

CURRICULUM VITAE

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POSITIONS HELD

- Assistant Professor of Law and Director, Omer Poos Law Library, Saint Louis University School of Law, 2010 – present.
- Associate Director and Head of Technology Services, University of Kansas Wheat Law Library, 2006 – 2010.
- Associate Director and Collection Development Librarian and Assistant Professor of Law Library, University of Kansas Wheat Law Library, 2001 – 2006.
- Associate Director and Collection Development Librarian, University of Kansas Wheat Law Library, 1998 – 2006.
- Acting Director, University of Kansas Wheat Law Library, 2001.
- Collection Development/Head Reference Librarian, University of Kansas Wheat Law Library, 1995 – 1998.
- Director of Information Services, Gage and Tucker Law Firm, Kansas City, MO, 1991 – 1995.

EDUCATION

- M.B.A. (to be completed in 2011), University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
- M.L.I.S., University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, 1991.
- J.D., University of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR, 1989.
- B.A., Political Science, University of Northern Iowa (High Honors), Cedar Falls, IA, 1983.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Kansas Legal Research and Reference Guide, Fourth Edition Kansas Bar Association, (forthcoming Fall 2010).
- Kansas Legal Research Workbook, Carolina Academic Press, (forthcoming Summer 2010).
- Kansas Legal Research Teacher's Manual, Carolina Academic Press, 2009.
- Kansas Legal Research, Carolina Academic Press, 2008.
- Kansas Legal Research and Reference Guide, Third Edition, Michie, 2003.

- Kansas Legal Research and Reference Guide, Second Edition, Kansas Bar Association, 1997.

Chapters of Books

- “Chapter 5 : Arkansas,” in Exploring Initiative and Referendum Law, Hayworth Press, 2009.
- Mead, R., Lung, M and Custer, J., “The Law of Bleeding Kansas: A Selected Bibliography of Legal Documents from Pre-Statehood Kansas, 1803 – 1861,” in Prestatehood Legal Materials: A Fifty-State Research Guide, Haworth Publishing, 2006.
- “Kansas Practice Materials,” in State Practice Materials, AALL Publications, 2002.

Selected Articles and Bibliographies

- “The Truthiness of Thinkable Thoughts Versus the Facts of Empirical Research” 102 Law Library Journal N.2 (2010).
- “Researching Initiatives and Referendums in Arkansas” 26 Legal Reference Services Quarterly 31 (2007).
- “Librarians: Guardians of Public Well-Being or Protectors of Intellectual Freedom?” 4 Synergy (Australian) 1 (2006).
- “Information Policy and Intellectual Freedom in American Libraries Before and After September 11, 2001: A Global Perspective,” 34 International Association of School Librarianship Reports (2005).
- “Recidivism of Sex Offenders,” 6 Sexual Assault Report 92, 96 (2003).
- Widener, M and Custer, J., “Roman Law Scholarship in the 3rd Millennium,” Roman Legal Tradition, Vol. 1 (2002).
- “Predicting Sexual Offending,” 3 Sex Offender Law Report 37 – 40, 44 (2002).
- “Law Librarian’s Journal Over 10 Years Later,” 18 Legal Reference Services Quarterly 23 (2001).
- “Managing Internal Administrative Change,” 92 Law Library Journal 71 (2000).
- “Citation Practices of the Kansas Supreme Court and Kansas Court of Appeals,” 8 Kansas Journal of Law and Public Policy 126 (1999).
- Basic Resources for Legal Research, Against the Grain, February (1996).

Multimedia Projects

- Non Legal Resources: Online News Sources, Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI), 2005.
- Contributing Editor, Webfeet Annotated Website Collections, Thomson Gale, 2002 - 2005.

Professional Publications Activity

- Contributing Editor, The Jury Expert, American Society of Trial Consultants, 2005 - 2008.
- Contributing Editor, Sex Offender Law Report, Civil Research Institute, Bimonthly, 2000 - 2005.

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Kansas School of Law

- Advanced Legal Research, Special Topics, Missouri Legal Research, 2009
- Advanced Legal Research Special Topics, Kansas Legal Research, 2002 - 2010.
- Advanced Legal Research, 1997 - present.
- Legal Research and Writing (Co-Director), 1995 - 1998.

Emporia State University School of Library and Information Science (Adjunct Professor)

- Legal Research, 2004 - 2009.
- Managing Law Libraries and Other Legal Information Agencies, 2004.
- Introduction to Legal Information Management, 2002 - present.

Abroad

- Topics in Law: Introduction to Law and the Legal System, 2007. Trinity Hall, Cambridge (University of Kansas Cambridge Law Institute)
- Legal Research, 2005. University of Bahcesehir (University of Kansas Law School Istanbul Program)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- *"Law Librarian as Scholar: Legal Authority and Research in the Age of Accessibility"* American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2010.
- *"LexisNexis/AALL Paper of the Year"* American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, July 2009.
- *"FERPA Standards"* National Business Institute CLE, Overland Park, KS, September 2008.
- *"Researching Initiatives and Referendums,"* Mid America Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE, November 2007.
- *"Cyber sleuthing the Internet,"* Kansas University Continuing Education CLE, Lawrence, KS, June 2007.
- *"Student Liability Issues,"* National Business Institute CLE, Overland Park, KS, February 2007.
- *"Free Online Legal Research,"* Kansas Bar Association CLE, Salina, KS, January

2007.

- *"Specialized Legal Research Courses: When Advanced Legal Research Isn't Enough,"* Coordinator and Speaker, American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, July 2005.
- *"Information Policy: United States and Africa,"* (panel discussion), International Association of School Libraries Annual Meeting, Hong Kong, China, July 2005.
- *"American Libraries and Intellectual Freedom: Selected Issues and the Present Day Patriot Act,"* Oriel College, Oxford University, Oxford, England, August 2004.
- *"Sleuth Researching,"* Kansas Bar Association CLE, Lawrence, KS, June 2004.
- *"Ethics of Online Research,"* Kansas Bar Association CLE, Lawrence, KS, June 2004.
- *"Why Can't New Associates Find Their Way Out of a Paper Bag? New Strategies for Teaching Advanced Legal Research,"* Southwestern Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Houston, TX, March 2004.
- *"Kansas Research and Reference Guide,"* CLE Program Coordinator, Kansas Bar Association, Lawrence, KS, June 2003.
- *"Advanced Legal Research,"* Kansas Bar Association CLE on Kansas Government Attorney's Conference, Topeka, KS, January 2003.
- *"Legal Research for Government Attorneys,"* Kansas Department of Administration CLE, Topeka, KS, November 2002.
- *"Kansas Legal Research,"* Kansas University Continuing Education CLE, Lawrence, KS, June 2002.
- *"Workers Compensation Web Sites and Legal Research,"* Kansas Trial Lawyers Association and the Kansas Bar Association CLE, Overland Park, KS, May 2002.
- *"A Government of Laws: Advanced Legal Research, From Paper to the Web,"* Kansas Bar Association CLE, Topeka, KS, March 2002.
- *"Academic Law Library Administration and Law Firm Library Administration: Similarities and Differences,"* (panel discussion) Emporia State University: School of Library and Information Management Program Presentation Emporia, KS, November 2001.
- *"Resources for Legal Research on the Internet,"* Kansas Bar Association CLE, Salina, KS, April 2001.
- *"Obey the Rules of the Road: Proper Citation Practices to Follow in the Kansas Supreme Court and Kansas Court of Appeals,"* Kansas Bar Association CLE, Wichita, KS, November 1997.
- *"Many Roads May Lead to Your Desired Destination: Successful Legal Research Techniques,"* Kansas Bar Association CLE, November 1997.
- *"Your Road Map to Legal Research,"* CLE Program Coordinator, Kansas Bar Association, Wichita, KS, November 1997.
- *"Nothing So Certain: The Process of Change in Technical Services and Library Organizations,"* Mid America Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE, October 1997.
- *"Legal Research Today,"* Kansas Board of Governors, Lawrence, KS, September 1997.
- *"Federal Administrative Law and Legal Research,"* Emporia State University: School of Library and Information Management Program Presentation, Topeka,

- KS, October 1995.
- *“Doing More With Less: Controlling Costs to Permit New Growth,”* Mid America Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Topeka, KS, October 1995.
- *“Collection Analysis and Development: Strategies and Media Selection for the Future,”* Mid America Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Topeka, KS, October 1995.
- Program Coordinator and Moderator, *“Collection Analysis and Technology: Preservation and Weeding in Today's Electronic Library,”* Mid America Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Topeka, KS, October 1995.

HONORS

- Lexis/Nexis American Association of Law Libraries Paper of the Year, 2009 (Open Division) for “The Truthiness of Thinkable Thoughts Versus the Facts of Empirical Research” 102 Law Library Journal N.2, 2010.
- American Association of Law Libraries Andrews Award, 2007, for “The Law of Bleeding Kansas: A Selected Bibliography of Legal Documents from Pre-Statehood Kansas, 1803 – 1861,” in Prestatehood Legal Materials: A Fifty-State Research Guide, Haworth Publishing, 2006.
- Individual Article Award (for “‘Librarians: Guardians of Public Well-Being or Protectors of Intellectual Freedom?’” 4 Synergy (Australian) 1 (2006)), University of Kansas School of Law, 2007.
- University of Kansas Sabbatical Leave, spring semester, 2006. Wrote an article on intellectual freedom and library access and conducted research and began manuscript on law and literature book that is still in progress. This book will be completed in Fall of 2010 or Spring of 2011.
- Continuing Legal Education Award (for work on CLE programs), University of Kansas School of Law, 2003.
- Continuing Legal Education Award (for work on CLE programs), University of Kansas School of Law, 2002.
- Continuing Legal Education Award (for work on CLE programs), University of Kansas School of Law, 2001.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member of American Association of Law Libraries
- Member of American Association of Law Schools
- Member of Mid America Association of Law Libraries
- Member of Southwest Association of Law Libraries
- Member of Kansas Bar Association
- Member of Missouri Bar Association
- Member of American Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Saint Louis University School of Law Scholarship Committee, 2010 – 2011.

- Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum Editorial Board (Chair), 2010-2011.
- American Association of Law Libraries AALLNET Committee, 2010 – 2011.
- American Association of Law Libraries Continuing Status/Tenure Committee (Chair), 2010 - 2011
- Mid American Association of Law Libraries: Past President, 2009-2010.
- American Association of Law Libraries: Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum Editorial Board (Vice Chair), 2009-2010.
- American Association of Law Libraries Continuing Status/Tenure Committee (Chair), 2009 – 2010.
- University of Kansas Libraries: Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2008-2009.
- University of Kansas School of Law: Ad Hoc Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2008-2009.
- Mid America Association of Law Libraries, Vice President/President Elect, 2007-2008.
- American Association of Law Libraries: Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum Editorial Board (Advisory Committee), 2007 - 2010.
- University of Kansas School of Law: Academic Affairs Committee, 2006 - 2007.
- University of Kansas School of Law: Library Committee, 2006 - 2007.
- Member of University of Kansas Search Committee for University Dean of Libraries, 2005 -2006.
- Mid America Association of Law Libraries, By-Laws Committee Chair, 2005 - present.
- Northeast Kansas Library System, Executive Committee, Academic Representative, 2004 - present.
- American Association of Law Libraries CONELL Committee, 2004 - 2005.
- University of Kansas School of Law Library: Strategic Planning Committee Chair, 2002 - present.
- American Association of Law Libraries: Mentoring Committee Member, 2002 - 2003.
- Mid America Association of Law Libraries: Nomination Committee Member, 2002 - 2003.
- Douglas County Law Library Advisory Committee: Douglas County Court, 2001 - 2002.
- American Association of Law Libraries: Mentoring Program Member, 2001 - 2002.
- Legal Information Management Program: Advisory Committee, Emporia State University, 2001 - 2002.
- University of Kansas School of Law Library: Strategic Planning Committee Chair, 2001 - 2002.
- University of Kansas School of Law: Building and Library Space Committee, 2000 - 2001.
- Mid America Association of Law Libraries: Membership Committee Chair, 2000 - 2001.
- University of Kansas School of Law Library: Strategic Planning Committee Chair, 2000 - 2001.
- Legal Information Management Program: Advisory Committee, Emporia State

University, 2000 - 2001.

- Mid America Association of Law Libraries: Membership Committee Chair, 1999 - 2000.
- University of Kansas School of Law Library: Automation Committee, 1999.
- State of Kansas: State Historical Society Task Force, 1998 -1999.
- Mid America Association of Law Libraries: Pro Bono Committee Chair, 1998 - 1999.
- American Association of Law Libraries: Recruitment Committee Member, 1997 - 1999.
- Mid America Association of Law Libraries: Membership Committee Chair, 1997 - 1998.
- Mid America Association of Law Libraries: Program Committee Member, 1996 - 1997.
- University of Kansas School of Law Library: Space Committee, 1996 -1998.
- University of Kansas School of Law Library: Legal Research Committee Chair, 1996.
- Mid America Association of Law Libraries: Grants Committee Member, 1996.
- University of Kansas Law School: Library Committee Member, 1995 -1999.
- University of Kansas School of Law Library: Library Liaison Program, 1995 - present.
- Mid America Association of Law Libraries: Program Committee Member, 1994 - 1995.

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Circulation Sales Manager, Cedar Rapids Gazette, Cedar Rapids, IA, 1983 -1985.

Law Clerk. Haskins and Hendricks Law Firm, Little Rock, AR, 1987 -1988.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Assistant Boy Scout Leader, 2008 – present.
- Blue Valley Northwest Mock Trial Coach, 2008. State qualifier. Best Cross-examiner
- Blue Valley Basketball League (Youth Basketball Head Coach), 2004 - 2006.
- Oxford Middle School Moot Court Leader, 2004-2006.
- GABL (Youth Basketball Head Coach), 2003.
- Oak Hill Elementary Library, Overland Park, KS: Library Volunteer, 1998 -1999.

REFERENCES

- Joyce McCray-Pearson, Law Library Director and Professor of Law at University of Kansas School of Law. 913-864-9251, jpearson@ku.edu

- Michael Hoeflich, John H. & John M. Kane Professor of Law at University of Kansas School of Law. 913-864-9259, hoeflich@ku.edu
- Randy Diamond, Director of Law Library and Technology Resources at University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. 573-882-2935, diamondrj@missouri.edu