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Library Experience

- Acting Director of the Library, Earlham College, 2011-present
- Humanities and Languages Librarian, Earlham College, 2007-2011
- Information Technology & Reference Librarian, Earlham College, 1998-2007
- Automation Services Librarian / Instructional Services Librarian, Ball State University, 1997-1998
- Librarian (Online Services Coordinator), Dickinson College, 1995-1997

Publications

- "Measuring the 'Excellence' of Librarianship at Earlham College" (co-authored with Nancy Taylor). *Excellence in the Stacks: Strategies, Practices and Reflections from ACRL-Award Winning Small College Libraries*. Cambridge, UK: Woodhead, 2012 (in-press).
- "Evaluating IT and Library Services with the MISO Survey" (co-authored with David Consiglio, Laurie Allen, Kevin J. T. Creamer, and Joshua Wilson). *ECAR Research Bulletin* 10 (2011). Boulder, CO: EDUCAUSE Center for Applied Research, 2011, available from <http://www.educause.edu/ecar>.
- "The Rise of Digital Game Studies." *Choice* 48.1 (September 2010): 27-34.
- "Merged Service Outcomes at Earlham College" (co-authored with Thomas G. Kirk, Jr.). *Reference Services Review* 35.3 (Summer 2007): 379-387.
- "Emergence / Emergency? The Earlham Libraries and the First-Year Experience" (co-authored with Thomas G. Kirk, Jr.) in Larry Hardesty, ed. *The Role of the Library in the First College Year*. Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina, National Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition, 2007: 229-233.
- "Film Studies and Information Literacy" in Patrick Ragains, ed. *Information Literacy Instruction that Works: A Guide to Teaching by Discipline and Student Population*. New York: Neal-Schuman, 2006: 151-163.
- "The Representation of Québec in Marvel Comics' *Alpha Flight*." *Québec Studies* 40 (Fall 2005/Winter 2006): 65-77.
- "The Politics of Language in Science Fiction from Québec." *Contemporary French Civilization* 28.1 (Winter/Spring 2004): 33-53.
- "The US-Japan Security Alliance and *Blood: The Last Vampire*." *Journal of the Fantastic in the Arts* 13.2 (2002): 143-152.
- "Syncretism: A Federalist Approach to Canadian Science Fiction." *Extrapolation* 42 (Fall 2001): 218-231.

- "Imaginative Forecasting, Models, and Environmental Chaos." *Extrapolation* 39 (Fall 1998): 249-257.
- "Creole Identity Politics, Race, and *Star Trek: Voyager*" in Elisabeth Anne Leonard, ed. *Into Darkness Peering: Race and Color in the Fantastic*. Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1997: 119-129.
- "Time Shifting: Yesterday's Lessons for Today and Tomorrow." *RQ: Reference Quarterly* 36 (Winter 1996): 181-184.

Signed Entries

- Peter Wright, ed. *The Critical Companion to Science Fiction Film Adaptations*. Liverpool University Press (in-press).
- Robin Anne Reid, ed. *Women in Science Fiction and Fantasy: An Encyclopedia*. Westport, CT: Greenwood, 2009.
- Gary Westfahl, ed. *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Science Fiction and Fantasy: Themes, Works, and Wonders*. Westport, CT: Greenwood, 2005.
- Richard Bleiler, ed. *Supernatural Fiction Writers: Contemporary Fantasy and Horror*. New York: Charles Scribner's, 2003.
- Tom and Sara Pendergast, eds. *St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture*. Detroit: St. James, 1999.
- T.A. Shippey, ed. *Magill's Guide to Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature*. Pasadena: Salem, 1996.

Presentations (Selected)

- "What Students and Faculty Want: Insights from the MISO Survey." Consortium of Liberal Arts Colleges Annual Conference. Kalamazoo College. June 2011.
- "The Pedagogy of Gaming." Panel Speaker. Association of College and Research Libraries National Conference. Philadelphia, PA, April 2011.
- "Analyzing the MISO Data: Broader Perspectives on Library and Computing Trends." 2010 Library Assessment Conference. Baltimore, MD, October 2010.
- "The MISO Survey: Assessing Library and Computing Services in Higher Education." NITLE Camp 2010. DePauw University, June 2010.
- "The Representation of the *Banlieue* in Recent French Science Fiction and Fantasy." International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts. Orlando, FL, March 2010.
- "Prêt-à-Porter Technology: Rebooting the Earlham College Study Abroad Program *à la française*." EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative Annual Meeting. Austin, TX, January 2010.
- "Cultivating Quality Collaboration." Panel Speaker. Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians Annual Conference. Green Lake, WI, April 2009.

- “Improving on Excellence: Looking Beyond Information Literacy to 21st-Century Educational Paradigms and Virtual Worlds.” Panel Speaker. Association of College and Research Libraries National Conference. Seattle, WA, March 2009.
- “Collaboration Case Studies.” Panel Speaker. Cultivating Quality Collaboration Workshop. Lake Forest College, July 2008.
- “*Bleu, Blanc, Bruised: Banlieue 13* as a Science Fiction, Martial Arts Political Statement.” International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts. Ft. Lauderdale, FL, March 2007.
- “Information Services Professional Staff Perspectives.” Panel Speaker. CLIR/CIC Conference: Integrating Library and Computing Services. Kenyon College, March 2006.
- “French Integration: The Film Version of Herman Melville’s *Pierre; or, The Ambiguities*.” Literature / Film Association Conference. Towson University, November 2003.
- “Vampirism in Millennial Japanese Animation.” International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts. Ft. Lauderdale, FL, March 2003.
- “The Politics of Language in Québécois Science Fiction.” International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts. Ft. Lauderdale, FL, March 2001.
- “Culture as Alloy: *The Fifth Element*.” American Culture Association/Popular Culture Association Annual Conference. Orlando, FL, April 1998.
- “Weather Patterns: Nature, Chaos, and the Contemporary Fantastic.” International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts. Ft. Lauderdale, FL, March 1997.
- “Trekking Creoleness: Identity Politics in the 24th Century.” International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts. Ft. Lauderdale, FL, March 1996.

Professional Service, Grants, Awards

- American Library Association
 - Member, ACRL Conference Roundtable Discussions Committee
 - Member, ACRL College Libraries Section Executive Committee, 2011-present
 - Co-Chair, ACRL College Libraries Section Conference Program Planning – Anaheim 2012 Committee, 2010-present
 - *RUSQ: Reference and User Services Quarterly*, Editor, “Adult Services” column, 1995-1999 (publication known as *RQ: Reference Quarterly* from 1995-1997)
- EDUCAUSE
 - Adjunct Reader, Libraries, E-Research, and Digital Content track, 2010 Annual Conference
 - Adjunct Reader, Teaching and Learning track, 2009 Midwest Regional Conference
 - Adjunct Reader, Information Resources, Digital Content, and Libraries track, 2009 Annual Conference
 - Editorial Reviewer, *EDUCAUSE Quarterly*, 2008-2009
 - Frye Leadership Institute, 2008
- MLA International Bibliography
 - Senior Bibliographer, 2009-present
 - Field Bibliographer, 1999-2009
 - Field Bibliographer Fellow, 2005-2007

- NITLE
 - Project Participant, Midwest Regional Advisory Council Instructional Innovation Fund grant, "Cultivating Quality Collaboration," 2007-2009
 - Project Leader, Midwest Instructional Technology Center grant, "Video on DVD for Teaching Language and Culture: *Le monde francophone*," 2004-2006
- Great Lakes Colleges Association
 - New Directions Initiative grant, "Islam and Film," 2010
 - Academic Leadership and Innovation Institute, 2007
- MISO Survey, Co-Investigator/Advisor, 2010-present
- Independent Colleges of Indiana Tech Fund grant, "Rebooting the Earlham College Study Abroad Program *à la française*," 2009
- DePauw University, Visiting 361-Degree Instructional Technologist grant, 2002
- *Choice*, Reviewer, 1994-present
- *Library Journal*, Reviewer, 1996-2001

Campus Service

- Earlham College
 - Faculty Affairs Committee (2010-present)(elected position)
 - Co-leader, Earlham College International Study Program in France (2005, 2009)
 - Faculty Interview and Search Committee (2008-2009)(elected position)
 - Nominating Committee (2000-2003, 2005-2008)(elected position)
 - Curricular Policy Committee (2004-2007)
- Dickinson College
 - Planning and Budget Committee (1996-1997)

Courses Taught

- Earlham College
 - Islam and Film, co-taught with Michael Birkel, Professor of Religion (2011)
 - Film Studies and Japanese Cinema (2010)
 - Japanese Cinema (2003, 2005, 2007, 2009)
 - Paris and the Cinema (2005, 2009)
 - Cinema and Adaptation (2004)
 - Earlham Honors Colloquium (2001, 2002)
 - Humanities A (2000)
- University of Iowa
 - Introduction to Film Analysis (three discussion sections)(1993)
 - Mass Media and Mass Society (three discussion sections)(1992)

Book Reviews

- *Extrapolation*
- *Foundation: The International Review of Science Fiction*
- *Historical Journal of Film, Radio and Television*

- *Paradoxa: Studies in World Literary Genres*
- *RQ: Reference Quarterly*
- *SFRA Review*
- *Science Fiction Studies*

Education

- MA, Library and Information Science, University of Iowa, 1995
- MA, Film Studies, University of Iowa, 1993
- BA, English, Carleton College, 1991