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## Education

- M.L.I.S., Library and Information Studies, 2003. University of Oklahoma. Degree director: Professor June Lester.
- M.A., Composition/Rhetoric/Literacy, 2003. University of Oklahoma. Thesis title: *Conscious Moves: The Mediated Visual and the Composition Classroom*. Thesis director: Professor Kathleen E. Welch.
- B.A., English (Writing), 2000. University of Oklahoma.

## Professional Positions

- Associate Professor, Information Literacy Coordinator, 2011-present. Elizabeth Huth Coates Library, Trinity University.
- Associate Professor, Instruction/Liaison Librarian, 2010-present. Elizabeth Huth Coates Library, Trinity University.
- Assistant Professor, Instruction/Liaison Librarian, 2004-2010. Elizabeth Huth Coates Library, Trinity University.

## Summary of Work

- Coordinates and facilitates the information literacy and library instruction efforts as a component of the Public Services offerings at Trinity's Coates Library
- Plans and conducts assessment of information literacy learning in the library and across campus
- Co-chairs the QEP Information Literacy Committee
- Acts as library liaison with faculty and students working in assigned departments and develops these relationships to enhance the quality of library use and services. Liaison librarian for the following subjects: Art/Art History, Classical Studies, Comparative Literature, French, German, Speech and Drama, Classical Studies, and the First Year Writing Program. Previous assignments included Education and Philosophy. Temporary assignments include the First Year Humanities Program and Film Studies.
- Develops and implements instruction and resources that encourage information literacy across the Trinity University community.
- Provides reference service in person, by phone, in email, and via chat; provides specialized in-depth research appointments for students and faculty in assigned subject areas.
- Creates user-assistance materials in print and in electronic form to be used as a part of the library's provision of reference service.
- Evaluates and selects library materials (books, journals, electronic resources, media) and participates in the approvals, firm order, serials review, and gift processes.

## Significant Contributions

- Teaching faculty member in the First Year Seminar Program and in the Writing Workshop Program
- Author of resources to aid in the citation of sources: <http://lib.trinity.edu/lib2/cite.php>
- Author of web usability and user studies related to the library web site: [http://digitalcommons.trinity.edu/lib\\_faculty/](http://digitalcommons.trinity.edu/lib_faculty/)
- Organizer and host of the library's cinema series (2006-2008, 2011)
- Co-editor of the library's faculty and student newsletters (2004-2007)

## Previous Experience

- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of English, University of Oklahoma (2000-2004)
- Research Assistant, Professor Kathleen E. Welch, University of Oklahoma (2002-2004)
- Bindery Assistant, Bizzell Memorial Library, University of Oklahoma (1999-2001)

## Articles in Refereed Journals: Selected by Peer Review

- Blurring Borders, Visualizing Connections: Aligning Information and Visual Literacy Learning Outcomes. *Reference Services Review* 38.4 (2010): 523-535
- Values: The Invisible 'Ante' in Information Literacy Learning? *Reference Services Review* 36.4 (2008): 424-437.
- Communities as Necessity in Information Literacy Development: Challenging the Standards. *Journal of Academic Librarianship* 34.3 (2008): 248-255.
- Nothing to Lose: 'Fluency' in Information Literacy Theory and Practice. With Michelle S. Millet. *Reference Services Review* 34.4 (2006): 520-535.
- Visual Information Literacy Via Visual Means: Three Heuristics. *Reference Services Review* 34.2 (2006): 213-221.
- Credit Where Credit is Due: Considering Ethics, Ethos, and Process in Library Instruction on Attribution. *Education Libraries* 28.1 (2006): 4-11.

## Articles in Refereed Journals: Selected by Editor

- The Donald C. & Elizabeth M. Dickinson Research Center at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. *Serials Review* 36.4 (2010): 268-270.
- Image-Inclusive Instruction. *College and Undergraduate Libraries* 14.2 (2007): 65-75.

## Papers Published in Conference Proceedings

- 'Big Picture' Pedagogy: The Convergence of Word and Image in Information Literacy Instruction. *Currents and Convergence: Navigating the Rivers of Change*. Proceedings of the ACRL 12<sup>th</sup> National Conference. Chicago: American Library Association, 2005.

## Book Chapters

- Encountering Values: The Place of Critical Consciousness in the Competency Standards. Chapter 20 in *Critical Library Instruction: Theories and Methods*. Eds. Maria Accardi, Emily Drabinski, and Alana Kumbier. Library Juice Press, 2010.
- Creating Research Plans and Keeping Research Logs. Chapter 4 in *Empowering Distance Learners*. Ed. Kate Manuel. Library Instruction Publications, 2005.

- Integration of Research Sources and In-Text Citations. Chapter 18 in *Empowering Distance Learners*. Ed. Kate Manuel. Library Instruction Publications, 2005.
- Integrating Citation into Information Literacy Instruction. In *Empowering Students II: Hands-on and Minds-on Library Instruction Activities*. Eds. Carol Anne Germain and Deborah Bernard. Library Instruction Publications, 2004.

### Invited Presentations

- Encountering Values: A Revision of Information Literacy? Ontario Library Association Super Conference, Toronto, ON. January 2009.

### Papers Presented at Professional Meetings

- Blurring Borders, Visualizing Connections: Visual Literacy Activities in the Library Classroom and Beyond. LOEX-of-the-West, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. June 2010.
- Values: The Invisible 'Ante' in Information Literacy Learning? LOEX-of-the-West, Las Vegas, NV. June 2008.
- Nothing to Lose: Fluency in Information Literacy Theory and Practice. LOEX-of-the-West, Hilo, HI. June 2006.
- 'Big Picture' Pedagogy: The Convergence of Word and Image in Information Literacy Instruction. ACRL National Conference, Minneapolis, MN. April 2005.
- Provision, Presence, and Pedagogy: An Analysis of Oklahoma Library Web Sites. Oklahoma Library Association Annual Conference, Oklahoma City, OK. April 2003.

### Other Presentations

- Making Conscious Moves: The Mediated Visual and the Composition Classroom. Conference on College Composition and Communication, San Antonio, TX. March 2004.
- Looking Into Oblivion: Film and Television Representations of Seniors. South Central Modern Languages Association Annual Conference, Hot Springs, AK. November 2003.
- Looking With/Looking Through: Gladys Cardiff's Revisions of the White Post-Colonial Gaze. Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s) National Conference, Columbus, OH. October 2003.
- From CurTrad to Cyberliteracy: Exploring the Digital Wilds with Consciousness. Conference on College Composition and Communication, Chicago, IL. March 2002.

### Grants Received

- National Endowment for the Humanities. Preservation Grant for Smaller Collections. Awarded January 2006.

### Selected Awards Received

- Emerald Literati Network Award of Excellence: "Highly Commended" Award for "Values: The Invisible 'Ante' in Information Literacy Learning" in *Reference and User Services Quarterly*, 2009.
- Roy and Florena Hadsell Prize for Excellence in Teaching, University of Oklahoma, 2004.
- Outstanding Research/Creative Endeavor, University of Oklahoma, 2003.
- Roy and Florena Hadsell Prize for Research, University of Oklahoma, 2002.
- Floy Elliot Cobb Scholarship for Research, University of Oklahoma, 2002.

## Professional Memberships

- Association of College and Research Libraries, member (2003-2006, 2008-2009)
- Library Information Technology Association, member (2003-2006)
- American Library Association, member (2003-2006, 2008-2009)

## Library Service

- Served as journal referee for Reference and User Services Quarterly (2004-2006)
- Authored proposal to receive funding for digitization of library materials (DCAT)
- Participated on the library's New Student Orientation Committee (2004-2006)
- Represented the library at multiple events including new staff orientation, model UN day, peer tutor orientation, the University Board of Visitors, Board of Trustees, Trinity in Focus, New Student Academic Fair, and others
- Created numerous displays for special events and campus performances

## University Service

- Faculty Assembly (Parliamentarian, 2010-present)
- Faculty Senate (2009-present, Senate Secretary, Parliamentarian, Webmaster, chair of the Committee for the Oversight of Faculty Committees, member of the Faculty Representation and Elections Committee)
- University Standards Committee, University Committee (2011-present, member)
- Teaching and Learning Committee, University Committee (2008-2009, chair; 2009-2011, member)
- Safety, Security, and Health Committee, University Committee (2007-2010, member)
- Academic Integrity Committee, University Committee (2005-06 member, 2006-07 chair)
- Academic Honor Council Advisory Committee (2006-07, member)
- United Way Campaign Committee (2005-2008, member)
- Modern Languages Film Ad-hoc Committee (2005-2007, member)
- Team Trinity (2005-present, participant)

## Professional Development

- Attendee: Thinking Critically: Alternative Perspectives and Methods in Information Studies Conference. Milwaukee, WI. May 2008.
- Attendee: "Always a River..." Teleconference from College of DuPage. January 2006.
- Attendee: AACU Conference on Integrative Learning. Denver, CO. October 2005.
- Attendee: ACS Workshop on Building Digital Collections. Georgetown, TX. June 2004.