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Experience

Houghton Library, Harvard University

July 2018 – July 2019

Houghton Mifflin Visiting Fellow in Publishing History

Cambridge, MA

- Project title: “Bibliography of the Damned: A Book-by-Book Journey through the Catholic Index of Forbidden Books [*Index Librorum Prohibitorum*]” (also see: <http://bibofthedamned.com>)
- Conducts research on intellectual freedom, censorship, and European/Catholic history using Houghton Library’s rare-books collections and those of the greater Harvard University Library system
- Fellowship grant total: \$3,600

The Art Institute of Atlanta

March 2017 – Present

Librarian

Atlanta, GA

- Provides reference and library technology support services in person and via e-mail/phone to ~1,600 undergraduate students and ~100 faculty/staff as sole librarian of arts-focused print and online collections
- Manages 3-4 undergraduate student workers (1.5 FTE); provides workplace on-boarding and training as needed
- Manages and administers all circulation policies, procedures, and troubleshooting (Voyager Circulation, Analyzer, and Reporter modules)
- Processes and shelf-readies all new library materials (Voyager Catalog module)
- Proctors and administers placement exams to incoming students (College Board ACCUPLACER platform)
- Conducts collection development for materials focusing on culinary arts, graphic/interior design, fashion, and film/media arts
- Administers assessments and surveys; collects statistics relating to library usage, collections data, and student information literacy
- Provides customized research and instruction sessions to classes and individuals (faculty and students)
- Chairperson: Academic Integrity Committee; Library Committee
- Manages or conducts all other tasks related to library upkeep as required

International and Area Studies Library, University of Illinois

August 2014 – August 2016

Graduate Assistant/Academic Hourly (summer)

Urbana, IL

- Provided reference and circulation services to patrons (10-15 hours/week)
- Composed (monthly) & edited (weekly) researched blog postings on international and area studies topics and related readers’ advisories
- Compiled and produced library resource guides for specific courses and general reference
- Instructed international/ESL students in library methods and resources
- Co-led monthly info-desk staff meetings
- Conducted statistical analyses and compiled reports on library use and trends

The Career Center, University of Illinois

August 2015 – August 2016

Peace Corps Strategic Contract Recruiter

Champaign, IL

- Provided information and resources to local students and community members interested in becoming Peace Corps Volunteers through tabling at career fairs, information sessions, drop-in hours, class talks, and panels
- Coordinated local Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) activities and communications
- Served as liaison between campus and Central Regional Recruiting Office (Chicago)
- Assisted applicants with resume, cover letter, and motivation statement revisions (2-5/week)
- Composed copy and statements for campus- and area-wide public relations and marketing channels
- Managed Facebook presence and produced daily original content
- Met or exceeded all recruitment quotas including term applicant tallies (50/year) and leads generated (300/year)

Illinois Department of Public Health **November 2014 – June 2015**
Graduate Hourly (via the iSchool at University of Illinois) Champaign, IL

- Assisted Ian Brooks, PhD in strategic planning for public health communications initiatives
- Produced proof-of-concept marketing and communications content (audio-visual presentations, posters, web design)

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Library, Brown University **February 2013 – July 2013**
Technical Services Assistant Providence, RI

- Completed various tasks related to back-end library operations, including shipping/receiving, data entry/search, shelving, and manual labor while a full-time student towards AM degree at same institution (see Education)

Luxembourg Development Agency Project CVE/075 **October 2011 – January 2013**
Creative Director/Consultant Praia, Cabo Verde

- Co-wrote and co-administered two related grants equaling approximately \$57,000
- Created, developed, and wrote for original, scripted series addressing children's public health issues (11 15-minute episodes)
- Supervised team of 5 subcontractors in revising and editing all green-lit content

Cabo Verde Fast Ferry **June 2011 – March 2012**
Commercial & Marketing Associate Praia, Cabo Verde

- Managed over \$10,000 (USD) in commercial ad sales to top businesses in country
- Developed and produced marketing materials in video, print, and online formats
- Supervised and evaluated new employees and student interns

US Peace Corps **July 2008 – September 2010**
Education Volunteer Praia, Cabo Verde

- Instructor of record, Department of English, Universidade de Cabo Verde (Uni-CV)
 - Courses taught: Linguistics, Sociolinguistics, Secondary Teaching Practicum
- Tutored staff in English
- Translated and interpreted between Portuguese and English
- Served as liaison, jury member, and assistant administrator for international study abroad programs and partnerships
- Wrote and administered grant: "English for Specific Purposes" library development project, 2010 (\$3,500)

Education

University of Illinois , Urbana, IL Master of Science Library and Information Science 2014 – 2016 <i>Certificate in Special Collections</i>	Brown University , Providence, RI Master of Arts Portuguese and Brazilian Studies 2012 – 2013	University of Wisconsin , Madison, WI Bachelor of Arts English 2001 – 2006 <i>Creative Writing Track</i>
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Technical & Computer Skills

- Microsoft Office suite
- Adobe Creative suite
- Web content management and design: WordPress, Weebly, OpenCMS, LibApps, Constant Contact
- Social media enhancement and integration: Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram
- Library/cataloging: Ex Libris Voyager suite, Oxygen XML Editor, BitCurator, Drupal, Dublin Core
- Instruction: Blackboard Collaborate, Camtasia Studio, Moodle

Language Skills

- Portuguese (full professional proficiency)
- Cape Verdean Creole (full professional proficiency)
- Spanish (working proficiency)
- French (intermediate reading & basic listening proficiency)
- Latin (basic reading proficiency)
- Greek and Cyrillic (basic reading proficiency of scripts)

Selected Publications and Presentations

- Lula da Silva, Luiz Inácio [Ex-President of Brazil]; translated by Legg, Benjamin and **Sarwark, Robert**, “Latin America after Chávez.” *The New York Times*, 6 March 2013: A27. Print and online: https://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/07/opinion/latin-america-after-chavez.html?_r=1.
- “The Water Protectors: Native American Nationalism, Environmentalism, and the Flags of the Dakota Access Pipeline Protests of 2016-2017.” *Vexillum* [NAVA quarterly], no. 2, June 2018. Print and online: https://nava.org/digital-library/vexillum/recent-vexillums/Vexillum_002_2018.pdf. [First presented at the 51st Annual Conference of the North American Vexillological Association (NAVA), 14 October 2017, Boston, MA.]
- “The Greatest of All Serpents: Origins and Evolutions of the Dragon in Medieval Lore and Manuscripts.” Annual Conference of the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association (PCA/ACA), 29 March 2018, Indianapolis, IN. Presentation.