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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin, Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS).
M.L.I.S., December 1989. Beta Phi Mu; Phi Kappa Phi.
GSLIS Mentor Program, Fall 1989.

University of California, Berkeley.
Doctoral Program in Economics, Fall 1982-Fall 1983 (no degree).

Rice University, Houston, Texas.
B.A., Economics, 1982.
National Merit Scholarship, 1977-1981; President's Honor Roll, Fall 1978-Fall 1980.

WORK EXPERIENCE

LIBRARY

Perkins Library, Duke University. Assistant Librarian, Senior. July 1996-present.

Map and GIS Librarian. September 1998-present.

- Provide reference service for the Public Documents and Maps Department, including U.S. federal publications, state publications, publications of international intergovernmental organizations, maps, and digital spatial data.
- Coordinate with staff in the Monographic Cataloging Department to catalog new as well as previously uncataloged maps.
- Increased focus, compared to previous two years, on collection development and personalized consultation regarding digital data and maps, the use of which has been increasing, and on the retrospective map cataloging project, in an effort to provide better bibliographic control and access over these materials.
- Provide bibliographic instruction for groups needing information on the Department and especially those needing specialized guidance in maps and digital data.
- Author web pages for maps.
- Collection development responsibilities for maps and digital spatial data.
- Oversee processing of new maps and maintenance of the map collection. Partial supervision of the Library Assistant who works part-time with maps.
- Serve as Economics bibliographer for Perkins Library: order material, review approval titles, act as a liaison to Economics faculty, and revise the Reference Department's Economics bibliography on the web.

State Documents and Maps Librarian. July 1996-September 1998.

- Provide reference service for the Public Documents and Maps Department, including U.S. federal publications, state publications, publications of international intergovernmental organizations, maps, and digital spatial data.
- Author web pages for maps and for state documents.
- Collection development responsibilities for maps and digital spatial data.
- Oversee processing of new maps and maintenance of the map collection. Partial supervision of the Library Assistant who works with maps.
- Work with staff in the Monographic Cataloging Department in cataloging of new as well as previously uncataloged maps.
- Collection development responsibilities for state publications in the Documents Reference collection and act as liaison for the North Carolina state depository program. Partial supervision of the Library Assistant who processes and maintains state documents.
- Serve as Economics bibliographer for Perkins Library since July 1997: order material, review approval titles, act as liaison to Economics faculty, and revise the Reference Department's Economics bibliography on the web.

Texas Transportation Institute, Texas A&M University. Assistant Research Librarian. February 1995-June 1996.

- Coordinator for a clearinghouse for a multi-university research program (Texas A&M, University of Michigan, and Virginia Tech) in the field of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Collect stories and illustrations for the program's quarterly newsletter, the *RCE Intelliscope* (OCLC 32754490). Worked on a project to put a searchable database of clearinghouse projects on the web.
- Webmaster for the Institute, initiating its presence on the web in 1995.
- Lead person in helping researchers throughout the Institute install WinSPIRS client software from Silverplatter (before the introduction of WebSPIRS) to allow them to search on-line the *Transport* database. Train them in its use.
- Performed literature searches for transportation researchers (engineers and economists).

Sterling C. Evans Library, Texas A&M University. Instructor. April 1990-February 1995.
Head, Map Unit, half-time. January 1993-February 1995.

- Manage operations of map unit. Directly supervise one full-time staff person and indirectly one more staff person. Collection development for maps. Reference for maps. Coordinate with the cataloging unit to get maps cataloged.

Documents/Microtext Reference Librarian (Experienced). October 1992-February 1995 (half-time January 1993-February 1995).

- Provide reference service for U.S. federal publications, NTIS and other technical reports, patents, Texas state publications, and commercial microform materials (including serials, major microform collections, and census schedules). Collection development for commercial microforms. Selector for materials in Economics (monographs and serials for the library's stacks) during 1991-1992.

Documents/Microtext Reference Librarian (Entry Level). September 1990-September 1992.
Microtext Reference Librarian. April-August 1990.

Barker Texas History Center, University of Texas at Austin. January 1988-March 1990.

Office Assistant, Archives and Manuscripts Processing. 20 hours/week. June 1988-March 1990.

- As Assistant to the Registrar, aided in accessioning new manuscript collections, providing stable housing for collections, and create checklists of contents. Some week-end work in the Reference Room registering researchers using the collections.

Clerical Assistant, Public Service. 10 hours/week. January-June 1988.

- Paged material at the Center for researchers.

Fine Arts Library, University of Texas at Austin.

Senior Office Assistant. 20 hours/week. January-February 1990.

Perry-Casteñeda Library, University of Texas at Austin.

Information Desk Volunteer. 2 hours/week. Fall, 1989.

State Preservation Board. Austin, Texas.

Contract Researcher. 20 hours/week. June-August 1988.

Regional Information and Communication Exchange (RICE), Fondren Library, Rice University.

Student Assistant. 10 hours/week. January-May 1981.

ARCHAEOLOGY

Archeological Research Laboratory, Texas A&M University. College Station, Texas. September-December 1987; November 1984-January 1985.

Prewitt and Associates, Inc. Austin, Texas. March-May 1987; March-November 1985.

New World Research. Pollock, Louisiana. September-November 1981.

Heartfield, Price and Greene. Monroe, Louisiana. August-September 1981.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Internal Revenue Service. Austin, Texas.

Tax Examiner, Notice Review Unit. January-March 1987.
Tax Examiner, Entity Control Unit. November 1985-January 1987.
Data Transcriber, Remittance Processing Unit. March-August 1984.

Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley.

Teaching Assistant. Half-time. Fall 1983.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

PRESENTATIONS

“North Carolina State Information on the Web” North Carolina Library Association Documents Section Spring Workshop, May 15, 1998. Also, wrote a summary of this presentation for *The Docket*, the Documents Section’s newsletter, v. 25, no. 2 (Fall 1998), p.6. An outline of the presentation available at <http://www.lib.duke.edu/pdmt/state/handout.htm>

“A Finding Aid for Popular Song and Folksong Recordings.” Poster Session at the American Library Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. June 1992.

“Preservation Analysis of the U.S. Congressional Serial Set” (with Aimée Piscitelli and Julia Rholes). Poster Session at the American Library Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. June 1991.

SERVICE: COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS AND OFFICES

National and State

American Library Association, Map and Geography Round Table (MAGERT). Editor, *base line* (MAGERT’s bimonthly newsletter), August 1997-present.
American Library Association, Map and Geography Round Table. Federal Spatial Information Discussion Group. Convener, August 1997-present.
Cartographic Users Advisory Council (CUAC). Appointed to a 3-year term (1997-1999) as a representative of ALA’s MAGERT.
North Carolina Depository System Advisory Board. Appointed for 1998-1999 term.
American Library Association, Map and Geography Round Table. Treasurer (elected), 1994-1996. Nominated for Treasurer, 1992.
American Library Association, Map and Geography Round Table. Local Arrangements Coordinator (San Antonio, Midwinter 1996), 1995-1996.
American Library Association, Map and Geography Round Table. RBMS/GODORT/MAGERT Joint Committee on Government Documents as Rare Books. Member, 1991-1993.
American Library Association, Map and Geography Round Table. 1992 Conference Planning Committee. Member 1991-1992.
American Library Association, Map and Geography Round Table / Government Documents Round Table. Local Arrangements Coordinator (San Antonio, Midwinter 1992), 1991-1992.

Local

Professional Affairs Committee of the Librarian’s Assembly. Duke University. Appointed 1998.
Electronic Access Committee. Duke University. 1998.
Temporary appointment to represent the Public Documents and Maps Department until the new Data Service Coordinator joins the Department.
Search Committee for the International and State Documents Librarian position in the Public Documents and Maps Department. Perkins Library. Spring-summer, 1998.
Training Room Policy Team, Perkins Library, Duke University. Member. 1997-1998.

- Staff Interface Team (SIT), Perkins Library, Duke University. Member. 1997.
Redesign of the Perkins Staff web pages, focusing on a simple and straight-forward entry page, clearer language throughout, a clearer organization of the pages (so that the user isn't required to know which unit performs a given function), and alternate links to a page when appropriate. See <http://www.lib.duke.edu/staff/>
- Network Process Team, Texas Transportation Institute. 1995-1996.
Search Committee for Head of Documents/Microtext, Evans Library (Chair). 1993-1994.
Communications Task Force, Evans Library. 1993.
Reference Division Policy Committee, Evans Library (Chair). 1992-1993.
National Library Week Committee, Evans Library, Display Coordinator. 1991.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- American Library Association Annual Conferences. June 1991-June 1998.
American Library Association Midwinter Conferences. January 1991-January 1998.
North Carolina Library Association Documents Section Spring Workshop. May 1998.
Cartographic Users Advisory Council. May 1997; May 1998.
North Carolina Depository System Advisory Board. Raleigh. April 1998.
State Data Center Annual Meeting. Raleigh. April 1997, April 1998.
The Southeast in Early Maps. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. October 1997.
MapInfo training course. Research Triangle Park. August, 1996.
ITS [Intelligent Transportation Society] Texas. 1995, 1996.
ITS America. Washington. March 1995.
International Transportation Information Resources Conference. Washington. March 1995.
The Map Library in Transition. Library of Congress, Washington. October, 1993.
Depository Library Council. Washington. October, 1992.
Depository Library Council. Boston. April, 1991.

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Library Association. 1989-present.
Government Documents Round Table (GODORT)
Map and Geography Round Table (MAGERT)
North Carolina Library Association. 1996-present.
Documents Section

PUBLICATIONS

- Thomas, Mark A. Review of *Beneath the United States*, by Lars Schoultz. Harvard University Press, 1998. To be published in upcoming issue of *Journal of Government Information*. Other reviews to follow (became a regular reviewer for *JGI* beginning fall 1998).
- McGeachy, Jack. "The Old North State: State, County and Local Information in North Carolina." *The Docket*, 25/2 (Fall 1998), 3-6. Contributed the section concerning "North Carolina State Information on the Web" on p. 6 (shortened from my original contribution). See also section on Presentations, above.
- Dyal, Donald H. *Historical Dictionary of the Spanish American War*. CT: Greenwood, c1996.
Served as one of the assistant editors as well as a contributor.
- Lancaster, Susan M. and Mark A. Thomas. "Going Global: Making International Information Accessible to Domestic Users." *TD: Special Libraries Association Transportation Division Bulletin* 11/2 (Spring 1995).
- Thomas, Mark A. Review of *Every Monday Morning: A Discography of American Labor Songs in the Conservatory Library at Oberlin College*, compiled by Phyllis J. Jones, *SRRT Newsletter* 113 (Sep 1994), 20-21.

Thomas, Mark A., Aimée Piscitelli, and Julia Rholes. "Security and Preservation of the U.S. Congressional Serial Set." *Journal of Government Information* 21 (Jul/Aug 1994), 351-366. Research funded by \$500 grant from the Evans Library Research Committee.

Thomas, Mark A. Annotated index entries in "Information and Instruction Technologies," *Library Hi Tech News*, nos. 74-83 (Sep 1990-Jul/Aug 1991).

Thomas, Mark A. "Depots in Texas," *The Bulletin of the Railroad Station Historical Society*, 21 (Sep-Oct 1988), 78-80; 21 (Nov-Dec 1988), 83-86.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC INSTRUCTION

COURSES AND ORIENTATIONS

Romance Studies: SPA 114s, Section 1 (The Colonization of the Americas; Gomez). Map collection. September 1998.

Nicholas School of the Environment. New student orientation to Perkins Library. August 1998.

Reference Interns. Orientation to Public Documents and Maps Department. August 1998.

Sociology: SOC 142 (Organizations and Global Competitiveness; Gereffi). Attend a class session, January 1998, with Eric Smith of the Reference Dept. to introduce students to types of international trade statistics that we have in Public Documents and Maps. Produced a list of trade statistical sources in the Public Documents and Maps Dept. for the use of these students. Spring 1998.

History: HST 105s, Section 2 (Twentieth Century Europe Seminar; Koonz). Map collection. September 1997.

History: HST 103, Section 3 (Twentieth Century Europe; Koonz). Map collection. September 1997.

Nicholas School of the Environment. New student orientation to Public Documents and Maps. August 1997.

Public Policy: PPS 195S.99 (Creativity in State Government; Sanford). State resources in the Public Documents and Maps Department. January 1997.

History: HST 299S seminar (Historical Geography; Wigen). Map collection. November 1996.

History: HST 299S seminar (Historical Geography; Wigen). Map collection. November 1996.

Introduction to the World Wide Web, with Laura Cousineau. Medical Center library Education Center. November 1996.

IAS new student orientation to Public Documents and Maps. October 1996.

Classical Studies: CS 11, Section 4 (Greek Civilization; Manuel). Map Collection. October 1996.

WEB PAGES AND HANDOUTS AUTHORED

Note: Unless listed separately, all help sheets and handouts originally in paper now have HTML versions included as web pages in the directories listed below under *Maps and Spatial Information*. These include: *Map Computer Programs*; *ArcView GIS 3.0*; *Data in ArcView Format and How to Retrieve It*; *Interactive Atlas of Great Britain*; *Translation, Extraction, Conversion, and Unzipping Utilities*.

Maps and Spatial Information, Public Documents and Maps Department, Perkins Library.

<http://www.lib.duke.edu/maps/> and all files within this directory

State Information, Public Documents and Maps Department, Perkins Library.

<http://www.lib.duke.edu/state/> and all files in this directory except for the contents of the subdirectory /local/

Economics Resources, Reference Department, Perkins Library.

<http://www.lib.duke.edu/reference/subjects/econbib.htm>

Heavily revised this bibliography and continue to update it; originally done by Reference Department staff.

Paper only:

Global Explorer (help sheet for Perkins Library)

LINC [Log Into North Carolina] (help sheet for Perkins Library)

Map Expert (help sheet for Perkins Library)

Handouts at Evans Library, Texas A&M University: *Global Explorer; Government Documents; Map Expert; Maps; National Newspaper Index; National Trade Data Bank*

AUTOMATION/COMPUTER EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

Author HTML documents at Perkins Library and at the Texas Transportation Institute.

Internet utilities (WWW, FTP, Telnet, etc.)

Use of DRA, primarily the OPAC module, but also familiar with cataloging and holdings records.

Use of Innovacq to track acquisitions.

Use of NOTIS in a public service environment; familiar with NOTIS cataloging and acquisitions records.

Use of DOS/Windows operating systems and many software packages.

Some use of the Macintosh operating system and software.

Use of operating systems and utilities in VAX, VM, and UNIX environments, especially with regard to networking (e.g., electronic mail, file transfers).

One of rotating moderators of the national E-mail discussion list GOVDOC-L (1992-1994), using IBM VM listserv software.

Moderator of the internal library E-mail discussion list at Texas A&M's Evans Library, AM-DOCS (1994-1995), using IBM VM listserv software.

Use of many CD-ROM products, especially those from the U.S. federal government.

OCLC searching using the PRISM and FirstSearch services.

Familiarity with OCLC cataloging and input, particularly with the MARC/AMC format (created and produced OCLC 21794384, *Kleberg, Rudolph, Family Papers*).

Course in FORTRAN programming (Rice University).

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Technology mentor for teachers at Rogers-Herr Middle School as part of a mentoring program in the Durham Independent School District, funded by AT&T. Paired with Felicia Green, a 6th grade science teacher at Rogers-Herr. Met weekly with her to tutor her on computer and Internet use. Spring semester 1998.

Volunteer disk jockey, two hours every other week, at WXDU (Duke University student radio). September 1998-present.

Volunteer disk jockey presenting a weekly show entitled "A Broken Heart and a Glass of Beer," featuring vintage country music. Involved in other volunteer work and fund raising activities for these stations. KEOS (non-commercial community radio, College Station). March 1995-June 1996. KANM (Texas A&M University student radio). January 1992-December 1993.