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EXPERIENCE

Deputy University Librarian, 2017 -

Director, Divinity Library, 1987-
Professor of the Practice of Theological Librarianship, 2004-
Vanderbilt University

The Deputy University Librarian reports to the University Librarian, and sits on the Directors Policy and Planning Group, which is the strategic planning and management body of the University Library. The Deputy fills in for the University Librarian as requested and in her absence as needed. The portfolio of the Deputy University Librarian consists of coordination of the “Core Services” component of the library system. For 2017-18 much of that work will be focused on the acquisition of and implementation of a new Integrated Library System.

Associate Dean of Libraries, 2011-2017

Director, Divinity Library, 1987-
Interim Director, Central Library, 2011-2017
Professor of the Practice of Theological Librarianship, 2004-
Vanderbilt University

The Associate Dean reports to the Dean of Libraries and as a member of the Dean’s Advisory Group participates in the strategic planning and management of the University Library. As a member of the Institutional Planning Group of the Divinity School, advises the Dean of the Divinity School and participates in the administrative planning and management of the school. The Associate Dean of Libraries supervises the operation of six of the eight campus libraries, manages funds of over \$8 million and over 60 full time equivalent employees. The Associate Dean is responsible for the coordination and enhancement of services in a diverse and dispersed group of campus libraries. In 2011 the Associate Dean assumed the responsibilities of Interim Director of the Central Library, the largest campus library in the system. In 2014 the Associate Dean, as Co-Chair of the “Future of the Libraries” Task Force, led the library component of the university review of library services and challenges. The report was completed and published in May 2015.

Assistant Dean of Libraries, 2010-2011

Project Manager, General Library Building Renovation Project

Director, Library Facilities and Copy/Printing Services
Director, Divinity Library
Professor of the Practice of Theological Librarianship
Vanderbilt University

As Project Manager, participated in the planning and served as primary contact for architects and contractors of a \$6 million renovation of multiple floors of the Central Library, Divinity Library, Special Collections, Technical Services, Library Digital Services and the Dean's office. Convened and coordinated multiple teams of library staff for the planning and physical move of more than 130,000 volumes to accommodate the renovation. The project created a new Student Commons, staff offices, multiple group study rooms (February – May 2010). Renovation of the main floor of the Central Library transformed the lobby into an exhibition area, restored two large reading rooms, and created an exhibition gallery at the 2nd floor entrance. (May-August 2010). A large multi-purpose Community Room and café, and additional renovation of study space on the 6th floor were completed in the third phase (August 2010 – January 2011).

Assistant University Librarian for Collections, 2007-2010

Director, Library Facilities and Copy/Printing Services
Director, Divinity Library
Professor of the Practice of Theological Librarianship
Vanderbilt University

The Assistant University Librarian for Collections was responsible for coordinating system-wide collection development in a highly decentralized library system. Directors of each campus library managed their own collections budgets, the AUL for Collections coordinated system-wide and multi-library purchases, particularly of electronic resources. Responsible for oversight of \$8 million collections budget. This position was responsible for regular collaboration with Information Alliance partner institutions (University of Tennessee and University of Kentucky) regarding several consortial purchases and mutual collections agreements, including leading the negotiations for the Information Alliance multi-year agreement with Springer Publishing, 2009. As budgets flattened, implemented regular review of all subscription renewals and introduced consideration of usage statistics as a component of renewal decisions. As the Director of the Divinity Library negotiated and facilitated the move of "Homiletic", the official journal of the Academy of Homiletics from a print to an online open access journal. As the Director of library facilities, coordinated the project to install a state of the art HVAC system with backup redundancy in the library server room.

Director, Divinity Library, 2004-2007

Professor of the Practice of Theological Librarianship 2004-
Director, Copy/Printing Services and Physical Facilities 2004-2010

As Director of the Divinity Library led the planning and program development for the expansion and renovation of the Divinity Library 2005-2006; developed and implemented a plan for unified building hours and revision of building wide access-control, coinciding with the completion of

the renovation project; served as Project Manager for the temporary move of the Divinity Library (summer 2006) and day-to-day coordination with architects and contractor. As Director of Facilities, coordinated the design and implementation of a new building wide security system. Developed and implemented the plan for the relocation of 40,000 volumes from the Divinity circulating collection to remote storage, in order to create a projected 10-year growth space in the stacks. As Director of University Library Copy/Printing Services, convened and chaired a campus-wide committee reviewing network printing expenses, leading to the proposal and implementation of enterprise pay-for-print system for public printing (2005); coordinated the implementation of VUPrint across campus, served as chair of VUPrint management council (2005-2006); negotiated and implemented transition from Vendacard debit card system to the VU Commodore Card (student ID cards) for photocopier transactions (2004).

Director, Divinity Library, 2001-2004

Assistant Professor of Theological Bibliography
Vanderbilt University

As Director of the Divinity Library, participated as one of four members of the accreditation steering committee for the ATS accreditation self-study (2004); worked closely with the Dean of the Divinity School to develop program plans and evaluate architectural proposals for construction of new Divinity Library facility (2001). Implementation of the plan for the new construction was not successful, but program development in this stage was directly relevant to the subsequent planning and implementation of the renovation project of 2006. As Project Manager for the ETANA Core Texts project, managed digitization of over 150 public domain texts; proposed and received ATS faculty grant to digitize additional core texts beyond the initial Mellon grant items (2000-2002).

Director, Divinity Library, 1998-2001

Assistant Professor of Theological Bibliography
Associate Director for Public Services, Central Library
Vanderbilt University

As Director of the Divinity Library worked closely with the University Librarian and selected faculty to initiate planning leading to the implementation of the ETANA project (2000). As Associate Director for Public Services supervised reference and circulation operations; assumed budgetary responsibility for two campus libraries of over \$5.7 million; initiated a review of public services in light of explosive growth in electronic resources, implemented university library-wide experiment in on-line reference services (1999); led review of coordination of public services operations between Central and Divinity Libraries. Served as President of the Board of Directors, American Theological Library Association (2000); in that capacity negotiated renewal five year contract for the Executive Director.

Director, Divinity Library, 1987-1998

Assistant Professor of Theological Bibliography, 1992-
Vanderbilt University

As the Director of the Divinity Library was responsible for technological innovation in the Divinity Library and the Divinity School; installed the first local area network in the General Library Building; with the Associate Dean of the Divinity School proposed and implemented a technology research grant in the Divinity School (1994). This pilot project became one of the foundations for a national program for technology in theological education by the Eli Lilly Foundation, awarding technology and pedagogy grants to 70 ATS seminaries and theological schools (1996). Implemented and managed web server to host Divinity Library and Divinity School web pages (1995). The Divinity Library published the on-line Revised Common Lectionary (1996), which became and remains one of the most heavily used destination sites of all Vanderbilt library web publications. In 1990 received the single largest gift to the Divinity Library from the Raymond Zimmerman Family Foundation, \$500,000 for the expansion of the Judaica Collection; negotiated the purchase and managed the processing of the Nahum Glatzer Collection, including Franz Rosenzweig archives, 1991-1993. Served as the chair of the local host committee for the 1995 ATLA conference, held at Vanderbilt University.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Association of Research Libraries, Leadership Fellow, 2013-2015

Association of Theological Schools, Accreditation Visiting Team member, 1999 – 2007

Chair, Visiting Team, 2006

ATS Educational Technology Task Force, Spring 2004 – 2006

Vice President, Computer Transcription Services Inc., 1983-1986

Independent Computer Consulting, 1986-1995

Associate Director/Reference Librarian, Divinity Library 1984-1987

Reference Librarian, Instructor of Theological Bibliography 1983-1984

Library Assistant/bibliographer for Ethics, Divinity Library 1981-1983

Graduate student bibliographer, Divinity Library 1979-1981

Consulting

Chicago Theological Seminary, spring 2009

Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA Spring, 2001

University of the South, Sewanee, TN January 2000

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion,

Information Technology for Theological Teaching Grants Program

Fall 1996, February 1997, March 1999

Louisville Institute, Louisville, KY. Fall 1999

Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. Spring 1999

Claremont School of Theology, March 1998

Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, July 1997

Memphis Theological Seminary, April 1997

Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, March 1997

Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Spring 1996
Memphis Theological Seminary, fall 1996

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Religious Ethics), Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (1992)
M.A. (Religious Ethics), Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (1985)
M.Div. Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA (1977)
B.S. (Mathematics), Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL (1974)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion, 1977 - 2000
American Library Association, 1997 - 2002, 2006 -
American Theological Library Association, 1982 –
 ATLA Board of Directors, 1996 – 1999, 1999 -2002
 Vice-President/President-elect, 1999
 President, 2000
 Chair, On-site review committee, 1999
 Chair, Institutional membership sub-committee, 1998
Annual Conference Committee, 1993 -1997
 Host Librarian, 1995
Automation and Technology Steering Committee, 1994 - 1996
Collection Evaluation and Development Section Steering Committee, 1989 -1991
Rare Books and Special Collections Steering Committee, 1994 - 1996
Technology Advisory Committee, 1993 – 1997, 2002 - 2007
 Chair, 1996, 2004 - 2005
Society of Biblical Literature, 2000 –
TENN-SHARE, Board of Directors, 2009 - 2012
Tennessee Theological Library Association, 1984 -

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Hook, William, Benda, Christopher, Romero, Ramona, Kohut, Michael.
 “Research Support Services: Religious Studies”, August 30, 2016.
 <http://hdl.handle.net/1803/8369>
“Library Renovation Project Management”
 Webinar: Association of Southeastern Research Libraries, June 1, 2011.
 [\[http://www.aserl.org/archive\]](http://www.aserl.org/archive)

- "Evolution of an Online Publication: The Revised Common Lectionary" *ATLA Annual Conference*, Louisville, Kentucky, June 17, 2010. [<http://hdl.handle.net/1803/4145>]
- Hook, William, Myers, Sara, and Taylor, Sharon. "Effective Leadership in Tough Times: Three Essays" *Theological Librarianship: An Online Journal of the American Theological Library Association* [Online], Volume 2 Number 1 (2009)
- "ETANA: a Cooperative Portal for Research in Ancient Near Eastern Studies" with Paul Gherman. *Digital Scholarship, Digital Libraries Conference*, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2, 2007
- "Implications of a Digital Age for Theological Education"
Theological Education (v. 41:1 2005)
- "Is There Anything Worthwhile on the Web? A Cooperative Project to Identify Scholarly Resources in Theology and Religion" *Theological Education* (v. 40:1 2004)
ATLA Annual Conference, Portland, Oregon, June 24, 2003.
- "The ETANA Project: Toward a Web Portal for Ancient Near East Research",
Tennessee Theological Library Association. April 2003
- "Information Technology for Theological Teaching in the 21st Century"
Keynote address. *Wabash Center Inaugural Planning Conference: Information Technology for Theological Teaching*. February 1997
- "Computer Technology as an Aid to Creative Teaching: Examples from Theological Education", *Midwest Jewish Studies Association*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, September 1997
- "Approval Plans for Religious and Theological Libraries," *Library Acquisitions: Practice and Theory* (v. 15: Summer 1991)
- Ecological Christian Stewardship as a Paradigm for Christian Environmental Ethics*. Ph.D. Dissertation, Vanderbilt University, 1992.
- "Consolidating Microform Services" *Library Journal* (October 1, 1988)

HONORS, AWARDS

- Association of Research Libraries
ARL Leadership Fellow, 2014-15
- Jean and Alexander Heard Library,
Creativity and Innovation Award, 2000
Leadership Award, 1994
- Harold S. Vanderbilt Scholar, 1977 - 1980

SELECTED UNIVERSITY AND LIBRARY SERVICES

- Library System Implementation Committee, 2017-2018
- Integrated Library System RFP Review Steering Committee, Co-chair, 2016-2017
- Divinity School, Curriculum Transformation Committee, 2015-2017
- Eskind Biomedical Library Integration Task Force, January 2015-2016
- Future of the Libraries Report, Co-Chair, May 2014 - 2015
- ILS Migration Project, RFP Development Executive Committee, chair, 2014

Web Redesign Steering Committee, Jean and Alexander Heard Library 2013-
Vanderbilt University Law School Search Committee, Law Library Director, 2011
Deans Administrative Group, Heard Library 2009-2016
Committee on Collections, 2005-2010; Chair, Heard Library 2007-2010
Library Management Council, Heard Library 1987-2009
ETANA Project Steering Committee, Heard Library 2000-2006
Space Planning and Utilization Committee, 2005-2010; Chair Heard Library 2007-2010
Digital Library Steering Committee, Heard Library 2005-2010
Circulation Advisory Committee, Chair, Heard Library 1991-1996
Academic Planning Committee, Divinity School 2005- 2014
Institutional Planning Committee, Divinity School, 2014-
Accreditation Self-Study Steering Committee, Divinity School, 1994-95; 2004-2005
Network Printing Review Committee, Chair, Vanderbilt University 2004-2005
SACS Accreditation QEP Committee, Vanderbilt University, 2005
Academic Computing and Information Technology Committee, Vanderbilt University, 1991-2004
Library Automation Review Steering Committee, Heard Library 1994-1995
Assistant Provost for Information Technology Search Committee, Vanderbilt University 1993-1994
Faculty Search Committees, Divinity School (various 1983-1992)