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EDUCATION

University of Texas School of Information, Austin, TX

Master of Science in Information Studies, May 2010

- Emphasis in Digital Libraries, Usability, and Information Architecture
- Course work included Database Design, Java Programming, Research Methods, Information Retrieval, and Digital Media Design.
- Completed a semester-long capstone project in which I created a plan for redesigning a Law Library digital collection and built a working prototype demonstrating the function and design of the collection. (See [Texas Constitutions 1824-1876](#))

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

Bachelor of Arts, December 2005

- Majored in English Literature and Classics
- Honors:
 - Vilas Prize for best critical essay written by an English Major.
 - Vivian Mowery English Scholarship, awarded by UW English Department for academic excellence.
 - Marcus Theaters Scholarship, awarded by the Marcus Corporation on the basis of success in school and in the workplace.

EXPERIENCE

William A. Wise Law Library, Colorado Law, Boulder, CO

Digital Services Librarian (October 2012 to Present)

Law Library Fellow (January 2012 to September 2012)

I am responsible for planning and implementing digital initiatives for the Law Library. I manage the library's digital collections and oversee digitization workflow. I develop and maintain the library's website. I also coordinate the library's government documents collection.

Digital Collections

- Helped to establish the library's digitization program. Developed methods and workflow for ATIZ digitization equipment and software. Drafted a 40 page procedural manual documenting the entire process.
- Established digitization standards and policy based on recommendations from the [Federal Agencies Digitization Guidelines Initiative \(FADGI\)](#).
- Created a digital library of over five hundred items contained in 7 separate sub-collections using Digitool digital asset management system. (See [Digital Collections of Colorado](#))
- Serve as the Law Library's representative to the Digital Collections of Colorado Consortium.
- Manage a team of six student workers who carry out digitization tasks. Regularly train other student workers to execute targeted tasks related to digital collection development.
- Created landing pages with specialized search interfaces for three different digital collections. (See [Wise Law Library Digital Collections](#))
- Administer physical storage system and duplicate storage to insure permanent preservation of digital assets.
- Served as technical lead for the development a Digital Commons [institutional repository](#).

- Currently developing a primary legal material repository using Islandora.

Web Development

- Built a new library website using Drupal 7 development platform, tasks included:
 - Evaluating old website for strengths and weaknesses.
 - Drafting design mock-ups of new site and responding to stakeholder feedback on design ideas.
 - Implementing new site with Drupal. Used styles which adhered to University of Colorado branding and installed over 40 Drupal modules specially suited to the library's needs.
 - Implementing permissions system and training library staff to use the site's content management system.
- Implemented Git version control system to decrease the risk of website failure.
- Apply regular updates to the website's Drupal software and modules.
- Produce monthly website analytics reports analyzing traffic patterns and user behavior.
- Created a Drupal Website for the University of Colorado Law Review. Project awaiting adoption. (See [Colorado Law Review](#))

Government Documents

- Monitor selections and receipt of material from the Federal Depository Library Program.
- Identify additional material offered by other depository libraries for inclusion in Law Library's collection.
- Created a new Government Documents Collection page which provides searching capabilities of Government Documents holdings. (See [Wise Law Library Government Documents](#))
- Serve as the Law Library's representative to the Colorado Government Publications Interest Group.

Miscellaneous Duties

- Serve as chair for reoccurring Law Library Fellow Search Committee.
- Managed the CU Law Alumni Library Card Program. Project involved designing cards, creating patron accounts, and distributing cards.
- Serve as member of the Colorado Law Technology Committee.

DaVita Inc., Denver, CO

Web Developer (October 2010 to December 2011)

I designed and programmed web sites and web applications for a national health services provider.

- Coded in various programming languages including ColdFusion, PHP, MySQL, Javascript, HTML, and CSS.
- Took part in comprehensive redesign of [Davita.com](#). Duties included:
 - Content migration.
 - Maintaining fix queue and executing bug fixes.
 - Performance of on-going quality assurance testing.
- Organized site content and augmented SEO with Ektron content management system.
- Collected end-user feedback and conducted user testing.
- Created email marketing campaigns with cross-client compatibility.
- Moderated the website's forum which received message board submissions from thousands of active users.

Tarlton Law Library, University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX

Library Assistant (September 2008 to July 2010)

Performed circulation functions using Millennium ILS for one of the nation's largest law libraries.

- Facilitated access to collection by responding to patron questions and requests.
- Contributed to collection management projects such as compiling an inventory of the collection, shifting stacks and updating item records.

- Produced plan and prototype for one of the library's aging digital collections. Project was carried out under the direction of the Digital Resources Librarian.

Eastview Library, Austin Community College, Austin, TX

Library Assistant (May 2009 to May 2010)

I served as weekend circulation attendant for a community college library whose collection emphasizes nursing and medicine.

- Circulated library items and enforced the library's circulation and fine policies.
- Assisted patrons in accessing the library's physical collection, electronic resources, computer equipment and software.
- Offered consultation to students conducting re-search and demonstrated proper citation methods.

Saw to the opening and closing of the library.

PROJECTS

Current

[Getches-Wilkinson Center Collection](#)

In partnership with the Getches-Wilkinson Center, the William A. Wise Law Library is digitizing and making available online a full archive of material generated by the center over the course of its more than 30 years of existence. The collection will include conference papers, books, and data collections.

[Colorado Session Laws Collection](#)

The William A. Wise Law Library has digitized the official session laws of the Colorado General Assembly and is gradually making this material available in its Colorado Session Laws Collection. Each session law and each part of the session law volumes is presented as an individual document which can be located and cross-referenced using a variety of different criteria.

Past

[Lawlibrary.colorado.edu Website](#)

In July of 2013, the William A. Wise Law Library released a new library website. The site's new design consolidates search features to various collection resources and orders search options in a manner that better matches users' priorities. Also featured are a new guided search application, a dynamically populating events calendar, and segmented content for target audiences. The new website runs on Drupal 7 and facilitates content editing via a content management system. Source code is fully version-controlled in the site's github repository.

[Arizona v. California Collection](#)

Released in August of 2013, the Arizona v. California Collection was first introduced at Getches-Wilkinson Center's summer conference titled *Arizona v. California at 50: The Legacy and Future of Governance, Reserved Rights, and Water Transfers*. The Law Library's Arizona v. California Collection contains more than 160 full-text, searchable pleadings, briefs, orders, transcripts, and reports from the 12-year original proceeding in the U.S. Supreme Court.

[David H. Getches Collection](#)

The David H. Getches collection was the William A. Wise Law Library's first digital collection, and it acted as a pilot project for its newly formed digitization initiative. The collection is dedicated to preserving and sharing Dean Getches' tremendous legal and educational legacy, as reflected in his scholarship, academic speeches, congressional testimony, and litigation.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATION

Panel Presenter, "Quality Digitization Projects on a Budget," 2015 AALL Annual Meeting: The Power of Connection, Philadelphia, PA, July 18-21, 2015.

Panel Presenter, "Digitization is Possible: Identifying & Overcoming Barriers," Legal Information Preservation Alliance, February 6, 2015.

Beck, E., Transforming Government Documents, *JURISDOCS*, 36(1).

Program Presenter, "The Bespoke Digital Collection," The Western States Government Information Virtual Conference, University of Colorado Government Information Library, Boulder, CO, August 6-8, 2014.

Panel Presenter, "A River Runs Through It: The Arizona v. California Digitization Project," 2014 SWALL Annual Meeting: Mapping the New Normal, Austin, TX, March 20-22, 2014.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Association of Law Libraries (AALL): member, 2013 - present

- Digital Access to Legal Information Committee
 - Vice Chair/Chair-Elect
- Computing Services Special Interest Group Section
- Government Documents Special Interest Section
 - Webmaster

Colorado Association of Law Libraries (CoALL): member, 2013 - present

- Executive Board, Member-At-Large - 2014/2015, 2015/2016
- Developed chapter website using Wordpress: <http://www.coallnet.org>

Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL): member, 2013 - present

- Programming Committee - 2014/2015

AWARDS & GRANTS

AALL Annual Meeting Grant - 2015

Colorado Law Faculty Excellence Award - 2014

Colorado Association of Law Libraries Travel Grant - 2014

AALL Government Documents Special Interest Section Grant - 2014

SKILLS

Digital Librarianship: Digitool (DAMS), Digital Commons (DAMS), Islandora (DAMS), Innovative Interfaces: Millennium (ILS), MARC, Dublin Core, MODS, METS, MarcEdit.

Programming: PHP, ColdFusion, Java, MySQL, XML, Javascript, HTML, CSS, Drupal 7, Wordpress, Git version control, Unix.

Design: Fireworks, Photoshop, Illustrator, Dreamweaver, InDesign, Premier, Roxio, Visio, Omnigraffle.