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PERSONAL HISTORY AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 1995 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 MS, Library and Information Science
- 1993 Indiana University, Bloomington
 MA, American History
- 1990 Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana
 BA Honors, Sociology/Anthropology; History minor

PROFESSIONAL ARCHIVAL EXPERIENCE

- 1999-Present Archivist for Student Life and Culture and Assistant Professor of Library
 Administration, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 1996-1999 Assistant Archivist (1998-1999) and Project Archivist (1996-1998),
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Archives, Elk Grove Village, Illinois
- 1994-1996 Graduate Assistant, University of Illinois Archives, Urbana-Champaign
- 1991, 1992 Library Assistant, Indiana Historical Society Library, Indianapolis, Indiana

HONORS

- National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) Archival Fellowship,
2003-2004
- Thornbrough Award 2001 (for best article to appear in the *Indiana Magazine of History* in 2001)
- College Honors, Earlham College, 1990

PUBLICATIONS AND CREATIVE WORKS

*Denotes refereed work

+Denotes invited work

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS – UNDER CONTRACT

- *1. “Academic Archives’ Use of Oral History” (tentative title) in *College and University Archives: Selected Readings* (Under contract with SAA for publication in 2005/06)

EDITED MONOGRAPHS – UNDER CONTRACT

- *1. Joint editorship with Christopher Prom, *College and University Archives: Selected Readings*. (Under contract with SAA for publication in 2005/06)

ARTICLES IN JOURNALS

- *1. “The College Student as Archives’ Consultant?: A New Look at Outreach Programming on Campus,” *Archival Issues* (Accepted)
- *2. Joint authorship with Tamar Chute, “Navigating Ambiguous Waters: Providing Access to Student Records in the University Archives,” *American Archivist* v. 67, no. 2, Fall/Winter 2004.
- *3. “Connecting Students of the Past, Present, and Future: An Activist Approach to Collection and Use of Student Documents in the University Archives,” *Journal of Archival Organization* v. 2, no. 1/2, 2004.
- *4. “Oral History and the Archives: Its Documentary Role in the 21st Century,” *American Archivist* v. 66, no. 1, Spring/Summer 2003.
- *5. “Remembering Alma Mater: Oral History and Documentation of Student Culture,” *Archival Issues* v. 26, no. 2, 2002.
- *6. “From Benevolence to Reform: The Expanding Career of Mrs. Rhoda M. Coffin,” *Indiana Magazine of History* v. XCVII, no. 3, September 2001. Winner of the Thornbrough Award 2001.

BIOGRAPHICAL ESSAYS IN REFERENCE WORKS

- +1. “Eileen D. Cook (1928-2000)” in *Dictionary of American Library Biography*, 2nd Supplement, Ed. Donald G. Davis. Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited 2003: 52-55.
- +2. “Vernon Dale Tate (1909-1989)” in *Dictionary of American Library Biography*, 2nd Supplement, Ed. Donald G. Davis. Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited 2003: 209-211.

BULLETINS, REPORTS, AND CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- +1. “The Knubel Archives of Cooperative Lutheranism: A Working Partnership Between Historians and Archivists,” *Lutheran Historical Conference: Essays and Reports of the 19th Biennial Meeting*, Staten Island, New York, XVIII, 1998.

BOOK REVIEWS

1. Review Essay: Archibald, Robert. *A Place to Remember: Using History to Build Community*; Ellis, William. *The Kentucky River*; Utley, Dan and Seeley, James, *Guided with a Steady Hand: The Cultural Landscape of a Rural Texas Park*, *Oral History Review*, v. 29, no. 1, Winter/Spring 2002.
- +2. Review: Bacon, Margaret Hope. Abby Hopper Gibbons: Prison Reformer and Social Activist, *Quaker History*, v. 90, Fall 2001.

LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

PROFESSIONAL

“Documenting Student Life Through Web Capture,” Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, August 7, 2004, 20 minutes with Chris Prom.

“Documenting Student Life Through Web Capture,” NHPRC Archival Research Fellowship Symposium, Boston, Massachusetts, June 11, 2004, 40 minutes with Chris Prom.

“Navigating Ambiguous Waters: Providing Access to Student Records in the University Archives,” Midwest Archives Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 29, 2004, 20 minutes with Tamar Chute.

“Connecting Students of Present, Past and Future: An Activist Approach to Collection and Use of Student Documents in the University Archives,” Midwest Archives Conference, Detroit, Michigan, October 24, 2003, 20 minutes.

“Volunteers in the Academic Archives: Implications and New Opportunities,” Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, California, August 23, 2003, 20 minutes.

“Using Volunteers in the Archives: Some New Perspectives,” Midwest Archives Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, April 24, 2003, 20 minutes.

Chair, Session entitled, “We Are Not Alone: Exploring Other Professions that Document History,” Midwest Archives Conference Fall Meeting, Grand Rapids, South Dakota, October 11, 2002.

“Oral History in the University Archives: Documenting Student Experience in the Great Depression at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,” Midwest Archives Conference Fall Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 19, 2001, 20 minutes.

“Oral History in the University Archives: Documenting Student Experience in the Great Depression at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,” Oral History Association Annual Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, October 18, 2001, 20 minutes.

Chair, session entitled “Town and Gown: Local History and Academic Repositories,” Society of American Archivists, Washington, D.C., August 31, 2001.

UNIVERSITY, ALUMNI, AND COMMUNITY

30+ lectures to English, rhetoric, anthropology, history, and education graduate and undergraduate courses, 2001-2005; 6 workshop training sessions for freshman rhetoric teaching assistants, 2001-2004.

“Resources in the University and Student Life and Culture Archives” presentation to the Ethnography of the University Summer Faculty Training Workshop, May 20, 2004.

“From Corn Girls to Computers: Remembering Student Life at the University of Illinois,” presentation to the:

Cleveland Illini Club, Cleveland, Ohio, February 9, 2003.

Columbus Illini Club, Columbus, Ohio, February 8, 2003.

“Documenting Student Culture at the Student Life and Culture Archives,” presentation to the UI Center for Advanced Study- Ethnography of the University Working Group, Urbana, Illinois, January 24, 2003.

“Genealogical Resources at the University of Illinois Archives,” presentation to the Champaign County Genealogical Society, Urbana, Illinois, November 12, 2002.

“The Student Life and Culture Archives at the University of Illinois,” presentation to the: University of Wisconsin Alumni Club, Urbana, Illinois, February 25, 2002.

“Documenting Student Life at Illinois: The Student Life and Culture Archival Program at the University of Illinois Archives,” presentation to the:

Champaign County Genealogical Society, Urbana, Illinois, November 13, 2001.

Champaign County Historical Society, Urbana, Illinois, September 24, 2001.

“Sigma Alpha Iota and the Student Life and Culture Archival Program,” presentation to the Sigma Alpha Iota Champaign-Urbana, Decatur, and Charleston alumni chapters, Urbana, Illinois, May 12, 2001.

“From Corn Girls to Computers: Remembering Student Life at the University of Illinois,” presentation to the:

Macomb Illini Club, Bushnell, Illinois, April 26, 2001.

South West Florida Illini Club, Ft. Myers, Florida, March 17, 2001.

“Documenting Student Life at Illinois: The Student Life and Culture Archival Program at the University of Illinois Archives,” presentation to the American Association of University Women, Champaign-Urbana chapter, February 17, 2001.

“UI Student Life during the Great Depression: An Oral History Project,” presentation to the Champaign-Urbana Men’s Group, Stevick Center, Champaign, Illinois, February 8, 2001.

“From Corn Girls to Computers: Remembering Student Life at the University of Illinois,” presentation to the Denver Illini Club, Denver, Colorado, November 5, 2000.

“Documenting Student Life at Illinois: The Student Life and Culture Archival Program at the University of Illinois Archives,” presentation to the:

University of Illinois Alumni Council, August 21, 2000.

Urbana Rotary, Urbana, Illinois, March 28, 2000.

Champaign Kiwanis, Champaign, Illinois, February 22, 2000.

University of Illinois Friends of the Library, Urbana, Illinois, January 20, 2000.

SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS (SAA) – Member 1996-present

Education Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, 2005-

Program Committee, 2002 Annual Meeting, 2001-2002

President’s Appointment Committee (intern), 2000-2001

Reference, Access, and Outreach Section

Chair, 2003-2004

Vice-Chair 2002-2003

Newsletter- Reference Column Editor, 2000-2003

College/University Archives Section

Steering Committee, 2000-2003

Nominating Committee, 2003

Co-Chair, College/University Archives Reader Subcommittee, 2000-2004

FERPA Guidelines Committee, 2005

Women’s Collections Roundtable,

Co-chair, 2002-2005

Committee on Guide to Women’s Collections, 2003-2004

MIDWEST ARCHIVES CONFERENCE (MAC) – Member, 1996-present

MAC Council, 2004-2007

Co-Chair, Program Committee, Fall 2005

Program Committee (member), Spring Meeting, 2000, Fall Meeting 2002

Chair, Calendar Committee, 1999

Local Arrangements Committee, Chicago, Illinois, 1998, 1999

COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION -UNIVERSITY ARCHIVIST GROUP

Member, 1999-present

ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION (OHA) – Member, 2000-present

Manuscript reviewer/reader for *Oral History Review*

RESEARCH GRANTS

NHPRC Archival Research Fellowship, co-recipient (\$10,000 for project entitled “An Investigation of Student Organization Websites for the Development of Appraisal and Capture Guidelines”), 2003-2004

UI Campus Research Board (\$500 for alumni oral history project), 2000

UI Library Research and Publication Committee (\$3,000 for alumni oral history project), 2000

REVIEW PANELS

NHPRC Grant reviewer, 2004

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Preservation Assistance Grant reviewer, 2004

UNIVERSITY/CAMPUS

Cross-Campus Initiative- Ethnography of the University Advisory Board, 2003-2005
Center for Advanced Study- Ethnography of the University Working Group, 2002-2003
United Nations Oral History Committee (informal), 2001-2002
Chancellor's Committee in Support of Homecoming, 1999-Present
Alumni Association Speakers Bureau, 2000-Present
Library School Alumni Association Board, 2000-2004-- Secretary

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Ethnography of the University of Illinois Library Committee, 2003-present
Library Strategic Plan Committee, Special Collections Division Representative, 2002
 Faculty/Staff Retreat Subcommittee, 2002
Ronald Grele Workshop Planning Committee, fall 2001
Colloquium Committee, 2001-2003
Preservation Committee, 2000-2002
Exhibits Committee, 2000-2002 (member 2000-2001; chair 2001-2002)
Assistant University Archivist Search Committee, 2000

COMMUNITY

Society for the Preservation of Greek Housing Executive Board, 2000-present