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**Professional Experience:**

Assistant Librarian

Jan. 2008 - present

The Pennsylvania State University Libraries, Ciletti Memorial Library  
Schuylkill Haven, PA

*Reference and Research*

- Provide reference and research assistance to students and faculty at the Schuylkill campus using electronic and print resources
- Provided reference and research assistance to the Penn State community through the virtual reference service (VRS)

*Course-Related Instruction*

- Serve as the library instruction coordinator between the campus and campus library
- Provide library instruction to support faculty needs, taught 41 course-related sessions to 596 students in 2011
- Develop general library instruction to be delivered during the first year seminar program
- Provided planned tours of the library to incoming students during FTCAP

*Collection Development/Maintenance*

- Select print and electronic resources that supplement faculty research, course instruction, and the general education requirements of Penn State Schuylkill campus
- Liaise with university libraries and instructional faculty in the transferal and removal of resources within the local print collection
- Locate distressed materials within the campus general and special collections and determine a deselecting/preservation strategy with library supervisor

*Web Development/Maintenance*

- Maintain and develop the campus library's web presence on both the website and popular social networking sites such as Facebook
- Serve as website coordinator and liaison between the campus library community and the I-Tech and Digital Libraries Technology (DLT) staff at University Park campus
- Facilitated the migration of local content from the existing server system to the CQ 4 standard compliant enterprise content management system to ensure uniform quality of University Library websites

Reference Intern (10 hours/week, fall/spring; 6 hours/week, summer)

Sep. 2006-Aug. 2007

University of Pittsburgh, Hillman Library, Pittsburgh, PA

- Staffed a high-volume reference desk, providing for patron's reference needs using print and electronic resources
- Attended weekly training sessions on print and electronic resources and various aspects of librarianship
- Provided constructive appraisal to the electronic resources coordinator about trial databases in order to facilitate resource selection
- Taught an instruction session to fellow colleagues about locating congressional legislation using the Library of Congress' THOMAS website
- Taught an instruction session to fellow colleagues about locating current archaeological data using the FastiOnline website.

Information Assistant (15 hours/week)

Oct. 2006-Jul. 2007

Software Engineering Institute (SEI), Carnegie Mellon, Pittsburgh, PA

- Staffed the reference and circulation desk and responded to reference and directional inquiries, verified bibliographic citations, and assisted librarians with research requests using reference resources (i.e. online and print directories, guides, etc.)
- Assisted a work group interested in assessing SEI's impact factor by collecting cited reference data from CiteSeer and Web of Science.
- Assisted with the documentation of materials retired from the CERT-SEI library collection

Graduate Assistant, *History of Education Quarterly* (20 hours/week)

Aug. 2002 - May 2003

Slippery Rock University, School of Education, Slippery Rock, PA

- Verified citations of works accepted for publication and loaded corrections of revised manuscripts to be reviewed by the managing editor
- Maintained the *Quarterly* website to provide synopses of recent and forthcoming issues, as well as the History of Education Society website regarding upcoming events, meetings, and awards
- Provided assistance to customer queries regarding lost issues, invoices, current membership status, and upcoming society meetings and dispersed the information per request
- Documented books received but not pertinent to the journal's review, and assessed their value as a donation to the university library
- Inventoried back-issues of journals on a monthly basis via a direct count

**Standing Committees, Groups, Teams, etc.:**

Library Advisory Committee of the American Research Center in Sofia (ARCS).

May 2011 – May 2012

- Advise the ARCS Directors on crucial issues of collection management and development, donation policies, electronic resources, and other related matters

American Library/Reference and User Services Association, Collection and Development Evaluation Section, Dartmouth Medal Committee

June 2010 –

- Responsible for administering an annual award honoring achievement in creating reference works outstanding in quality and significance
- Attend midwinter meeting and annual conference to announce and confer award

Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), Slavic and East European Studies Section (SEES), Access and Preservation Committee

June 2009 -

- Help coordinate the Section's focus on electronic resources, and on the preservation and conservation of materials in all formats that are of relevance to Slavic and East European librarianship
- Help oversees the maintenance of the SEES home page

Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), Slavic and East European Studies Section (SEES), Newsletter Committee

June 2009 -

- Help manage production and international distribution of the annual SEES Newsletter, which serves as the official record of the section, and reports on section activities and on relevant activities in the field of Slavic and East European librarianship
- Research and write the selected bibliography of recent publications on Slavic librarianship and collections in the West

Collection Development Companion Revision Team

The Pennsylvania State University Libraries

September 2011 –

- Review the University Libraries' Collection Development Companion and suggest revisions to the Collection Development Advisory group that reflect changes and current collection practices

Student Affairs Search Committee

The Pennsylvania State University, Schuylkill Campus

October 2011- December 2011

- Review and rank candidates to be interviewed for the Assistant Director of Student Affairs position
- Conduct telephone and on-campus interviews with the committee to evaluate candidates for the position
- Deliberate and provide a recommendation of the best qualified candidate to the Director of Student Affairs.

Web Steering Team,

The Pennsylvania State University, Schuylkill Campus

March 2009 -

- Represent the University Libraries as part of the campus website services
- Provided input on the campus website redesign to the Network Systems Coordinator of the Penn State Schuylkill Campus

First Year Engagement Committee

The Pennsylvania State University, Schuylkill Campus

October 2008 -

- Collaborate with a faculty and staff team organized by the Director of Academic Affairs to develop the Schuylkill Campus First Year Engagement Plan as outlined by the University Faculty Senate and campus need
- Represented the First Year Engagement Committee at the Quality Issues Forum, which recognized groups committed to continuous quality improvement at Penn State University.

**Past Committees, Groups, Teams, etc.:**

Chair, Information Science Committee (ISC)

The Pennsylvania State University, Schuylkill Campus Faculty Organization

August 2008 – May 2010

- Chaired and reported committee concerns and updates to the Schuylkill Faculty Organization and the Director of Academic Affairs
- Investigated the change in administrative rights of faculty and staff computing and followed-up on ISC and faculty concerns

Library Faculty Organization, Faculty Affairs Committee

The Pennsylvania State University Libraries

August 2008 – May 2010

- Assessed the design and content of the Faculty Affairs Committee web pages, including the promotion and tenure requirements, and update accordingly

Content Management System (CMS), Author Expert Team

The Pennsylvania State University, University Libraries

January 2010 – August 2010

- Tested the new content management system authoring environment and recommended design/structural changes to CMS team based on testing and end-user functionality
- Worked with CMS team to pilot new training materials for end-users

Virtual Reference Service (VRS) Team

The Pennsylvania State University Libraries

May 2008 – May 2009

- Attended regular team meetings to discuss technical, reference, and policy issues regarding virtual reference service as defined by the University Libraries
- Collaborated with library colleagues to provide and improve upon virtual reference service
- Attended virtual summer training on the use of QuestionPoint software in virtual reference service

Library Search Committee  
The Pennsylvania State University, Schuylkill Campus  
March 2008 – May 2008

- Served as a member of a faculty and staff committee charged with selecting a Head Librarian of the Ciletti Memorial Library
- Piloted human resources candidate management software to determine its effectiveness in sorting and ranking candidates

**Professional Development:**

Book and Electronic Resource Reviewer, *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*  
Middletown, CT  
Aug. 2007 to present

- Review electronic and print materials within the fields of history, geography, and area studies to provide timely and authoritative information to the library community

Freelance Abstractor, ABC-CLIO  
Santa Barbara, CA  
Dec. 2007 to May 2009

- Provided concise and accurate descriptions of historical research for use in *Historical Abstracts* and *America: History and Life*

**Publications:**

Book Reviews

- Reuscher, J. A. Review of *American Civil War: The Essential Reference Guide*, edited by James R. Arnold and Roberta Wiener. *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Published simultaneously in *CHOICE Reviews Online* (September 2011).
- . Review of *The Polish American Encyclopedia*, edited by James S. Pula. *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Published simultaneously in *CHOICE Reviews Online* (April 2011).
- . Review of *Encyclopedia of Revolutionary America*, by Paul A. Gilje. *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Published simultaneously in *CHOICE Reviews Online* (February 2011).  
<http://www.cro2.org/default.aspx?page=reviewdisplay&pid=3606947>.
- . Review of *Historical Dictionary of the American Revolution*, by Terry M. Mayes. *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Published simultaneously in *CHOICE Reviews Online* (May 2010).  
<http://www.cro2.org/default.aspx?page=reviewdisplay&pid=3539462>.

———. Review of *Changes in law and society during the Civil War and Reconstruction: a legal history documentary reader*, by Christian G. Samito. *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Published simultaneously in *CHOICE Reviews Online* (January 2010).  
<http://www.cro2.org/default.aspx?page=reviewdisplay&pid=3511169>.

———. Review of *Encyclopedia of Civil War Shipwrecks*, by Craig W. Gaines. *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Published simultaneously in *CHOICE Reviews Online* (October, 2008).  
<http://www.cro2.org/default.aspx?page=reviewdisplay&pid=3405257>.

#### Encyclopedia Entries

Reuscher, J. A. "Eastern European Immigrants." *Revolts, Protests, Demonstrations, and Rebellions in American History: An Encyclopedia*. Edited by Steven L. Danver. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO, 2010.  
<http://www.abc-clio.com/product.aspx?id=2147489493>.

———. "Miners." *Revolts, Protests, Demonstrations, and Rebellions in American History: An Encyclopedia*. Edited by Steven L. Danver. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO, 2010. <http://www.abc-clio.com/product.aspx?id=2147489493>.

———. "The Lattimer Massacre." *Revolts, Protests, Demonstrations, and Rebellions in American History: An Encyclopedia*. Edited by Steven L. Danver. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO, 2010. <http://www.abc-clio.com/product.aspx?id=2147489493>.

———. "People of Greece and the Balkans Today." In *World and Its Peoples: Greece and the Eastern Balkans*, edited by Marshall Cavendish Corporation and Brown Reference Group, vol. 11. Tarrytown, NY: Marshall Cavendish Reference, 2010. [http://www.marshallcavendish.us/marshallcavendish-us/reference/catalog/social\\_studies/geography/9780761478836.xml](http://www.marshallcavendish.us/marshallcavendish-us/reference/catalog/social_studies/geography/9780761478836.xml).

———. "The Bulgarian Empire 632-969 CE." In *World and Its Peoples: Greece and the Eastern Balkans*, edited by Marshall Cavendish Corporation and Brown Reference Group, vol. 11. Tarrytown, New York: Marshall Cavendish Reference, 2010. [http://www.marshallcavendish.us/marshallcavendish-us/reference/catalog/social\\_studies/geography/9780761478836.xml](http://www.marshallcavendish.us/marshallcavendish-us/reference/catalog/social_studies/geography/9780761478836.xml).

#### Newsletters

Reuscher, J. A. "Selected Bibliography of Recent Publications on Slavic Librarianship and Collections in the West." In *Association of College and Research Libraries, Slavic and East European Section Newsletter* 27 (2011), edited by Anna Shparberg. <http://www.gwu.edu/~sees/newsletter.html>.

———. "Selected Bibliography of Recent Publications on Slavic Librarianship and Collections in the West". In *Association of College and Research Libraries, Slavic and East European Section Newsletter* 26 (2010): 65-71, edited by Anna Shparberg. <http://hdl.handle.net/1773/15886>.

#### Subscription Databases/Electronic Resources Reviews

Reuscher, J. A. Review of Virginia Company Archives. *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Marlborough, Wiltshire: Adam Matthew Digital. Published simultaneously in *CHOICE Reviews Online* (2010). <http://www.cro2.org/default.aspx?page=reviewdisplay&pid=3576790>.

———. Review of Accessible Archives: Primary Source Material from 18th & 19th Century Periodicals. *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Published simultaneously in *Choice Reviews Online* (2009). <http://www.cro2.org/default.aspx?page=reviewdisplay&pid=3461272>.

———. Review of Colonial State Papers. *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Published simultaneously in *CHOICE Reviews Online*. (2008). <http://www.cro2.org/default.aspx?page=reviewdisplay&pid=3354023>.

#### Website Reviews

Reuscher, J. A. Review of The American Civil War Homepage. *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Published simultaneously in *CHOICE Reviews Online*. (2008). <http://www.cro2.org/default.aspx?page=reviewdisplay&pid=3334003>.

#### **Education:**

Master of Library and Information Science, Aug. 2007

ALA accredited

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Master of Arts – History, Dec. 2003

Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Science – Business Administration, May 2000

AACSB accredited

Minor in History

Alfred University, Alfred, New York

#### **Additional Certification:**

Certificate in Beginning Polish, awarded July 2010

Summer Language Institute, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Certificate in Intermediate Bulgarian, awarded July 2006

Sofia University, St. Kliment Ohridski, Sofia, Bulgaria

Certificate in Beginning Bulgarian, awarded July 2005

Summer Language Institute, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Scholastic Awards:**

Russian and East European Studies/Summer Language Institute Scholarship, University of Pittsburgh, 2010

American Council of Learned Societies Language Training Grant, 2006

American Research Center in Sofia Summer Grant, 2006

Dr. Robert D. Duncan Memorial Award, 2003-2004

Graduate Assistantships, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, 2002-2003

Presidential Scholar, Alfred University, 1996-2000

**Professional Memberships:**

American Library Association (ALA)

Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)

Slavic and East European Studies Section (SEES)

West European Studies Section (WESS)

Reference and User Services Association (RUSA)

Collection Development and Evaluation Section (CODES)

American Historical Association (AHA)