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Education:

M.A. Library and Information Science, Dominican University
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Experience:

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Director of Database Research, Worldwide, March 2015 to present
Director of Database Research, June 1998 to March 2015
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Coordinator of Database Research, March 1995 to June 1998
Analyst, Database Research Department, June 1992 to March 1995

Publications:

Books:

All That's Not Fit To Print: Fake News and the Call to Action for Librarians and Information Professionals. Emerald Publishing Limited, May, 2019. ISBN: 9781789733648

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"Fake News, ChatGPT & AI: Wrangling Strategies." Presentation given to the Computers In Libraries Conference, Washington, DC, March 2024.

"Critical Thinking: Identifying and Avoiding Fake News in the AI Era." Presentation given to the Information Today Library Leaders Sidebar Summit, January, 2024.

"ChatGPT: Harnessing the Power of Déjà Vu." Presentation given to the Internet Librarian Conference, October, 2023.

"Become An API Magician!" Presentation given to the Computers in Libraries

Conference, Washington, DC, March, 2023.

“Tea Bags In Hot Water: Showcasing Our Strengths in An Era of Disinformation and Book Challenges.” Presentation given to the Internet Librarian Conference, Monterey, CA, October 2022.

“Seizing Our Moment: When Someone Says to ‘Just Google It.’” Presentation given to the Internet Librarian Conference, Monterey, CA, October, 2022.

“So You Want to Work with Big Data: What’s Next?” Presentation given to the Special Libraries Association Conference, July, 2022.

“Media Bias.” Presentation given to the Special Libraries Association Conference, July, 2022.

“Public Health Hunger Games: What is the Role of Libraries?” Presentation given to the Texas Library Association Annual Conference, Ft. Worth, TX, April, 2022.

Helping Students Spot the Fakes. Presentation given to the Computers In Libraries Conference, March, 2022.

“Public Health Hunger Games: Libraries As Winners.” Presentation given with Stephen Abram at the Computers In Libraries Conference, March, 2022.

“Spotting the Fakes: Becoming Media-Savvy and Disinformation Aware.” Presentation given to the Ontario Library Association Superconference, February, 2022.

“Stop, Look, Listen: Helping Students Spot The Fakes.” Presentation given to RAILS (Reaching Across Illinois Library System), November, 2021.

“Public Health Hunger Games: Starring Libraries!” Presentation given with Stephen Abram, Internet Librarian Connect Conference, October, 2021.

“The COVID-19 Infodemic: Corona Beer Doesn’t Cause Coronavirus!” Computers In Libraries Virtual Conference, March 2021.

“Futurizing Facts in a Changing World.” Computers In Libraries Virtual Conference, March 2021.

“Data Visualization: Tools and Practice.” CIL/IL Virtual Conference, September 2020.

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“Data Lab for Your Library.” Internet Librarian 2019, Monterey, CA.

“From Robot-Proof to Future-Proof.” Internet Library 2019, Monterey, CA.

“Creating a Playbook to Combat Fake News.” Special Libraries Association Research Symposium, Chicago, August, 2019.

“Search and the Future,” Computers in Libraries 2019. Washington, DC.

“You Don’t Have To Own It: Lessons from Unicorn Category Killers.” Internet Librarian 2018. Monterey, CA.

“Cementing Value: Building Relationships.” Special Libraries Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, June, 2018.

“Finding Facts in the Alternative World.” Computers in Libraries 2018. Washington, DC.

“Search Tips for Finding Fake News.” Internet Librarian 2017. Monterey, CA.

“Internet Search Privacy Tips and Tricks.” Internet Librarian 2017. Monterey, CA.

“Big Data Still Rules.” Internet Librarian 2017. Monterey, CA.

“Big Data, Big Opportunity for Info Pros.” Special Libraries Association Annual Conference, Phoenix, June, 2017.

“Finding Facts in the Alternative World: Only Librarians Know For Sure.” Special Libraries Association Annual Conference, Phoenix, June, 2017.

“Calling Out Fake News.” Computers in Libraries 2017. Washington, DC.

“Big Data.” Internet Librarian 2016. Monterey, CA.

“Big Data, Internet of Things, and the Legal Landscape.” American Association of Law Libraries Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, July 2016.

“From the Bench to the Bedside: Cutting Edge Big Data Initiatives in Pharma and Healthcare.” Pharmaceutical and Health Technologies Division of the Special Library Association Annual Spring Meeting, Orlando, FL, April, 2016.

“Taxonomy, Curation, and Digital Products.” Internet Librarian 2015. Monterey, CA.

“Data Scientist: New Role for Librarians?” Computers In Libraries 2015. Washington, DC.

“The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly: Emerging Tech Trends and Info Pro Roles.” New Jersey Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, Edison, NJ, April, 2015.

“Twitter for Business and New Social Media Strategies.” Internet Librarian 2014. Monterey, CA.

“Tools for Becoming a Big Data Pro.” Internet Librarian 2014. Monterey, CA.

“Big Data and Libraries.” Internet Librarian 2013. Monterey, CA.

“Continuing the Engagement.” Presentation given at Internet Librarian 2013. 23 October 2013. Monterey, CA.

“Know ‘Em When You See ‘Em: Big Data Opportunities.” Presentation given at Special Libraries Association Annual Conference. San Diego, Ca: 10 June 2013.

“Big Data: The Opportunity Formerly Known as Information Overload.” Presentation given at Internet Librarian 2012. 22 October 2012. Monterey, CA.

“From Cloaked to Cumulus: Info Pros in the Cloud.” Presentation given at Internet Librarian 2012. 23 October 2012. Monterey, CA.

“Social Media in the Enterprise.” Presentation given at Internet Librarian 2012. 23 October 2012. Monterey, CA.

“E-Books: Putting the Issues on the Table.” Presentation given at Internet Librarian 2011, Monterey, CA., October 2011.

“Tech Change.” Presentation given at Internet Librarian 2011, Monterey, CA., October 2011.

“The Future Ready Toolkit: Benefits and Usage.” Presentation given at the Special Libraries Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA., June 2010.

"Value-Added Research." Presentation given at Internet Librarian 2010, Monterey, CA. October 2010.

"On the Value of Information Literacy and Transferable Research Skills." Presentation given to Rutgers University School of Communication and Information, "Principles of Searching" class, March 2010.

"Pecha Kucha: Innovative Practices." Presentation given at Internet Librarian 2009, Monterey, CA. October, 2009.

"Revitalizing Content in the Enterprise." Presentation given at Internet Librarian 2008. Monterey, CA. October 2008.

“Library Branding: Developing a Positive Identity.” Presented at the annual conference of the Illinois Library Association, Chicago, Illinois, October 2006.

“The Value of the Information Professional.” Presented at the annual conference of the Special Libraries Association, New York, New York, June 2003.

Awards and Appointments:

Thomson Reuters Outstanding Achievement Award, Legal Community of the Special Libraries Association, 2021.

Fellow, Special Libraries Association, 2015.

Member, Dow Jones Customer Advisory Board, 2020 to present.

Alice Rankin Distinguished Lecturer Award, New Jersey Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, 2015.

Content Creator Award, Illinois Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, 2015.

Chair, Leadership and Management Division, Special Libraries Association, 2013.

2011 Marketing and Communications Award, SLA Illinois

Member, Board of Directors, Metropolitan Library System of Chicago, 2010 to 2011.

Chair, Public Relations Advisory Council of the Special Libraries Association, 2010 to 2011

Judge, Best Solution for Integrating Content into the Workflow Category, Software and Information Industry Association CODIE Awards, 2009 to present.

Member, Ebsco Corporate Advisory Board, June 2008 to present.

Thomson Reuters Infostar, 2007

