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EDUCATION

CERTIFICATES

Online Learning Consortium **Instructional Design Mastery (2016)**
Online Learning Consortium **Advanced Certificate (2014)**
The Sloan-C **Certificate in the Tools and Techniques Specialization Track (2012)**
Independent **Applying the QM Rubric (2012)**

DEGREES

MASTERS - ENGLISH *West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV* (1997)
Emphasis in playwriting
MASTERS OF SCIENCE - LIBRARY SCIENCE *University of Kentucky, Lexington KY* (1992)
Emphasis in archives and preservation, processed the correspondence of the
Lake Poet Robert Southey
BACHELORS OF FINE ARTS – THEATRE *West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV* (1988)
Senior project: Stage manager for Morgantown performance by The Pittsburgh Opera

WORK EXPERIENCE

INTERDISCIPLINARY, CULTURAL AND FILM STUDIES LIBRARIAN

WVU Libraries Morgantown, WV (2017 – PRESENT)

Research consultation, assistance and instruction. Develop and coordinate media collection. Serve as Library Liaison and collection development bibliographer for Interdisciplinary, Cultural and Film Studies. Teach ULIB300: Film and Media Literacy. Supervise and mentor undergraduate Research Apprentice, Intern, and Graduate Assistant. Work with the library archives of Don Knotts and Steve Allen, serve on the Residency Implementation Committee.

MEDIA AND RESEARCH SERVICES LIBRARIAN

WVU Libraries Morgantown, WV (FEB. 2013 – 2016)

Research consultation, assistance and instruction. Coordinate media collection. Serve as Library Liaison and collection development bibliographer for many disciplines. Teach ULIB300: Film and Media Literacy.

WEB SERVICES AND REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

WVU Libraries Morgantown, WV (NOV. 1998 – FEB. 2013)

Reference assistance and instruction to WVU students, staff, and faculty and the public online and in person. Design, develop, and maintain the WVU Libraries web site. Coordinate and lead the Libraries Web Team. Academic activities include developing an upper level course in Film and Media Literacy and serving as subject librarian.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

Book chapters

Forthcoming: Once Upon a Time in Tarantino's West: The Persistence of the Western as an American Fairy Tale. D Brode. *New Riders of the Cinematic Sage: The 21st Century Western.*

(2017) *Featuring Atrocity & H8tful Heritage: Tarantino's Revision of Civil War Mythology*. D. Brode. *The American Civil War on Film and TV: Blue and Gray in Black and White and Color*. Rowman and Littlefield / Lexington Books.

Video game

LibCrawl. [Online video game]. 2016-18. Green Door Labs; Edventure Builder. Game portal located at <http://edventure.us/WVU/>. Consultant and developer of a smartphone-based library game for first-year students. Created characters and storyline with an interactive narrative and developed the game in the Edventure Builder platform.

Group Exhibition

2019 **WVU Libraries**, "Appalachian Futures" Morgantown, WV.

Articles

"Bam! Pow! Graphic Novels Fight Stereotypes in Academic Libraries," **Technical Services Quarterly** (2010) 28.1: 55-69. DOI: 10.1080/07317131.2011.524523

"The 1974 Kanawha County Textbook Controversy from a Student's Perspective, 36 Years Later." **West Virginia Libraries**. 63:5 (Sept. 2010) p.2-3.

Internet Resources: The Electoral College, Political Parties, and Elections. **College & Research Libraries News**. 65:7 (July/Aug. 2004) p.366-369.

Frankenstein Scholarship in the MLAIB 1981-1992: Citation and Subject Heading Analysis. **Proceedings, West Virginia Network for Educational Telecomputing**, 1994.

PRESENTATIONS

The Journey is the Destination: Storytelling in the Cloud. 6th Annual Big XII Teaching and Learning Conference poster session. University of Texas, Austin. June 2019.

Storytelling with Archives. Digital Appalachian Studies. Symposium: Visualizing Appalachia in the Digital Age. Presentation for Mapping Contexts session. April 2018.

"Why Is #WVU2020 Trending?" Engage FYE Students through Library Gamification. WVU Celebrate Teaching, Learning Research poster session. May 2017.

Love in the Time of Pokémon Go: Students Love to Play Games & Explore the Library. Association of College and Research Libraries National Conference poster session. 2017.

West Virginia Great Teachers Conference (**Leading undergraduate film and media literacy students to peer-reviewed social and cultural film criticism**. 2014) (**How can we make this into a fun game? Noun: gamification**. 2017).

User Testing How-To for Game Builders. Webinar presented for Green Door Labs, 2016.

"Yeager Shots: Quentin Tarantino Exploits B-Movie Slashers in *Death Proof* (2007)." Paper presentation at the **B for BAD cinema: aesthetics, politics and cultural value: Inaugural Centre for Film and Television Studies Conference**. Monash University, Melbourne, Australia (April 2009).

GRANT ACTIVITY

Popular Culture Association / American Culture Association Spring Research Workshop at Bowling Green State University 400.00 and WVU Faculty Travel Grant 700.00 (2016) for “Steve Allen and Don Knotts: Two (2) Archives and a Microphone.”

West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (WVHEPC) Diversity for Equity Grant (2015) for the WVU Libraries. \$4500.00 to sponsor and host visiting artists and sexecology experts.

“Bridging Cultures Books Shelf: Muslim Journeys” 2013 **ALA/NEH** grant of 25 books, 4 DVDs about Muslim beliefs and practices and the cultural heritage associated with Islamic civilizations.

2011 Douglas A. Noverr Grant. **Popular Culture/American Culture Association (PCA/ACA)**. \$5000.00 for “Manga Collection Supporting a Japanese Language Learning Program at an Appalachian University Library.”

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Digital Storytelling Online Workshop. StoryCenter. Berkeley CA. Spring 2018.

Digital Storytelling in Education. Lambert, Joe. StoryCenter, Berkeley CA. Webinar. Oct 2017.

Designing Gamified Learning Environments. Online Learning Consortium Workshop. Summer 2017.

Digital Storytelling Workshop. Three-day workshop by OSU Digital Storytelling Program, July 2016.

SERVICE

Library Diversity and Residency Studies. Editorial Board member for a new academic journal (2019 -)

WVU Student Art Movement, Faculty Advisor for Student Organization (2018 -)

WVU Libraries Faculty Scholarship Workshop Group, Member (2015 -)

WVU Commission for LGBT and Q Equity, Member (2014 - 2016) presented Safe Zone training

WVU Library Faculty Assembly Professional Development Committee Chair (2014 - 15)

WVU Libraries Residency Implementation Program Committee, member (2014 - 15, 2018 -)

WVU Libraries Collection Advisory Committee (2016 - 17)

AWARDS

Honors Faculty Fellow. West Virginia University Honors College. 2018-2019 Cohort. Award to develop big-ideas courses with engaging teaching and learning practices to develop new curricular and teaching ideas to bring back to their home departments.

Club Influencer. West Virginia University Game Developers Club. 2016-17. Award to select individuals who have helped the club accomplish our mission of providing resources and education to help student game development at West Virginia University.

COURSES TAUGHT AT WVU

HONR206: Storytelling with Archives 2018 – 19 academic year

ULIB300: Film and Media Literacy 2009 – 2017. GEC/GEF course. Met Quality Matters standards 2017

ULIB493: Film and Media Literacy 2006 – 2008

ULIB101: Introduction to Library Research 2007 – 2016

MDS103: Introduction to Library Research 1999 – 2006

Library research one-shot sessions for many disciplines. Average 25 session a year. 1998 – Present

MEDIA APPEARANCES, CONTRIBUTIONS, INTERVIEWS

Online Media

Films on Demand: Spotlight on West Virginia University

InfoBase: Company News

August 1, 2017

Newspaper

Weird & Wonderful: Urban legends and hauntings of West Virginia

Consultant, Daily Athenaeum, April 9, 2017

WVU LIBRARIES EVENTS

LGBTQ Read-In 2014, 2016, 2018

Coordinator, Host, Facilitator, Reader

International Games Day 2014, International Games Week 2017

Coordinator, Host

Sponsored by Four Horsemen Comics and Gaming, WVU Chess Club, WVU Creative Role Playing Club, WVU Game Developers Group, WVU Child Development Program (student Family Resources), WVU Libraries, Children's Discovery Museum of West Virginia

Earth Day Observance, 2017

Coordinator, Host

Sponsored by Biology Department and Core Arboretum, Geology Department, WVU Greenhouse. Volunteers from WVU Libraries, 4-member team from a service learning course, other volunteers recruited via iServe. Coordinated with activities held by the WVU Student Sierra Club and the Morgantown March for Science

Cocoa Chat, 2017

Coordinator

WVU chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, the largest collegiate coeducational service fraternity in the country, lecture with the theme of leadership and having a vision

WVU Game Developers Unity Workshop 2016, 2017

Coordinator, Host

With support from the WVU Libraries and the Libraries Systems Department