# Savannah Lake

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## **EDUCATION**

Master of Library and Information Science, University of California, Los Angeles, June 2020

- Coursework: Metadata; Descriptive & Subject Cataloging; Content Management Systems; Data Management & Practice; Data Curation & Policy; User Experience Research; Digital Asset Management
- Honors: Showcase Portfolio designation for MLIS portfolio and paper "The False Promise of the Keyword Search: Optical Character Recognition in Digital Collections," 3.9 GPA

Bachelor of Arts, University of California, Berkeley, English Literature and Italian Studies, May 2012

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Departmental Citation for Top Undergraduate in Italian Studies, 3.9 GPA

## INFORMATION MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

## LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

**Digital Initiatives Assistant** 

Los Angeles, CA Aug. 2020 – Present

- Collaborates with faculty and instructors on digital scholarship assignments, building out models for digital content as well as consulting on learning objectives and assignment parameters.
- Uploads digital assets into online repositories, generating and remediating metadata.

**UCLA LIBRARY** 

Los Angeles, CA

## **Digital Collections Assistant, Digital Library Program**

2019 – 2020

- Assisted in the migration and description of thousands of digital assets: created metadata, cropped and renamed assets, used Python to convert file types, and reviewed MODS metadata files for accuracy.
- Tested digital collections for functionality and usability, advising on design, search, and metadata.
- Supported outreach, identifying professors that could integrate collections into their instruction.
- Conducted research and testing on technologies like OCR and ALTO, making recommendations for their implementation within the collections.

#### Reference Desk Assistant, Library Special Collections

2019 - 2020

- Provided reference and research assistance, consulting online catalogs, library databases, and other electronic resources. Helped readers find materials, navigate the collections, and place requests.
- Researched email reference technologies, processes, and workflows, analyzing user and department needs to develop a proposed reference model. Report included SWOT analyses and workflow diagrams.
- Wrote documentation of reference desk procedures to better train and onboard new reference staff.
- Created documentation of technical programs to help readers access digital materials. Step-by-step
  guides covered both basic and more advanced programs, such as screen readers and hex editors.

## **GETTY RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

Los Angeles, CA

Taxonomy Intern

March - June 2020

• Translated and integrated Italian terms into the Art & Architecture Thesaurus (AAT), developing a deep understanding of taxonomies and thesaurus construction while making AAT more accessible.

Metadata Intern Oct. – Dec. 2019

- Assessed, cleaned, and reconciled legacy metadata in OpenRefine, preparing metadata for transformation to linked open data. Implemented controlled vocabularies.
- Defined and documented data content rules and metadata workflows in order to aid future cleaning and reconciliation efforts.
- Created a reference sheet of GREL syntax for manipulating metadata to facilitate ongoing data cleaning.

## **GO FOR BROKE NATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER**

Los Angeles, CA

Community Archives Fellow, UCLA Community Archives Lab

Sept. 2019 - June 2020

- Processed archival collections, creating finding aids with ArchivesSpace and digitizing collections.
- Supported digitization projects with partner institutions, creating metadata for digitized items that follow project standards while also capturing complex parent/child/grandchild relationships.
- Conducted an audit of digital asset management practices, drafting a requirements report identifying needs and advising on best practices for storage, digital preservation, ingest, metadata, and workflows.

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## ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## THE FOWLER MUSEUM

Los Angeles, CA

K-12 Student Educator

Sept. 2018 - June 2019

- Led interactive, hands-on gallery tours, art workshops, and story hours for K-12 students, fostering active learning and visual literacy. Developed curricula tailored to different age groups.
- Developed a comprehensive plan for the Fowler Library: identified issues in collections management and circulation practices, and provided concrete recommendations for best practices and next steps.

## WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERATION

Washington, DC 2017 – 2018

- **Books Production Specialist**
- Maintained a database of book products, ensuring consistency and accuracy. Edited the organization's e-commerce website, adding SEO-friendly descriptions and product metadata to bolster web presence.
- Reviewed print and e-book page proofs to ensure consistency and accuracy in design and content, meticulously editing 5,000+ pages of proofs for grammatical, typographical, and style errors.
- Ensured deadlines were met, managing the progress of different departments, freelancers, and vendors. Shepherded 6 titles through production in just 3 months, a record for the organization in over 10 years.

## THE WYLIE AGENCY

New York, NY 2015 – 2017

Literary Assistant (2016 – 2017)

- Pitched book ideas to major publishers. Analyzed deal terms, supporting negotiations.
- Read and extensively reported on manuscripts, providing editorial feedback and evaluations.
- Directly assisted clients, answering queries on the phone, in person, and by e-mail.
- Analyzed copyright termination opportunities to ensure authors' works remained in print.

## Contracts Assistant (2015 – 2016)

- Negotiated and drafted contracts for book and magazine deals, interfacing with major publishers.
- Analyzed dozens of contracts a day to respond to permission requests, negotiating and issuing licenses.
- Handled sensitive information and corresponded with the IRS to secure residency certifications for 100+ clients, reducing foreign taxation and maintaining organization of files for official record.

# THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Paralegal Specialist, Antitrust Division

Washington, DC

2012 – 2014

- Conducted legal research and reviewed thousands of documents to further discovery. Managed the
  document review effort for the Anheuser-Busch/Modelo investigation, supervising a team of 20
  paralegals and increasing review volume by over 50,000 documents in two months' time.
- Analyzed market concentration of various technology industries to approve mergers, utilizing company filings, Westlaw, and LexisNexis to draft memoranda.

## **SKILLS & ACTIVITIES**

- Languages: Italian (proficient)
- Systems and software:
  - Library, archives, and asset management. CONTENTdm, Omeka, PastPerfect, Aeon, Quartex, ArchivesSpace, Archivematica
  - o Data: OpenRefine, ArcGIS StoryMaps, Gephi, Voyant, Tableau
  - Languages and coding: HTML, CSS, GREL, SQL, Python, Jupyter Notebook, Git
  - o Office and project management: Jira, Confluence, Asana, Trello, Slack, Microsoft Office, Zotero
  - o Graphics and image editing: Adobe Bridge and Photoshop, Canva
- Standards and thesauri: MARC 21, RDF, AACR2, LCSH, AAT, TGN, ULAN, Dublin Core, MODS
- Professional organizations: Special Libraries Association; README Digital Rights; ASIS&T (Association for Information Science and Technology); San Gabriel Valley User Experience