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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LIBRARIAN EMERITUS, February 17, 2012-
University of Washington Libraries

PRESERVATION ADMINISTRATOR, October, 1998-February 16, 2012
University of Washington Libraries-

Responsible for developing and implementing a Libraries-wide preservation program, a component of the University Libraries Strategic Plan. Contributes to the management of the Libraries as a member of the University Libraries Council and Information Resources Council, and to the work of various Libraries and Friends of the UW Libraries committees. Serves as Chair of the Preservation Program Advisory Committee and the Libraries Collections Disaster Team and as the Library Collections Security Officer. Teaches "Preservation and Conservation of Library Materials" in the UW Information School and serves as a member of UW Museology Program faculty. Manages PreserveNW, a regional preservation listserv.

HEAD, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND PRESERVATION DIVISION, April 1984-September, 1998
University of Washington Libraries

Responsible for the management and operations of the Special Collections and Preservation Division, including coordination of collection development, service programs, exhibitions and donor relations. Collections range from early printed books to contemporary book arts, and include collections on the Pacific Northwest, historical photography, 19th-century American literature and travel and exploration. Coordinated planning of Special Collections expansion to the new Allen Library and the Division's move to new library. Contributed to the management of the Libraries as a member of the Libraries Operations Group. I served as a Board member and Secretary of the Friends of the UW Libraries.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES, PUBLIC SERVICES, December 1979 -March 1984
University of Washington Libraries

Had administrative responsibility for the public service areas of the Suzzallo Library, the main library of the University of Washington Libraries system, and of the seventeen branch libraries. Responsibilities included personnel, budget, program planning and liaison. I also served as a member of the management team for the library system, and from November 1980 to March 1984 as Acting Head, Special Collections Division. Served as the Coordinator for the Libraries' participation as a test library in the 1981 Association of Research Libraries Preservation Project.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC SERVICES, February 1973 – December 1979
The University of Texas at Austin General Libraries

Administrative responsibility for the public services areas of the Perry-Castaneda Library (PCL), the main library of the University of Texas at Austin library system, and the Collections Deposit Library, the Library's storage facility. Responsibilities involved personnel, budget, program planning, liaison with users and other areas of the library system and University, and coordination of the General Libraries publications program. As a member of the top management team of the General Libraries, I participated in library-wide planning and budgetary processes.

During the period 1975-77, a considerable portion of my time was devoted to working with public services staff, individually and collectively, in redefining service goals and planning new services and staffing patterns; revising and drafting policies, procedures, and publications; and, in general, preparing for the

move to the new Perry-Castaneda Library. I initiated a staff exchange program, provided liaison with the press and media in covering the move to and opening of the new library, and gave over 20 talks on the new library. In this position I was active in developing an extensive publications program; in recruiting and developing a strong public services staff; in codifying and standardizing circulation policies and procedures; and in developing the Libraries' computer-based information services and a more comprehensive and coordinated program of library instruction.

From September 1973 through August 1977 I was responsible for library binding and book repair operations. Binding procedures were revised and supervision restructured to eliminate backlogs and expedite the workflow. During this period, over 300,000 items were processed. From February 1, 1973, to December 1, 1975, I had administrative responsibility for 15 branches with collections of over 500,000 volumes, instead of the Main Library.

COORDINATOR OF BRANCH LIBRARIES AND ASSISTANT HEAD OF REFERENCE, (September 1969 - January 1973)
University of Massachusetts

Responsible for supervising and coordinating the work of the nine branch libraries and six un-staffed reading rooms, with 200,000 volumes. Responsible for negotiating agreements with departmental faculty and planning consolidation of the smaller branch libraries. During my tenure the number of branch libraries was reduced from seventeen to nine. A new Physical Sciences Library opened in September 1971, combining four branch libraries. From October 1971 through December 1972, I was responsible for coordinating planning for the new 28-story University Library, which opened in the summer of 1973 and has a stack capacity of 2-1/2 million volumes and 3,000 reader seats. From December 1, 1970-November 1 1971 served temporarily as Assistant Head, Reference Department to support the Head of Reference, who assumed additional management responsibilities during this period. During this period, I worked on the development and reorganization of the reference collections of the Main and Branch Libraries.

CITY PLANNING LIBRARIAN AND ASSOCIATE LIBRARIAN, September 1966-August 1969
Cornell University, Fine Arts Library, Ithaca, New York

I was responsible for developing the city planning collection that expanded from about 10,000 volumes to 17,000 volumes during my tenure. Provided reference service and assisted with the operations of the Fine Arts Library.

RESERVE BOOK LIBRARIAN, September 1965-September 1966
CIRCULATION LIBRARIAN, September 1962-August 1965
Cornell University, Undergraduate Library, Ithaca, New York

Supervised operations, participated in book selection, user education, and reference work in the Undergraduate Library, and worked at the reference desk of the John M. Olin Research Library.

MAJOR GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

Native Americans of the Pacific Northwest Collection Enhancement (HEA Title II-C) 1981-1982 \$175,025

Pacific Northwest Newspaper and Maps: A Project to Assure Preservation and Increase Bibliographic Access. (HEA Title II-C) 1982-83 \$250,000

Preservation of the J. Willis Sayre Historical American Vaudeville and Theater Photograph Collection (HEA Title II-C) \$144,000

Collections Conservation Training Program for Libraries in the Pacific Northwest (NEA) 1994-95 \$67,537

USAIN Washington Microfilming Project (NEH), 2006-08, \$156,555, 2004-2005, \$43,323

American Indians of the Pacific Northwest (Library of Congress/Ameritech National Digital Library Grant) 1998-1999. \$82,943. UW Libraries Information Gateway

(<http://content.lib.washington.edu/aipnw/index.html>) and Library of Congress American Memory (<http://memory.loc.gov:8081/ammem/award98/wauhtml/aipnhome.html>)

EDUCATION

Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, B.A. June 1959
Major: History and Political Science

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor A.M.L.S. June 1961
Major: Library Science

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

American Library Association

Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)

Chapters Committee, 1978-81; Chair, 1980-81

College and Research Libraries News Editorial Board, 1997-1999

Conference Executive Committee, Third National Conference, Seattle, 1984; Chair, 1982-84

Rare Books and Manuscripts Section, Executive Committee, 1991-94; Chair, 1992-93; Budget and Development Committee Chair 1993-95; Security Committee, 1985-92, Chair 1988-91.

Washington State Chapter, Organizer and Interim Chair, 1980-81;

Executive Board member-at-large, 1997-2000

Directors of Public Services of Large University Libraries Discussion Group, Chairperson, 1980- 81

Co-Editor, Academic Libraries: Myths and Realities: Proceedings of the Third National Conference of the Association of College and Research Libraries, April 4-7, 1984, Seattle, Washington. Edited by Suzanne C. Dodson and Gary L. Menges. Chicago: Association of College and Research Libraries, 1984.

Cooperative preservation: I have been active in activities to further preservation cooperation in the Pacific Northwest, including managing PreserveNW, the regional preservation listserv. I hosted and was an instructor for the IMLS funded, NEDCC coordinated Pacific Northwest Preservation Management Institute and served as a facilitator for Preservation 101 distance learning component. I initiated the proposal to establish the Washington Preservation Initiative, a LSTA funded Washington State Library project, and served as Chair of the Advisory Group. <http://www.lib.washington.edu/Preservation/cooppreservation.html> I am a Western States and Territories Preservation Service (WESTPAS) planner/trainer. I facilitated the organization of the Seattle Heritage Emergency Response Network (SHERN).

Grant reviewer:

Institute for Museum and Library Services National Leadership Grants

Institute for Museum and Library Services Recruiting and Educating Librarians for the 21st Century

National Endowment for the Humanities Division of Preservation and Access panelist

Title II-C Higher Education Act Strengthening Research Library Resources Program

Preservation survey:

Preservation Survey of the Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences Beruni Institute of Oriental Studies, September 2003.

Texas Information Exchange (TIE) (State resource sharing network of major Texas academic and public libraries.) Chair, Board, September 1975-December 1979

Texas Library Association

TLA Council, 1978-79

College and University Libraries Division, Executive Committee, 1976-79, Chair, 1978-79

Inter-Library Loan Round Table, 1979-80, Chair