

KRISTYN CARAGHER

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LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor & Reference and Liaison Librarian (STEM)

3/2020-Present

University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL

- Conduct original research and contribute to scholarly knowledge in the LIS field
- Design instruction and provide curricular support for targeted courses in the College of Engineering and two departments in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Mathematics, Statistics, & Computer Science and Physics
- Conduct one-on-one research consultations
- Develop and manage collections in assigned areas
- Advocate for the research and curricular needs of faculty, students, and staff in assigned academic units
- Promote the library's initiatives such as research data management, open access and scholarly communication as appropriate
- Participate in outreach to both the UIC campus and the community about the Library's services, resources and programs
- Research support and information services in person and virtually
- Course-integrated instruction and general workshops
- Development of online instructional materials (e.g. tutorials, research guides, integrating library services into Blackboard)

Teen Librarian—YOUmedia

8/2018-2/2020

Chicago Public Library, Chicago, IL

- Assisted with the transition from the old Roosevelt Branch to the new, co-housed Little Italy Branch and Taylor Street Apartments
- Prepared and established the new YOUmedia space, a digital learning lab for teens
- Organized the Little Italy Branch YOUmedia program calendar as well vetting presenters and organizations outside of CPL; ensuring programming ties into the HOMAGO and connected-learning frameworks
- Managed teen interns and volunteers, which requires the facilitation and oversight of all staff-created teen and teen-led programming; training teen interns and volunteers on best practices for customer service and programming; and managing all intern and volunteer schedules and tasks
- Cultivated relationships with the Chicago Housing Authority, Heartland Alliance, and other CHA related organization in order to engage and serve new CHA teens and residents
- Selected to participate in the Teen Summer Planning Committee in order to plan, organize, and execute the system-wide Teen Summer Challenge for 2018-2020
- Performs Person in Charge responsibilities as needed, which includes supervising a staff of 10 plus people

Adult Librarian, 12/2017-8/2018

- Assists library patrons in using facility resources, both print and online resources
- Assists in developing and administering library programs and services
- Responds to questions and requests for information regarding library collections
- Oversees library collections and makes recommendations for the acquisition of new materials and collections
- Conducts research on bibliographic data using library databases and the Internet
- Markets original and system-wide library programs, services and exhibits, including designing flyers and outreach to local businesses, organizations, and schools

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- Compiles and maintains records and reports of library activities and inventories
- Performs person in charge responsibilities, including supervising the work of pages, clerical staff, librarians, and security and janitorial staff

Reference Librarian, Adult Services

12/2016-12/2017

Des Plaines Public Library, Des Plaines, Illinois

- Plans, publicizes and, co-hosts adult programs: Pint and Click, which focuses on the intersection of pop culture and technology as well as the newly created Millennials + Libraries program, aimed at people in their 20s and 30s
- Conducts outreach and builds relationships with local businesses and organizations
- Responsible for the selection and weeding of law, pets, garden, and sports books and non-fiction Kindle e-books
- Provides reference services face-to-face as well as via email and phone to adult patrons at a busy public service desk, utilizing a variety of print and online resources
- Conducts Book-a-Librarian sessions, bibliographic instruction and technology assistance
- Updates and maintains the Law/Government webpage using ExpressionEngine
- Performs Librarian-in-Charge responsibilities as needed

Media Data Management/ Instructional Resources Curator Assistant

9/2014-8/2016

Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

- Provided reference services face-to-face and via chat and email
- Assisted instructors and the media production team with the identification of open-access media material for integration into original curriculum content
- Created instructional materials, such as research guides, for instructors, media production team and others to use throughout the MOOC production process
- Incorporated archival content into the Instructional Resources stock media database and generated relevant metadata for improved search and retrieval

Anti-Oppression Workshop Series

1/2016-5/2016

University Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Designed, implemented and facilitated 6 hour-long anti-oppression trainings for over 80 library and staff employees
- Worked with the Library Diversity Committee and University Librarian to integrate training into annual reports and identify next steps for diversity-related training
- Worked with training support staff to assess series and evaluate results, with majority participant satisfaction

iSchool Advancement Assistant

10/2013-8/2015

School of Information Sciences, Office of Advancement and Alumni Affairs, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

- Consulted the weekly gift report in order to update FACTS database records and acknowledge donors as prescribed by Office standards
- Connected current students and iSchool alumni with other, working iSchool LIS professionals in order to create networking and/or shadowing opportunities

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- Attended and worked the 2014 and 2015 ALA conferences and their associated, iSchool alumni events

Library Circulation Assistant

8/2013-5/2014

Albert E. Jenner Jr. Law Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Enforce circulation policies, check materials in and out, process hold and Interlibrary Loan, reserve, and I-Share Illinois items using Voyager integrated library system
- Educate patrons on how to navigate the library website, how to set up a library account, and how to perform searches using the library catalog.

EDUCATION

Certificate of Advanced Study, Library and Information Science, 2016

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Master of Science, Library and Information Science, Concentration in Museum Studies, 2014

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Bachelor of Arts, Gender and Women's Studies, 2008

University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Caragher, Kristyn, Aisha Connor-Gaten, and Tracy Drake. "Anti-Racist Librarianship for Public Libraries" *PLA 2018: Ten Essential Programs*. Chicago: Public Library Association. 2018.

Caragher, Kristyn, Katie Dove-Taylor and Melissa Prescott. "Disrupting Whiteness: Three Perspectives on White Anti-Racist Librarianship" In *Topographies of Whiteness: Mapping Whiteness in Library and Information Science*, edited by Gina Schlesselman-Tarango, Sacramento: Litwin Books/Library Juice Press. 2017.

Caragher, Kristyn, Aisha Connor-Gaten and Tracy Drake. "Collections Decoded: Reflections and Strategies for Anti-racist Collection Development." *Brick and Click Proceedings: An Academic Librarian Symposium*, edited by Frank Baudino, Maryville, Missouri: Northwest State University. 2017.

Caragher, Kristyn. "Anti-Oppression Workshop Series at the University Library." CAS report. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 2016. <http://hdl.handle.net/2142/97950>.

PRESENTATIONS

"Building Libraries That Empower All Youth." Next Library. Aarhus, Denmark. 3 June 2019. Interactive session.

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“Whiteness in LIS: Tracing its Impact, Mapping Resistance.” American Library Association Annual Conference, New Orleans. 24 June 2018. Panel.

“Push Comes to Shove: Supporting Patrons of Color in Your Institution.” Public Library Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia. 22 March 2018. Presentation.

“Collections Decoded: Reflections and Strategies for Anti-racist Collection Development.” American Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago. 25 June 2017. Conversation Starter.

“Library Diversity and Anti-Oppression Training: From Awareness to Action.” National Diversity in Libraries Conference. University of California, Los Angeles. 12 August 2016. Personnel and Management Organization Panel.

INVITED TALKS

“Free Speech, Hate Groups, and Libraries.” University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, School of Information Sciences. 2018.

“Critical Legal Research.” Northeastern University School of Law. 2016.

LIBRARY SERVICE

Faculty member, Assessment Coordinator Advisory Committee (AC2), 8/2020-Present
Richard J. Daley Library, University of Illinois Chicago

Member, Building Cultural Proficiencies for Racial Equity Framework Task Force, 12/2019-Present

Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), ALA’s Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (ODLOS), and the Public Library Association (PLA)

Member, PLA Task Force on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice, 7/2019-Present
Public Library Association

Member, PLA Public Libraries Advisory Committee, 7/2018-Present
Public Library Association

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of College and Research Libraries 8/2020-Present

American Society for Engineering Education 5/2020-Present

American Library Association, 2016-Present