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Education

University of Alabama, Master of Library and Information Studies, December 2007

University of Florida, Master of Arts, Spanish, May 2005

University of Alabama, Bachelor of Arts, Spanish and Latin American Studies, Summa cum laude, May 2002

Additional Languages

Spanish: near-native proficiency in all skills

Current Position

Mississippi State University Libraries, *Assistant Editor/Reference Librarian, Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library and Congressional and Political Research Center (CPRC)*, July 1, 2013-present

Responsibilities:

- Collaborating with other editors to research and write annotations for the scholarly edition of *The Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant*
- Collaborating with other editors to supervise undergraduate and graduate students in the transcription and annotation of Grant family letters and documents
- Providing reference assistance for patrons of the U.S. Grant Presidential Library and the CPRC in person, over the phone, and via email
- Serving as liaison with outreach and collection development responsibilities to the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures (2008-present) and the History Department (August 2013-present)
- Checking transcriptions and proofreading manuscript drafts of the scholarly edition of *The Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant*
- Providing outreach and instruction relating to collections in the area, especially the U.S. Grant Presidential Library displays

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Previous Positions at Mississippi State University Libraries

Mississippi State University Libraries, *Interim Co-Coordinator of the Reference Department*, August 2012-June 30, 2013

Responsibilities:

- Reported to the Associate Dean of Public Services
- Created Reference Desk, Atrium Information Desk, and chat reference schedules
- Monitored library instruction requests and assign unclaimed sessions
- Reviewed research consultation requests and assigned unclaimed requests
- Co-supervised 6 faculty members (3 tenured, 3 untenured), 3 staff members, and student workers

Mississippi State University Libraries, *Assistant Professor/Humanities Reference Librarian*, January 2008-June 30, 2013

Reference responsibilities:

- Provided reference service at the Atrium Information Desk and Reference Desk in the main campus library via telephone, email, chat, and face-to-face delivery
- Served as the humanities subject specialist in a collaborative, eight-person Reference Department
- Conducted specialized, one-on-one reference sessions for faculty, staff, and graduate and undergraduate students

Instruction responsibilities:

- Taught bibliographic instruction sessions for undergraduate/graduate courses in a variety of disciplines
- Taught the for-credit library component of EN 3414: Critical Writing and Research in Literary Studies from January 2011-May 2013
- Served as Reference Department liaison to the Library Instruction Department from 2008-2009
 - Taught “How to Use Your Library” workshops each semester
 - Created specialized database training workshops for library faculty and staff and the campus community

Collection development responsibilities:

- Served as the Reference Collection Development and Maintenance Committee Chair from 2009-2010
- Served as liaison with outreach and collection development responsibilities to the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures (2008-present) and the English Department (2008-2013)

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Other Library-related Experience

University of Alabama, *Institute of Museum and Library Services Fellow*, August 2006-December 2007

- Provided reference services at the Information Desk in the main campus library
- Taught bibliographic instruction sessions for undergraduate English courses
- Collaborated with library faculty and other fellows in the creation of tutorials for online library services using Captivate software
- Participated in weekly colloquium meetings with library administrators

University of Alabama, Center for the Study of Tobacco and Society, *Archival Assistant*, June 2007-August 2007

- Digitized original artwork and added it to an online digital repository
- Created metadata for individual items
- Assisted in the creation of presentations based on the artwork

Teaching Experience

Vanguard High School, Ocala, FL, *Spanish Teacher*, August 2005-May 2006

- Taught Honors Spanish II and International Baccalaureate Spanish III
- Developed lesson plans that incorporated State of Florida course of study guidelines and National Standards
- Created original testing and evaluation materials for Spanish levels II and III

University of Florida, *Spanish Teaching Assistant*, August 2003-May 2005

- Taught first-year Spanish courses: SPN 1130, SPN 1131, and SPN 1115
- Developed lesson plans encompassing all areas of language study: reading, writing, speaking, and listening
- Participated in test-writing committees with colleagues to develop departmental tests for first-year Spanish courses

Tuscaloosa County High School, Northport, AL, *Spanish Teacher*, August 2002-May 2003

- Taught Spanish levels I and II
- Developed lesson plans that incorporated State of Alabama course of study guidelines and National Standards
- Created original testing and evaluation materials for Spanish levels I and II

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Academic Service

National

- **Association for Documentary Editing**, Member, 2013-present
- *College & Research Libraries*, *Referee*, 2010-present
- **Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM)**, Member, 2010-present
 - Research & Reference Services Committee, Member, 2012-present
 - Reference Committee, Member, 2010-2012
 - Bibliographic Instruction Committee, Member, 2010-2012
 - SALALM LVI Conference, *Panel Moderator*, 2011
 - SALALM LVI Conference, *Panel Rapporteur*, 2011
- **American Library Association**, 2006-present
 - Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), Member, 2011-present
 - Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Division, Member, 2006-present
 - Western European Studies Section, Member, 2010-present
 - University Libraries Section, Member, 2009-present

State

- **Mississippi Library Association**, 2008-present
 - MLA Annual Conference Poster Sessions Committee, *Chair*, 2013
 - Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Section, Member, 2008-present
 - MLA-ACRL Officer Nominating Committee, *Chair*, 2012
 - MLA-ACRL Officer Nominating Committee, *Chair*, 2009

Mississippi State University Service

- Library and Technology Resources Subcommittee, Phi Beta Kappa Application Committee, Member, June 2013-present
- International Programs and Advisory Council, Member, 2011-present

Mississippi State University Libraries Service

- MSU Libraries Faculty, *Secretary*, January-June 2012
- MSU Libraries Faculty, *Chair*, July-December 2011
- MSU Libraries Faculty, *Secretary*, July-December 2010
- **Standing committees:**
 - MSU Libraries' Research Committee, Member, 2012-present
 - Digital Projects Advisory Committee, Member, 2012-present
 - Electronic Resources Evaluation Committee (EREC), Member, 2009-present
 - Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) Subcommittee, Member, 2008-2012

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Mississippi State University Libraries Service, continued

- Reference Student Assistant Hiring and Evaluation Group, Member, 2009-2010; 2012-2013
- MegaResource School Library Workshop Planning Committee, Member, 2008-2009
- **Ad hoc committees:**
 - African American Studies Collection Committee, Member, 2012-present
 - EBSCO Discovery Service Committee, Member, 2010-2011
 - StatePride Criteria Committee, Member, 2010
 - Research Consultation Committee, Member, 2010
 - Dean's Committee on Communication, Member, 2009
 - "Just For You—Graduate Students" Web Page Re-Design Committee, Member, 2008
 - Reference Department Web Page Revision Committee, Member, 2008

Selected Honors

StatePride Faculty Award, Mississippi State University, 2010.

Financial award for excellence in teaching, research, and service.

Presidential Travel Fellowship, Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials, 2010.

Financial award providing assistance to presenters at the SALALM annual meeting.

MLIS Faculty Scholar Endowed Award, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2008.

Financial award for excellence in academics, service, and professional potential.

Librarians for the 21st Century Fellowship, Institute of Museum and Library Services and the University of Alabama, 2006-2007.

Fellowship for recruitment of new librarians.

Cooperative Leadership in Teaching Award, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, University of Florida, 2005.

Award for excellence in teaching by graduate teaching assistants.

Honor Society Memberships

Phi Beta Kappa, inducted 2001

Sigma Delta Pi Spanish National Honor Society, inducted 2001

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Research Activities

Refereed Articles

- Nolen, David S. "Publication and Language Trends of References in Spanish and Latin American Literature." *College & Research Libraries* 73, no. 6 (Nov. 2013): Forthcoming; article preprint available at <http://crl.acrl.org/content/early/2012/07/23/crl12-372.full.pdf+html>
- Nolen, David S., Amanda Clay Powers, Li Zhang, Yue Xu, Rachel E. Cannady, and Judy Li. "Moving Beyond Assumptions: The Use of Virtual Reference Data in an Academic Library," *portal: Libraries and the Academy* 12, no. 1 (2012): 23-40.
- Powers, Amanda Clay, David Nolen, Li Zhang, Yue Xu, and Gail Peyton, "Moving from the Consortium to the Reference Desk: Keeping Chat and Improving Reference at the MSU Libraries," *Internet Reference Services Quarterly* 15, no. 3 (2010): 169-188.
- Nolen, David S., "Reforming or Rejecting the Reference Desk: Conflict and Continuity in the Concept of Reference," *Library Philosophy and Practice* 12, no. 2 (2010): 1-9.
- Nolen, David S., "Characteristics of *la literatura*: A Reference Study of Spanish and Latin American Literature," *College & Research Libraries*, 71, no. 1 (2010): 9-19.

Conference Presentations

- McGill, Lori, David Nolen, and Anita Winger. "EBSCO Discovery Service: Implementation and Impact." Panel session presented at the Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Jackson, Mississippi, October 29, 2011.
- Nolen, David S., "Book References in Spanish and Latin American Literary Studies: Publishers, Geography, and Languages." Paper presented at the Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials LV, Providence, Rhode Island, July 27, 2010.

Poster Sessions

- Nolen, David, Amanda Clay Powers, Li Zhang, Yue Xu, Judy Li, and Rachel Cannady, "Rejecting Anonymity and Embracing Community: Virtual Reference Services at Mississippi State University." Poster session presented at the American Library Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., June 26, 2010.

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Research Activities, Poster Sessions, continued

Powers, Amanda Clay, Li Zhang, David Nolen, Gail Peyton and Julie Xu, "From the Consortium to the Public Services Desk: Keeping CHAT and Improving Reference at the MSU Libraries." Poster session presented at the American Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, July 12, 2009.

Fletcher, Christine, and David Nolen, "Election 2008: An Opportunity for Collaboration and Innovation." Poster session presented at the Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Natchez, Mississippi, October 22, 2008.

Successful Grant Applications

MSU Libraries and MSU Department of Music, "America's Music: A Film History of Our Popular Music from Blues to Broadway." National Endowment for the Humanities, 2012 (grant team member).

Matthes, Pat, and David Nolen, "100 Books for Understanding Contemporary Japan." The Nippon Foundation, 2009.