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Library

Experience:

Head, Teaching & Learning

Librarian II, achieved continuous appointment (2014)
Michigan State University Libraries
East Lansing, MI 48824
July 2014 – Present

- Supervised, trained, and evaluated librarians in the Teaching & Learning Unit
- Developed and maintained a common philosophy for information literacy teaching and learning.
- Oversaw development of information literacy instruction in concert with Unit goals, objectives, mission, and teaching philosophy
- Helped coordinate planning and management of information literacy teaching, learning and outreach activities
- Oversaw assessment and evaluation of student learning, overall Information Literacy program effectiveness, and teaching effectiveness of librarians
- Oversaw development and provision of teaching and learning-related professional development and training opportunities for library staff, including online teaching and learning resources.
- Worked collaboratively with the First Year Writing program to promote and implement curricular integration of information literacy
- Performed and oversaw liaison and collaborative work with appropriate units including the Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures, the Writing Center and the Neighborhood Engagement Centers

Information Literacy Librarian

Librarian I

Michigan State University Libraries
East Lansing, MI 48824
December 2008 – June 2014

- 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 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 (2009-2013)
- 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 28754
September 2007 – November 2008

Assistant Librarian

South College Asheville
Asheville, NC 28803
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) as well as a private language school
- Conducted multiple professional development classes and sessions for Slovak teachers of English in the region
- Served as teaching and learning “resource” for teachers in the area
- Created and led activities for an 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 educational field trips in Slovakia and Poland

Education:

Master of Arts in Education (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. in Elementary and Early Childhood Education (May 2000)

Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Millersville, PA 17551

Book

Chapters:

Oberdick, Benjamin and Elizabeth Webster. (2020). Michigan State University Libraries. In C.C. Gardner, E. Galoozis & R. Halpern (Eds.). *ACRL Hidden Architectures of Information Literacy Programs: Structures, Practices, and Contexts*. Chicago: ACRL.

Marcyk, Emilia and **Benjamin Oberdick**. (2017). Peer Research Assistant Program at Michigan State University. In E. Rinto, R. Mitola & J. Watts. (Eds.). *Peer-Assisted Learning in Academic Libraries*. New York: Libraries Unlimited.

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.

Other

Publications: **Oberdick, Benjamin**. (2016). "Lesson Planning with TPACK," *LOEX Quarterly*. Vol. 4, Iss. 3. 4-7.

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. (2010). "From Pre-Defined Topics to Research Questions: An Inquiry-Based Approach to Knowledge." *LOEX Conference Proceedings*.

Research: Co-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 conducted Fall 2012-Spring 2014.

Book 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). 2010-2015.

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

Presentations

International: Ladenson, S., C. Caesar, S. Miller & **B. Oberdick**. "Learning Community Partnerships: Strengthening Collaboration in a Post-Truth Era." European Conference on Information Literacy (ECIL). Bamberg, Germany. September 2020. **UPCOMING**

Oberdick, B. "Yes We Can (within reason)! Load Management for Teaching Librarians." European Conference on Information Literacy (ECIL). Bamberg, Germany. September 2020. **UPCOMING**

Oberdick, B., R. Minkin, J. Morningstar, and J. Meier. "Facing the Future: Librarians and Information Literacy in a Changing Landscape." Presentation, International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) World Library and Information Congress 2014 – Information Literacy Section Satellite Meeting. Limerick, Ireland. August 15, 2014.

Oberdick, B. "Integrating Technology into Your Instruction with TPACK." Presentation, Workshop for Instruction in Library Use (WILU). London, Ontario, Canada. May 22, 2014.

DeJoy, N., S. Miller, and **B. Oberdick**. "Disciplinary Literacy – A Context for Learning Critical Information Literacy." Workshop, Librarians' Information Literacy Annual Conference (LILAC). Glasgow, Scotland, UK. April 11, 2012.

Oberdick, B. & M. Allen. "From Pre-Defined Topics to Research Questions: An Inquiry-Based Approach to Knowledge." Presentation, Workshop on Instruction in Library Use (WILU). Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. May 13, 2010.

National: Ristich, M., **B. Oberdick** & A. Ward. "Peer-Observation as Conversational Learning." Presentation, Lilly Conference on Advancing Teaching and Learning. Traverse City, MI. October 18, 2019.

Oberdick, B. "Becoming a Critically Reflective Teacher." Presentation, Library Instruction West (LIW) Conference. Grand Junction, CO. July 19, 2018.

Meier, J., C. Caesar, **B. Oberdick** & S. Wang. "Not Just Text-to-Text: Incorporating "Outside" Perspectives, a Translingual Framework and Non-Linguistic, Material Ecologies in Languaging Work." Presentation, Conference on College Composition & Communication (CCCC). Kansas City, MO. March 17, 2018

Magnus, E. & **B. Oberdick**. "Investigating the Impact of a Peer Research Service at Michigan State University." Poster, ACRL Assessment in Action

(AIA) program. American Library Association Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA. June 27, 2015.

Oberdick, B. "Out of the Library and into the Residence Halls: Providing Peer Research Assistance Where Students Live." Poster, Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Conference. Portland, OR. March 27, 2015.

Oberdick, B. & H. Flynn. "Providing Research Help Where Students Live: Peer Reference in the Residence Halls." Presentation, Personal Librarian & First Year Experience Library Conference. Cleveland, OH. April 7, 2014.

Miller, S., N. DeJoy, **B. Oberdick**, R. Minkin, J. Morningstar, J. Meier, and B. Hollcomb. "Reframing Open Access as a Ground for Embedded Information Literacy Instruction." Panel Presentation, Conference on College Composition & Communication (CCCC). Indianapolis, IN. March 20, 2014.

Oberdick, B. & A. Sonsteby. "PRIMO: What It Is and What It Can Do For You." Invited presentation for the Blended Librarian Webcast Series. Online (<http://bit.ly/1dwDt2S>). December 5, 2013.

DeJoy, N., S. Miller & **B. 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, B. "Give Your Instruction a Boost of Creativity!" Presentation, Brick & Click: An Academic Library Symposium. Maryville, MO. October 26, 2012.

Oberdick, B. & S. Perentesis. "Lifelong Learning, Lasting Impact: Reconnecting Retired Faculty with the University Library." Poster, Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Conference. Philadelphia, PA. April 1, 2011.

Oberdick, B. & M. Allen. "From Pre-Defined Topics to Research Questions: An Inquiry-Based Approach to Knowledge." Presentation, Library Orientation Exchange (LOEX) Annual Conference. Dearborn, Michigan. May 1, 2010.

State/Local: Ristich, M., C. Caesar, R. Morris, **B. Oberdick** & A. Ward. Peer-Observation as Experiential and Conversational Learning: A New Model. MSU Spring Teaching & Learning Conference. East Lansing, MI. May 8, 2019.

Marcyk, E., **B. Oberdick** & M. Kudzia. "Library FAQ: What students ask about the library." MSU Spring Teaching & Learning Conference. East Lansing, MI. May 10, 2018.

Ristich, M., Caesar, C., Ladenson, S., Morris, R., **Oberdick, B.** & Ward, A. "MSU Faculty Attitudes Toward Teaching: Reports from the Field." MSU Spring Teaching & Learning Conference. East Lansing, MI. May 9, 2018.

Marcyk, E., S. Miller & **B. Oberdick**. "Beyond Finding Sources: How information literacy librarians can help you help students." MSU Spring Teaching & Learning Conference. East Lansing, MI. May 10, 2017. ***I helped propose, plan and create this presentation, but I was away at another conference on the day of presentation so I did not help present the information.*

Oberdick, B. "Strategically Integrating Technology into your Instruction." Presentation, Art of Liaison, Instruction & Selection series. MSUL. September 18, 2014.

Oberdick, B. & S. Ladenson. "What is Your Teaching Philosophy?" Presentation, Art of Liaison, Instruction & Selection series. MSUL. August 29, 2013.

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

Oberdick, B., R. Minkin & D. Margolis. "Out of the Computer Lab and into Bumper Chairs: Hi-Tech Information Literacy in a Flexible Learning Environment." Presentation, Michigan Library Association (MLA) Applied Technology and Trends Workshop. Ann Arbor, MI. May 18, 2012.

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

Perentesis, S., S. Miller, **B. Oberdick** & M. Allen. "Librarian? Teacher? Navigator? Information Literacy, Library Instruction, and the Changing Role of Librarian." Presentation, LAMP Summer Institute. MSU. May 22, 2010.

Oberdick, B. & M. Allen. "Meeting Students Online (at Google, YouTube, etc.) and Luring Them to the Library!" Presentation, Michigan Library Association (MLA) Annual Conference. Lansing, Michigan. November 6, 2009.

MSUL
Displays:

"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
Service:

Reading Committee for Reappointment, Promotion & Continuing Appointment (RPCA)

- 2019, Jessica Sender, Continuing Appointment, Committee member

- 2018, Megan Kudzia, Reappointment, Committee member
- 2017, Nicole Smeltekopf, Reappointment, Committee Chair
- 2015, Jill Morningstar, Reappointment, Committee member

Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)

- committee member, 2018-2019
- committee member, 2015-2016
- committee Chair, 2010-2011

Steering Committee

- committee member, 2011-2013
 - Secretary, 2012-2013
- representative from Faculty Affairs Committee, 2010-2011

Workgroup for ARL Diversity Scholars program at MSUL

(served on workgroup for 2015, 2016 & 2017 Conferences)

- Helped plan, organize, and manage conferences for 13-18 ARL Diversity Scholars
- Organized and presented session related to teaching in an academic library (2015)
- Organized and coordinated conference poster session
- Coordinated presentation on Chicano/Latino collection by Chicano Studies Librarian
- Organized and led tours for Diversity Scholars

Discovery Tool Implementation Team (Training), Team Leader

(April-October 2014)

- Organized and led library and university wide training/information sessions for SearchPlus rollout
- Lead team in creation of promotional/training materials
- Created and maintained "SearchPlus Help" LibGuide

Discovery Tool Implementation Team (Public Relations), Team Member

(April-August 2014)

- Helped create SearchPlus promotional materials including video, posters, and handouts for campus events, fairs, and academic department meetings

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).

Ad-hoc Erasmus Committee (April-August 2013)

- Member of group that proposed redesigned layout of MSUL electronic resources pages

Peer Feedback for Non-Continuously Appointed Librarians Committee

(November 2012-April 2013)

- Member of ad-hoc group that created and designed new review process for non-continuously appointed librarians

Search Committees

- First-Year Writing & Learning Technologies Librarian
 - Committee Chair, February 2020-present

- On-Call Teaching and Learning Librarian
 - Committee Chair, December 2019-February 2020
- Teaching and Learning Librarian
 - Committee Chair, May-July 2016
- Information Literacy and Instructional Technology Librarians (2)
 - Committee Chair, May-June 2014
- Education and Social Sciences Librarian
 - Committee member, May-August 2012
- Search Committee for Assistant Director of Public Services
 - Committee member, July-August 2009

Committee to plan conference for Library Access Midwest Program (LAMP)

- committee member, November 2009-May 2010
- designed program from various library departments for library school students in LAMP program

Ergonomics Committee

- committee member, 2009-2015

Nominations and Elections Committee

- committee member, 2009-2010

University

Service:

MSU Academic Pillars II

- Committee member of group assembled to contribute to undergraduate student success

MSU Pre-College Programs Committee

- MSUL representative to committee, 2010-present
- Member of sub-committee (2011 & 2013) that selected students to receive future scholarship to MSU

Community

Service:

MSU Peace Corps Office

- spoke regularly about my PC service at general information sessions for potential Peace Corps Volunteers
- made presentations to two MSU classes about my PC service
- attended annual Peace Corps Volunteer Nomination and Send-off Celebration at Cowles House
- served as 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 in 2010-2014

Great Lakes Folk Festival

- volunteered at festival each year from 2009-2013

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 managing the cupboard when I was there (2011-present)

Advent House Kitchen (2009-2012)

- Prepared and served lunch to attendees

Continuing

Education:

Participated in the following *ACRL Information Literacy Immersion Programs*

- Practical Management, 2015, Portland, OR
- Intentional Teacher, 2012, Nashville, TN [competitive entry]
- Teacher track, 2010, Burlington, VT [competitive entry]

Awards:

2014 Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service to the MSUL

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

- Membership Committee (member), 2017-present
 - Helped coordinate LIRT Bites at ALA Annual Conference and Midwinter meeting
 - Communicated with LIRT members related to membership matters
- 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
 - Secretary, Executive Committee (elected position), June 2019-Present
 - Take minutes at all Executive meetings and Advisory Council meetings; Archive in ALA Connect after reviewed and approved.
 - Track throughout the year actions taken by the Executive Committee and by Executive Committee liaisons to IS committees. Compile a draft “List of Executive Committee Actions” covering actions.
 - Track that minutes from each of the IS committees and task forces have been added to the appropriate location in ALA Connect.
 - Review Tips for Taking Minutes, Responsibilities for Archiving the Section Web Site, and Archiving Information annually and revise these and other assigned documents as necessary in consultation

- with the Executive Committee and current Archivist.
- Send the forms for Annual Planning Report and the End-of-Year Report to IS Advisory at the beginning and end of the year, respectively.
- Archive all reports in the IS Archives.
- Preconference Program Committee for ALA Annual Conference (2014-15)
 - Helped develop and plan the ACRL IS preconference program for 2015 ALA Annual Conference
- 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)

- President, LOEX Executive Board (January 2019 - Present)
 - Work with the LOEX Director on policies related to continued success of the organization
 - Help set direction of organization and future plans
 - Conduct annual review and evaluation of LOEX Director
- Vice President, LOEX Executive Board (January–December 2018)
 - Work with the LOEX President on policies related to organization.
- Treasurer, LOEX Executive Board (January 2016-December 2017)
 - Work with the LOEX Director to prepare and recommend an annual budget to the Board.
 - Prepare and present financial reports at Board meetings as needed.
 - Work with the LOEX Director to develop financial policies and procedures.
 - Ensure all state and federal taxes are filed. Sign the annual tax returns.
 - Ensure annual nonprofit reporting forms are filed (Michigan Renewal Solicitation Form and Federal Form 990).

- Ensure that the LOEX Director is paid and all necessary payroll taxes filed.
- Review checking account and credit card statements and register the transactions in accounting software.
Maintain the Chart of Accounts.
- Maintain financial records and an annual calendar of important financial dates and deadlines.
- Meet online or in-person with the LOEX Director monthly to review financial statements; meet in-person with the LOEX Director two to four times a year.
- Demonstrate a necessary level of attention to detail and time management.
- Member, LOEX Advisory Board (2012-2015)
 - advised, consulted and provided suggestions and feedback to LOEX Director
 - attended biannual board meetings
- Co-editor of LOEX Quarterly (2010-2015)
- appointed to 2015 LOEX Fall Focus Planning Committee to plan new fall LOEX conference (April-November 2015)

Michigan Academic Library Association, 2014-present

- joined library organization and instruction related interest group; attending organizations first conference in May 2016

Michigan Library Association, 2008-2104

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