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# Education

**Master of Library & Information Science**

University of Southern Mississippi—Hattiesburg, MS Degree awarded: May 2016

**Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education** University of West Georgia—Carrollton, GA Degree awarded: December 2006

# Experience

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES — MISSISSIPPI STATE, MS

## Assistant Professor/ Social Sciences Librarian 10/2018 to Present

* Provides in-person and virtual research consultations and assistance
* Develops and teaches course-specific research workshops and instruction
* Provides outreach to the following departments: Anthropology, Criminology, Political Science and Public Administration, Psychology, and Sociology
* Serves as Subject Specialist/Liaison for the following departments: Anthropology, Criminology, Political

Science and Public Administration, Psychology, and Sociology

* Creates and maintains research/course guides
* Provides in-person and virtual research consultations and assistance
* Participates regularly in committees, conferences, workshops, webinars, and training sessions to keep current in the field

**Library Associate, Research Services**  9/2017 to 10/2018

* Worked at Research Services Desk (In person, telephone, and online chat)
* Assisted students in the use of online catalog and databases to seek research resources
* Maintained current journals and newspapers
* Supervised student workers

SOUTH GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE—DOUGLAS, GA

**Information Services Librarian**  2/2016 to 4/2017

* Aided students in various aspects and techniques of research
* Developed and taught Information Literacy Classes
* Completed Collection Development for Business Department
* Completed Original Cataloging as needed

SATILLA REGIONAL LIBRARY AND SOUTH GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE—DOUGLAS, GA

**Intern** 6/2015 to 7/2015

* Worked public services desk in both libraries
* Developed and taught computer classes at the public library
* Completed collection development in Reference and Ready Reference collections at the public library
* Developed and taught information literacy classes at South Georgia State College
* Helped with weeding project in Nursing collection at South Georgia State College
* Assisted students in all aspects of research at South Georgia State College

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES — MISSISSIPPI STATE, MS

## Library Associate, Cataloging 7/2013 to 1/2015

* Performed copy cataloging of print and electronic monographic materials
* Prepared new and gift materials for circulation
* Maintained cataloging records and updated past records as needed
* Provided preliminary cataloging for State Adopted Textbooks and kits
* Assisted in rush books and inventory projects on a rotating schedule

# Publications

Bickford, R. (2017). An Analysis of LIS Job Postings in the United States. *SLIS Connecting*, 6(2), Article 7.

# Presentations and Poster Sessions

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Bickford, R. (2020, October). *Pandemic: What do we do now?*

Poster presented at Southeastern Library Association/Georgia Library Association Conference, Virtual.

Salisbury, P., Bickford, R., Engelbrecht, K., Thornton, B., Vardaman, L. (2019, September). *Additional duties as assigned: Best practices for succeeding outside your comfort zone.*

Panel Presentation at the Southeastern Library Association/Arkansas Library Association Conference, Hot Springs, AR.

# Grants

# Mississippi State University/Cunetto 2.3 - $28,931.70. Governor’s Emergency Education Response (GEER) Fund, MAGNOLIA Training Grant. Worked with Co PI’S Stephen Cunetto and Melody Dale developing and teaching classes for librarians in the State of Mississippi and parent of Mississippi school children on how to use the MAGNOLIA databases to continue school during COVID.

# Memberships

American Library Association. Member. *August 2014 – present*

Southeastern Library Association. Member *January 2018 – present*

Mississippi Library Association. Member *January 2018 – present*

# Committees

*Regional*

Southeastern Library Association (SELA) Vice-Chair. The Reference and Public Services Section, 2018-2020.

Southeastern Library Association (SELA) Chair. The Reference and Public Services Section, 2021-2023.

Southeastern Library Association (SELA) Planning Committee, Member, 2021-present.

*Local*

Library Assessment Committee (MSU) Member. 2019-2022

Honors and Student Success Committee (MSU) Member. 2019-2022

Library Hours Committee (MSU) Member. 2019-2022

Distance Education Committee (MSU) Member. 2019-2020

Research Committee (MSU) Member. 2019

**Technical skills**

**Strong Experience with:** Microsoft Office \* Sirsi Dynix Workflows \* OCLC Connexion Client \* Alma \* Primo \* Pines \* Windows & Mac