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HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW LIBRARY • 2929 VAN NESS ST., N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008
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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Master of Information and Library Studies, 1988

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY COLLEGE OF LAW

Juris Doctor, 1986

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Bachelor of Arts, 1983

EMPLOYMENT

HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW LIBRARY

Director and Associate Professor 2/01 - present

Provide for the overall direction and supervision of the law library.

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW LIBRARY

Associate Librarian 7/95 - 2/01

Duties include supervising the library when the Law Librarian is absent, teaching first-year legal bibliography, coordinating staff development programs and faculty liaison program, providing reference assistance and publishing the Law Library newsletter. Supervise the Reference Assistant and Graduate Research Assistants.

Public Services Librarian 10/90 - 7/95

Provided reference assistance, on-line searching, and tours. Supervised the Circulation Supervisor and the Library Assistant II for Outreach Services.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW TARLTON LAW LIBRARY

Reserve Room Librarian 9/89 - 9/90

Duties included reference assistance, on-line searches, collection development, tours, faculty and student liaison programs. Supervised library assistant and student assistants.

Reference Librarian 9/88 - 9/89

Provided reference assistance, on-line searches, tours, and created library exhibits.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Advanced Legal Research, 2002- present

Legal Reasoning, Research, and Writing (LRRW I) Research Lab, 2005- present

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA SCHOOL OF INFORMATION AND LIBRARY STUDIES

Legal Literature, 2002

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

First-Year Legal Bibliography, Instructor, 1991-2001

PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES (AALL)

Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (SIS), Awards Committee, 2005-06

Academic Law Libraries SIS, Legal Research Committee, 2004-05

Nominations Committee 2002-04

Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee, 1999-2001

Scholarships Committee, 1996-98 (Chair, 1997-98)

Committee on Mentoring and Retention (Chair, 1994-95)

Grants Committee, 1992-94 (Chair, 1993-94)

African-American Law Librarians, 1993-present

Newer Academic Law Librarians Roundtable (Coordinator, 1993)

Mentor Project (Coordinator, 1992-93)

Reader Services SIS, 1992-96 (Chair, By-Laws Committee, 1993)

Education Committee, 1990-92

Academic Law Libraries SIS, 1990-present

SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES (SEAALL)

SEAALL/LLSDC Annual Meeting 2008 Committee, (Co-Chair, 2006-08)

Community Service Committee, 2005-07 (Chair 2005-06)

50th Anniversary Committee, 2002-03

Local Arrangements Committee, SEAALL/SWALL 2001 Joint Meeting (Co-Chair)

Membership Committee, 1997-98

Program Committee, 1996-97

Secretary, 1994-96

Education Committee, 1993-94

Newsletter Committee (Advertising Manager, 1992-93)

CONSORTIUM OF SOUTHEASTERN LAW LIBRARIES (COSELL)

Past Chair, 2009-11

Chair, 2007-09

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, 2005-07

PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES (continued)

LAW LIBRARIANS' SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, D.C. (LLSDC)
Public Relations Committee (Chair, 2002-03)

ATLANTA LAW LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (ALLA)
Scholarship Committee, 1996-97, 1991-92
Continuing Education Institute (Co-Chair, 1996)
Recruitment Committee 1994-95 (Chair, 1991-92)
Newsletter Committee, 1993-94, 1990-92
Treasurer, 1992- 93

GEORGIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, 1990-2001

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES (SWALL)
Grants Committee, 1990
Public Relations Committee, 1990

AUSTIN LAW LIBRARIANS
Program Committee, 1989-90

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS (AALS)
Workshop for Law Librarians: *Changing Assumptions: the Role of the Law Librarian in the Legal Academy*, Planning Committee, 2007-08
Committee on Libraries and Technology, 2002- 05

NATIONAL EQUAL JUSTICE LIBRARY, Board of Directors, 2003- 08
Library Services Committee (Chair, 2004-05)

PUBLICATIONS

Rhea Ballard-Thrower, *Freeman v. Pitts*, in 1 ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATION 271 (Kofi Lomotey ed., 2010).

Rhea Ballard-Thrower, *Dayton Board of Education v. Brinkman, I and II*, in 1 ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATION 208 (Kofi Lomotey ed., 2010).

Profiling Minority Law Librarians: an Update, (written with Dwight King and Grace Mills) 101 L. LIBR. J. 267 (2009).

Leadership for the Twenty-First Century Library Director, in BEYOND THE BOOKS: PEOPLE, POLITICS AND LIBRARIANSHIP 239, (Leslie Lee and Michelle Wu, eds., 2007).

PUBLICATIONS (continued)

- Making Diversity a Goal through Strategic Planning*, (written with Grace M. Mills) in *ACHIEVING DIVERSITY: A HOW-TO-DO-IT MANUAL FOR LIBRARIANS* 16, (Barbara I. Dewey and Loretta Parham eds., 2006).
- Finding Free Legal Research Sites and Free Case Law*, in *FIND IT FREE AND FAST ON THE NET: ADVANCED STRATEGIES FOR THE LEGAL PROFESSIONAL* 1, National Business Institute (2005).
- Law Students Performing at a Class Near You*, 14 *PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING*, Fall 2005, at 5.
- Internet Strategies for the Paralegal in Georgia*, (written with Holliday Gordon), 1999 *INST. FOR PARALEGAL EDUC.* 2 (1999).
- Legal Bibliography Presentations Can Be Murder: an Alternative to the Lecture*, (written with Joe C. Morris) 16 *LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES Q.* 23 (1998).
- Webbing the Law: Finding Legal Information on the Web*, (written with Edna S. Dixon) *BLACK CAUCUS OF THE AM. LIBR. ASS'N THIRD NAT'L CONF.* 277 (1997).
- Profiling Minority Law Librarians: a Report on the 1992-93 Survey*, (written with Dwight King, Helena Lai, and Grace Mills) 87 *L. LIBR. J.* 247 (1995).
- A Review of Federal Legislative Histories: An Annotated Bibliography and Index to Officially Published Sources*, by Bernard D. Reams. 14 *LEGAL INFO. ALERT* 13 (Jan. 1995).
- a.[Multi-l + cultural a. 2.]*, 16 *READER SERVICES LIBRARIAN* 9 (1994).
- E-Mail Privacy*, (written with Jackie Shieh) 29 *EDUCOM REVIEW* 59 (March/April 1994).
- Pocket Guides to the Internet*, 19 *SOUTHEASTERN LAW LIBRARIAN* 10 (Winter 1994).
- The Neophyte's Guide to Nirvana*, 12 *LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES Q.* 79 (1992).
- Kreimer v. Morristown*, 29 *THE GEORGIA LIBRARIAN* 9 (Spr. 1992).
- All I Really Need To Know About Libraries I Learned From Dr. Suess*, 18 *SOUTHEASTERN LAW LIBRARIAN* 11 (Fall 1992).
- Advance Directives (part II): Durable Powers Of Attorney For Health Care In Georgia*, 10 *ATLANTA LAW LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER* 1 (Jun. 1991).

PUBLICATIONS (continued)

Cross-Training In A Law Library: Just Do It! TRENDS IN LAW LIBRARY MANAGEMENT & TECHNOLOGY 4 (May 1991).

Advance Directives (part I): Living Wills, 10 ATLANTA LAW LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER 1 (Mar. 1991).

RESEARCH

Electronic Textbooks in the Classroom: Technological Equalizer or a Return to Plessy, Research paper presented, 2004 Patterson Research Conference, United Negro College Fund, Washington, September 2004.

PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

“The Google Books Project: Library Friend or Foe?” Moderated program for the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Williamsburg, VA, April 2010.

"So You Think You Can Teach: Keeping the Audience Awake and Learning Alive," Program presented (with Nancy Johnson, Director, Georgia State Law Library; Faye E. Jones, Director, Florida State Law Library; Pamela Melton, Associate Director, University of South Carolina Law Library; Donna Nixon, Assistant Director for Public Services, University of North Carolina and Ron Wheeler, Associate Director, Georgia State Law Library) for the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, July 2009.

“Academic and Research Libraries: A Director’s Perspective,” Program presented (with Jack Siggins, University Librarian, George Washington University) for the American Research Libraries Leadership Institute, Washington, DC, September 17, 2007.

“Academic and Research Libraries: A Director’s Perspective,” Program presented (with Jack Siggins, University Librarian, George Washington University) for the American Research Libraries Leadership Institute, Washington, DC, September 2006.

“Newer Academic Law Library Directors Workshop,” Program presented (with Paul George, Director, University of Pennsylvania Law School Library; Nancy Johnson, Director, Georgia State University Law Library; Penny Hazelton, Director, University of Washington Law Library and Karl Gruben, Director, St. Thomas University Law Library) for the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, July 2006.

PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS (continued)

“Strategic Planning for Diversity,” Program presented (with Grace Mills, Director, Florida A & M University Law Library) for the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Raleigh, NC, April 2006.

“Academic and Research Libraries: Introduction to the Professional Universe,” Program presented (with Jack Siggins, University Librarian, George Washington University and Artemis Kirk, University Librarian, Georgetown University) for the American Research Libraries Leadership Institute, Washington, DC, September 2005.

Find it Free and Fast on the Net: Advanced Internet Strategies for the Washington, D.C. Legal Professional,” Program presented (with Steve Anderson, Librarian, Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC) for the National Business Institute, Washington, DC, April 2005.

“Moving Diversity from Being a Goal to Being a Necessity in Your Strategic Plan,” Program presented (with Professor Grace M. Mills) for the National Diversity in Libraries Conference, Atlanta, May 2004.

“Advanced Legal Research: Taking Legal Bibliography to the Next Step,” Program presented (with Jennifer Sekula and Professor Michael Whiteman) for the SEAALL Annual Meeting, Lexington, April 2003.

“Copyright and Other Legal Issues Involving the Library,” Program presented for the Church and Synagogue Library Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, July 2002.

“Student Workers: Love ‘em, Hate ‘em, Fix ‘em!,” Program presented (with Luis Acosta, Felicia Ayanbiola, Karen Douglas, Nancy Fritz, Kwei Hung, Ruth Owopetu and Lisa Smith-Butler) for the SEAALL Annual Meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, April 2002.

“The Young and the Restless: What Are the Realities of Professional Growth for Newer Academic Librarians?” panel speaker at the AALL Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, July 2001.

Internet Strategies for the Paralegal in Georgia,” Program presented (with Holliday Gordon) for the Institute for Paralegal Education, Atlanta, October 1999.

“Censorship@YourLibrary.Update.” Program presented (with Tim Coggins and James Hashek) for the SEAALL Annual Meeting, New Orleans, March 1998.

“Webbing the Law: Finding Legal Information on the Web.” Program presented (with Edna Dixon) for the Third National Conference of African American Librarians, Winston-Salem, August 1997.

PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS (continued)

“It Costs H-O-W Much? -- the Pricing of Legal Materials.” Program presented (with Georgia State University and the University of Georgia law librarians) for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education Program, *Cost Effective Legal Research*, Atlanta, April 1997.

“Minority Librarians in Law Librarianship.” Program coordinator and panel speaker (with Dwight King, Helena Lai, Grace Mills and Dr. Yvonne Chandler) at the SEAALL Annual Meeting, Tallahassee, Florida, April 1997.

“Throw the Book at Them: an Introduction to Basic Legal Reference.” Program presented (with Edna Dixon and Joe Morris) for the Georgia Council of Media Organizations 1996 Joint Conference. Columbus, Georgia, October 1996.

“See No Evil, Hear No Evil, Speak No Evil -- What Learning Style Are You?” Program Coordinator. AALL Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 1996.

“Connections for Survival: Firm, Academic and Public Law Librarians.” Program presented (with Kathy Crosslin and Donna Bausch) at the SEAALL Annual Meeting, Richmond, Virginia, April 1995.

"E-Mail is For U"
Program presented (with Nancy Deel and Jackie Shieh) at the SEAALL Annual Meeting, Asheville, North Carolina, March 1994.

"Gestalt And The Online Catalog: What Is Your Perception?"
Paper presented (with Jackie Shieh) at the Georgia Cooperative Ventures IV Conference, Savannah, Georgia, November 1992.

"Get That Job! - Job Interviewing Techniques" Panel Speaker, AALL Annual Meeting, San Francisco, July 1992.

"Mentor To Mentee: Passing The Word" Panel Speaker, AALL Annual Meeting, San Francisco, July, 1992.

"How Would You Handle This Situation? Ethical and Political Quandaries in Law Librarianship." Panel Speaker, AALL, Annual Meeting, Boston, August 1991.

"It All Started With An Apple: Information Malpractice." Panel Speaker. Georgia Health Sciences Library Association Conference, Savannah, Georgia, March 1991.

LAW SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE SERVICE

Howard University School of Law

William H. Karachmer High School Moot Court Competition, Judge, 2006-07
Special Committee on Institutional Structure, 2005-06
Judicial Clerkship Committee, 2005-
Ad Hoc Committee on Development, 2004-05
Brown at 50, 2002-04
Admissions and Financial Aid, 2002-03
Dean Search Committee, 2001
Special Committee on Library Policies, 2001-04

Howard University

Network Printing and Photocopying Work Group, 2004-
Safety and Security Task Force, 2002-

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Election Law Judge, Montgomery County Maryland, General Election, November 2, 2010

Election Law Judge, Montgomery County Maryland, Primary Election, September 14, 2010

Foreign Service Selection Board, U.S. Department of State, Second Session, August 2008

Election Law Judge, Montgomery County Maryland, Primary Election, February 12, 2008

Meals on Wheels, Montgomery County Maryland, Wheaton, Volunteer Greeter and Driver, 2006-08

Telephone Reassurance for Caregivers Program, Montgomery County, Maryland, Provided weekly call to senior citizen who was primary caregiver for sick relative, 2005.

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law, DC Election Protection Hotline, Volunteer Researcher, November 2, 2004

“Separate Is Not Equal: Brown v. Board of Education,” National Museum of American History, Docent, 2004–05

Montgomery County Maryland Health Department, Emergency Preparedness Plan, Volunteer Participant, June 2004

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (continued)

Johannes Kepler University Library -- Linz, Austria
Visiting Librarian, May, 1996
Performed a comparative study of the Kepler Law School libraries and the Georgia State

Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History
Docent, 1994-96

Georgia State University College of Law
Law Day Committee, 1993-95

Clark Atlanta University School of Information and Library Studies/Georgia State
University Law Library
Internship Supervisor, 1991-2000

AWARDS

Georgia State University
Sparks Award, 1997
(This award is given to ten faculty, staff or students each year in recognition of their
outstanding service and dedication to the University.)

Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries
Scholarship, 1995

Atlanta Law Libraries Association
Scholarship, August 1994

American Association of Law Libraries
Travel Grant, 1989 Graylyn Conference Third Annual Meeting, November 1989