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HEAD OF ACCESS SERVICES AND ASSISTANT TEACHING PROFESSOR

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## EDUCATION

<b>Emerson College, Boston, MA</b> <i>M.F.A. Popular Fiction and Publishing</i>	May 2024
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<b>Simmons University, Boston, MA</b> <i>M.S. Library and Information Science</i>	May 2017
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<b>New England Law   Boston, Boston, MA</b> <i>J.D.</i>	May 2013
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<b>College of Charleston/The Citadel, Charleston, SC</b> <i>M.A. English</i>	May 2008
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<b>Wesleyan College, Macon, GA</b> <i>A.B. English/Music: vocal performance</i>	May 2006
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HONORS & ACTIVITIES: Mortar Board National Honor Society  
Alpha Psi Omega National Theatre Honor Society

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## LEGAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<b>University of Colorado Law, Wise Law Library, Boulder, CO</b> <i>Head of Access Services and Assistant Teaching Professor</i>	Present
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- Teach Foundations of Legal Research, a required seven-week legal research course designed to prepare 1L students for the research they will be conducting the summer after their first year. Administer course through Canvas.
- Teach subject centered legal research class sessions and workshops as needed.

<b>Suffolk University Law School, Moakley Law Library, Boston, MA</b> <i>Legal Research and Innovation Librarian/Legal Research Librarian</i>	2019-2023
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- Taught two-week intensive legal research modules in 1L Legal Practice Skills classes both online and in-person. Administered course through Blackboard, then transitioned to Canvas.
- Collectively developed exercises, presentations, quizzes, and hypotheticals.
- Developed walk through research videos for IL open memo problems.
- Taught subject centered legal research class sessions and workshops to students and faculty on a regular basis.

<b>Suffolk University College of Arts &amp; Sciences, Boston MA</b> <i>Adjunct Instructor</i>	2021-2022
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- Taught Legal Research and Writing I, a class designed to introduce the concept of legal writing to undergraduate students through creating a closed memorandum.
- Created exercises, quizzes, presentations, and hypotheticals.
- Graded quizzes and memoranda.
- Met with students as individuals and in groups.
- Administered course through Blackboard.

**Suffolk University College of Arts & Sciences, Boston MA**

2021-2022

*Adjunct Instructor*

- Taught Legal Research and Writing II, a class designed to further undergraduate students' knowledge of legal writing through creating an open memorandum.
- Created exercises, quizzes, presentations, and hypotheticals.
- Graded quizzes and memoranda.
- Met with students as individuals and in groups.
- Administered course through Blackboard.

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**LAW LIBRARY EXPERIENCE**

**University of Colorado Law, Wise Law Library, Boulder, CO**

Present

*Head of Access Services and Assistant Teaching Professor*

*Access Services Librarian and Assistant Teaching Professor*

2023-2024

- Oversee circulation services:
  - Oversee one full-time and one-part time employee.
  - Plan, coordinate, and oversee daily circulation operations.
  - Coordinate circulation student worker training, scheduling, and hiring.
  - Coordinate creation and implementation of circulation policies and documentation.
  - Create displays for monthly and special themes.
- Manage library access through door scheduling system.
- Plan, coordinate, and oversee student events both alone and in conjunction with other Public Services Librarians.
- Teach legal research classes as well as present on legal research related topics.
- Serve as a member of the reference team by providing in-person, online chat, phone, and email research assistance to students, faculty, and public patrons.
- Contribute to the William A. Wise Law Library, CU Law School, and the profession through substantive research, publishing, involvement in professional organizations, and serving on committees.

**Suffolk University Law School, Moakley Law Library, Boston, MA**

2022-2023

*Legal Research and Innovation Librarian*

- Served as liaison to SULS's Legal Innovation and Technology Lab,
- Provided legal resources and research for law students and faculty.
- Maintained a monthly technology tips online newsletter for law faculty. This included video and step by step screenshot tutorials of tech processes.
- Coordinated the law library student and faculty online and print newsletter.
- Conducted scholarly research for full time faculty members on both a short- and long-term basis, as well as conducted research for law school deans.

- Managed SSRN and the Suffolk Law scholarly repository for faculty, including batch uploading older faculty scholarship to the BePress repository.
- Managed publication statistics for law faculty.
- Managed new Westlaw and Lexis accounts for 1Ls and Westlaw accounts for law school students, faculty, and staff.
- Collaboratively managed two research assistants for faculty scholarly projects.
- Participated in committee-driven collection development decisions.
- Staffed the Research desk to assist students, faculty, and alumni with legal research needs in person, via email, and over the phone, as well as via Zoom.
- Taught two-week research modules in 1L Legal Practice Skills classes.
- Taught research skills as needed in upper-level classes.
- Created programs featuring research methods, new legal technologies, and library resources for students as well as faculty.
- Created and curated, with a colleague, an art gallery space on the Moakley Law Library 7<sup>th</sup> floor featuring SULS history and archival reproduction material.

**Suffolk University Law School, Moakley Law Library, Boston, MA**

2019-2022

*Legal Research Librarian*

- Conducted scholarly research for full time faculty members on both a short- and long-term basis, as well as conducted research for law school deans.
- Managed SSRN accounts for law faculty.
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- Collaboratively managed two research assistants for faculty scholarly projects.
- Participated in committee-driven collection development decisions.
- Staffed the Research desk to assist students, faculty, and alumni with legal research needs in person, via email, and over the phone, as well as via Zoom.
- Served as Distance Education Liaison to faculty and staff members, including helping them transition to online teaching during the Covid-19 pandemic, creating Zoom technical “Cheat Sheets” and best practices materials, and holding short information sessions as well as one on one trainings for Zoom and Blackboard.
- Trained law school academic support staff on Zoom to continue student services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Set up and served as technical assistance for the Suffolk Law Marshall Brennan Moot Court Competition online through Zoom in 2021 and 2022.
- Taught two-week research modules in 1L Legal Practice Skills classes. Teach research skills as needed in upper-level classes.
- Created programs featuring research methods, new legal technologies, and library resources for students as well as faculty.

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**OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Cambridge College, Cambridge, MA**

2013-2016

*Writing Tutor*

- Conducted one-hour, once-weekly tutoring sessions with accelerated Writing 101 students, who spoke English as a second language.

- Assisted Accelerated Writing 101 students in reading assignments and learning to: brainstorm topics, organize papers, practice proofreading and grammar.
- Conducted forty-five-minute tutoring sessions with students in graduate programs including MBA, management, and education in a range of their classes from Graduate Writing to Thesis projects.

**North Shore Community College, Lynn, MA**

2015-2016

*Adjunct Instructor*

- Taught developmental writing and introduction to literature classes to diverse group of students ranging from recent high school graduates to returning adult learners.
- Developed curriculum independently using NSCC standards.
- Graded short and long essays.
- Held office hours and communicated with students to meet their needs.
- Administered courses through Blackboard.

**Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH**

2009-2010

*Graduate Instructor General Studies Writing*

- Taught the first and second level of an introductory writing course designed to facilitate college writing skills for first year students.
- Graded assignments, including essays.
- Held office hours and communicated with students to meet their needs.
- Administered courses through Blackboard.

**Trident Technical College, Charleston, SC**

2008-2009

*Adjunct Instructor*

- Taught first year writing and first year survey of literature to a diverse range of students. These were courses designed to meet students' multicultural requirement.
- Developed curriculum independently using TTC standards.
- Graded short and long essays.
- Held office hours and communicated with students to meet their needs.
- Administered course through Blackboard.

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**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, Dorchester Division, Boston, MA**

2012-2013

*Intern*

- Assisted ADAs in various sessions, including arraignments and pre-trial hearings.
- Stood before the court under SJC rule 3:03 for various proceedings, including arraignments, pre-trial hearings, and full trials.
- Prepared and located specific documents and discovery items.

**Boston Municipal Court, Roxbury Division**

May 2012- Aug. 2012

*Boston Bar Association Internship, First Justice Hon. David Weingarten*

- Researched specific issues relating to ongoing cases and wrote memoranda for Judge Weingarten.
- Researched and wrote memoranda for other judges.

- Observed various court proceedings, including civil and criminal trials, pre-trial hearings, and arraignments.

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## PUBLICATIONS

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AnnaKatherine Wherren, A Guide to Free Online Legal Resources for States Outside of Colorado, 54 COLO. LAW. 14, 2025.

AnnaKatherine Amacker and Donna Ashley Moore. “*The Bitch is Dead*”: *Anti-Feminist Rhetoric in Casino Royale* in JAMES BOND IN WORLD AND POPULAR CULTURE: THE FILMS ARE NOT ENOUGH 142, 142-153 (Robert G. Weiner, B. Lynn Whitfield, & Jack Becker, eds. 2012, invited chapter).

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## PRESENTATIONS

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**Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Summer Salon** 2024

*Presenter* with Rebecca Ciota

“Are Body Parts Consideration: The Validity of Contracts in *An Unkindness of Magicians*”

**College English Association** 2009

*Presenter*

“Not Your Father’s Star Trek: Visual and Auditory Rhetoric in Authoritative Voice in *Star Trek XI*”

**Southwest Popular/American Culture Association** 2008

*Presenter* with Donna Ashley Moore

“‘The Bitch is Dead’: Gendered Cultural Rhetoric in *Casino Royale*”

**Southwestern Medieval Association** 2008

*Presenter*

“The Problem of Dialogue Assignment in ‘Christ I’”

**Philological Association of Carolinas** 2007

*Presenter*

“Serialism, Schenkerian Analysis, and ‘Sirens’: Twentieth Century Music Theory in Reading Joyce’s ‘Sirens’”

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## SERVICE

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**University of Colorado Law**

*Admissions & Financial Aid Committee – Member*

2025-2026

*Public Service and Diversity – Member*

2024-2025

**Wise Law Library, University of Colorado Law**

*Student and Public Outreach Committee – Member*

2025-2026

*Student and Public Outreach Committee – Co-Chair*

2024-2025

*Reappointments Committee – Chair*

2024-2025

*Reappointments Committee – Member*

2023-2024

**University of Colorado***Undergraduate Mock Trial – Faculty Advisor*

2025-2026

*FOLIO Circulation Guild – Member*

Present

**American Association of Law Librarians***Member*

2019-Present

*Academic Law Libraries – Special Interest Section (SIS) – Member*

2019-Present

*Research Instruction & Patron Services – SIS – Member*

2019-Present

*Legal Innovation & Technology – SIS – Member*

2022-Present

*Annual Meeting and Programming Committee – Team Member, Teaching  
+ Training Content Area – Member*

2025-2026

*RIPS Patron Services Committee – Chair*

2025-2026

*RIPS Patron Services Committee – Vice-Chair*

2024-2025

**New England Law Library Consortium***Member*

2019-Present

*Symposium Committee – Member*

2025-2026

*Reference Interest Group – Co-Chair*

2025-2026

*Symposium Committee – Member*

2024-2025

*Reference Interest Group – Co-Chair*

2024-2025

**Colorado Association of Law Libraries***Member*

2023-Present

**Southwest Association of Law Libraries***Member*

2023-Present

**Suffolk University Law School***LLNE Spring Meeting Planning Committee – Member*

2021

**Law Librarians of New England***Member*

2019-2023

*Scholarships Committee – Chair*

2020-2021

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**AWARDS****University of Colorado Law**

Excellence in Librarianship Award

2025