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ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

Certificate of Advanced Studies, Library and Information Science, 1977
University of North Texas

Master of Science in Library Science, 1972
University of Kentucky

Bachelor of Arts, English, 1971
University of Kentucky

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

University of South Carolina Aiken

- Reference Librarian, 1993 to present
- Reference/Collection Development Librarian, 1998-1993
- Head of Public Services, 1986-1998

Cleveland (Tenn.) State Community College

- Cataloger/Reference Librarian, 1981-1986

Prestonsburg (Ky.) Community College

- Assistant Librarian, 1978-1980

Louisiana State University at Eunice

- Assistant Librarian for Public Services, 1977-1978
- Assistant to the Librarian for Public Service, 1974-1977
- Reference Librarian, 1972-1974

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

University of South Carolina Aiken: initiated introduction of digital research technology into department's service program; administered creation and production of audio and video library tour programs for students and visiting groups; conceived and administered upgrading of user satisfaction survey from hand distribution at front gate to machine scored class section sampling; administered departmental introduction of

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

end user electronic placement of ILL requests, user education session requests, and short response reference queries; initiated loss prevention program through introduction of diploma hold check process for graduating students; prepared collection analysis studies, worked with publishers' representatives, performed materials selection and deselection duties; led efforts to revise reference statistical gathering process; led ad hoc library faculty group that recommended revisions to library promotion and tenure criteria; designated as principle reference librarian for Gregg-Graniteville Archives in 2001; initiated scanning project for Archives photograph collection onto library website; awarded tenure, 1992

Cleveland State Community College: initiated microcomputer technology into library program; devised periodicals check-in system; paperbacks inventory control; over-dues listing and periodical index for use on microcomputer

Prestonsburg Community College: initiated local utilization of videotaping technology, including class lecture taping, off-air taping from state ETV network, and special events; served as acting director of library during maternity leave of permanent Librarian; received one of only two Outstanding performance ratings earned by local college faculty, 1979

Louisiana State University at Eunice: began as frontline reference librarian but soon promoted into full responsibility for direction and promotion of all library public services; taught own sections of formal academic course in use of books and libraries; awarded tenure, 1975

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

University of South Carolina Aiken: Served as New Faculty Mentor for three first year tenure track library faculty members; Served as Peer Teaching Observer for two first year tenure track library faculty members; University Judicial Board, 2007 to present; Faculty Welfare Committee, 2001-2004, Chair of Faculty Welfare Committee, 2003-2004; Faculty Grievance Committee, 1999-2002, 2005-2006, 2008 to present; Chair of Grievance committee, 2001-2002; Faculty Nominating Committee, 1992-1995, 2008; Chair of Nominating committee, 1993-1995; Courses and Curriculum Committee, 1989-1992; Faculty Assembly Secretary, 1989-1991; Scholastic Standing and Petitions Committee, 1987-1989; Search committees for School of Education faculty, 1992, and 1995; Search committees for Library faculty, 1989, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000-2003, 2005, 2007; Chair of Library faculty search committee 2000-2003; member of System level OPAC Committee 1990-1993 and 1996-2003, Chaired same System committee, 1999-2000.

Cleveland State Community College: service on ad hoc faculty committee for drafting of Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws; elected to Faculty Senate, 1984-1986 terms;

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self-study subcommittee on continuing education for SACS visitation, 1985; local arrangements coordination for program on area Cherokee heritage for regional library association meeting, 1985

Prestonsburg Community College: Campus Publications Board, 1979-1980; Safety Committee, 1979-1980; coordinated two athletic competitions for spring festival, 1980; self-study subcommittee on library (ex officio) for SACS visitation, 1980

Louisiana State University at Eunice: chaired Faculty Policy Committee which drafted Constitution and Bylaws for Faculty Senate, 1977-1978; Faculty Representative to LSU Eunice Administrative Council, 1975-1976

COMMUNITY SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

University of South Carolina Aiken: USCA Company Leader and Team Captain for CSRA Heart Walk, 2007; "The Gregg-Graniteville Archives: From Corporate Files to Community Resource," Presentation to CSRA Records Managers Association, February, 2002; Library tour and demonstration for "Transitions," AAUW conference for adult learners returning to campus, Spring 2001; Martha Schofield Scholarship Committee (for community based, privately funded minority scholarships), 1997- present; judge for South Carolina History Day Region III, 1994-1996 and 1999-present; state level History Day judge, 2007; member of evaluation panel on funding applications for purchase of school library computer software, Aiken County Public Schools, 1991

Louisiana State University at Eunice: judge for regional social science fair, 1978; program chair for local history society; 1973-1976; treasurer for local artists' guild, 1974-76; planning committee for downtown arts and crafts fair, 1974-1976; presentation to local high school librarians on preparing students for transition from secondary school libraries to academic library environment, 1978

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND OFFICES

Current Memberships

- South Carolina Library Association
- CSRA Library Association
- Southeastern Library Association
- American Association of University Professors
- International Association of Obituarists

Offices and Activities

CSRA Library Association: Scholarship Committee, 1990; Vice-President, 2003-2004; Nominating Committee, 2005-2007.

American Association of University Professors, South Carolina Conference: Nominating Committee, 2001; Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws Revision, 1999-2000; State Conference President, 1991-1993; State Conference Secretary/Treasurer, 2001- 2003; USC Aiken Chapter President, 1989-1991; USC Aiken Chapter Secretary, 1991-present

Louisiana Library Association Junior Members Roundtable, Finance Committee: Chair, 1975-1976

SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

Publications

“A Librarian Looks at the Obituaries.” Grassroots Editor. 42(3) Fall 2001. 1,5.

Drugs, Drinking, and You: a Bibliography from your Friends in the Library. Eunice, Louisiana, 1974. (LeDoux Library Bibliography Series.)

Sculpture: a Bibliography. Eunice, Louisiana, 1973. (LeDoux Library Bibliography Series.)

Presentations

"Obituaries as a Mirror on Society: What the Research Shows." Presented at International Association of Obituarists Great Obituary Writers Conference, Las Vegas, New Mexico, June 2, 2001.

“Sylvanus Urban, Obituarist Extraordinaire: *The Gentleman’s Magazine* and the Life and Times of John Nichols.” Presented at International Association of Obituarists Great Obituary Writers Conference, Bath, England, June 18, 2005. Travel supported in part by grant through the HAS Committee.

Peer Reviewed Presentation

“The Obituary: A Dying Art Turned Lively Again.” Presented at Tennessee and Southeastern Library Associations Joint Conference, Memphis, Tennessee, April 7, 2006.

Invited Scholarly/Professional Panel Participations:

International Association of Obituarists Great Obituary Writers Conference panel program “Research Issues in Obituaries.” Las Vegas, New Mexico, June 2003.

South Carolina Library Association, Archives and Special Collections Round Table panel program “Riddles Wrapped in an Enigma: Hidden Special Collections.” South Carolina Library Association Annual Conference, Greenville, October 2004.

Other Scholarly/Creative Activities:

Established obituary research page, with ongoing bibliography of scholarly resources, at library website: <http://library.usca.edu/index.php/TomHobbs/ObitResearch>.

Co-founded “Obituaries in Education Interest Group” and created *Facebook* group page.

