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KELLY D. BLESSINGER REFERENCE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT COORDINATOR LSU LIBRARIES

Present Rank: Associate Librarian
Date Appointed: October 1, 1999
Years of Service within LSU System: 8 years
Years Service Elsewhere: None

EDUCATION

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, M.L.I.S., 1999.
Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI, B.S., Earth Science, 1998.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LSU Libraries, Reference Department Assistant Coordinator, July 1, 2006-present.
LSU Libraries, Associate Librarian, July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006.
LSU Libraries, Assistant Librarian, October 1, 1999-June 30, 2005.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Thomas Cooper Science Library, University of South Carolina, Graduate Assistant in
Reference, May 1999-August 1999.
University of South Carolina, Graduate Assistant to Dr. Daniel Barron,
August 1998-May 1999.
Eastern Michigan Library, Student Assistant in Copy and Media Services,
August 1995-May 1997.

1.1 HISTORY OF ASSIGNMENTS

A report prepared by the Dean describing job assignments for job performance.

1.2. JOB PERFORMANCE

1.2.1 DOCUMENTATION OF JOB PERFORMANCE

Provided an average of eight hours a week of general and specialized reference and information services at a combined general Reference/Government Documents desk;

Assist in the daily supervision and operation of the department;

Fulfilled all collection development deadlines in Geology, Geography & Anthropology and Reference;

Designed and conducted subject specific graduate and undergraduate library instruction for subject areas of Geology, Geography, and Anthropology as well as general library instruction;

Planned and attended Reference Department and Collection Development Training Sessions;

Created training schedules for new librarians and graduate students;

Kept statistics and answered questions through the “Ask a Librarian” web form: <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/lib/dear.html>;

Serve as an instructor for the LIS 1001 Correspondence Course through Independent Study.

1.2.2 LISTING OF PUBLICATIONS CONCERNING JOB PERFORMANCE

1.2.2.1 Textbooks

1.2.2.2 Shorter Works

Articles in refereed journals or bulletins with national or international reputation

Blessinger, Kelly, “SLA Geographic Information Systems Awareness Grant.” *Information Outlook* v7 n11 (2003): 7-8.

1.2.2.3 Edited works

1.2.2.4 Recordings

1.2.2.5 Instructional material - multimedia, electronic, etc

Maintained and updated web-based subject guides from October 1999-present

Anthropology <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/soc/anthro.html>

Earth Science http://www.lib.lsu.edu/sci/earth_sciences.html

GIS <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/soc/geo/gis.html>

Geography <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/soc/geo/index.html>

Geology/Geophysics <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/sci/geology/index.html>

1.2.2.6 Miscellaneous

1.2.3 JOB RELATED PUBLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION BUT NOT YET PUBLISHED

1.2.4 PARTICIPATION IN:

1.2.4.1 Professional Meetings, Symposia, Workshops, and Conferences (other than artistic performances) on job duties

Attendee, SOLINET Management and Leadership Skills, Southeastern Louisiana University, December 12-13, 2007.

Attendee, Mapping Workshop: An Introduction to GIS & Community Analysis, Lantec Computer Training Center, May 8, 2007.

Attendee, College of DuPage Library Challenges and Opportunities 2007
Teleconference Series: Library Transformation: Making it Happen, The Relevance of Libraries in a Digital Age.

Attendee, College of DuPage Library Challenges and Opportunities 2005
Teleconference Series: Library Marketing, Library Transformation: Library as Place, and Library Hot Topics.

Attendee, SOLINET Introduction to Grants for Preservation Webcast, Louisiana State University, December 14, 2004.

Attendee, SOLINET Learning to Lead, University of New Orleans, December 9, 2004.

Attendee, EndNote Training, Frey Computer Services Center, October 21, 2004.

Attendee, Effective Time Management, Castillian Room, LSU Union,

October 11, 2004.

Attendee, Baton Rouge Demographic Analysis Workshop, Lantec Computer Training Center, August 5, 2004.

Attendee, Access I, Frey Computer Services Center, September 11, 2002.

Attendee, SOLINET Librarian as Communicator, Louisiana State University, September 28, 2001.

Attendee, Adobe Photoshop I & II, Frey Computer Services Center, July 10, 2001.

Attendee, SOLINET Virtual Reference, Louisiana State University, May 23, 2001.

Presenter, "CORC Pathfinders" at the SOLINET Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, 2001.

Student, GEOG 4001: Geography of Louisiana, Fall Semester, 2000.

Student, GEOG 4998: Vector GIS, CADGIS Lab, Spring Semester, 2000.

Attendee, SOLINET CORC Pathfinders, University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Coast, December 8, 2000.

Attendee, NetLibrary Instructional Presentation, Xavier University, October 6, 2000.

Attendee, ESRI Annual Conference, San Diego, 2000.

Attendee, Digital Imaging Workshop, Frey Computer Services Center, March 29, 2000.

Attendee, HTML Workshop, Frey Computing Services Center, February 2, 2000.

1.2.4.2 Local instructional activities

Presenter, Reference Librarianship: Current Situation and Trends. LIS 7002: Information Services. June 18, 2007.

Presenter with Paul Kelsey, Journal Citation Reports. Collection Development Training for subject liaisons. March 24, 2005.

Presenter with Sigrid Kelsey and Michael Brooks, Virtual Reference.

Training and progress report for Virtual Reference for Reference Staff.
January 31, 2003.

Presenter, Anthropology Databases. Training for Reference Staff on Anthropological Index Online (AIO), Electronic Human Relation Area Files (E-HRAF) and Handbook of Latin American Studies. November 1, 2002.

Presenter, GIS and Libraries. LIS 7203: Government Information Sources. November 6, 2001.

Presenter, LandView v.IV-VI. Training for Reference Staff on the government issued GIS software. Small group sessions from July 12-18, 2001 and new hires as needed.

1.2.5 OTHER JOB RELATED ACTIVITIES OR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROFESSION

1.2.5.1 Membership in professional organizations See 1.4.4

1.2.5.2 Administrative Duties

Supervise four Library and Information Science graduate students who work an average of 20 hours per week each.

Chair, Reference Grants Committee 2004-2006.

Member, Virtual Reference Committee 2001-2004.

Conducted a field experience with Peggy Chalaron, Sigrid Kelsey and SLIS graduate student Melissa Mallon, Spring 2007

Conducted a field experience with Peggy Chalaron and SLIS graduate student Michele McCullar, Fall 2004.

1.2.5.3 New teaching methods/material developed, etc.

1.2.6 AWARDS, HONORS, OR PRIZES THAT SHOW RECOGNITION OF JOB PERFORMANCE

Certificate of Merit in recognition and appreciation for providing leadership and fulfilling the obligations of the office of Louisiana/Southern Mississippi Chapter President of SLA 2004-2005.

1.2.7 RESEARCH SUPPORT/GRANT ACTIVITIES AIMED AT IMPROVING LIBRARY SERVICES

Principal Investigator with Co-Investigators Nancy Colyar and Faye Phillips (LSU Libraries) for a one year grant proposal to the Louisiana Board of Regents. The grant proposal if funded will allow renovation of 241A of Middleton Library into a Communicative Collaboration and Webcasting Studio. Submitted September 22, 2007, funding determination expected May, 2008.

Principal Investigator for a grant through the Institute of Turkish Studies at Georgetown University for a 2007-2008 Academic Year grant. If funded, the grant would provide \$2,500 for monographs relating to Turkish Studies. Funded in the amount of \$2,000.

Principal Investigator with Co-Principal Investigator John Anderson (LSU Libraries) for a three year SLA Endowment Grant to establish a Geographic Information Systems awareness program for the Special Libraries Association. This is an interdivisional endeavor to make those in other SLA divisions more aware of GIS, and to welcome them to participate. Funded [\$10,495], November 2000.

Member of the Louisiana Ornithological Database Grant

This grant proposed to electronically catalog the Louisiana bird nesting and sighting records available from the Louisiana State University's Museum of Natural Science. The sighting records are currently only available in print form, and are very labor intensive to use. This grant would have cataloged the materials in an electronic format in a database and plotted the bird sightings and nesting habits with GIS software. I would have been responsible for the GIS component of the grant. Date submitted to IMLS, December 1999. Not Funded.

1.3 RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY

1.3.1 LISTING OF RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

1.3.1.1 Books and Monographs

1.3.1.2 Shorter Works

Chapters or essays in books

Blessinger, Kelly, "Problem Patrons: All Shapes and Sizes" *Helping the Difficult Library Patron: New Approaches to Examining and Resolving a Long-Standing and Ongoing Problem*. Ed. Kwasi Sarkodie-Mensah. Binghamton, NY, Haworth Information Press, 2002. 3-10. (Also published simultaneously as *The Reference Librarian*, No. 75/76, 2002.)

Barron, Daniel D. and Kelly D. Blessinger, "Curriculum" *Association for Library and Information Science Education Statistical Report 2000*. Ed. Evelyn H. Daniel and Jerry D. Saye. Arlington, VA: ALISE, 2000. 239-266.

Barron, Daniel D. and Kelly D. Blessinger, "Curriculum" *Association for Library and Information Science Education Statistical Report 1999*. Ed. Evelyn H. Daniel and Jerry D. Saye. Arlington, VA: ALISE, 1999. 231-254.

Articles in refereed journals or bulletins: Journals of national and international reputation; all other refereed journals

Blessinger, Kelly and Michele McCullar. "Analysis of a Decade in Library Literature 1994-2004." *College & Research Libraries*. v.68 no.2, pp 155-69 (2007).

Blessinger, Kelly and Maureen Olle. "Content Analysis of the Leading General Academic Databases." *Library Collections Acquisitions and Technical Services*. v.28 no.3, pp. 335-346 (2004).

Blessinger, Kelly and Maureen Olle. "Comparison of Three Primary Aggregator Databases." *The Serials Librarian*. v.45 no.1, pp. 53-58 (2003).

Blessinger, Kelly. "Trends in the Job Market for Librarians: 1985-2000." *E-JASL: The Electronic Journal of Academic and Special Librarianship* [Online], v.3 no.1-2 (Winter 2002). Available: <http://southernlibrarianship.icaap.org/>

Other publications

Senior Contributor, "Geography" *Bowker's Best Reference Books: Volume 1*. New Providence, NJ, R.R. Bowker, L.L.C. 2005. pp. 267-291.

Senior Contributor, "Anthropology" *The Best Reference Books*. New Providence, NJ, R.R. Bowker, L.L.C. 2005. pp. 295-304.

Contributor, "Geography" *The Best Books for Academic Libraries: Volume 6, Social Sciences*. Temecula, CA, The Best Books, Inc. 2003. pp. 1-23.

Contributor, "Anthropology" *The Best Books for Academic Libraries: Volume 6, Social Sciences*. Temecula, CA, The Best Books, Inc. 2003. pp. 32-68.

Contributor, "Geology" *The Best Books for Academic Libraries: Volume 1, Science, Technology & Agriculture*. Temecula, CA, The Best Books, Inc. 2002. pp. 209-231.

1.3.1.3 Edited books with scholarly introductions or notes by the editor

1.3.1.4 Collections of previously unpublished items material, correspondence and diaries

1.3.1.5 Recordings

1.3.1.6 Miscellaneous

Peer reviewer for *College and Research Libraries* 2007-.

Peer reviewer for a chapter of the *Handbook of Research on Computer Mediated Communication*. Forthcoming.

Blessinger, Kelly. Review of *Human Resource Management in Today's Academic Library: Meeting Challenges and Creating Opportunities*" (book review). *Library Quarterly* v 75 n2 (2005): 224-226.

Blessinger, Kelly, "Sci-Tech Conference Program Summaries: Academic Science and Engineering Librarians Roundtable: Building Bridges to our Users: Liaison, Outreach, and Marketing Programs that Work." *Sci-Tech News* v 55 n3 (2001): 49.

1.3.1.7 Electronic Dissemination of Research See 1.3.1.2.

1.3.2 LISTING OF OTHER PUBLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION BUT NOT YET PUBLISHED

Blessinger, Kelly. Review of *Hands-On Guide to Video Blogging and Podcasting: Emerging Media Tools for Business Communication* (book review). *Journal of Web Librarianship* v 1 n 2 (2007): 93-95.

Work Submitted

Work in Progress.

A study on the most cited journal articles within the profession for topic focus, landmark ideas in the field.

A study on the cultural atmosphere of today's academic library involving human resource management, professional development and publication.

1.3.3 OTHER CREATIVE AND ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTIONS

1.3.3.1 Original works presented: plays, poetry, musical compositions, art, designs, completed projects (interior design, architecture, landscape etc.)

- 1.3.3.2 Other creative activities; contributions to theatrical productions, guest artist in solo or collaborative presentations in juried competitions.**
- 1.3.4 PARTICIPATION IN OTHER PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS, SYMPOSIA, AND CONFERENCES OTHER THAN ARTISTIC PERFORMANCES**
See 1.4.4
- 1.3.5 OTHER SCHOLARLY OR CREATIVE ACTIVITIES OR OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROFESSION**
- 1.3.5.1 Membership in professional organizations; See 1.4.4**
- 1.3.5.2 Administrative Duties; See 1.4.4**
- 1.3.5.3 New standard testing methods, new design of equipment, etc.**
- 1.3.6 OTHER AWARDS, LECTURESHIPS, OR PRIZES THAT SHOW RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARLY OR ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT.**
- Selected for inclusion in three Marquis Who's Who publications:
- Who's Who of Emerging Leaders - 2007, 1st Edition (pub. 2006)
Who's Who in America - 2006, 60th Edition (pub. 2005)
- 1.3.7 OTHER RESEARCH SUPPORT/GRANT ACTIVITIES.**
- Awarded travel grant from the Office of Research & Graduate Studies to present at the SLA Annual Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, 2004.
- 1.3.8 Theses/dissertations directed:**
- 1.3.9 MAJOR AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST.**
- Science reference research
Electronic databases and journals
Serial studies
Education/career trends for librarians
Publication trends for librarians
Continuing education for librarians
- 1.4 SERVICE**
- 1.4.1 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS ADVISED**
- 1.4.2 RECRUITMENT OF STUDENTS AND FACULTY**

Member, Agriculture/Information Literacy Librarian Screening Committee, Fall 2007

Member, Social Sciences and Humanities Collection Development Coordinator Screening Committee, Fall 2007

Chair, Senior Government Information/Microforms Librarian Screening Committee, Summer 2006

Chair, Science Reference Librarian (Engineering) Screening Committee, Spring 2004

Member, Science Reference Librarian (Life Sciences) Screening Committee, Spring 2004

Chair, Business Reference Librarian Screening Committee, Spring 2001.

Member, Head of Reference Services Screening Committee, Spring 2000.

1.4.3 University Service

Faculty Senate 2001-2002.

University Committee on Committees 2000-2003.
Chair 2001-2003.

Library Service

Mentoring Committee, 2007-.

Mentor for Alexis Carrasquel, 2006-.

Library Faculty Policy Committee (elected position) 2006-.
Chair 2006-2007.

Mentor for Carol Bell, 2005-.

Reappointment Review Committee Member for Alice Daugherty and Mitch Fontenot with Linda Smith Griffin and Lois Kuyper-Rushing

Tenure Review Committee for Paul Kelsey and Maureen Olle with Tom Diamond and Elaine Smyth, 2005-2006.

Reappointment Review Committee Member for Mike Russo and Paul Hrycaj with Nancy Colyar and Peggy Chalaron, 2005.

Peer mentor for Karen Dennison, 2004.

Library Staff Association 2002-.

Chair, Fundraising Committee, Library Staff Association Bake Sale.

Peer Mentor for Suzanne Ebanues, 2001-2002.

Library Automation Advisory Committee, 2002-2003.

Represented Library at Fall Fest, 2001-2004; 2006.

Connexion Liaison for the Reference Department with Peggy Chalaron 2000-.
Attended training sessions on pathfinder creation in Connexion (then CORC) and presented on behalf of LSU Libraries at two conferences in 2001, Louisiana Libraries and the SOLINET Annual Conference.

United Way Liaison for the Libraries 2000; 2003.

Represented Library at Taste of LSU 2000; 2002.

Represented Library at Various Outreach functions including Freshmen Orientation and Graduate Student Orientation

Represented Library at Intech Technology Fair, 2000.

1.4.4 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

National Service

Special Libraries Association 2000-.

Special Libraries Association Annual Conference 2000-.

Presenter, "Spotlight, The Best Social Science Web sites" at the SLA Annual Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, 2004.

Special Libraries Association Leadership Summit, 2004-05.

Science and Technology Division 2000; 2007.

Program Planner, Science and Technology Division, SLA Annual Conference 2008.

Social Sciences Division 2003-.

Geography and Map Section, 2003-.

Secretary, Geography and Map Section 2004-2005.

Web Page Administrator, Geography and Map Section, SLA 2003-.

List Moderator, Geography and Map Section 2004-.

Geography and Map Division 2000-2003.

Awards Committee, Geography and Map Division, SLA 2003.

Nominations Committee, Geography and Map Division, SLA 2002.

Web Page Administrator, Geography and Map Division, SLA 2001-.
Chair, GIS Awareness Grant Committee, SLA 2001-2003.

American Library Association 2005-2006.

American Library Association Annual Conference 1999.

Grant reviewer for IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) with John Anderson, Nancy Colyar, and Jane Kleiner 2002.

Regional Service

Louisiana/Southern Mississippi Chapter of the Special Libraries Association 2000-

Louisiana/Southern Mississippi Chapter Meetings 2000-.

Membership Chair, 2005-.

President, 2004-2005.

President Elect, 2003-2004.

Secretary, 2000-2003.

Site Planner, "Becoming a Great Web Searcher" virtual seminar with presenter Rita Vine September 14th, 2004, Hill Memorial Library Lecture Hall. A collaboration of the Louisiana/Southern Mississippi Chapter of SLA, the LSU Libraries, and the School of Library and Information Science at LSU.

Blessinger, Kelly "LaSoMi Chapter Demographics." *The LaSoMiNewsletter* v60 n1 (2007): 10-11.

Blessinger, Kelly, "SLA Conference Statistics." *The LaSoMiNewsletter* v58 n3 (2005): 8, 10.

Blessinger, Kelly, "President's Message." *The LaSoMiNewsletter* v58 n2 (2005): 1-2.

Blessinger, Kelly, "Louisiana/Southern Mississippi Chapter Survey Results." *The LaSoMiNewsletter* v58 n2 (2005): 6-12.

Blessinger, Kelly, "President's Message." *The LaSoMiNewsletter* v58 n1 (2005):1.

Blessinger, Kelly, "President's Message." *The LaSoMiNewsletter* v57 n4 (2004): 1-2.

Blessinger, Kelly, "President's Message." *The LaSoMiNewsletter* v57 n3 (2004): 1-2.

Blessinger, Kelly, "2004 Leadership Summit." *The LaSoMi Newsletter* v57 n2 (2004): 5.

Blessinger, Kelly, "Recommendation from the Kentucky Chapter." *The LaSoMi Newsletter* v57 n2 (2004): 7-10.

Blessinger, Kelly, "LaSoMi Spring 2002 Meeting." *The LaSoMi Newsletter* v56 n1 (2002): 3.

Blessinger, Kelly, "Minutes for the LaSoMi Fall 2001 Meeting." *The LaSoMi Newsletter* v55 n3 (2002): 2, 7.

Blessinger, Kelly, "Summary of the LaSoMi Spring Meeting." *The LaSoMi Newsletter* v55 n1 (2001): 4.
Blessinger, Kelly, "Minutes for LaSoMi Spring 2001 Business Meeting." *The LaSoMi Newsletter* v55 n 1 (2001): 8.
Blessinger, Kelly, "Summary of LaSoMi Fall Meeting." *The LaSoMi Newsletter* v54 n3 (2001): 4.

State Service

Louisiana Library Association 2001-2003.

Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference 2001-2003; 2007-.

Presenter, "Geographic Resources on the Internet" at the Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 2007
Member, Contributed Papers, Posters and Sharing Sessions Committee, 2002.

Member, Local Arrangements Committee, 2002.

Moderator, "All About Us: The Literature of Louisiana Librarianship" at the Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 2002.

Panelist, "SOLINET Presents netLibrary" at the Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 2002.

Presenter, "CORC: The LSU Experience" at the Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference, Lafayette, Louisiana, 2001.

LOUIS Users Conference Annual Conference, 2004; 2006

Local Service

Volunteer, Louisiana Book Festival, 2002; 2004.

Other

1.4.4.1 Advisory boards, commissions, or agencies

Editorial Advisory Board, *Best Books Database* project.

Reviewed and determined a core list of monograph titles in Geology, Geography and Anthropology from a list supplied by the publisher.

Journals edited, manuscripts refereed, books and proposals reviewed

Indexer for the Bayou State Periodicals Index 2002-2004.

OTHER EXTERNAL SERVICE

1.4.5.1 Art shows/science fairs judged