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EDUCATION

Certificate in Nonprofit Management, 2012 – St. John Fisher College (NY)

MLS, 1999 – School of Information & Library Studies, University at Buffalo (NY)

BA in English, Spanish & World Literature minors, 1998 – James Madison University (VA)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Brian Sutton-Smith Library & Archives of Play, The Strong, NY

Director of Libraries and Associate Editor, *American Journal of Play*, January 2014 – present

Geneva Public Library, NY

Executive Director, October 2011 – January 2014

Adult & Central Library Services Librarian, September 2009 – September 2011

Teen Services Librarian, July 2009 – August 2009

Beaufort County Library, SC

Lobeco Branch Manager, July 2004 – December 2006

Alexander Mack Memorial Library, Bridgewater College, VA

Collection Development Librarian, April 2002 – May 2004

Staunton Public Library, VA

Technical Services Librarian, July 2000 – April 2002

Roanoke City Public Library, VA

Reference Librarian, August 1999 – July 2000

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

New York Library Association

Member, New York Library Association, 2010 – present

Vice President, Academic & Special Library Section, 2017-2018

President, Academic & Special Library Section, 2018-2019

Past-President, Academic & Special Library Section, 2019-2020

Rochester Area Special Collections, Archives, and Libraries (RASCAL)

Coordinator, 2014 – present

Geneva Reads

Board Member, July 2011 – January 2014

Chair of Community Read Committee, January 2010 – January 2014

Chair of Marketing Committee, March 2013 – January 2014

PRESENTATIONS

From Alphonse to Zelda: Preserving the History of Video Games at The Strong

Co-presenter, Super MAGFest, January 2019

Playing with the History of Play: Toy Makers, Game Designers, and the Creative Process

Presenter, Rochester Librarian Tech Camp, August 2017

Games and Design in Your Library!

Co-presenter, Western New York Regional Library Council, May 2017

The Never Failing Spring in the Desert: the Library as a Collaborative Force in the Community

Presenter, Word as Art: Books and Author's Festival, Phelps Art Center, October 2012