**Laura Damerell**

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**Objective:**  To obtain a challenging and engaging job within the museum field

**Education: University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee** Sept 2020 – present

Library and Information Science – Masters

Emphasis in Archives

**University of Oklahoma – Norman** Sept 2014 – July 2016

Museum Studies – Masters

Emphasis in Museum Education

**University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire** Sept 2008 - May 2012

Public History, Major

American Indian Studies, Minor

Pre Law Program

Leadership Certificate

**Mosinee High School** Sept 2004 - June 2008

**Experience:** **Inter-Library Loan Coordinator/Library Assistant** January 2013- Current

Marathon County Public Library

* Assist patrons with checking in/out, placing holds, research, etc
* Passport agent
* Oversee the Inter-Library Loan Department
* Any duties deemed necessary to complete day to day operations at the library
* President of Staff Association (December 2016-2019)

**Intern**

Marathon County Historical Society January 2015- Current

* Indexing “Wings North” book
* Creating traveling tales, educational handouts for programs and assisting with programs/events
* Researching
* Assist visitors in library/archives
* Catalog items into PastPerfect

**Call Center Representative**

West Business Solutions July 2012 – January 2013

* Kept providers up to date on latest pharmaceutical products

**Intern** May 2011 – August 2011

Marathon County Historical Society Wausau, WI

* Researching
* Working in the Archives
* Creating an Wausau Insurance/100 Year Anniversary of Workmen’s Compensation Exhibit

**Guest Services** August 2007 – September 2014

Gordmans Wausau, WI

* Supervise up to nine cashiers
* Handle returns and exchanges
* Handle large sums of money

**Activities:**  Reading, Hiking, Music, United States History, Lifetime Member of Girl Scouts, Girl Scout Leader

**Awards:**    Girl Scouts Presidential Awards, Bronze, and Silver Award, Golden Key Leadership Society

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Research has always been a passion of mine because, it is challenging and there is always new information to discover. My passion for research led me to major in public history as an undergraduate. My internship at the Marathon County Historical Society is what led me to realize that archives and libraries are where I am challenged and I excel. The University Archivist is a dream job not only because it is at a reputable institution but, also because it will be challenging. One of the roles that the University Archivist would take on at the University of Iowa would be promoting the discoverability of the archives. As the Inter-Library Loan Coordinator for the Marathon County Public Library system I am comfortable helping patrons navigate the online collections to obtain materials for research and use. I have developed strong rapport with patrons from all walks of life at the public library. I obtained a masters in Museum Studies with an emphasis in Museum Education and I am currently working on my Masters in Library and Information Science with an emphasis in archives because, I am very passionate about the field and want to make it my life’s work. Between the two masters I feel like I would be an ideal candidate for the position of University Archivist. Between my education and my professional experience I am proficient at developing, documenting, implementing, evaluating, and communicating policies and procedures governing the use, reproduction, and handling of collection material. Due to working with the public for the last nine years and in the archives for over four I am comfortable responding to, and referring to others as appropriate, general and collection-related inquiries including use of collection materials. Due to personal experience working on papers and exhibits throughout my school career I know how to unearth information from collections and conduct research. This experience will allow me to assist individuals with their own research while also building in-depth knowledge of the University of Iowa collection.

I am confident using the PastPerfect software used at the historical society not only to search but, also to input new information and artifacts. I am also competent using Sierra, the OPAC at MCPL, WISCAT, EBSCOhost and various other catalogs for research. One research project that I’m proud of is when I assisted the museum educator to look into the history of individuals that were buried in the Mosinee Cemetery. We created a tour that told the town’s history through those individuals’ stories. With this experience I was able to expand on my interpersonal, oral, time management and written skills. Another skill that I am confident in is my ability to organize. I’m currently indexing for a book titled, “Wings North.” I excel in indexing, organization, and attention to detail which are all necessary in order to create a thorough index and to be thorough with research. My passion for research has propelled me to be the go to for helping organize history talks and researching for them. MCHS does history chats bi-weekly, presented by our curator and librarian, and they do history speaks once a month which pulls in presenters from local organizations like a professor of history from the university.

My leadership certificate that I obtained from the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire taught me how to brainstorm ideas and lead a team. As a leader of multiple Girl Scout Troops and working in a public library for the last eight years I have really honed my customer service skills. I am comfortable working with individuals from all walks of life and I feel confident that I can help individuals needing assistance with computers, researching and teaching them. At the library I am the Inter-Library Loan coordinator. As the coordinator I train all the employees on the process and develop instructions for both staff and patrons. I have also had the opportunities to work with other libraries in the system to train them on how to utilize them. I hope that you can look at my experience with the Marathon County Historical Society, the Marathon County Public Library and my education and find me a well-rounded candidate who would be ideally suited for a position of University Archivist at the University of Iowa.

Statement Regarding Diversity, Equity, Access, and Inclusion

As an individual who currently works with the public, I am a strong advocate for accepting everyone. I believe that different together should be a motto that all organizations should adopt. Having individuals with different beliefs, values, ethnicities, etc will create a diverse environment with an endless well of information and ideas. Diversity is a tool that an organization can use to learn every day. Working together should not be about the color or ones skin or their ethnicity but rather all pitching in the make best carry out the mission of the organization. I was raised to not judge a book by its cover and this is how I approach meeting new individuals. Get to know the individual by talking to them, learn from them and never judge them for their beliefs or life style. Intersectionality allows individuals and organizations to better understand that difference are what makes life unique and interesting.