

Annual Activities & Faculty Self Evaluation

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Rank: Associate University Librarian

Department: Digital and Learning Technology

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Period: August 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

Professional Activities/Academic Support:

2006 - 2007 (UWF Libraries)

2008 University Libraries Technology Infrastructure Position Papers and Budget Requests(PDFs): [UWF Libraries Learning Commons: White Paper](#); [Library Digital Initiatives Program and Literacy Studio](#); [IT Departmental Space](#), [Human Resources Needs List](#); [University Libraries New Media Centre](#)

Presentation to University Faculty Committee, 2006-2007 [Library Digital Initiatives\(ppt.\)](#)

University of West Florida 40th Anniversary Virtual Exhibit. [Project Proposal \(PDF\)](#)

2007 Website Redesign, [New Site Content Ownership Map and Information Architecture](#) with Caroline Thompson, Bob Sun, Lisandra Carmichael, and Jeannie Kammerman, [New Website Prototype](#), [Web Committee New Design Presentation](#)

[Library Digital Literacy Studio/Laboratory Proposal \(PDF\)](#)

Library Learning Commons White Paper (PDF)

Digital Learning and Technology Strategic Plans. [Vision Statement, Dr. D. Sally, Bob Sun and Dr. A](#)

[Hernandez\(PDF\)](#). [Directions\(PDF\) with Jeannie Kammerman](#). [White Paper Draft \(PDF\)](#).

[Archon](#). Digital Library and EAD Online Archives. With Melissa Finley Gonzalez and Dean Debolt, Head, Archives and Special Collections

[Metalib](#), [Beta 1](#), [2](#), [3](#). Cross Database Metasearch Database Resource Discovery Tool. With Caroline Thompson, Head of Reference.

[West Florida Photohistory Project \(Digitool with FCLA\)](#), [Palmm Project](#) (UWF Partner with FCLA)

[University of West Florida Digital and Learning Technology Workshops and Learning Speaker Series. 2006-2007](#)

John C. Pace Library Learning Technology Classroom (Organizer).

This year was productive and fruitful for both the advancement of the library information infrastructure and growth of the department of Digital and Learning Technology. A range of new digital and online products, services and infrastructures were implemented and seeds for a larger digital and learning technology program planned.

The first three months of this position were spent familiarizing myself with the present infrastructure and customizing an installation of Metalib, a federated database searching system. This involved coordinating with an internal group and external FCLA infrastructure. This application was successfully launched in January of 2007.

A reorientation of the existing Web committee to an implementation orientation produced a new site infrastructure and redesign. A new site content map, information architecture, image architecture and content update was developed for the larger website. This was married to university mandated templates and SUS/national academic library necessities. A final prototype was produced to launch in Fall.

Position papers and various digital budget proposals were developed for several new Digital Learning and Information Infrastructures: UWF Libraries Learning Commons, Library Digital Initiatives Program, Digital Media Laboratory.

A complex set of operations was worked out for placing UWF library archives online. This involved coordinating a team of internal and external players and new software paradigm (Archon → EAD → Dublin Core → Digitool). This methodology had advantages of scalability (DOL, Digital Object Level), enabling an in-house digital library presence and allowing interoperability with the state digital library (PALMM). UWF Libraries online archives methods became a state model and a recommended path for SUS Archives Online Production.

A UWF Digital and Learning Technology Workshop was instituted to raise faculty and staff awareness of national currents in academic libraries and technology and interdisciplinary tech endeavors. Speakers were brought from Apple (Podcasting), FCLA (Aleph 18, Endeca) UWF ATC (Social Networking Tools, Elluminate) and Pensacola's Institute for Human and Machine Cognition (Concept Mapping).

A virtual exhibit was planned for the University of West Florida 40th anniversary. This involved coordination with Archives and Special Collections and setting an initial infrastructure for future virtual exhibit production.

A new LMS Aleph 18 library management system was implemented.

Rating: Excellent

Research and Creative Activities:

"[Human Knowledge Seeking and Information Visualization: Exploring New Possibilities](#)". [Thompson ISI 2006 Samuel Lazerow Memorial Lecture](#). School of Information Studies. Texas Women's University, Fall 2006.
"Multimedia Information Visualization". [Library High Tech](#). Special Issue on 3D Information Visualization. 24:4 Winter 2006.
[Colloquium on Search Result Visualization](#): Organizer and Moderator. For ASIS&T "[Information Realities: Shaping the Digital Future](#)", Austin, 2006.
Workshop in Licensing and Purchasing Electronic Resources, Solinet, GCCC, 2006.
Florida State Universities Institute For Emerging Academic Leaders (Orlando, June 2007)
Computers In Libraries Scholarship (PLAN, Washington D.C., April 2007)
American Society of Information Science and Technology Award of Appreciation, November 2006

I was asked to present the *Thompson ISI 2006 Samuel Lazerow Memorial Lecture* at the School of Information Studies, Texas Women's University, Dallas/Fort Worth. The title of this lecture was "*Human Knowledge Seeking and Information Visualization: Exploring New Possibilities*". This was well received

An article was published in *Library High Tech* (24:4, Winter 2006) on "*Multimedia Information Visualization*" in a Special Issue on Information Visualization.

At this year's American Society of Information Science and Technology Annual Conference, I organized and moderated a colloquium *on New Resource Discovery Tools through Search Result Visualization*. This included a panel of luminaries from industry, academia and libraries (Linn Mark Collins, Los Alamos, Brad Eden: UC Santa Barbara, Chaomei Chen, iSchool at Drexel) .

Rating: Excellent

Service:

University of West Florida, Statewide and National Committees 2006 -

ECDC. Electronic Resources Development Committee
DAG. Director's Advisory Group
Library Automation Group
Library Faculty Advisory Council
CDC, Collection Development Committee
Electronic Resources State University Subcommittee
Council of State University Libraries (CSUL) Directors Task force on Digital Dark Archives
UWF Web Advisory Committee
Library Metalib Working Group
Library Website Committee
State University System LMS Technology Coordinators Group(Aleph 18, Endeca)
State University Libraries Technology Advisor's Group (TAG)
ASIS&T - American Society for Information Science and Technology (2004-2007 Chair, [SIG VIS](#), [Envisioning a Path to the Future E-Journal Editor](#))

I was a member of a number of committees this year on library, university, state and national levels.

On library and university wide levels, I participated in the Electronic Resources Development Committee, Director's Advisory Group, Library Automation Group, Library Faculty Council, Collection Development Committee, Library Metalib Working Group. Here, I chaired the Library Website committee and sat as the libraries representative for the university wide web committee.

On a state level, I participated in a council of State University Libraries Director's Task Force on Digital Dark Archives for Electronic Resources, the LMS new Aleph 18 Technology Coordinators Group and State University Libraries Technology Advisory Group.

On a national level, I was reelected chair for the American Society for Information Science and Technology - Special Interest Group for Visualization Information and Sound. Here, I also acted as 2006-2007 ASIS&T SIGVIS Conference Chair and web coordinator. At this past year's annual ASIS&T conference I was honored and given an Award of Appreciation for the past four year's revitalization of this group.

Rating: Excellent

I evaluate my overall performance as: Excellent

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Date: _____