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EXPERIENCE

VERMONT LAW SCHOOL, JULY, 1990 –

Environmental Law Librarian and Associate Professor of Law, 2019 –

Environmental Law Librarian and Assistant Professor of Law, 2016 –2019

Environmental Law Librarian and Adjunct Professor of Law, 2009-2016

Environmental Law Librarian, 2002 –

- Oversee the 1L Legal Research instruction program.
- Provide formal instruction in research methods, including developing and teaching the one-credit first year Legal Research course as well as upper level research classes and workshops in law, environmental law, and international environmental research.
- Teach one-credit Advanced Environmental Legal Research course during summer and fall terms.
- Academic Advisor.
- Collection development/selection of print and electronic resources for the Environmental Collection and much of the General Legal Collection.
- Serve as faculty/librarian liaison to the Environmental faculty.
- Provide full range of reference services.
- Member, Student Services Committee.
- Member, Curriculum Committee
- Advisor to VLS Animal Law Society.
- Presenter at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the National Association of Environmental Law Societies.
- Presenter at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Society of Environmental Journalists.
- Oversaw Westlaw and Lexis services (2002-2010).
- 2008 and 2009 Recipient of VLS Women's Law Group's Phenomenal Women award, and nominee most years since.

Head of Reference Services, 1996-2002

- Managed the Reference Department, taught 1L Legal Research, and participated in library-wide planning.
- Oversaw the following reference and research services: Computer Assisted Legal Research, the Legal Research Instruction Program, Research Guide preparation, the Faculty Liaison Program, the VLS library website, and the Faculty Research Assistant Program.
- The 2000 Recipient of the annual Student Bar Association's Staff Excellence of Service Award.

Head of Public Services (Temporary Appointment) October 1996 - April 1997

Managed the operations of the Reference, Circulation, Inter-Library Loan, and AV units.

Reference Librarian 1990-1996

Provided full range of reference services to VLS patrons and local attorneys.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

YALE UNIVERSITY, STERLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY - Reference Librarian

- Coordinator of Online Searching, and Chair of the Serials Committee.
- Provided full range of reference services, research instruction, and online searching.

The Taft School, Hulbert Taft Jr., Library - Library Director

- Managed private secondary school library with a staff of eight. Introduced online searching and faculty awareness program. Reorganized collection development procedures and technical services processing

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, BAKER LIBRARY - Reference Librarian

- Provided full range of reference services, coordinated online searching, presented research classes, developed and periodically revised *A Guide to Using the Dartmouth College Library*.
- Selector for Anthropology books and resources.
- Initiated a three-month job exchange with Trinity College, Dublin.

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, OLIN LIBRARY - Reference Librarian

EDUCATION

Dartmouth College, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies

Simmons College, Master of Science, Library Science

University of Connecticut, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Vermont Law School, Regularly audit law and environmental law classes
and attend relevant conferences and lectures.

Workshop, Seminar and Conference attendance throughout career.

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- Created, update, and maintain the Vermont Law School [*Environmental Law Research Sources Database*](#).

- Created, update, and maintain four VLS Research Guides: [Environmental Law Research Guide](#), [Energy Law & Policy Research](#), [Federal Legislative History Research](#), and [Environmental & Climate Change Information Deleted from Federal Government Web Sites](#).
- Christine Ryan, *How to Research* section of David Firestone's book *Environmental Law for Non-Lawyers*. Several editions since 2006. Most recent, 2014.
- Co-developer of hybrid/online 1L Legal Research course. 2013.
- American Association of Law Libraries, Legal Research Sourcebook Committee. 2010 – 2012.
- Christine Ryan, et. al., *State Documents Bibliography: Vermont – An Updated Guide to the Vermont Legal System*. 2009.
- Presenter at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the National Association of Environmental Law Societies.
- Presenter at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Society of Environmental Journalists.
- American Association of Law Libraries Excellence in Marketing Award for Best Use of Technology. For production of *The Legal Research Project*. 2002.
- New England Law Librarians. Membership Chair, and Newsletter reporter for Vermont, 1998 - 2000.
- American Association of Law Librarians. Initiated and moderated a week-long Listserv on Reassessing Reference Services. 2000.
- Vermont Paralegal Organization. Planned, hosted, and presented a day-long workshop at VLS focused on online Legal Research. 1998.
- Christine Ryan, *Review of The Lawyer's Research Companion: A Concise Guide to Sources*. Law Library Journal. 1998.
- Christine Ryan, et al., *Best Research Techniques*. Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research & Writing, Fall 1996.