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Education:

M.L.I.S., Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2006

M.S., Mass Communication, University of Southern Mississippi, 2002

B.A., Journalism, University of Mississippi, 1995 (Minor in English)

Relevant/Professional Experience:

Assistant Professor/Instructional Services Librarian, Mississippi State University Libraries, September 2006 to present.

- Teach bibliographic instruction sessions on how to use library and online resources.
- Create and maintain subject, departmental and database research guides.
- Assist library patrons through the Reference Department, Atrium Information Desk and “Ask-A-Librarian” virtual chat reference.
- Serve as library co-liaison to the Department of History in the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Serve as library liaison to the Department of Communication in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Intern, Network of Alabama Academic Libraries, June 2006 to August 2006.

- Performed cost-benefit analysis on contractual agreement with large academic publisher.

Research Assistant, University of Alabama, School of Library and Information Studies, August 2005 to May 2006.

- Collected data for study on the small literary press in library collections.
- Copyedited notes section of *Bohemian New Orleans: The Story of the Outsider and Loujon Press* by Jeff Weddle, University Press of Mississippi, 2007.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Southern Mississippi, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, August 2001 to August 2002.

- Taught laboratory component of undergraduate radio production course.

Other Work Experience:

Amtemps Inc., Nashville, Tennessee, Administrative/Clerical Support, August 2003 to March 2005.

Bullseye Marketing Research Inc., Nashville, Tennessee, Callout Research Associate, May to September 2003.

Clear Channel Communications, Hattiesburg and Tupelo, Mississippi, Disc Jockey, Producer, Music Director and Public Service Director, March 1997 to August 2000.

Mississippi Radio Group, Tupelo, Mississippi, Disc Jockey and Producer, October 1996 to March 1997.

Telesouth Communications, Oxford, Mississippi, Disc Jockey and Producer, August 1995 to October 1996.

Publications – Peer-Reviewed Articles

Downey, Elizabeth M., “Graphic Novels in Curriculum and Instruction Collections.” *Reference & User Services Quarterly* 49, no. 2 (Winter 2009): 181-188. Also available online at <http://www.rusq.org/2010/01/03/graphic-novels-in-curriculum-and-instruction-collections/>

Downey, Elizabeth M. and Karen Davidson, “Graphic Novels in Graduate-Level Library and Information Studies Literature and Materials Courses.” *New Review of Children’s Literature and Librarianship*, 18, no. 2 (November 2012): xxx-xxx. (forthcoming).

Publications – Non Peer-Reviewed

Downey, Elizabeth M., and Stephen Abram. "Our User Experience: Puzzle Pieces Falling into Place--Workshop Report." *Serials Librarian* 55, no. 3 (October 2008): 461-468.

Presentations and Poster Sessions - National

Downey, Elizabeth and Karen Davidson. “Graphic Novels on Campus: Academic Collaboration and Outreach with the K-12 Community.” Poster session presented at American Library Association Annual Convention, Washington, D.C., 2010.

Presentations and Poster Sessions - State and Regional

Downey, Elizabeth and Karen Davidson. "Graphic Novels on Campus: Collaboration and Outreach with the K-12 Community." Poster session presented at Mississippi Library Association Annual Convention, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 2009.

Downey, Elizabeth. "Incorporating Information Literacy into the Workforce." Workshop presented at the Mississippi Association of Career and Technical Education Conference, Raymond, Mississippi, 2009.

Downey, Elizabeth. "Genealogy 2.0: Using Famiva for Family Tree Collaboration." Workshop presented at 10th Annual Regional Genealogical Fair, Mississippi State University, 2008.

Downey, Elizabeth. "Using Web 2.0 to Build Your Family Tree from The Roots Up." Workshop presented at Mississippi Library 2.0 Summit, Mississippi State University, 2008.

Lee, Deborah & Elizabeth Downey. "MegaResource School Librarian Workshops: Forging Strategic Alliances." Poster session presented at Mississippi Library Association Annual Convention, Vicksburg, Mississippi, 2007.

Honors and Awards

Beta Phi Mu, Beta Kappa Chapter, inducted 2007.

Professional Activities

National Committees

- Member, Association of College & Research Libraries/Instruction Section, Information Literacy in the Disciplines Committee, 2011-2013, 2011-present.
- Member, New Members Round Table/American Library Association, Marshall Cavendish Award Committee, 2010-2011.
- Member, New Members Round Table/American Library Association, President's Program and Membership Meeting Committee, 2008-2009, 2010-2011.
- *Chair*, New Members Round Table/American Library Association, Student Chapter of the Year Award Committee, 2009-2010; Member, 2007-2009.
- Member, New Members Round Table/American Library Association, Nominating Committee, 2009-2010.

- Member, New Members Round Table/American Library Association, Liaison Coordination and Support Committee, 2007-2008

State Committees

- Secretary/Treasurer, Mississippi Library Association-Association of College and Research Libraries Section, January 2008-January 2009.
- Member, Mississippi Library Association, Internal Audit Committee, 2007-2009.
- Member, Mississippi Library Association, Archives and History Committee, 2007-2008.

University Committees

- Member, MegaResource Planning Committee, September 2006-present.
- Member, Collection Development, September 2006-present.
- Member, OPAC Subcommittee, August 2007-present.
- Member, Publicity & Community Outreach Committee, August 2007-August 2009; October 2010-present.
- Member, National Library Week Committee, August 2007-April 2008.
- Member, Mississippi Library 2.0 Summit Planning Committee, March-June 2008.
- Member, CONTENTdm User Group Planning Committee, April –July 2008.
- Member, Digital Preservation & Access Unit Advisory Committee, February 2008-August 2009.

Current Professional Memberships

American Library Association
New Members Round Table/American Library Association
Association of College and Research Libraries/American Library Association,
Instruction Section
Mississippi Library Association

Professional Development and Continuing Education

ACRL Immersion Program 2011 - Teacher Track, Seattle University, Seattle, Washington, July 2011.

American Library Association Annual Convention 2011, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2011.

Presenter, American Library Association Annual Convention 2010, Washington, D.C., June 2010.

Presenter, Mississippi Library Association Annual Convention, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, October 21-23, 2009.

ACRL 2009 Conference, Association of College and Research Libraries, Seattle, Washington, March 2009.

Mississippi Library Association Annual Convention, Natchez, Mississippi, October 2008.

American Library Association Annual Convention 2008, Anaheim, California, June 2008.

Presenter, Mississippi Library Association Annual Convention 2007, Vicksburg, Mississippi, October 2007.

American Library Association Annual Convention 2007, Washington, D.C., June 2007.

SOLINET Course, "Information Literacy: the Shape of Future Instruction," Mississippi State University, September 2006.