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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

01/2023-Present Director, Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. Law Library

01/2023-Present Professor

Formulates and implements the law library's long-range strategic plan, including collection development, budget, space allocation, and staffing.

Develops and administers policies and procedures assuring compliance with American Bar Association and Association of American Law Schools accreditation standards.

Prepares, justifies, and administers the annual law library budget; works with the Dean of Operations, vendors, and procurement to purchase and pay for library materials and resources, ensuring vendors are paid in a timely manner and tracking all library spending to stay within budget.

Recruits, supervises, trains, and evaluates professional law library staff; leads collection development and consortium agreements.

Teaches Legal Reasoning, Research, and Writing (LRRW) I – Legal Research Lab, instructing multiple sections of first-year law students (enrollments of 25–30 per section).

Instructs students in foundational legal research skills, including case law, statutory, and secondary source research, citation, and research strategy.

Serves as a full member of the law faculty, chairing the Library Committee and representing the library in faculty and administrative meetings.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

07/2021-12/2022 Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

03/2019-12/2022 Associate Professor with Tenure and Head of Technical Services

08/2016-03/2019 Head of Technical Services and Assistant Professor

01/2013-08/2016 Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor

MORAINE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

08/2011-12/2012 Assistant Librarian, Cataloging

PRITZKER LEGAL RESEARCH CENTER, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

08/2011-12/2012 Law Library Reference Associate

HOWARD UNIVERSITY LAW LIBRARY

Fall 2010 Student Intern

LEGAL TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Spring Break 2009 Student Intern

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

PROFESSOR, HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

01/2023-Present Legal Reasoning, Research, and Writing (LRRW) I – Legal Research Lab

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

01/2013-12/2022 Lawyering Skills: Legal Research I & II

05/2018-12/2022 Advanced Electronic Legal Research

PUBLICATIONS

Moving Towards Independence in Legal Research. Work in Progress.

Jones, Alicia, and Cornelius Pereira (compilers and eds.). *Illinois State Documents*. Occasional Papers, American Association of Law Libraries State Documents Bibliography No. 3-111. Government Documents Special Interest Section (2018). https://access.heinonline.com/HOL/P?h=hein.lbr/ilnostdc0001&i=1

The Constitutional Conventions of Illinois: An Annotated Bibliography, 40 Southern Illinois University Law Journal 221 (2016) (with Douglas Lind). https://access.heinonline.com/HOL/P?h=hein.journals/siulj40&i=245

Book Review, *Law 101: Everything You Need to Know About American Law, Fourth Edition*, 107 Law Library Journal 148 (2015). https://access.heinonline.com/HOL/P?h=hein.journals/llj107&i=148

H4: Emerging Technologies and Teaching for the 21st Century Librarian, Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section, American Association of Law Libraries, ALL-SIS Newsletter, Fall 2013, at 32. https://access.heinonline.com/HOL/P?h=hein.lbr/aallallsis0038&i=32

Research Guide: Law Library Resources for First Year Law Students, August 2013.

E-Discovery at ABA TECHSHOW, ABA Site-tation, American Bar Association, Mar. 27, 2009.

EDUCATION

2010	M.S.	Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
1995	J.D.	Howard University School of Law
1991	B.A.	Political Science, North Carolina Central University

AWARDS

2021	Outstanding Teacher, Southern Illinois University School of Law
2020-2021	Valiant Women of the Vote Honoree, John A. Logan College
2019	Celebrate Women Faculty Mentoring Award, Southern Illinois University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & DEVELOPMENT

PRESENTATIONS

June 2022	Presenter, *Excelling at the Job Talk: Do's and Don'ts*, Lutie Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Boston, MA.
July 2021	Presenter, *Writing while Directing and Using your Librarian Effectively*, Academic Support Black Women's Collective Conference.
March 2021	Panel Member, *Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silenced*, 2021 Women's History Month Virtual Celebration, John A. Logan College.
2017, 2019, 2022	Guest Lecturer, *The American Legal System*, Forensic Botany, Department of Plant Biology, Center of Ecology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL (February).
Jan. 2016-Jan. 2020	Facilitator, Women in Leadership Workshop, SIU School of Law.
Fall 2016	Guest Lecturer, *Researching and Finding Administrative Regulations and Agency Information*, Administrative Law, SIU School of Law.
Summer 2015 & 2016	Guest Lecturer, *Research and Understanding Administrative Regulations*, Education Law Seminar (online), SIU School of Law.
Dec. 4, 2015	Presenter, *The Commons: Getting Students the Help They Need*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO (co-presented with Prof. Sue Liemer and Prof. Twinette Johnson).
June 2015	Speaker, *Basic Legal Research*, Street Law Program, Southern Illinois University School of Law, Carbondale, IL.
Feb. 21, 2014	Speaker, *African-American Farmers, Unions and Legislation*, A Song from the Field: An Investigation of the Black Experience in the Delta, Southern Illinois University School of Law, Carbondale, IL.

SERVICE

Howard University School of Law

2023	Dean of the School of Law Search Committee
2024-2026	Library Committee
2023-2024	Scholarly Activities Committee
2024-2026	Intellectual Life Committee
2024-2026	Sabbatical Leave Committee

Southern Illinois University School of Law

2019	Dean of the School of Law Search Committee
2019-2020	Curriculum Committee
2018-2022	Personnel Committee
2017-2021	Admissions Committee
2016-2023	Antiracism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Self-Study Working Group
2016	Academic Support Long-Range Planning Committee

2013-2014	Long-Range Planning Committee

Southern Illinois University

2022	Provost Search Committee
2015	Committee on the Role of Library Faculty in Community Engagement
2014	Dean of Library Affairs Search Committee, Morris Library
2014	Head of Circulation Search Committee, Morris Library

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2018-2022	Faculty Advisor, Women's Law Forum RSO
2016-2022	Faculty Advisor, Black Law Students Association RSO
2014-2022	Faculty Advisor, Women of Diversity RSO
Winter 2014	Jackson-Union County Habitat for Humanity
2013-2022	SIU School of Law Reference Desk
2013-2016	SIU Self-Help Legal Center

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2016-2017	Program Planning Committee, Black Caucus of the American Association of Law Libraries
2016-2017	Marketing Committee, Black Caucus of the American Association of Law Libraries
2014-2016	Annual Scholarship Dinner Committee, Black Caucus of the American Association of Law Libraries
2014-2016	Teach-In Kit Committee, Reference Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section, American Association of Law Libraries

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Court of Appeals of Maryland
Maryland State Bar Association
American Association of Law Libraries
Mid-America Association of Law Libraries
American Bar Association
Association of American Law Schools
Law Librarian Society of the District of Columbia