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## Curriculum Vitæ

### Education:

1990, Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Library Science. Dissertation: *Effects of Spatial Cognition and Route Complexity on the Ability of Fifth Graders and High School Students to Find Known Items on Library Shelves.*

1974, M.L.S., University of Rhode Island; Library Science.

1969, A. B., Smith College, *magna cum laude*; English.

### University Experience:

Professor and Director, University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, 2006 - present

Assistant Director and Coordinator of Distance Learning, URI, GSLIS, 2003 –2006

Associate Professor, URI, GSLIS, 1994 – 2006

Assistant Professor, URI, GSLIS, 1990 – 1994

Instructor, URI, GSLIS, 1988 – 1990

### Courses taught:

LSC 515 (Information Ethics and Intellectual Freedom)

LSC 521 (Public Library Services)

LSC 530 (Reading Interests of Children)

LSC 533 (Digital Resources for Youth)

LSC 535 (Public Library Services to Children and Young Adults)

LSC 557 (Research and Evaluation for Library and Information Services)

LSC 595 (Professional Field Experience)

### Work Experience:

1977-1984, Supervisor, Children's Services, Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield, Massachusetts

1974-1977, Children's Librarian I, Boston Public Library, Boston, Massachusetts

1970-1977, Pre-professional Library Assistant, Boston Public Library, Boston, Massachusetts

1970, Administrative Assistant, Columbia Investment Company, Bangor, Maine

### Awards and Honors:

2012, Sweetheart of the Year, RI Coalition of Library Advocates

2012, Honorary Co-Chair, Read Across Rhode Island

2005, James Duffy Research Grant, URI, Center for the Humanities

2005, Outstanding Graduate Studies Award, URI, Graduate School

1993, Distinguished Graduate, URI, GSLIS

1986-87, M. E. Kalp Fellowship, UNC/CH, School of Library Science  
1985-86, Limited Service Award, UNC/CH, Graduate School  
1984-85, Alumni Graduate Fellowship, UNC/CH  
1984, Certificate of Appreciation, Massachusetts House of Representatives, for service to Berkshire Athenaeum  
1971, Joseph H. Center Scholarship, Boston Public Library  
1969, *magna cum saturo*, Smith College, Classics Department  
1969, Phi Beta Kappa

#### **Published Research:**

"The Education of Alice M. Jordan and the Origins of the Boston Public Library Training School," *Libraries & the Cultural Record* 46, 1 (2011): 26-49.

"Camping Out in the People's Palace: Public Library Space for Boston Children, 1895-1975," *Children & Libraries* 8, 1 (Spring 2010): 3-7.

*Well Dressed Role Models: The Portrayal of Women in Biographies for Children*. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2006.

"Alice M. Jordan," in *Pioneers and Leaders in Library Services to Youth: A Biographical Dictionary*, ed. Marilyn L. Miller, pp. 119-121. Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited, 2003.

"Amelia Howard Munson," in *Pioneers and Leaders in Library Services to Youth: A Biographical Dictionary*, ed. Marilyn L. Miller, pp. 170-172. Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited, 2003.

"Minerva A. Sanders," in *Pioneers and Leaders in Library Services to Youth: A Biographical Dictionary*, ed. Marilyn L. Miller, pp. 209-211. Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited, 2003.

Kelly Adams, Clare Curran-Ball, Susan Flagg, David Fontaine, Christopher Sisson, and Lynn Wardle, co-authors. "Use of the Internet by Youth-Serving Librarians in Rhode Island." *Journal of Youth Services in Libraries* 14 (2001): 52-58.

"A Nation at Risk and the Library Community's Response." In *School Library Journal's Best: A Reader for Children's, Young Adult, and School Librarians*, ed. by Lillian N. Gerhardt, Marilyn L. Miller, and Thomas W. Downen. New York: Neal-Schuman, 1997. Reprinted from *School Library Journal* 32 (December, 1985): 28-31.

McCarthy, Cheryl, co-author. "The Art of the Possible: Integrating Information Skills and Literature into the Curriculum." *Emergency Librarian* 23, 1 (Sept./Oct. 1995): 24-30.

Vocino, Michael, and Melanie Taylor, co-authors. "Evaluating Signs in a University Library." *Collection Management* 16, 3 (1992): 81-101.

"Lost in the Library: Are Spatial Skills Important in Shelf Searches?" *Journal of Youth Services in Libraries* 5 (Fall, 1991): 77-86.

"Wayfinding in the Library: Book Searches and Route Uncertainty." *RQ* 30 (Summer, 1991): 519-527.

"What the Public Children's Librarian Needs to Know about Locational Skills Instruction in Elementary Schools." *Journal of Youth Services in Libraries* 2 (Summer, 1989): 357-366.

Burgin, Robert, co-author. "An Analysis of Research Articles Published in the Core Library and Information Science Journals of 1983." ERIC, ED 291 378.

"Self-Help Books with Problems of Their Own," *School Library Journal* 27 (Feb., 1981): 32-33.

#### **Research in Progress:**

*Alice M. Jordan and the Round Table of Children's Librarians*. Biographical study of a career spanning the missionary and consolidation phases of children's services in public libraries. James Duffy Research Grant awarded to support initial travel, November, 2005; Scarecrow Press contract signed, March 2, 2006; sabbatical awarded, fall, 2008; in progress.

#### **Reviews:**

*Biographical Passages: Essays on Victorian and Modernist Biography*, by Joe Law and Linda K. Hughes. *Library Quarterly* 71 (January, 2001): 77-78.

*Managing Library Outreach Programs*, by Marcia Trotta. *School Library Journal* 39 (August, 1993): 52.

*Information Is Empowering: Developing Public Library Services for Youth at Risk*, 2d ed., by Stan Weisner. *Public Libraries* 32 (July, 1993): 230.

*Give 'Em What They Want! Managing the Public's Library*, by The Baltimore County Public Library's Blue Ribbon Committee. *School Library Journal* 38 (December, 1992): 38.

*Output Measures for Public Library Service to Children*, by Virginia A. Walter, and *Library Service to Children: A Guide to the Research, Planning, and Policy Literature*, by Phyllis Van Orden. *Public Libraries* 31 (November, 1992): 376.

*Books, Babies, and Libraries: Serving Infants, Toddlers, Their Parents & Caregivers*, by Ellin Greene. *School Library Journal* 38 (August, 1992): 91.

*Reference Services for Children and Young Adults*, by Rosemary Riechel. *Public Libraries* 31 (May, 1992): 185.

*Library Performance, Accountability, and Responsiveness*, edited by Charles C. Curran and F. William Summers. *Public Libraries* 31 (March, 1992): 120-121.

*Children's Library Services Handbook*, by Jane Gardner Connor. *Public Libraries* 30 (May, 1991): 183-184.

*The Culture and Control of Expertise: Toward a Sociological Understanding of Librarianship*, by Michael F. Winter. *Public Libraries* 28 (March, 1989): 127-128.

Reviews of children's and young adult books, for *School Library Journal*, 1977-1984.

#### **Invited and Refereed Conference Presentations:**

"Sea Captain's Daughter: Alice M. Jordan's Maine Roots." Maine Library Association, Portland, ME, October 29, 2011.

"Conservatism and Empathy: Alice M. Jordan's Book Reviews for *The Horn Book*." Children's Literature Association, Roanoke, VA, June 24, 2011.

"The Education of Alice M. Jordan and the Round Table of Children's Librarians." Association for Library and Information Science Education, Denver, CO, January 21, 2009.

"Booktalking for Intellectual Freedom." Rhode Island Educational Media Association, Cranston, RI, April 27, 2007.

"Alice M. Jordan and the Round Table of Children's Librarians." New England Library Association, Burlington, VT, October 23, 2006.

"From Heroine to Role Model: Girls' Biographies Dress Up." Children's Literature Association, Manhattan Beach, CA, June, 2006.

"Spice Up Storytime with Puppets." For New England Round Table of Children's Librarians panel, "Spice Up Storytime," headed by Molly Hancock. New England Library Association Conference, Manchester, NH, September 28, 2004.

"Multicultural Storytelling: Celebration or Cultural Larceny?" Arizona Library Association Conference, Phoenix, AZ, December 6, 2002.

"How to Do a Book Talk." Massachusetts School Library Media Association Conference, Sturbridge, MA, October 28, 2002. <<http://www.uri.edu/artsci/lsc/geaton/MSLMAtalk/index.htm>>

With panelists Aaron Coutu, Diane Hogan, Sally Nelson, and Amy Skolnik. "Inventing Tomorrow's Libraries: Asking a New Generation." New England Library Association Conference, Sturbridge, MA, October 20, 2002.

"Multicultural Storytelling: Celebration or Cultural Larceny?" New Hampshire Library Association Conference, Manchester, NH, May 15, 2002.

"The Well-Dressed Role Model: Women in Biographies for Youth." Maine Libraries Conference, Augusta, ME, May 7, 2000.

"Get with the Program: Pulling It All Together in Your Library." New Hampshire Library Association/New Hampshire Educational Media Association joint conference, Manchester, NH, May 10, 1999.

"Puppetry Workshops: Involving the Creative Child." Rhode Island Library Association Spring Conference, Salve Regina University, Newport, RI, May 28, 1997.

"Redefining History: Good Queen Bess: Heroine, Villain, or Child of Her Time?" New England Library Association Annual Conference, Manchester, NH, October 7, 1996.

"'Good' Queen Bess? Changing Images in Children's Books." Rhode Island Library Association Spring Conference, Johnson and Wales University, June 7, 1996.

With Cheryl McCarthy: "Reader's Theater and Children as Storytellers: Fun with Oral Skills in Elementary and Middle School." New Hampshire and New England Educational Media Associations, Joint Conference, April 3, 1993.

#### **Service Presentations:**

"URI GSLIS: Promoting a Joyous Profession." UMass Amherst, W. E. B. Du Bois Library, "The Indispensable Librarian: Confessions and Tales of a Proud Profession" (library career reception with practitioner panel and reps from MLIS programs), October 21, 2009.

With Ed Harris (University of Southern Connecticut) and Michele Cloonan (Simmons College): panel discussion for annual meeting of the Boston Library Consortium, June 2, 2009.

"Children's Rooms: Imagination, Synomorphs, and Unintended Results." Friends of the Middletown Public Library, Newport, RI, March 9, 2008.

"Clothing the Role Models: Well-Dressed Biographies." URI Library, Kingston, RI, November 2, 2006. In conjunction with Special Collections exhibit.

"Clothing the Role Models: Well-Dressed Biographies." URI Diversity Week, Providence, RI, September 28, 2006.

"Pocahontas: Four Political Fictions." URI Diversity Week, September 30, 2003. Added: 2-week website and online discussion list.

"Pocahontas: Four Political Fictions." URI Diversity Week, October 9, 2002.

With panelists Julie Brown, Joyce May, and Joan Mouradjian. "Building Community: Low-Tech Concerns in a High-Tech Environment." RI Dept of Higher Education conference, "Using Technology in Teaching: Ideas That Work," January 18, 2002.

"Asynchronous Course Delivery: From E-Mail to WebCT." URI GSLIS, Meeting of the Full-time and Adjunct Faculty, March 3, 2001.

"The Well-Dressed Role Model: Women in Juvenile Biographies, 1946." URI GSLIS, Continuing Education Series, March 4, 1999.

Speech for National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. Portsmouth (RI) High School, March 21, 1996.

With Cheryl McCarthy: "The Telling and Teaching of Stories." Two-day presentation at Summer Institute, Library Power/Providence, August 13-14, 1992.

"Children's Librarians, Literary Quality, and the Rewards of Reading." Speech to Rhode Island Children's Librarians, RI Department of State Library Services continuing education program, October 23, 1989.

Panel discussion on Intellectual Freedom, South Kingstown High School School Library Media Center, March 16, 1989.

#### **Online Presentations:**

"GSLIS Ethics Orientation." Designed to facilitate GSLIS compliance with Graduate School requirement that incoming students be trained in ethical treatment of human subjects, and to place it in professional context.

"Multicultural Storytelling: Celebration or Cultural Larceny?" URI Multicultural Center, Diversity Week, October 4, 2001. <<http://www.uri.edu/artsci/lsc/cpd/01multi/index.htm>> Web site led to speaking engagements at New Hampshire and Arizona Library Association Conferences.

"Children's Library Services: A Community Approach." Designed site for presenter Kathy Ryan. Facilitated online discussion of alliance building for support of young readers, March 2 - March 9, 2001.

#### **Consulting and Service:**

Read Across Rhode Island, Honorary Chair, 2011.

Karla Harry Legislative Commission on R.I. Library Services, 2006-

Rhode Island Coalition of Library Advocates, Board of Directors, GSLIS representative, 1995-1996, 2000, 2006- ; mailing list manager, 2009- .

WILIS Advisory Committee, 2008-2010 ; Survey Report Working Group, 2009- 2010.

*An On-Line Encyclopedia of Rhode Island: A 21<sup>st</sup> Century "Lively Experiment,"* Consulted on Planning Study, 6/1/2003, supported by NEH grant PA-23851-01.

Advisory Board, *Dictionary of Pioneers and Leaders in Library Services to Youth* (Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited, 2003).

*J of Library and Information Science Education*, Referee, 2002.

Manuscript review for Greenwood Press, Beta Phi Mu series, 2000.

Brown University Women Writers Program and Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services, "In Her Own Words: Elizabeth I Onstage and Online"; bibliography; June, 1997.

Wheaton College Library, Special Consultant to Signage Committee, October 11, 1996.

State of Rhode Island Library Board, Advocacy Task Force, 1994-1995, 1996-1997; statistical analysis of legislator survey, February, 1996; February, 1995.

*RQ*, Referee, 1988-1997.

Proposal Review Committee (Outreach expenses for 1992 Summer Reading Program), Rhode Island Department of State Library Services, 1992, 1993

RHILINET Evaluation Committee, Rhode Island Department of State Library Services, 1992

Children's Services Advisory Council, Rhode Island Department of State Library Services, 1988-1990; recording secretary, 1988-1989

### **Grants**

U. S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, Laura Bush Grant, co-PI. The Next Step: An Internship-Based Continuing Education Model. PI Charles Seivard, Development Officer, NELINET. Application December, 2006. Unfunded.

### **Memberships in Professional Organizations and Associations:**

American Library Association, 1980-

Association for Library Service to Children, 1980-

Public Library Association, 1993-

Library Research Round Table, 1995-

Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, 2011-

Association for Library and Information Science Education, 1987- ;

Organization and Bylaws Committee, 1991-1993

Historical Perspectives SIG, Co-convener, 2009

Information Ethics SIG, founding member, 2006

Youth Services SIG

Biographers International Organization, 2010-

Children's Literature Association, 1990-

New England Library Association, 1975-1984, 1989-

Conference Committee, 2002

New England Roundtable of Children's Librarians, President's Advisor, 1999-

Rhode Island Library Association, 1988- ;

Conference Committee, 1997-1998

Continuing Education Committee, chair, 2000

### **Local Institutional Activities:**

#### **University:**

Ad Hoc Online Advisory Committee, 2011-

Faculty Senate, 1995-1997, 2001-2004, 2010-

Faculty Senate Library Committee, 1990-1994, 2011- ; chair, 2011-

Harrington School, Steering Committee, 2010-

Office of the Provost, Academic Plan Task Force on Online Teaching/Distance Learning, 2010

URI University Club, Treasurer, 1993-1994; Co-chair, Program Committee, 1994-1995; Board, 2010-2011

College of Arts and Sciences, Tellers' Committee, Chair, 2009, 2011  
College of Arts and Sciences, Ad Hoc Committee on Assessment, 2008-2011  
College of Arts and Sciences, Dean's Advisory Committee, 2004-2010  
Administrator Evaluation Committee (AEC), representative of the Provost, 2008  
Global University 8 (GU8) Consortium, Subcommittee on Library Services, 2007  
Graduate Council, 2006-2008  
    Subcommittee on Tuition Scholarships, 2008  
    Nominating Committee, 2007  
    Subcommittee on Online Courses, 2006-2007  
    Subcommittee on Recruitment, 2006-2007  
University Online Committee, 2006-2008  
    Academic Subcommittee, 2007-2008  
Judicial Appeals Committee, 2005-2008  
Intellectual Property Committee, 2004-2005  
Research Ethics Fellow, 2004  
Phi Beta Kappa, Rhode Island Chapter B, treasurer, 2000-2004  
Program Quality Review chair, Women's Studies, 2001-2002  
College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, 1996-1999, 2000-2003  
Graduate Council, fall, 2000  
Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee, 1995, 1997-2000  
College of Arts and Sciences Election Committee, 1999-2000  
Faculty Senate Committee on Bylaws and University Constitution, 1994-1995

**GSLIS:**

Coordinator, Program Presentation for ALA Accreditation, 1995-1996, 2006-2007, 2009-2010  
Student surveys, 1996, 2004, 2006, 2009  
Alumni surveys, 1995, 2004, 2006  
GSLIS Advisory Committee  
    Outcomes Assessment Subcommittee, 2007-  
    Mentoring and Recruitment Subcommittee, 2007-  
Planning and Evaluation Committee, chair, 2007-  
Search Committee, GSLIS assistant professor, chair, 2006-2007  
External Funding Committee, 2006-  
Admissions Committee, 1988-1989, 1994-1996, 2005-  
Ad Hoc Committee on Advisement, chair, 2005-2006  
Ad Hoc Committee on Student Standard, 2005-2006  
    (Submitted assessment minigrant proposal for focus group interviews with employers)  
Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Standard, 2005-2006  
Alumni Relations Committee, chair, 2003-2006  
    (Handles newsletter, phonathon, annual gathering)  
Developer, Ethics Orientation Module, 2003  
Developer, recruitment brochure and PowerPoint presentation, 2003-2004  
Drafted GSLIS Vision Statement, 2003  
Curriculum Committee, 1988-2003, 2004-2005; chair, 1992-1999, 2002-2003  
Subcommittee on Professional Field Experience, chair, 2000  
Continuing Professional Development Committee, 1999-2002; chair, 1999-2000  
    (March, 2001: organized first GSLIS online continuing professional development event)  
Distance Education Committee, 1999-2002; co-chair, 1999-2001  
Faculty Development Committee, chair, 2000-2001; member, 2003-  
    (March, 2001: presentation to GSLIS faculty and adjuncts on using WebCT)  
Search Committee, GSLIS director, member, 1997  
Search Committee, assistant professor, chair, 1996

Liaison to University Library, 1992-2005

Faculty-Student Liaison, 1991-1992

Annual Gathering Committee, 1996-1997, 1988-1990; chair, 1996-1997 and 1989-1990