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PROFILE

- Professional librarian with a background in a variety of settings and broad range of skills and experience including administration, systems, reference, and cataloging.
- Strong background in open-source software adoption.
- Experience teaching adults in one-on-one, workshop, and classroom settings.
- Deep commitment to public service with communities with a visionary strategic planning approach attuned to identifying and addressing emerging needs.

EXPERIENCE

LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, LANCASTER, PA, 2014-PRESENT

Promotions: **Seminary Librarian & Associate Professor, 2020-present**
 Seminary Librarian & Assistant Professor, 2014-2020

- Regular faculty member responsible for administration of the library, writing center, and learning management system.
- Manage library and information services through an integrated library plan, involving monthly review and assessment and an 18-month rolling horizon for ongoing planning and visioning.
- Teach and advise students in master's and doctoral programs on information literacy, digital literacy, and copyright.

INDEPENDENT INFORMATION PROFESSIONAL, 2006-2014

Provided communications, technology, and library consulting services. Clients and projects included:

MONDELÉZ INTERNATIONAL, Deerfield, IL, 2014

- Edited and standardized a library of documentation for the Integrated Business Planning initiative, including globally distributed training materials.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN, New York, NY, 2012-2014

- Created and promote resources for the Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner, including development of an online digital archive of images, recordings, and text.
- Provided online and phone reference services for the national community of deaconesses and home missionaries.

NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Chicago, IL, 2009-2011

- Established online collection of information resources for community.
- Designed logo and developed website for church and food pantry. Trained volunteers to update website content.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ROUND TABLE OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, 2008-2011

- Edited and published quarterly newsletter publication and organized editorial team.
- Transitioned publication from print to electronic and developed and maintained website for newsletter distribution.

DRUID HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Atlanta, GA, 2006-2009

- Developed library programs for a diverse community including older adults, young adults, families, children, youth, and homeless.
- Implemented multiple systems and technologies to organize and promote resources through social media, blog, and church website.

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PITTS THEOLOGY LIBRARY, ATLANTA, GA, 2003-2006

Promotions: **Cataloger, 2004-2006**
Cataloging Assistant, 2004
Periodicals Assistant, 2003-2004

- Original and copy-cataloged new acquisitions, special collections, and periodical materials. Identified and performed bibliographic maintenance projects.
- Supervised and trained student assistants.
- Provided reference assistance and referrals.
- Managed periodicals collection during six-week transition between two periodicals librarians.

BRIDWELL LIBRARY, DALLAS, TX, 1999-2001

Promotions: **Senior Circulation Assistant, 2000-2001**
Circulation Assistant, 1999-2000

- Performed general circulation tasks, managed reserve materials and provided reference assistance and referrals.
- Distinguished as the Outstanding Student Employee in 2001 by the SMU Libraries.

EDUCATION

M.S., Library and Information Studies, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, 2007

M.Div., Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 2004

B.A., English, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, 2001

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

AMERICAN THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, 2003-present

- Editor-in-Chief, Books@Atla Open Press, 2020-present
- Editor, Books@Atla Open Press, 2018-2020

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, 2007-present

- Social Responsibilities Round Table
- Editor, *SRRT Newsletter*, 2008-2011
- Web Manager, <http://www.libr.org/srrt>, 2009-2011

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEACONESSES AND HOME MISSIONERS, 2009-present

- Archivist, 2020-present

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, 2014-present

- Web Manager and Co-Chair, Communications Committee, 2019-present
- Member, Communications Committee, 2015-2019
- Past-President, 2018-2019
- President, 2016-2018

ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE & RESEARCH LIBRARIES, 2017-present

KOHA-US, 2018-present