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Law Librarian
George William Hopper Law Library
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Employment

July 2014-present,
Law Librarian, Associate Library Director

July 2014-June 2015
Interim Library Director

January 2004-June 2014
Associate Law Librarian, Head of Public and Technical Services
George William Hopper Law Library, University of Wyoming College of Law
Manage and supervise technical services and public services staff including daily functions of acquisitions, cataloging, circulation, bindery, reserves, interlibrary loan, stack maintenance, library environment, and reference. Local administrative system duties for integrated library system, Sierra. Provide reference assistance for college, university, and public patrons. Instruct two sections of first year legal research course. Develop library guides, online tutorials, and web content. Member of College of Law faculty with service and publishing requirements; serve on college and university committees.

September 1999-December 2003
Assistant Law Librarian, Head of Public Services
George William Hopper Law Library, University of Wyoming College of Law
Head of Public Services, including reference, circulation, reserves, interlibrary loan, stack maintenance, and instructional technology. Instruct four sections of first year legal research course. Primary maintenance of law library web page.

May 1994-September 1999
Library Associate, Senior
George William Hopper Law Library, University of Wyoming College of Law
Full responsibility for circulation desk procedures, including overdues, shelving, reserves, statistics, book repairs, stack maintenance, interlibrary loan, and training and supervision of student workers. Reference assistance, library tours and individual instruction classes on Internet searching and the library online catalog. Produce handouts and research guides.

July 1990-August 1993
Lead Librarian, Baker and Taylor Books, Collection Development
Assist manager in coordinating activities within the Collection Development department, conflict resolution for Continuations and Approval programs, compile and maintain departmental standards and statistics, train new librarian staff, liaison between regional divisions. Responsible for the formulation of bibliographic description of materials and subject description of titles in the areas of social sciences and law. Select and maintain materials for the Continuations database.

EDUCATION

MLIS, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, May 1991

BA, Arizona State University, 1981, German major; History minor, summa cum laude

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Wyoming Legal Research, 2d ed. Teacher's Edition. Online only. (Carolina Academic Pr. 2017). Co-authored with Tawnya Plumb. (forthcoming)

Wyoming Legal Research, 2d ed. (Carolina Academic Pr. 2016). Co-authored with Tawnya Plumb.

Wyoming Legal Research. Teacher's Edition. Online only. (Carolina Academic Pr. 2014). Co-authored with Tawnya Plumb.

Wyoming Legal Research (Carolina Academic Pr. 2013). Co-authored with Tawnya Plumb.

Wyoming State Documents: A Bibliography of State Publications and Related Materials. Government Documents Special Interest Section, American Association of Law Libraries, 2006.

Articles

Digital Archives from the Ground Up: a Case Study of the University of Wyoming College of Law, DIGITAL LIBR. PERSP., Spring 2017 Special Issue. Co-authored with Tawnya Plumb. (forthcoming)

Making Use of Your Firm's Website, WYO. LAW., August 2016, at 48.

Resources for Solo and Small Firm Practitioners, WYO. LAW., Aug. 2015, at 64.

Hardware Technology Decisions for Solo and Small Firms, WYO. LAW., Feb. 2015, at 56.

Program F-4: Just in Time: Demand-Driven Acquisitions for E-Books, CRIV Program Review, The CRIV Sheet, Nov. 2014, at 4.
(<http://www.aallnet.org/mm/Publications/spectrum/Archives/Vol-19/No-2/criv.pdf>)

Access to Legal Forms, WYO. LAW., Dec. 2013, at 50.

Password Managers, WYO. LAW., Dec. 2012, at 56.

Comparison of Electronic Case Law Databases, WYO. LAW., Apr. 2012, at 62.

Program K-6: The New Generation of Legal Research Databases: Eighteen Months Later, The CRIV Sheet, AALL Spectrum, Nov. 2011, at 8.

Vendor Autoshipment Policies and the Librarian, The CRIV Sheet, AALL Spectrum, Feb. 2012, at 3.

Introduction to Legal Research, May 2011. A 10-part series on CD developed and produced for the Wyoming State Department of Corrections on legal research instruction for prisoners pursuing legal action pro se.

Twitter and Tweets, WYO. LAW., Feb. 2011, at 46.

Legislative Histories and the Practice of Statutory Interpretation in Wyoming, 10 WYO. L. REV. 559 (2010).

Using Rule 11 Sanctions to Persuade First-Year Students to Focus on Legal Research, 18 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING 143 (2010).

Wyoming Jury Verdicts and Settlements, WYO. LAW., Feb. 2010, at 54.

Internet Privacy: Protecting Yourself and Your Client, WYO. LAW., April 2009, at 54.

Wyoming Legal Research, CALI lesson, co-authored with Tawnya Plumb, Spring 2008.

The Best Free Legal Websites for Wyoming Attorneys, WYO. LAW., Dec. 2007, at 49.

Initiatives and Referenda in Wyoming, 26 LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES Q., Nos. 3/4 Fall 2007.
Co-authored with Tawnya Plumb

Wyoming Prestatehood Legal Materials, Part II, 7 WYO. L. REV. 333, (2007).

Wyoming Pre-Statehood Legal Materials: An Annotated Bibliography, in 2 *Prestatehood Legal Materials: a Fifty-State Research Guide, Including New York City and the District of Columbia* 1395 (Michael Chiorazzi and Marguerite Most, eds., 2005), reprinted in 7 WYO. L. REV. 50 (2007). Winner of Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographic Award for a significant contribution to legal bibliographic literature.

Using "Walking Tours" to Teach Research, 13 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING, Spring 2005, at 154-155.

PRESENTATIONS

Laramie County Community College Paralegal Course Library Night, Nov. 2016

Faculty Colloquium on Book Publishing, Oct. 2016.

Cost-Effective Legal Research, CLE and student workshop, April 2016.

Find it Fast and Free on the Net: Strategies for Legal Research on the Web, CLE presentation offered through National Business Institute, December 2015.

Efficient Legal Research, CLE, April 2015.

Rural Action Coalition, brown bag lunch speaker, April 2015.

Wyoming Scholars Repository, Selected Works Workshop, with Tawnya Plumb and Kelly Visnak, College of Law Faculty Colloquium, Fall 2014.

Teaching Legal Research, Wyoming Paralegals Society, Nov. 2014.

Technology Tools in Law Practice, Albany County Bar Association, with Tim Kearley, Tawnya Plumb, Amy Pearce, and Edward Havugimana, Nov. 2012.

Find it Free and Fast on the Net: Advanced Internet Strategies for the Wyoming Legal Professional, National Business Institute, Dec. 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011.

Co-presented with Tawnya Plumb. This presentation was accompanied by a manual for the 6-hour CLE course that we developed and updated each year.

The Struggle for Information Access and Instruction in Less Populous Areas, American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, July 2011.

Legal Instruction for Public Librarians: Getting Started, May 2011.

Webex session for public librarians, offered through the Wyoming State Library.

Legal Resources: The Courts and Case Law, May 2011.

Webex session for public librarians, offered through the Wyoming State Library.

Legal Resources: Statutes and Regulations, May 2011.

Webex session for public librarians, offered through the Wyoming State Library.

Disaster Planning, Training, and Preparedness Panel, WestPac Annual Meeting, Sept. 2008.

Legal Research Crash Course, College of Law 4-hour CLE, March 2008.

Co-presented with Tim Kearley and Tawnya Plumb

Western Legal History 101: Prestatehood Legal Materials: A Fifty-State Research Guide, panel member, WestPac Annual Meeting, Sept. 2006.

Free Legal Research Online, Wyoming State Bar Summit and Judicial Council, August 2006.

Co-presented with Timothy Kearley and Tawnya Plumb

Legal Research, Process and Resources: the Internet and Nexis, Wyoming Conference of Municipal Courts, May 2006.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **AALL** (American Association of Law Libraries) Member 2001-
 - AALL Publications and Research Committee, Fall 2007-2010
 - AALL CRIV Committee Member, 2011-2014
 - AALL Price Index for Legal Periodicals Committee, 2014-2015
 - AALL Chapter Development Award Jury, 2015-2016
 - AALL Chapter Professional Development Award Jury 2015-2016
- **ALL-SIS** (Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section of AALL) Member 2001-
 - Executive Board, Member at Large, 2011-2013
 - ALL-SIS Student Services Committee, Fall 2009-2010
 - ALL-SIS Faculty Services Committee, Fall 2007-2008
 - ALL-SIS Faculty Services Roundtable, facilitator on Scholarship Support, July 2008
 - ALL-SIS Newsletter Committee, 2004
- **RIPS-SIS** (Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section of AALL), 2003-2005
 - Research Instruction Committee, 2016-
- **University of Wyoming College of Law**
 - Admissions Committee, 2006-2008, 2009-2010, 2011-2014, 2016-
 - Assessment Committee, 2004-2005, 2012-
 - Academic Policies Committee, 2006-2007
 - Academic Planning Committee, 2003-2004, 2007-2008
 - Scholarship Committee, 2011-2014
 - Board of Advocates, Faculty Adviser, 2002-
 - Acting Library Director, Spring 2005, Spring 2013, Academic Year 2014-2015
 - Spence Historic Trials Competition, Public Relations Chair, 2014
 - Spence Historic Trials Competition, History Committee, 2016

- **University of Wyoming**
 - Faculty Senate Budget Planning Committee, 2008-2015 (chair 2013-2014)
 - Faculty Senate Executive Board, 2001-2002; 2013-2014
 - Libraries Automation Planning Group, 2003-2008-2011
 - Libraries Innovative Implementation Committee, 2009
 - Integrated Library System Committee, Chair (joint committee with UW Libraries), 2004
 - Outreach Committee, 2003-2008
 - Faculty Senate Library Council 2000-2003, 2012- (chair 2001-2002)
- **WestPac** (Western Pacific Chapter of American Association of Law Libraries),
 - Local Arrangements Committee, Chair, 2015-2016
 - Executive Board, Past President, 2009-2010
 - President, 2008-2009
 - Vice-President/President Elect, 2007-2009
 - ByLaws Committee, 2011-
 - Education Committee, Chair, 2007-2008
 - Grants Committee, 2007-2008
 - Nominations Committee, 2003-2005, 2013-2014
 - Public Relations Committee, 2002
- LearnLeo Research, beta tester, Fall 2016
- McNair's Scholar Mentor, 2006
- Wyoming State-Wide IMLS Connecting to Collections Grant Committee, 2008-2009
- Wyoming Supreme Court Open Records Committee, 2008-2010
- Wyoming League of Women voters, Laramie Chapter, guest resource, Nov. 2015