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Education

Masters of Library and Information Science, San Jose State University, San Jose, California – 2002.

Masters of Education, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia – 1998.

- Major - Instructional Technology with Media Specialist Certification

Bachelor of Science, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona – 1976.

- Major – Law Enforcement

Professional Experience

Coordinator of Serials/Associate Professor, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS, 7/11-present

Contributes to the development of a virtual research database by performing original and copy cataloging of serials and monographs representing all levels of difficulty, all subjects and languages, and all formats according to RDA Cataloging Rules, LCRIs, CONSER guidelines, Library of Congress subject headings and classification and MARC; performs authority work on names and series in accordance with local and national standards. Primarily provides original cataloging of special collections and rare books. Directly supervises two copy-catalogers and one faculty serials librarian. Coordinates projects between Serials, Serials Cataloging, and Electronic Resources. Serve as the subject bibliographer and liaison to the academic Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education.

Serials Cataloger/Associate Professor, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS, 2/06-6/11

Contributes to the development of a virtual research database by performing original and copy cataloging of serials representing all levels of difficulty, all subjects and languages, and all formats according to Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, LCRIs, CONSER guidelines, Library of Congress subject headings and classification and MARC; performs authority work on names and series in accordance with local and national standards. Solves problems within the bibliographic and holdings records resulting from obsolete or incorrect information; assists the serials unit and public services staff in problem solving and participates and leads special projects as needed. Responsible, as the Team leader of the Serials Cataloging Unit, for the supervision and training of two full-time serials copy catalogers. Serve as the subject bibliographer and liaison to the academic department of Curriculum and Instruction.

Reference/Government Documents Librarian/Assistant Professor, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS, 10/03-2/06

Provided reference assistance to faculty, students, and student assistants in person, via telephone, e-mail, and virtual chat. Developed research guides for various subject areas; assisted the campus community in seeking and finding information for their research needs through one-on-one consultations. Up-dated and maintained the Reference Department's online resources page. Responsible for the cataloging of government materials in all formats including Internet sources using purchased Marcive MARC records. Assisted in the supervision of student workers in both the Reference Department and the Government Documents and Microforms Area. Developed specialized library use instruction sessions and materials in requested subject areas. Materials included handouts, searching aids, instructional exercises, and PowerPoint slides. Served as the subject bibliographer for the Reference Education collection and as liaison to the academic departments of Curriculum and Instruction and Instructional Systems, Leadership, and Workforce Development.

Reference/Electronic Resource Librarian, California Baptist University, Riverside, CA, 8/01-9/30/03

Provided reference and information services to the University faculty, students and staff; using both print and electronic resources. Developed instructional materials and conducted bibliographic instruction sessions as requested by faculty. Materials included database help guides, research guides, and informational handouts. Maintained, evaluated and developed the reference collection according to curriculum needs. Managed the Interlibrary Loan Services through OCLC with one student assistant, and was responsible for copyright compliance within the library. Prepared and monitored \$105K budget for reference continuations, electronic resources and equipment maintenance. Evaluated current and new electronic databases in relationship to curriculum needs and made recommendations to the library director. Evaluated, updated, and maintained the Library Web Site with relevant Internet resources.

Library Assistant, California Baptist University, Riverside, CA, 3/01- 8/01

Provided assistance to students and faculty at the access services desk. Participated in supervising and training student workers. Maintained the copy and microfilm machines, and ordered supplies for the library. Assisted technical processing, cataloging, and collection development with special projects. Participated in reference service to students, faculty, and staff using print and electronic resources. Organized and administered the Interlibrary Loan Service.

Senior Library Technician, Rialto School District/Rialto Middle School, Rialto, CA, 1/00-3/01

Assisted students and faculty at the circulation desk, processed and cataloged new library materials, and ordered library supplies. Provided reference services to students and faculty, and assisted students with research and computer instruction. Assisted the librarian with library classes and bibliographic instruction.

Librarian, Hart County School District/Airline Elementary School, Bowersville, GA, 3/98-6/99

Managed the school library media center, including collection development of all library materials, processing and cataloging of all materials, and budget preparation. Maintained all classroom computers, acting as a troubleshooter for both software and hardware problems, and recommended school computer needs to the school district superintendent. Worked collaboratively with teachers on student projects developing information literacy skills. Taught students how to design a Web page and created and implemented a 5-year technology plan.

Other Work Experience

- Substitute Teacher (K-9), Hart County School System, Hartwell, GA, 4/97-3/98
- Part-Time Administrative Assistant, Hartwell Marina & Boat Sales, Hartwell, GA, 8/96-3/98
- Payroll Accountant, Associated Bioscience Incorporated, Phoenix, AZ, 9/92-10/95
- Payroll Administrator – Accounts Payable Clerk – Executive Secretary to Vice President of Finance, QUADRI Electronics, Chandler, AZ, 1987-1992
- Invoicing Clerk, PIMALCO, Chandler, AZ, 1986-1987
- Station Agent/Grand Canyon, Arizona, Air Nevada Airlines, Las Vegas NV, 1984-1985
- Computer Operator, AMFAC Corp – Fred Harvey Company, Grand Canyon, AZ 1981-1982
- Security Officer, State of Arizona/Aeronautics Division, Grand Canyon, AZ 1979-1981
- Senior Clerk/I.D. Technician, San Diego Police Department, San Diego, CA 1977-1979
- Fire Dispatcher, San Diego Fire Department, San Diego, CA 1976-1977
- Dispatcher, Coconino County Sheriff's Department, Flagstaff, AZ 1972-1976

Publications – Refereed

Garner, June, Karen Davidson, and Virginia Williams. "Identifying Serials Trends through Twenty Years of NASIG Conference Proceedings: A Content Analysis." *Serials Review*, 34 no. 2 (2008): 88-103

Davidson, Karen and LaDonne Delgado "Selected List of Periodicals on the Rocky Mountain States and Their Culture." *Serials Librarian*, 55 no. 1 (2008): 254-75.

Davidson, Karen and Gail Peyton. "Library Outreach to the Freshman Football Recruits and Athletic Academic Tutors at Mississippi State University." *The Reference Librarian*, 47 no. 1 (2007): 73-87.

Davidson, Karen. "Medicare/Medicaid: Finding Consumer Information Through Government Web Sites." *Journal of Consumer Health on the Internet*, 10 no. 1 (2006): 33-51.

Davidson, Karen. "Selected Web Sites on Homeland Security." *Serials Librarian*, 49 no. 1-2 (2005): 89-139.

Publications – Non-Refereed

Karen S. Davidson- Reporter Stephane Havron Rollins and Ed Cherry, Presenters, (2013). Demonstrating our value: tying use of electronic resources to academic success. *Serials Librarian*, 65(1), p. 74-79

Karen S. Davidson-Reporter, Tim Collins- Presenter.(2013). eResources in academic libraries: a look ahead. *Serials Librarian*, 65(1) p. 59-62.

Karen S. Davidson. (2013). Proceedings of the Mississippi State University Libraries eResource & Emerging Technologies Summit (LEETS) Introduction. *Serials Librarian*, 65 (1) p. 56-58.

Davidson, Karen. “Endometriosis: Information from the Internet” *Journal of Consumer Health on the Internet, Webhealth Topics Column*, 9 (2005): 43-53.

Chapters in Edited Books

Davidson, Karen. “Reference/Government Documents Librarian” in Shontz, Priscilla K., ed. *A Day in the Life*. Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited, 2007.

Presentations - Refereed

National

Garner, June, and Karen Davidson. “Perspectives and Images of Tenure-Track Librarians” presented at the 2008 North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) Annual Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, June 6, 2008.

Poster Sessions

National

Downey, Elizabeth and Karen Davidson. “Graphic Novels On Campus: Academic Collaboration and Outreach to the K-12 Community” poster session presented at the American Library Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. June 26, 2010.

Garner, June, and Karen Davidson. “Communicating Our Value: How Librarians Achieve Promotion and Tenure” Poster Session presented at the 2008 American Library Association Annual Conference, Anaheim, California, June 30, 2008.

State

Downey, Elizabeth and Karen Davidson. “Graphic Novels On Campus: Academic Collaboration and Outreach to the K-12 Community” poster session presented at the Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, October 22, 2009.

Garner, June, and Karen Davidson. “Communicating Our Value: How Librarians Achieve Promotion and Tenure” poster session presented at the Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Natchez, Mississippi, October 22, 2008.

Davidson, Karen. “Best of Both Worlds: Experiences of a Split Position Librarian,” poster session presented at Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Natchez, Mississippi, October 20, 2004

Professional Activities

Editor

- MidSouth eResource Symposium Conference Reports in *Serials Librarian* 2010-2014.

Co-Editorship

- Co-editor of the column “E-Resource Round Up” in the *Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship*, 2010 –

American Library Association

- 3M/NMRT Social Committee Member – 2007-2008
- ALA/NMRT President’s Program Planning/Membership Meeting Committee – Chair – 2006-2007
- ALA/NMRT Vice President’s Program Planning Committee – Member – 2005
- NMRT – Midwinter Discussion Forum Committee Member – 2004

North American Serials Interest Group

- Registrar – 2016-2018
- Registrar in Training – 2015-2016
- NASIG 30th Anniversary Task Force – Member – 2014-2015
- Nominations & Elections Committee – Member – 2013-2015
- Program Planning Committee – Chair – 2012-2013
- Program Planning Co-Vice Chair – 2011-2012
- Program Planning Committee Member – 2009-2011
- Conference Planning Committee Member – 2007-2008

Mississippi Library Association

- TSRT – Chair – 2011-2012
- TSRT – Vice Chair – 2010-2011
- TSRT – Secretary – 2009-2010
- GODORT – Secretary/Treasurer – 2003– 2006

University Committees

- Mississippi State University Grievance Panel Committee – 2010-2012

Library Service

- MSU Libraries Faculty Meetings Secretary – 2016-
- Electronic Resources Evaluation Committee (EREC) – Member – 2012-
- MegaResource School Librarian Workshop Committee – Member – 2005-
- Research Committee – Member – 2005 – 2015
- Information and Digital Literacy Committee – Member – 2014-2015
- Library Promotion and Tenure – Co-Chair 2012-2013
- Library E-Resources & Emerging Technologies Summit (LEETS) – Co-Chair – 2012-2013
- Annual MidSouth E-Resource Symposium Co-Chair – 2010 - 2011
- Public Relations Committee – Member – 2004 – 2009
- Annual MidSouth E-Resource Symposium Committee – Member – 2007
- MSU Libraries Faculty Meeting – Chair – March 2006 – August 2006
- Reference Collection Development Committee – Member – 2003 –2006
- Travel Committee – Member – 2004 – 2006
- Reference Electronic Evaluation Committee – Member – 2003 – 2005
- Census Data: Making the Numbers Work for You – Planning Committee – Member – June 2005
- Diversity Matters: Making a Difference Workshop Committee - Member – 2004
- MSU Libraries Faculty Meetings Secretary – March 2004 – May 2004
- Served as a member and chaired search committees for library faculty and staff.

Current Professional Associations/Memberships

North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) (2006 – present)

American Library Association (2001 – 2008)

- ALA/NMRT (New Members Roundtable) (2002 – present)
- ALA/ACRL (Association of College & Research Libraries) (2001 – present)
- ALA/ALCTS (Association for Library Collections & Technical Services) (2006 – present)

Mississippi Library Association (2003 – present)

- New Members Round Table (2003 – present)
- Association of College & Research Libraries Section (2003 – present)
- Technical Services Round Table (2006 – present)

Honors/Awards

Member of *Beta Phi Mu*, Library and Information Studies International Honor Society. (2003 – present)