

# Bernadette A. Lear

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## Objectives

- ✓ **Encourage intellectual curiosity and lifelong learning.**
- ✓ **Help students prepare to participate in community life** as knowledgeable citizens, consumers, and employees.
- ✓ **Become a recognized expert** in the areas of Behavioral Sciences and Education librarianship, and the history of American libraries.

## Education

<b>2010 (expected)</b>	<b>Master in American Studies</b> Penn State Harrisburg, School of Humanities, Middletown, PA
<b>1999</b>	<b>Master in Library Service</b> Rutgers University, School of Communication, Information, and Library Studies, New Brunswick, NJ
<b>1997</b>	<b>Bachelor in History (English Minor) (Valedictorian, Summa cum Laude)</b> The George Washington University, Columbian School of Arts and Sciences, Washington, DC

## Professional Experience

<b>Penn State Harrisburg Library, Middletown, PA</b> Behavioral Sciences and Education Librarian / Coordinator of Library Instruction	<b>August 2004-present</b>
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- ✓ **Provide instruction and reference services** to approx. 60 FT faculty and 700 students in the School of Behavioral Sciences and Education. Provide instruction to undergraduates in English composition courses and First Year Seminar. Since Fall 2004, have taught more than 4,200 students in nearly 250 sections (68 distinct courses). Have provided more than 340 research appointments.
- ✓ **Library's "point person" for campus outreach events**, including orientations for prospective students and PreK-12 school groups. Initiated campus-wide "Extreme Study" event during finals week, which has attracted grant funding and approx. 150 attendees each semester. Coordinator of library's exam proctoring services. To date, have proctored multiple exams for 11 students.
- ✓ **Provide approx. 8 weekly hours of reference desk coverage** and back-up support.
- ✓ **Select all library materials in Education, Psychology, and Sociology.** Average annual monograph budget approx. \$30,000. In FY 2005/2006, conducted a major review of serials and reduced the BSED title list by approx. 25%, saving the University thousands of dollars in unneeded subscriptions. Used funds to enhance documentary film and other collections.
- ✓ **Enhance the Curriculum Materials and Juvenile Literature Collections** (approx. 17,000 items). Secured more than \$6000 in donated PreK-12 textbooks from publishers. Have nearly completed a weeding and labeling project of children's and young adult literature, leading to easier identification of new and award-winning titles. Authored web page for the collections at <http://www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/harrisburg/asc/cmcllc.html>.
- ✓ **Active participant in School of Behavioral Sciences and Education's initiatives.** Since Fall 2004, have served on 5 student thesis committees and 2 faculty search committees. Assisted the Education programs in securing NCATE (national) accreditation.
- ✓ **Active contributor to University Libraries' discussions and initiatives** relating to BSED materials. Authored library system's online "research guide" for Education (see

**Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, MD**

**February 2001-August 2004**

Librarian I

- ✓ **Provided Social Sciences and History reference services** (approx. 20 hours/week) and selected materials in American History (Sept. 2002-Aug. 2004).
- ✓ **Coordinator of the Grants Collection.** Provided reference services and selected materials for nonprofit management and fundraising. Arranged 30 public programs/year (more than 1,000 people attended). (Sept. 2002-Aug. 2004).
- ✓ **Provided Business and Science reference services** (approx. 20 hours/week) and selected materials in Biology, Geology, Chemistry, and Engineering (Feb. 2001-Sept. 2002).
- ✓ **Authored numerous web sites**, including “Enoch Pratt’s Legacy: A History of the Enoch Pratt Free Library” (<http://www.prattlibrary.org/about/index.aspx?id=1604>), “How to Search a Patent” (<http://www.prattlibrary.org/locations/bst/index.aspx?id=3078>), and “What’s This Old Coin Worth?” ([http://www.prattlibrary.org/findanswers/how\\_to.aspx?id=3038](http://www.prattlibrary.org/findanswers/how_to.aspx?id=3038)).

**Gelman Library**

**October 1999-January 2001**

**George Washington University, Washington, DC**

Manuscripts Librarian

- ✓ **Mounted 800+ item political memorabilia exhibit**, “Bright Stars Through the Perilous Fight: Men and Women Who Would be President.” Researched and compiled 44-page exhibit catalog.
- ✓ **Processed archival collections**, including the William Perl Collection and the records of the Federation of American Immigration Reform. Supervised student employees in the processing of manuscript.

**Pre-professional positions and internships** at the Margaret Sanger Papers Project, New York University (New York, NY), National Archives and Records Administration, New Bedford Free Public Library (New Bedford, MA), New Brunswick Free Public Library (New Brunswick, NJ), Special Collections and University Archives, Rutgers University (New Brunswick, NJ), and other institutions.

**Publications**

(Sole author unless noted)

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| <b>Book</b>                                 | <i>Directory of Curriculum Materials Centers</i> , 6 <sup>th</sup> edition, by the Curriculum Materials Centers Directory Ad-Hoc Committee, Education and Behavioral Sciences Section, Association of College and Research Libraries (Lear co-author 60% effort). Chicago, IL: Association of College and Research Libraries, 2009. 144pp.   |
| <b>Research Articles</b><br>(Peer-reviewed) | “Were Tom and Huck On-Shelf?: Public Libraries, Mark Twain, and the Formation of Accessible Canons, 1869–1910.” Accepted for publication in <i>Nineteenth Century Literature</i> . 44 pp. (expected September 2009)<br><br>“Wishing They Were Here: Old Postcards and Library History.” <i>Libraries and the Cultural Record</i> 43 (1): 77–101.<br><br>“’Tis Better to Be Brief Than Tedious?’: The Evolution of the American Public Library Annual Report, 1876–2004.” <i>Libraries and the Cultural Record</i> 41 (4): 462–486.<br><br>“Book History in <i>Scarlet Letters</i> : The Beginning and Growth of a College Yearbook During the Gilded Age.” <i>Book History</i> 9: 179–212. |
| <b>Professional Articles</b>                | “Recent Approaches in Contemporary Amish Youth Studies: A Book Review Essay.” Accepted for publication in <i>Der Reggebooge (The Rainbow): The Journal of the Pennsylvania German Society</i> . 5 pp. (expected Fall 2009)<br><br>“Spring Cleaning?—Don’t Throw Out Our Archives!” Accepted for publication in <i>PaLA Bulletin</i> . 4 pp. (expected Summer 2009)<br><br>“PaLA’s Most Wanted.” <i>PaLA Bulletin</i> 64 (1): 12-13 (Article discusses unidentified photographs in the PaLA Archives)   |

"Interviewing Bernadette," with Staci B. Elliott (Lear co-author 40% effort). *Library Journal Student Affairs Blog*, June 23, 2008. (Ms. Elliott requested an interview as part of a series she is authoring for *LJ* on practicing librarians across the United States)

"The Pennsylvania Library Club and Western Pennsylvania Library Association: Forgotten Chapters in PaLA's History?" *PaLA Bulletin* 63 (6): 6-7.

"PaLA's Archives Get a Facelift," with Janice Trapp (Lear co-author 80% effort). *PaLA Bulletin* 63 (2): 12.

"The Zen of Serving on Thesis Committees: Being a Midwife for New Scholarship." *College & Research Libraries News* 68: 632-635.

"Picture Book Illustrations Featured in Art Exhibit at Penn State Harrisburg." *Pennsylvania Library Association Bulletin* 61 (3):12.

"A Pennsylvania Library Collaborative Celebrates its Past and Plans for Its Future," by Doug Cook, Steve MacKinzie, and Members of the ACLCP 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee (Lear co-author 10% effort). *Against the Grain* 17 (5): 88, 90-91, 93.

"The Hippest History." *Library Journal* 130 (9): 52-53. (Discusses the importance of researching, using, and promoting library history)

More than 30 book reviews in *ARBA*, *Choice*, *Library Journal*, and *RUSQ*.

**Presentations**  
National

"Promise and Challenges of Using Library Annual Reports to Trace U.S. Social, Cultural, and Library History." Library History Round Table Research Forum, American Library Association. Chicago, IL, June 26, 2005. (Juried presentation) (Author and Presenter).

**Presentations**  
Regional/State

"Yankee Librarian in the Diamond City: Hannah Packard James, the Osterhout Free Library of Wilkes-Barre, and the Public Library Movement in Pennsylvania." Will be presented at Pennsylvania Historical Association Annual Conference, October 23, 2009. (Juried presentation) (Author and Presenter).

"Archiving Your Library's Historic Documents." Southeastern Pennsylvania Library Association Annual Meeting. King of Prussia, PA, October 17, 2008. (Invited presentation) (Author and Presenter).

"Between Franklin and Carnegie, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh: The Beginnings of Libraries in Central Pennsylvania." Pennsylvania Historical Association Annual Conference. State College, PA, October 20, 2007. (Juried presentation) (Author and Presenter).

"More Than A Reason for Cake: Documenting, Celebrating, and Using Your Library's History." Pennsylvania Library Association Annual Conference. State College, PA, October 17, 2007. (Invited presentation) (Author and Presenter).

"Communion With Great Minds, That Is Their Right: Pennsylvania's Urban Public Libraries in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era." Middle Atlantic American Studies Association Conference. Harrisburg, PA, April 1, 2006. (Juried presentation) (Author and Presenter).

"Finding Publishers, Funding, and Other Support for Writers." Love of Literacy Conference. Penn State Harrisburg, Middletown, PA, March 15, 2006. (Author and Presenter).

**Web Sites**  
(Selected)

"Bernadette A. Lear." <http://www.personal.psu.edu/bal19>. Personal web site.

"Pennsylvania Library Histories on the Web." <http://www.personal.psu.edu/bal19/palibhisonweb.htm>. Provides more than 200 links to institutional history pages written by libraries in Pennsylvania.

## Other Projects

Currently researching the history of libraries in Native American boarding schools during the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Bibliographer for the Psychology section of *Resources for College Libraries (RCL)*, published in 2006 and available online at <http://www.rclweb.net/>. Created lists of 10 to 20 items for several sub-disciplines, including Educational Psychology; Behavior Disorders and Therapies; Mental Health Treatment; Self-Help Groups; Professional Education, Training, and Ethics; Vocational Counseling and Occupational Guidance; Personnel Attitudes and Job Satisfaction; and Consumer Psychology.

## Service

### American Library Association

August 2004-present

#### Library History Round Table

- ✓ **Vice-Chair/Chair Elect** (2008-2010), **Webmaster** (2009-present), **Secretary-Treasurer** (2007-2008), and **Member-at-Large** (2005-2007).
- ✓ **Organized 2009 Research Forum**, involving the selection of the theme (the history of children's/YA librarianship, writing and distributing a CFP, and jurying more than 20 submissions.
- ✓ **Drafted legislation and secured ballot approval** for the creation of a standing Membership and Outreach Committee.
- ✓ **Learned Serena Collage** content management software and updated LHRT's web pages.
- ✓ **Consolidated LHRT's semiannual *Bibliographies of Library History*** (1990-present) into 5-year compilations, greatly enhancing their searchability.

#### Education and Behavioral Sciences Section, Association of College and Research Libraries

- ✓ **Member-at-Large** (2008-2010).
- ✓ **Arranged Current Topics Discussion program** for Midwinter 2009 conference.

### Pennsylvania Library Association

August 2004-present

#### Archives and History Committee

- ✓ **Chair** (2007-present).
- ✓ **Organized the Association's archival records** (approx. 20 boxes) and created a folder-level inventory.
- ✓ **Drafted retention guidelines, deed of gift, and reference service forms for PaLA's Archives**. Secured Executive Board approval for new procedures.
- ✓ **Currently designing a statewide librarian oral history project** for the Association.

Service on numerous University committees including Penn State University Libraries Research Committee, Penn State Harrisburg Faculty Senate, and Penn State Harrisburg Student Affairs Committee.