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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### ***Dean of Libraries and Professor (March 2025-present)***

UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA, INGRAM LIBRARY

Serve as the chief academic and administrative officer for the library. Lead the administration and operations of the library, including strategic planning, policies and procedures, budget and financial management, library services, collections management, fundraising, and management of facilities and equipment. Ensure that the library functions within the context of the UWG Strategic Plan and works with the University System of Georgia and partners at other USG institutions.

### ***Head of Learning and Research Services & Professor (interim Oct 2023-Sept 2024; permanent Oct 2024-March 2025)***

UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA, INGRAM LIBRARY

Provide strategic direction for teaching, learning, and research services in Ingram Library. Responsible for leading and facilitating the subject librarian program and for administering distinctive collections. Five direct reports including faculty, staff, and graduate research assistants. This position manages financial allocations to acquire resources in support of academic programs and manages state, gift, and endowed funds for special collections.

### ***Head of Special Collections & Professor (2022-2023)***

### ***Head of Special Collections & Associate Professor (2017-2022)***

### ***Head of Special Collections & Assistant Professor (2013-2017)***

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Lead all aspects of, and set strategic directions for, Special Collections; expand discovery of, and access to, the collections; actively engage with campus and regional community through teaching, exhibitions, projects, and events to promote learning, teaching, and research uses of the collections; cultivate new collections and donor relationships by engaging with regional community; secure external grant funding; participate in donor stewardship in collaboration with the Dean of Libraries and the UWG Foundation; work in partnership with Library's Technical Services for acquisitions, cataloging, and retrospective catalog clean-up of Special Collections materials; participate in Library management and operations as part of the Dean of Libraries' Leadership Team; serve as a consultant to organizations and others for the management and preservation of archival materials; hire and manage faculty and staff positions; direct the work of volunteers; represent the Ingram Library in local, regional, and national forums.

### ***Special Collections Librarian & Assistant Professor (2012-2013)***

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Planned and implemented digital projects for printed and archival materials in Special Collections; strategically built collection through identifying, reviewing, and selecting items for acquisition; instructed students, faculty, and other groups on how to use and critically evaluate primary sources; advanced Special Collections through public advocacy and community relations; assisted in Special Collections operations; provided reference services for Special Collections and for the Library via QuestionPoint Chat; hired and supervised students; secured funding for Special Collections through grant writing and donor relations.

***Pacific Northwest Curator (2009-2012)***

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON LIBRARIES, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Developed, managed, preserved, and provided public access to the archival materials and print collections in the Pacific Northwest Collection; built and enhanced the Collection through identifying strategic areas of growth, building relationships with communities and individuals, fund raising, and working closely with the book trade; managed the Collection through improving processes for incoming materials, collaborating with other Libraries units to improve workflow and achieve objectives, and addressing basic physical housing and maintenance; oversaw preservation and conservation of the Collection by triaging materials for treatment, raising funds and writing grants to support preservation initiatives; provided public access to the Collection through teaching, exhibitions, identifying materials for digitization, and by serving as a member of the department's reference staff; managed over \$400,000 of endowed, gift, and project funds and \$30,000 annually of state funds; stewarded donors and actively engaged in the Library's advancement initiatives; hired and supervised students and directed the work of volunteers and staff.

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**EDUCATION**

- Doctoral Student**, Georgia Southern University (began Fall 2025)  
Doctor of Education, Educational Leadership in Higher Education
- 2009 **Master of Library and Information Science**, University of Washington  
Information School Student Leadership Council
- 2007 **Master of Arts in Art History**, University of Washington  
Co-President of the Graduate Students of Art History  
Language Exams: Italian and German
- 1996 **Bachelor of Arts in Art History with Distinction**, University of Washington  
Art History Study Abroad in Rome

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**COURSES TAUGHT**

- XIDS 2002, *History of Information* (2 credits)  
Fall Semester 2019, Fall Semester 2022, Fall Semester 2023
- HIST 6481, *Archival Practicum* (3 credits)  
Co-taught over 1 calendar year: Spring Semester 2020 (Camp), Spring Semester 2021 (Olivieri)

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**SERVICE**

**To the Institution or System**

- 2025- University of West Georgia, Member, No-Cost/Low-Cost Course Materials Team
- 2025 University of West Georgia, Chair, Search Committee for Executive Director IEA
- 2025- University System of Georgia (USG), Affordable Learning Georgia, Library Champion
- 2024- University of West Georgia, Member, Honorary Degrees Committee
- 2024 University of West Georgia, Ingram Library, Post Tenure Review Advisory Committee
- 2024 University of West Georgia, Ingram Library, Promotion and Tenure Revision Committee
- 2024 University of West Georgia, Member, Rules Committee
- 2023-2024 University of West Georgia, Chair, Faculty Senate Budget Committee
- 2023-2024 University of West Georgia, Member, Faculty Senate Executive Committee
- 2023 University of West Georgia, Artificial Intelligence (AI) Work Group
- 2023- University of West Georgia, Ingram Library, Librarians (convener)
- 2023 University System of Georgia, Member, GIL Special Collections Functional Committee
- 2022 University System of Georgia, Proposal Reviewer, USG Teaching & Learning Conference 2023
- 2022 University System of Georgia, Reviewer, Library Services Platform RFP
- 2022-2023 University of West Georgia, Ingram Library, Promotion and Tenure Revision Working Group
- 2022 University of West Georgia, MA Exit Committee member, Melissa Najpaver, Psychology
- 2022 University of West Georgia, Supporting Liaison to FDC on Implementation of BOR-mandated Post-Tenure Review and Promotion & Tenure Policies
- 2021-2024 University of West Georgia, Faculty Senate, Budget Committee (as Senator)
- 2021-2024 University of West Georgia, Ingram Library, Senator (convened meetings 2022-2024)
- 2021 University of West Georgia, Search Committee for Vice President for Innovation and Research
- 2020-2021 University of West Georgia, Faculty Senate, Budget Committee, Subcommittee Chair
- 2020 University of West Georgia, Ad Hoc FY21 Budget Impact Committee
- 2020-2021 University of West Georgia, Ingram Library, Information Literacy Working Group
- 2020- University of West Georgia, Provost's Council (formerly Administrative Council)
- 2020-2021 University System of Georgia, Digital Library of Georgia Subgrant Award Committee
- 2019 University of West Georgia, Veterans Day Planning Committee
- 2019-2024 University of West Georgia, Ingram Library, Collection Management Committee
- 2019-2020 University of West Georgia, Best of the West Committee
- 2018-2024 University of West Georgia, Ingo Swann Research Fellowship, Chair
- 2018 University of West Georgia, Ingram Library, Head of Search Committee for Political Papers Archivist
- 2017-2021 University of West Georgia, Faculty Senate, Budget Committee (2 terms as Representative)
- 2017 University of West Georgia, Thesis Committee member, Sally Hildreth, Psychology
- 2016-2019 University of West Georgia, Information Technology Steering Board (ITSB)
- 2016-2020 University of West Georgia, Leadership Development Institute
- 2016 University of West Georgia, Ingram Library, Instructional Services Librarian (Faculty) Search Committee Member
- 2016 University of West Georgia, Thesis Committee member, Larry D. Stephens, History
- 2016 University of West Georgia, Ingram Library, Head of Search Committee for University Archivist
- 2015-2016 University of West Georgia, Ingram Library, ALMA Migration Team
- 2015 University of West Georgia, Engage West! Faculty Edition, co-facilitator of discussion table, "Partnering with Ingram Library"
- 2015 University of West Georgia, History Department, Introduction to Special Collections for job candidates in Public History, Asian History, and Women's Studies
- 2015-2020 University of West Georgia, Administrative Council (name changed to Provost's Council)

- 2015 University of West Georgia, Provost's Focus Group, *Inventing the Beyond*
- 2014-2016 University of West Georgia, Ingram Library, Events & Programming Committee
- 2014-2020 University of West Georgia, Chairs Council
- 2014 University System of Georgia, Invited Reviewer, Next Gen Library System Specification Document
- 2014 University of West Georgia, Lillian Williams Exhibit Committee
- 2013- University of West Georgia, Ingram Library, Leadership Team
- 2013-2016 University of West Georgia, Faculty Senate, Facilities and Services Committee
- 2013-2014 University of West Georgia, Ingram Library, Strategic Planning Committee
- 2011-2012 University of Washington Libraries, Member of Citation Tools Support Team
- 2011 University of Washington Libraries, Juror for Undergraduate Research Awards
- 2011 University of Washington Libraries, Snapshot Day Committee, part of ALA initiative
- 2010-2012 University of Washington, Labor Archives Advisory Board
- 2010 University of Washington Libraries, Research Commons Advisory Board
- 2010 University of Washington, Labor Archivist Search Committee Member
- 2009 University of Washington Libraries, Organizational Values Team, *Strategic Plan 2010-2012*

### **To the Improvement of Student, Faculty, or Community Life (Selected)**

- 2024 Organizer and Remarks, *Veterans Day Open House*, partner event with Student Affairs, 11 November 11
- 2024 Remarks, Ingo Swann Research Fellow Lecture, 17 October
- 2024 Presenter, *The Story of UWG*, JUMP! Program, 6 August
- 2023 Presenter, *The Story of UWG*, Campus Tour Guide Training, 1 August
- 2023 Remarks, Bill Roll Lecture, 9 March and 9 November
- 2022 Remarks, Ingo Swann Research Fellow Lecture, 26 October and 15 November
- 2022 Organizer, *Treasures of Ingram Library's Special Collections with the First Baptist Church Carrollton Fine Arts Group*, August 4
- 2022 Presenter, *Partnering to Preserve and Share Regional History*, Bowdon Area Historical Society, 8 February
- 2021 Organizer, *Politics and the Media Open House*, 14 October
- 2021 Presenter, *What's in Special Collections?*, an Ingram Library workshop, 23 March
- 2020 Organizer, *Tour of Special Collections for President Kelly*, 10 December
- 2020 Organizer, *Tour of Special Collections for President Kelly*, 17 September
- 2019 Organizer, *Veterans Day Open House in Special Collections*, 11 November
- 2019 Organizer, *Beverages & Browsing in Special Collections*, 19 October (a homecoming event)
- 2019 Presenter, *It Takes All of Us: Preserving Regional History is a Collaborative Endeavor*, Carroll County Historical Society, 19 February
- 2019 Regional (West Georgia Area) Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl, 2 February
- 2019 Presenter, *Special Collections: Looking Back, Looking Forward*, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church Adult Forum, 8 January
- 2018 Presenter, *Placing Your Organization's Records in Special Collections*, Sons of Confederate Veterans, McDaniel-Curtis #165 Camp, 17 September
- 2018 Remarks, Ingo Swann Research Fellow Lecture, 11 September
- 2018 Presenter, *Placing Your Organization's Records in Special Collections*, Carroll Heard Retired Educators Association, 4 October
- 2018 Co-organizer, *Constitution Day at UWG*, 29 August
- 2018 Presenter, *It Takes All of Us: Preserving Regional History is a Collaborative Endeavor*, Carroll

- County Genealogical Society, 2 August
- 2018 Presenter, *Preserving Your Organization's History*, Pilot Club of Carrollton, 15 February
- 2018 Assisted in the recovery of stolen property to the Upson County (GA) Archives, February
- 2017-2020 Assisted the Neva Lomason Memorial Library Director/s in finding placement for their special collections materials due to a coming renovation and re-focusing of collection areas
- 2017 Organizer with Ketty Cusick, *The Meaning and Use of Special Collections for UWG Fundraising Professionals*, 2 October
- 2017 Co-presenter, *Community Use of UWG's Ingram Library*, Carrollton Dawnbreakers Rotary, 3 May
- 2016 Co-Presenter, *How Ingram Library Serves our Community*, GFWC Carrollton Civic Woman's Club, 28 September
- 2016 Co-presenter, *Preserving Church Records & Family Papers*, Antioch African Methodist Episcopal Church (Stone Mountain, Georgia), 16 July
- 2016 Speaker, *Ingram Library & Our Community*, League of Women Voters of Carrollton-Carroll County, 10 July
- 2016 Facilitator, *Orlando Vigil*, planned and implemented by student organization, LAMBDA. I assisted by coordinating with UWG campus units and by finding alternative event space due to weather, 14 June
- 2016 Co-presenter, *Community Use of UWG's Ingram Library*, Carrollton Kiwanis Club, 8 April
- 2016 Commentator, History Department's Sixth Annual Graduate Symposium, 8 February
- 2016 Orchestrator, *Poetry Jam in Ingram Library*, a student-run event focused on the Black Lives Matter movement. The evening centered on spoken-word performance but also included songs by the university student gospel choir, a speaker on student activism, social media hashtag and large sheets of paper for students to share their experiences, a "check your privilege" quiz, and tables by student organizations on how to be an activist, 4 February
- 2015 Organizer and Remarks, *William G. Roll & Ingo Swann: The Parapsychology Profession*, a special event for faculty, students, and scholars touring the exhibit on William G. Roll and showcasing materials in the Special Collections Research Room in conjunction with the Psychology Department's annual Bill Roll Lecture Series, 5 November
- 2015 Speaker, *UWG Newnan College for a Day*, "Preserving Your Family Papers," 14 August
- 2015 Organizer, *Competition: A History of Debate at the University of West Georgia*, a special invitation event showcasing historical materials in the Special Collections Research Room, 11 April
- 2014 Organizer and Remarks, *Ingo Swann Day*, a day-long public event including an open-house with a speaker, honoring the donation of Swann's papers and book collection, 9 October
- 2014 Participant, *Governor Zell Miller visit*, participated in event planning, in welcoming dignitaries, and in tour of Murphy Office, 5 September
- 2014 Co-organizer, *Lillian William Exhibit Opening*, two events, one for students and the other for the public, which explored the personal and social contexts of integration of Lillian Williams as the first African-American student, 9 and 13 September
- 2014 Organizer and Remarks, *Bowdon College Reception*, an evening event with speakers in conjunction with the exhibit, 24 July
- 2014 Presenter, "Understanding Tallapoosa History in Framework of Place," Tallapoosa Storyteller's Group/Tallapoosa Historical Society, 17 June
- 2014 Organizer, *White Gloves Event*, a public event in the Special Collections reading room which showcased 11 notable items from the holdings, 9 March
- 2014 Remarks, *Speaker Murphy 90th Birthday Commemoration Event*, 9 March
- 2014 Presenter, "Preserving the Records of a Fraternal Order," Tallapoosa Masonic Lodge No. 126, 20 February

- 2013 Assisted in the recovery of stolen property to the Upson County (GA) Archives
- 2011 Presenter, *Henry Suzzallo Society Event*, an evening event for high-level donors to the University of Washington during which highlights of the Pacific Northwest Collection were showcased

### **Mentoring of Colleagues & Other Contributions to the Library Profession and Higher Education**

- 2024-2025 ALA/ACRL Instruction Section, Mentor
- 2023 Reviewer (book chapter), *Archives and Primary Source Handbook*
- 2022 Reviewer (article), *Provenance, Journal of the Society of Georgia Archivists*
- 2021 Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS), Panelist "Q & A with Hiring Managers"
- 2020 Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS), RBMS Virtual Fall Social Co-Host
- 2019 External Reviewer, Promotion and Tenure Application, a university in South Carolina
- 2019 External Reviewer, Promotion and Tenure Application, a university in Tennessee
- 2017 Society of American Archivists (SAA)-University of Washington Student Chapter, "Informal Chat with Archival Professionals," 16 October
- 2017 Reviewer (article), *Provenance, Journal of the Society of Georgia Archivists*
- 2015 Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS), Conference "Buddy" for New Members
- 2015 Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS), ALA Midwinter "Buddy"
- 2014 Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS), PreConference "Buddy" for New Members
- 2013 Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS), PreConference "Buddy" for New Members

### **To K-12 Schools, University Colleagues, or External Agencies to Strengthen Teaching Quality and to Increase Student Learning**

- 2023 Academic Librarians Teaching For-Credit Courses Outside of Library-Related Degree Programs Survey, Penn State University Libraries, Focus Group Participant
- 2022 *Telling the History of West Georgia Region Through Primary Sources*, workshop for Carrollton High School International Baccalaureate (IB) 12<sup>th</sup> grade history students, 12 April
- 2021 *Escaping Dull and Bookish: Enhancing Social Studies with Primary Sources*, workshop for K-12 educators with afternoon sessions in Special Collections and providing them with topical digital primary source packets, with Dr. Arren Swift in the College of Education, 7 June
- 2019 *Muscogee (Creek) & Cherokee Nations in West Georgia*, lecture and guided exhibit tour, Mason Creek Middle School History Club, 2 October
- 2017 *What Does an Academic Librarian Do?* Villa Rica Middle School "UWG Day" presenter, 1 session with 7<sup>th</sup> graders on academic librarianship as a career, 4 May
- 2016 *What Does an Academic Librarian Do?* Villa Rica Middle School "UWG Day" presenter, 2 sessions with 7<sup>th</sup> graders on academic librarianship as a career, 4 May
- 2014 *Childhood Books of a University President's Daughter*, 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on Literature for Children and Young Adults, sole presenter to K-12 educators, Kennesaw State University, 27 March
- 2013 National History Day, Regional Judge for West Georgia, 22 March
- 2010 National Historical Publication and Records Commission (NHPRC), Grant Reviewer

## **PROFESSIONAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

### **Fellowships & Awards**

- 2019 *Faculty Member of the Year, "Best of the West"*
- 2018 *Best of the West Award*, University of West Georgia, Values category, October
- 2018 *Community Engagement Recognition Travel Award*, University of West Georgia
- 2017 *Above & Beyond Award*, University of West Georgia, Risk Management/Environmental Health & Safety
- 2016 *UCLA Senior Fellows Program*, University of California, Los Angeles, Graduate School of Education & Information Studies
- 2016 *Best of the West Award*, University of West Georgia, Values category. Received award twice that year, in March and December
- 1996 *David Bonderman Travel Fellowship*, University of Washington Honors Program

### **Memberships in Professional Societies**

- 2025- Georgia Library Association
- 2015-2025 Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education (ARCHE) Archives Council, Founding Member
- 2013-2024 Association of Centers for the Study of Congress (ACSC), Institutional Membership
- 2012-2024 Society of Georgia Archivists (SGA)
- 2012-2020 Society of American Archivists (SAA), Institutional Membership
- 2008-2012 Society of American Archivists (SAA), Personal Membership
- 2007- American Library Association (ALA)
- 2007- Association of College & Research Libraries Division (ACRL)
- 2007- Rare Book and Manuscript Section (RBMS) of ACRL

### **Offices in Professional Societies**

- 2024-2025 Chair, ARCHE Archives Council
- 2023-2024 Chair Elect, ARCHE Archives Council
- 2023- Member, Association of Centers for the Study of Congress (ACSC) Scholarships and Awards Committee
- 2019-2022 Member, Philanthropic Advisory Group, American Library Association
- 2017-2020 Chair, ACRL/RBMS Budget and Development Committee
- 2017-2019 Secretary (elected), Association of Centers for the Study of Congress (ACSC)
- 2015-2016 Editor, *Society of Georgia Archivists Newsletter*, Society of Georgia Archivists
- 2015-2016 Co-Chair, ARCHE Archives Council Education Committee, ARCHE Archives Council
- 2015-2017 Member, ACRL/RBMS Budget and Development Committee (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- 2014-2016 Board Member, Society of Georgia Archivists
- 2014-2015 Chair, GIL User Group Meeting (GUGM) Special Collections Functional Committee
- 2014-2016 Member-At-Large, University of West Georgia chapter of the Association of American University Professors (AAUP)
- 2014-2015 Assistant Editor, *Society of Georgia Archivists Newsletter*
- 2013-2015 Member, ACRL/RBMS Budget and Development Committee (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- 2013-2014 Vice-Chair/Incoming Chair, GIL User Group Meeting (GUGM) Special Collections Functional Committee

## Publications

- 2024 Review of Kirsch et al (eds.), *Unsettling Archival Research: Engaging Critical, Communal, and Digital Archives*, Southern Illinois University Press, 2023 for *Provenance, Journal of the Society of Georgia Archivists* 40 no. 1 (Fall 2024): Available at:  
<https://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/provenance/vol40/iss1/4/>
- 2024 Olivieri Parker, Blynne and Sarah B. Cohn. "Teaching in HyFlex Modality," *Tips and Trends*, ACRL Instruction Section online newsletter (Summer 2024)
- 2021 Olivieri, Blynne. "Archival Evidence of Exceptional Human Experiences," *Provenance, Journal of the Society of Georgia Archivists* 37 no. 2 (Fall 2021):1-26. Available at:  
<https://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/provenance/vol37/iss2/1>
- 2016 Gourley, Sarah and Blynne Olivieri. "Black Student History & the Black Lives Matter Movement," *AACR: Archives and Archivists of Color Newsletter* 30 no. 1 (Winter 2015/Spring 2016): 2-4.
- 2015 Olivieri, Blynne and Angela Mehaffey. "Interlibrary Loan of Special Collections Materials: A Case Study," *RBM: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts, & Cultural Heritage* 16 no. 2 (Fall 2015): 113-126.
- 2015 Review of Jeffrey T. Schnapp and Matthew Battles, *The Library Beyond the Book*, Cambridge and London: Harvard University Press, 2014 for *RBM: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts, & Cultural Heritage* 16 no. 1 (Summer 2015): 76-77. Available online at:  
<http://rbm.acrl.org/content/16/1/76.full.pdf+html>
- 2015 "Saving the History of West Georgia: You Never Know What You Will Find in Special Collections," *West Georgia Living Magazine* 5 no. 3 (May/June 2015): 26-28.
- 2015 "History Corner," *Perspective* 71 no. 2 (Spring 2015): 20-21.
- 2014 "History Corner," *Perspective* 71 no. 1 (Fall 2014): 20-21.
- 2014 "History Corner," *Perspective*, 70 no. 2 (Spring 2014): 20-21.
- 2010 Young, Anjanette, Blynne Olivieri, Karl Eckler, and Theodore Gerontakos. "Building Digital Audio Infrastructure and Workflows," *Computers in Libraries* 30 no. 9 (November 2010): 24-28.

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## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

My area of teaching is in the history of information, from early recorded information to present, and information literacies which includes critical thinking and ethical use of artificial intelligence (AI). My research focus is the use of emerging technologies in the classroom to increase student competencies and learning.