/October 2007
<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aaslpubsandjournals/kqweb/kqarchives/volume36/361/361strong.cfm>

Invited Publications

- Review, Max Anderson & Peter Escher, *The MBA Oath: Setting a higher standard for business leaders*. New York, N.Y.: Portfolio, 2010 for the Center for Integrity in Business, Seattle Pacific University.
<http://www.spu.edu/depts/sbe/cib/reviews/review-mba-oath.asp>
- Review, Gabriel Thompson, *Working in the shadow: A year of doing the jobs (most) Americans won't do*. New York, N.Y.: Nation Books, 2010 for the Center for Integrity in Business, Seattle Pacific University.
<http://www.spu.edu/depts/sbe/cib/reviews/review-working-in-shadows.asp>
- Review, Peter Greer & Phillip B. Smith, *The poor will be glad: Joining the revolution to lift the world out of poverty*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 2009 for the Center for Integrity in Business, Seattle Pacific University.
<http://www.spu.edu/depts/sbe/cib/reviews/review-greer-smith.asp>

Manuscripts under review

- Gritter, K., Williams, T., Scheuerman, R., & Strong, C. (2011). “What’s love got to do with my ecosystem?” Connecting students with sustainability through Native American mythology. *Middle School Journal*. Under review.

Invited presentations

- “The importance of school library programs for increased academic achievement and sustainable education,” paper presented at the 7th International Conference Social-Moral Fabric of the School, August, 2012. Seattle, Wash.
- Panel member/resource specialist for online class in Instructional Technology at Towson University, 2007
- “21st Century Media Specialist and MCPS Media Specialist Standards,” Workshop presentation for Montgomery County Public Schools, Professional Development Day for Library Media Staff, August 2007
- “Literacy Coaches and Secondary Media Specialists,” Workshop presentation for Montgomery County Public Schools, Professional Development Day for Library Media Staff, August 2006

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Facilitator—Work & Faith Team, 2009-Present
 - Work with faculty colleagues in the School of Business & Economics, the School of Theology, and Liaison Librarian to the School of Theology to identify items for addition to the Work & Faith Collection
- Literacy Project Team—Project Manager, 2005-2006
 - Chaired committee to institute literacy initiative for entire school
 - Organized research
 - Wrote plan
 - Worked with staff development teacher to create professional development structure to support plan
- Science Collaboration project, Montgomery County Public Schools Science Department
 - Worked with science department to identify science text sets for lower level readers
 - Presented project results at county wide training day for science teachers and media specialists
- Cluster-wide Literacy Committee, Watkins Mill cluster, Montgomery County Public Schools, 2005-2006
 - Reading specialists and staff development teachers from 6 elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school
- Reading Committee—co-chair, 2004-2005

HONORS RECEIVED

- School Library Media Program Award for Montgomery County Public Schools, 2007
 - Award given to a media specialist chosen from 215 media specialists in 199 schools (the 16th largest school district in the U.S.)
 - Award given to a media specialist who exhibits a high degree of collaboration outside of one's local school and encourages broader involvement in professional development
- Graduation Honors, University of Maryland, College of Information Studies, 2004
- Helen Tegnell Scholarship, University of Maryland, College of Information Studies, 2002-2004
- Charlotte Newcombe Award, American University, 1996

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2002-Present, American Library Association
2002-2009, American Association of School Librarians
2009-Present, Association of College Research Librarians
2011-Present, Reference and User Services Association