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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin

Austin, TX

Masters of Science, Information Studies

August 2016

Endorsements of Specialization: Digital Archives and Digital

Collections Design

American University Graduate study in modern eastern European history and culture Washington, DC

2011-2012

Texas State University

San Marcos, TX

Bachelor of Arts, English and history, Summa Cum Laude

May 2009

SKILLS

LAMP stack installation and administration MARC, EAD, and Dublin Core in XML

SQL, PERL, Python 2 and 3 Metadata crosswalking (MARC21 to Dublin Core)

MySQL, Postgreql database administration Digital collection and exhibit design

DSpace administration and operation Managing digital objects with repository software

Data curation with MySQL, phpMyAdmin, Writing procedural, implementation, and support

Access, Excel documentation

EXPERIENCE

School of Information, UT Austin

Austin, TX

Deputy Systems Administrator

January 2015 – Present

- Provided ongoing technical support for faculty, students, and staff
 - explained and resolved hardware and software issues on multiple platforms
 - helped users understand and navigate network and email server changes
- Updated <u>iSchool repository</u> from DSpace 1.8 to DSpace 5.0
 - worked with relevant faculty to determine concerns and needs prior to upgrade
 - created and vetted new configuration files for upgrade and migration
- Administrated DSpace 5 repository
 - o assisted students with preparing and uploading packages via command line
 - created troubleshooting and upload guide for DSpace content management

- migrated database and asset store to DSpace 5.2 in new server environment
- Migrated Intro to Usability course wiki from DokuWiki to Confluence
 - assessed instructor and student needs and expectations
 - established style templates for existing and new content types
- Administrated MySQL servers for classes
 - enabled phpMyAdmin with htaccess protection
 - set up local directories, databases, and access credentials

PROJECTS

Structuring the Past: Designing the AISD Digital Archive

Summer 2016

Dr. Lynn Westbrook; Bonnie Hauser and Deborah DeStefano, Supervisors

AISD Library Media

Austin ISD Digital Archive

Center

Independent project with AISD Library Media Services staff to create workflows for and optimize use of their digital archive: extending collection structure and metadata capture protocol for digitized objects; establishing metadata templates and upload procedure; ingesting items, building a showcase collection, and making recommendations for continued work.

Digital Archiving and Preservation

Spring 2016

Dr. Patricia Galloway

School of Information Decommissioned Servers: Fiat Server Project

Worked with a group to create and attempt data-retrieval strategies for a legacy (circa 2001) server; led research and experiment efforts; helped draft recommendations for future infrastructure server decommissioning procedures; project documentation viewable at https://ford.ischool.utexas.edu/xmlui/handle/2081/32193

Archival Enterprise II

Spring 2016

Dr. Ciaran Trace

Now What Do I Do? Upgrading DSpace as a First-Time Administrator

As part of a course designed to introduce and engage students with issues within the archival profession, wrote a case study describing the process of upgrading the School of Information's DSpace repository from 1.8 to 5.0, discussing transferable concepts, skills, and knowledge gained in the process.

Archival Enterprise I

Fall 2015

Dr. Ciaran Trace; Brent Sipes, Supervisor Women's Basketball and Intercollegiate Athletics Records, 1976-2007 (Jody Conradt and Chris Plonsky Papers)

H.J. Lutcher Stark Center

Collaborated with a group in processing and arranging approximately 10 cubic feet of archival material, including appraisal report and processing plan, EAD finding aid, and physical arrangement. Finding aid available at http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/utlsc/00012/lsc-00012.html

Introduction to Digital and Electronic Records

Fall 2014

Dr. Patricia Galloway; Jessica Meyerson, Advisor University Communications Born-Digital Video Collection Dolph Briscoe Center for American History

Assisted in creating a business plan for the Briscoe Center's born-digital acquisitions by

assessing current practices, working with stakeholders to understand future expectations, and making recommendations for archival formats, records selection, and metadata standards.

WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

What's That Noise? Adventures in Legacy Hardware Imaging

May 2016

School of Information Open House; Dr. Patricia Galloway, Faculty Sponsor

Digital poster and technology demonstration: poster highlighting the challenges of accessing a circa 2001 Dell PowerEdge 4400 server (used by the school as a web/infrastructure server), showcasing the strategies, setbacks, successes, and future implications of the project; demonstration providing access to the machine and its directories.

It Looks Like Gibberish and Makes You Feel Like a Wizard: Batch Ingesting as a DSpace Administrator

April, 2016

UT Digital Preservation Symposium

Lightning talk with slides, aimed at those working directly with repository software or interested in uploading from the command line, but suitable for any level of experience, demonstrating use case and commands for using the DSpace batch uploading utility at the command line.

Up and Running with Bit Curator

Spring 2016

Archival Enterprise II, Dr Ciaran Trace

Coordinated with group members for installation, testing, and use prior to class presentation; created video walkthroughs and step-by-step exercises for an introductory workshop on BitCurator for archives, including installation scenarios, use cases, and hands-on exercises.

Gephi Crash Course

Fall 2015

Intro to Digital Humanities, Dr Tanya Clement

Worked with a group to choose a social network mapping tool (Gephi), select a dataset, and prepare in-class materials. Prepped workspace by ensuring tool installation on lab computers; tested tool, created a demonstration video, and assisted classmates during hands-on portion.

Intro to Git/Github Fall 2015

UT ASIS&T/AWIT

Oriented workshop participants, identifying hardware and software for BYOD event; clarified steps and assisted with setting up accounts and tool installation; resolved issues locating, launching, and navigating the command line interface.

VOLUNTEERING

Art + Feminism Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon, *Volunteer UT ASIS&T/AWIT*

March, 2016 Austin, TX

- Oriented participants, helping set up Wikipedia accounts and check in at event page
- Provided technical, style, and research assistance for the duration of the event

UT Elementary STEM Discovery Day, *Volunteer Educator UT ASIS&T/AWIT*

January 2016 Austin, TX

- Organized acquisition of computers and tools for event
- Guided students in disassembling, identifying, and reassembling laptop computers

Austin Archives Bazaar, Volunteer Coordinator

October 2014

Daniel Alonzo and Molly Hults, Organizers

Austin, TX

- Oriented volunteers, explained tasks, and provided support and shift coverage
- Worked with repository representatives and attendees to ensure a positive experience

Texas Archive of the Moving Image, *Processing Volunteer*

Fall 2014

Susan Dirks, Administrative Coordinator

Austin, TX

- · Processed donor paperwork and inventoried donated audio-visual materials
- De-accessioned audio-visual materials from a high-volume collection

AWARDS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Alice Duggan and David Caldwell Gracy Endowed Presidential Scholarship (School of Information)	2015-2016
Benonine Muse Academic Scholarship (School of Information)	2014-2015
ASIS&T UT Chapter, Social Liaison	2015-2016
Society of American Archivists, UT Chapter, Member	2014-Present
Texas Library Association, Member	2013-Present