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EDUCATION

2011 M.A., Composition and Rhetoric, Long Island University, Brooklyn
2003 M.S.L.I.S., Library and Information Science, Syracuse University
1997 B.A., Political Science, Columbia University

ACADEMIC LIBRARY EXPERIENCE

2019-present **Graduate Center, CUNY, Critical Pedagogy Librarian**
2012-2019 **LIU Brooklyn, Coordinator of Library Instruction**
2008-2012 **LIU Brooklyn, Electronic Resources and Instruction Librarian**
2004-2008 **Sarah Lawrence College, Reference Librarian**

MASTER'S-LEVEL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2017-present **Syracuse University, Adjunct Faculty**
Instructor for core course in information policy. This course is delivered online, and I am responsible for teaching the synchronous component using 2U and Zoom platforms.

2017-present **Rutgers University, Adjunct Faculty**
Developed and implemented asynchronous online course on information literacy theory and practice delivered through the Canvas platform.

2013-2019 **Pratt Institute School of Information, Visiting Assistant Professor**
Instructor of record for Information Resources and Services, a core course in public services librarianship for MLS students. Developed course in academic librarianship and scholarly communications for Spring 2018.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2017 Locating Wojnarowicz: Moving Through Library Systems, Structures and Technologies." With Alana Kumbier. *Library Philosophy and Practice*. 2017.

- 2017 "A *Kairos* of the Critical: Teaching Critically in a Time of Compliance." *Communications in Information Literacy*. Vol. 11, No. 1, pp. 76-94.
- 2016 "Information Needs in Prisons and Jails: A Discourse Analytic Approach." With Debbie Rabina and Laurin Paradise. *Libri*, Vol. 66, No. 4, pp. 291-302.
- 2016 "Becoming Librarians, Becoming Teachers: The *Kairos* of Professional Practice. " *Canadian Journal of Information and Library Science*, Vol. 40, No. 1, pp. 27-36.
- 2016 "Valuing Professionalism: Discourse as Professional Practice." *Library Trends*, Vol. 64, No. 3, pp. 604-614.
- 2016 "Reference Services to Incarcerated People, Part II: Sources and Learning Outcomes." With Debbie Rabina. *Reference & User Services Quarterly*, Vol. 55, No. (3), pp. 123-131.
- 2016 "Reference Services to Incarcerated People, Part I: Themes Emerging from Answering Reference Questions from Prisons and Jails." With Debbie Rabina. *Reference & User Services Quarterly*, Vol. 55, No. 1, pp. 42-48.
- 2014 "Toward a *Kairos* of Library Instruction." *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, Vol. 40, no. 5, pp. 480-485.
- 2014 "What's Gender Got to Do with It? A Critique of RDA 9.7." With Amber Billey and K.R. Roberto. *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly*, Vol. 52, no. 4, pp. 412-421.
- 2014 "Evidence-Based Instruction Integration: A Syllabus Analysis Project." With Katherine Boss. *Reference Services Review*, Vol. 42, No. 2, pp. 263-276.
- 2013 "Queering the Catalog: Queer Theory and the Politics of Correction." *Library Quarterly*, Vol. 83, No. 2, pp. 94-111.
- 2011 "Teaching Other Tongues: Addressing the Problem of Other Languages in the Library." *Journal of Information Ethics*, Vol. 20, No. 2 , pp. 42-55.
- 2009 "Teaching About Class in the Library." *Radical Teacher*, Vol. 85, pp. 5-16.
- 2008 "Gendered S(h)elves: Body and Identity in the Library." *Women and Environments International*, Vol. 78/79, pp. 16-18.
- 2006 "Librarians and the PATRIOT Act." *Radical Teacher*, Vol. 77, pp. 12-14.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 "The internet's invisible cleanup crew." *Jacobin*, August 20, 2019. Review.

- 2019 "What is critical about critical librarianship?" *Art Libraries Journal*. Vol. 44, No. 2, pp. 49-57.
- 2018 "Questioning Authority." With Amber Billey. *Transgender Studies Quarterly*. Spring 2019.
- 2018 "Critical Information Literacy." With Eamon Tewell. *International Encyclopedia of Media Studies*. Forthcoming.
- 2018 "Ideologies of Boring Things: The Internet and Infrastructures of Race." *Los Angeles Review of Books*, February 13, 2018. Review.
- 2017 "An Organizer's Tale: LIU Brooklyn's Lockout and Union Contract Negotiation." *The Political Librarian*. Vol. 3, No. 1, pp. 9-11.
- 2017 "Standard Practice: Libraries as Structuring Machines." *Parameters: Knowledge Under Digital Conditions*. Social Science Research Council. July 5, 2017.
- 2017 "A Space for Pleasures of All Kinds: On 'Cruising the Library.'" *Los Angeles Review of Books*, May 17, 2017. Review.
- 2017 "Our Futures in a Time of Change." With Miguel Figueroa, Sarah Houghton, and Charlotte Roh. *American Libraries*, March 2017. Interview
- 2016 "Flipping to Open Access for Survival: A Librarian's Critical Role in Transforming a Journal." *College & Research Libraries News*, Vol. 77, No. 10, pp. 488-491.
- 2016 "Turning Inward: Reading the Framework Through the Six Frames." *College & Research Libraries News*, Vol. 77, No. 8, pp. 382-384.
- 2016 "Asking Questions That Matter." With Scott Walter. *College & Research Libraries*, Vol. 77, No. 3, pp. 264-268.
- 2016 "What Collaboration Means to Me: The Infrastructure of Welcome." *Collaborative Librarianship*, Vol. 8, No. 1, pp. 5-6.
- 2016 "What Standards Do and What They Don't." with Meghan Sitar. In K. McElroy and N. Pagowsky (Eds.), *Critical Pedagogy Handbook*. Chicago: ACRL Press.
- 2012 "Forum: *Radical Teacher* as an Online and Open Access Journal." *Radical Teacher*, Vol. 94, pp. 3-13.
- 2008 "Teaching the Radical Catalog." In K.R. Roberto (Ed.), *Radical Cataloging: Essays at the Front*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “Designing Inclusive Information Systems: From Theory to Change.” Association for Computing in the Humanities Conference. Pittsburgh, PA, July 24, 2019. **Panelist.**
- 2019 “Teaching the Radical Catalog.” Big XII Teaching and Learning Conference. Austin, TX, June 14, 2019. **Keynote speaker.**
- 2019 “Classification and Power: Filipiniana and the Shape of Library Space.” HASTAC 2019, Vancouver, Canada, June 3, 2019. **Individual paper.**
- 2019 “Organizing Difference.” Iowa Library Association/ACRL Iowa Annual Conference. Cedar Rapids, IA, May 23, 2019. **Keynote speaker.**
- 2019 “Librarians and the Labor of the Everyday.” Eastern New York/ACRL Annual Conference. Newburgh, NY, May 22, 2019. **Keynote speaker.**
- 2019 “I Appreciate Your No-Nonsense Takes: Adjunct Instructors and the Future of the MLS.” ACRL 2019. Cleveland, OH, April 12, 2019. **Panelist.**
- 2019 “The Material Conditions of the Historical Surprise.” Organization of American Historians Conference. Philadelphia, PA, April 6, 2019. **Chair.**
- 2018 DLF Forum Closing Plenary: Enacting the Mission. Digital Library Federation Forum. Las Vegas, NV, October 17, 2018. **Invited speaker.**
- 2018 “Organizing for Change, Organizing for Power.” Digital Library Federation Forum. Las Vegas, NV, October 16, 2018. **Panelist.**
- 2018 “Organizing for Change: Building Power for the Libraries We Need.” Nebraska Library Association. Lincoln, NE, October 5, 2018. **Invited speaker.**
- 2018 “Toward a Critical Optimism: Enacting Access, Diversity, Inclusion and Democracy in Difficult Times.” Libraries in the Digital Age. Zadar, Croatia, June 13, 2018. **Panelist.**
- 2018 “What do We Mean by Critical Librarianship.” Toward a Critical (Art) Librarianship. Chelsea College of the Arts, London, NY, May 25, 2018. **Keynote speaker.**
- 2018 “Librarianship in Challenging Times: Advocating for Intellectual Freedom, Democracy, and Equity.” LACUNY Institute. New York, NY, May 11, 2018. **Keynote panelist.**
- 2018 “The Power of Words: Library Knowledge Systems and their Impact on Access.” Beinecke Speaker Series. New Haven, CT, April 18, 2018. **Invited panelist.**
- 2018 “Organizing for Power.” New England Archivists/Archivists Round Table Spring Meeting. New Haven, CT, March 24, 2018. **Plenary speaker.**
- 2018 “Instant Organizing: Lessons from a Faculty in Crisis.” University of West Georgia AAUP Spring Program. Carrollton, GA, March 7, 2018. **Invited speaker.**

- 2018 “Teaching Straight/Teaching Queer: Mobilizing Controlled Vocabularies to Queer Pedagogy.” ARLIS/NA Annual Conference. New York, NY, February 28, 2018. **Invited panelist.**
- 2018 “Are Libraries Neutral?” ALA Midwinter Meeting President’s Program. Denver, CO, February 11, 2018. **Invited speaker.**
- 2018 “Organizing for Opposition: How to Build Power to Contest Power.” METRO: Libraries in the Context of Capitalism. New York, NY, February 2, 2018. **Individual paper.**
- 2017 “Fighting for Libraries, Fighting for Librarians.” New York Library Association Annual Conference. Saratoga Springs, NY, November 9, 2017. **Invited speaker.**
- 2017 “Shifting Shelves: Time, Place, and the Politics of Space.” Long Island Libraries Resources Council Symposium on the Future of Libraries. Bethpage, NY, October 27, 2017. **Invited speaker.**
- 2017 “Critical Librarianship in Challenging Times.” Wisconsin Library Association Annual Conference. Wisconsin Dells, WI, October 20, 2017. **Invited speaker.**
- 2017 “Teaching in Time: Connecting to Collections Past and Present.” University of the Philippines, Diliman. Quezon City, Manila, Philippines, July 19, 2017. **Invited speaker.**
- 2017 “Putting Critical Theory to Work: Pedagogy and Praxis for Librarians.” With James Elmborg and Heidi LM Jacobs. WILU 2017. Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, May 24, 2017. **Panelist.**
- 2017 “Engaging, Expanding, Exploring Information Literacy Through Critical Theory and Writing.” With James Elmborg and Heidi LM Jacobs. WILU 2017. Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, May 23, 2017. **Workshop organizer.**
- 2017 “What’s so Critical About CritLib?” Michigan Academic Library Association Annual Conference. Grand Rapids, MI, May 18, 2017. **Keynote speaker.**
- 2017 “Local Contexts, National Demands: Navigating Standards in Academic Libraries.” New Jersey Library Association Annual Conference. Atlantic City, NJ, April 26, 2017. **Invited speaker.**
- 2017 “Narratives of Library Power: The Stories Library Shelves Tell.” New Jersey Library Association Annual Conference. Atlantic City, NJ, April 26, 2017. **Invited speaker.**
- 2017 “Making it Work: Ideology and the Infrastructure of the Library.” British Columbia Library Conference. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, April 21, 2017. **Invited speaker.**
- 2017 “Selling Information Literacy: Critical Approaches to the Classroom. University of Victoria. Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, April 19, 2017. **Invited speaker.**

- 2017 "Instant Organizing: Union Power in the Wake of Crisis." Pennsylvania AAUP Northeast Alliance Conference. Scranton, PA, April 8, 2017. **Invited speaker.**
- 2017 "Who Steers the Boat? On Women in a Feminized Profession." With Roxanne Shirazi. ACRL 2017. Baltimore, MD, March 24, 2017. **Panelist.**
- 2017 "Cataloging, Gender, and RDA Rule 9.7." With Amber Billey. ALCTS. March 15, 2017. **Webinar.**
- 2017 "What's Critical About Critical Librarianship?" Hawaii Library Association. Honolulu, HI, February 23, 2017. **Invited speaker.**
- 2017 "The Future of Librarian Labor." With Eamon Tewell. Future of Libraries Symposium, ALA Midwinter. Atlanta, GA, January 21, 2017. **Panelist.**
- 2017 "The Power of the Catalog: Inclusion and Advocacy in Cataloging and Description/Knowledge Organization." ALCTS 2017 Midwinter Symposium. Atlanta, GA, January 20, 2017. **Invited speaker.**
- 2017 "Librarians as Labor: Lessons from Past and Present." With Aliqae Geraci. METRO Annual Conference. New York, NY. January 11, 2017. **Panelist.**
- 2016 "Librarians & Labour: Making Information Work Visible." University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. December 6, 2016. **Invited speaker.**
- 2016 "Instruction Standards and Professional Power." ACRL/NY Symposium. Baruch College, New York, NY. December 2, 2016. **Panelist.**
- 2016 "Considering CritLib: Inclusion and Diversity in Libraries." ACRL Maryland/MILEX Fall Workshop. November 11, 2016. **Keynote address.**
- 2016 "Librarians As Labor: Lessons from the LIU Lockout." Rutgers University, Beta Phi Mu Fall Lecture. October 19, 2016. **Invited speaker.**
- 2016 "The Politics of Classification." Amherst College Library. October 6, 2016. **Invited speaker.**
- 2016 "We Are What We Do: Labor and Knowledge in Open Access." Syracuse University. September 29, 2016. **Invited speaker.**
- 2016 "Flipping to Open: The Implications and Opportunities for Libraries as Journals Transition to Open Access." ALA Annual Conference. June 25, 2016. **Invited speaker.**
- 2016 "Intersections with Power: Critical Teaching and the Library Catalogue." WILU Annual Conference. Vancouver, British Columbia. May 30, 2016. **Keynote address.**
- 2016 "What Standards Do, and What They Don't." Pennsylvania Association College and Research Division Spring Workshop. Scranton, Pennsylvania. May 20, 2016. **Keynote address.**

- 2016 "Librarian Engagement and Social Justice in Publishing." Panelist. Library Publishing Forum. Denton, Texas. May 18, 2016. **Plenary session.**
- 2016 "Pedagogy in a Time of Compliance." Information Literacy Summit. Chicago, Illinois. April 29, 2016. **Keynote address.**
- 2016 "Queering the Catalog, Queering the Classroom." Associated College Libraries of Central Pennsylvania Spring Conference. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. April 15, 2016. **Keynote address.**
- 2016 "Leading Together: Archivists and Historians Shaping the Digital Archive." Organization of American Historians Annual Conference. Providence, Rhode Island. April 8, 2016. Panelist.
- 2016 "Infrastructures of Practice: Standards & Everyday Librarian Life." UCLA Information Studies Colloquium. Los Angeles, California. March 10, 2016. **Invited speaker.**
- 2016 "What Standards Do, and What They Don't." Purdue University Libraries Spring Workshop. West Lafayette, Indiana. March 3, 2016. **Invited speaker.**
- 2016 "Instruction for Inclusion: Addressing Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the LIS Curriculum." Association of Library and Information Science Educators Annual Conference. Boston, Massachusetts. January 6, 2016. **Panelist.**
- 2015 "The Kairos of Information Literacy as Professional Practice." Canadian Association for Information Science Conference. Ottawa, Ontario. June 3, 2015. **Individual paper.**
- 2015 "On Critical Practice: Opening Reflections." Canadian Association of Professional Academic Librarians Conference. Ottawa, Ontario. May 31, 2015. **Invited speaker. Plenary session.**
- 2015 "Scholarly Communication as a Tool for Social Justice." ACRL 2015. Portland, OR. March 27, 2015. **Panelist.**
- 2014 "Teaching in Time: Toward a *Kairos* of Library Instruction." LACUNY Institute. New York, NY. April 6, 2014. **Individual paper.**
- 2014 "Fitting In: Queer Theory and the Politics of Knowledge Organization." Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY. April 8, 2014. **Invited speaker.**
- 2013 "Imagining the Future of Library Instruction: How Feminist Pedagogy Can Transform the Way You Teach and How Students Learn." ACRL 2013. Indianapolis, IN. April 30, 2013. **Panelist.**
- 2013 "Questioning Authority: Standard Three and the Critical Classroom." ACRL 2013, Indianapolis, IN. April 29, 2013. **Panelist.**

- 2013 "Sustaining Scholarship: Librarians and the Political Economy of Print." LACUNY Institute. April 5, 2013. **Individual paper.**
- 2012 "Shifting Conceptions of Literacy Terrains: Writing Center and Library Instruction in Third Spaces." International Writing Center Association Annual Conference. October 26, 2012. **Panelist.**
- 2012 "Queering Library Classification." Queer Places, Practices, and Lives. The Ohio State University. *Queer Places, Practices, and Lives*. May 18, 2012. **Individual paper.**
- 2011 "Reading Lesbians in the Library." Reception Studies Society Annual Conference. Marysville, Missouri. September 9, 2011. **Individual paper.**
- 2011 "Sexing the Algorithm: Thinking Critically About Digital Information Organization." LGBT Archives, Libraries, and Museums Conference. Los Angeles, CA. May 12, 2011. **Individual paper.**
- 2010 "Classification As Text: Legible Ideologies, Resistant Readings." Libraries in the History of Print Culture Conference. Madison, Wisconsin. September 11, 2010. **Individual paper.**
- 2009 "Gendered S(h)elves: Gender and Sexuality in the Library." National Popular Culture and American Culture Conference. New Orleans, LA. April 10, 2009. **Individual paper.**
- 2008 "Queering Library Space: Notes Toward a New Geography of the Library." Thinking Critically: Alternative Methods and Perspectives in Information Studies Conference. Milwaukee, WI. May 16, 2008. **Individual paper.**
- 2008 "Pedagogical Implications of GLBT Cataloging Practice." *LGBTQ Museums and Special Collections Conference*. New York, NY. May 9, 2008. **Poster.**

EDITORIAL WORK

- 2017- Editorial board, *College & Research Libraries*
- 2016- Editorial board, *Journal of Critical Library & Information Studies*
- 2007- Editorial board, *Radical Teacher*
- 2011- Series editor, *Gender & Sexuality in Information Studies* (Litwin Books)
- 2010 Co-editor, *Critical Library Instruction: Theories and Methods* (Library Juice Press)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2017- American Library Association Councilor-at Large
- 2019-20 ALA International Relations Committee, Chair
- 2017-20 ACRL Information Literacy Frameworks and Standards Committee, Member, Chair, 2019-2020

AWARDS

- 2018 Innovative Alumni Award, Syracuse University iSchool
- 2018 Harold Lancour Scholarship for Foreign Study, Beta Phi Mu
- 2017 Special Libraries Association, New York Chapter Spotlight Award
- 2017 New York Library Association Dewey Fellow
- 2015 ASIS&T Elfreda A. Chatman Research Proposal Award (with Debbie Rabina)
- 2015 ACRL Instruction Session Ilene F. Rockman Publication of the Year Award for “Toward a *Kairos* of Library Instruction”
- 2014 *Library Journal* Mover & Shaker