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EXPERIENCE

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, Villanova, Pennsylvania

Asst. Dean for Library and Information Services and Professor of Law 2024 – Present
Asst. Dean for Library and Information Services and Assoc. Prof. of Law 2021 – 2024
Asst. Dean for Library and Information Services and Asst. Prof. of Law 2020 – 2021
Director of the Law Library and Assistant Professor of Law 2018 – 2019

- Manage Law Library budget, operations, and personnel
- Engage in strategic library planning
- Implement new and emerging law library service models and technologies
- Oversee the Legal Research curriculum
- Teach law and technology classes based in experiential learning pedagogy
- Engage in scholarship pertaining to law, legal education, technology, and access to justice

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York

Director & Creator, Adjunct Clinical Professor of Law, Legal Research Clinic 2014-2018

- Managed clinic operations including outreach, budgeting, and clinical case rounds
- Instructed students in interviewing clients, conducting advanced legal and empirical research, interpreting and analyzing the law, exercising legal judgment, counseling clients with ethics and professionalism, and conducting the business of law
- Supervised a Teaching Fellow and Program Coordinator
- Provided students with practical, real world experience
- Provided the community with pro bono legal services

Associate Director for Administration, Law Library 2014-2018

- Served as member of the Law Library's administrative group to advise the Law Library Director
- Assisted in the management of administrative operations, including budget preparation and administration, long- and short-term strategic planning, facilities management, space planning, technology initiatives, and large collection development decisions
- Formulated policy and procedure
- Supervised librarians and library staff
- Conducted hiring
- Created, implemented, and monitored library programs and services
- Built and supported library relations with the Law School, the University, external library consortia, and professional organizations
- Taught the research portion of first year Lawyering course as well as advanced, for-credit legal research courses for JDs, and a substantive law Summer College course for high schoolers

Assistant Director for Access Services, Lecturer in Law, Law Library 2012 – 2014

- Served as member of Law Library's administrative group to advise the Law Library Director
- Continued to perform the duties set forth below

Head of Access Services, Lecturer in Law, Law Library 2010-2012

- Managed the daily operations of the Access Services department, including circulation, reserves, document delivery, and stacks operations
- Supervised Access Services staff members
- Conducted public relations activities for the Law Library
- Continued to perform the duties set forth below

Research Attorney, Lecturer in Law, Law Library 2008- 2010

- Served as personal library liaison to several faculty members and law school organizations
- Provided reference services to the law school and university communities
- Instructed J.D. and L.L.M. students in first year Lawyering courses, advanced legal research courses, and other specialized topics including Foreign and International Legal Research
- Taught Continuing Legal Education topics in legal research to Cornell Law Alumni
- Served on university, national, and international library and research committees

Ithaca College School of Business, Ithaca, New York

Adjunct Faculty 2003–2014

- Legal Research Seminar: Provided instruction in basic and advanced legal research, including how to locate primary and secondary legal materials via the use of print and electronic sources, and how to integrate research results into formal legal memoranda with proper Bluebook citations
- Real Estate Law: Provided instruction in fundamental concepts of the law of real property, including real estate contracts, liens, leases, mortgages, deeds, zoning and other limitations on land use, and such specialized topics as real estate implications of the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Legal Environment of Business I: Provided instruction in the American legal system and the legal environment in which businesses operate. Topics included the judicial process, criminal law, tort law and negligence theory, product liability, constitutional law, and contract law, with an emphasis on the application of legal concepts to solve problems

Thaler & Thaler, Ithaca, New York
Associate Attorney

Albanese Law Office, Ithaca, New York
Associate Attorney

Mannion & Copani, Syracuse, New York
Associate Attorney

EDUCATION

Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, New York
Juris Doctor [Dual Degree], *Cum Laude*

- Justinian Honorary Law Society, Member
- Syracuse Journal of Legislation and Policy, Editor

Syracuse University School of Information Studies, Syracuse, New York
Master of Library Science [Dual Degree], *Cum Laude*

Wells College, Aurora, New York
Bachelor of Arts in English, *Magna Cum Laude*

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Artificial Intelligence and the Law. Chapter: Legal Research (Edward Elgar Publishing, December 2025). Available here: https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/usd/elgar-concise-encyclopedia-of-artificial-intelligence-and-the-law-9781035336890.html

*Introduction to Law Librarianship.** Chapter: Attaining Academic Tenure. Co-author: Charlotte Schneider, Rutgers Law Library. Publisher: The University of Arizona (Zanada Joyner and Cas Laskowski, eds.) (2d ed 2023). Open Access eTextbook available here: https://opentextbooks.library.arizona.edu/lawlibrarianship/chapter/attaining-academic-tenure/

*2022 Recipient, American Association of Law Libraries Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award

Academic Law Library Structures: Past, Present, and Future. Chapter: Villanova Law Library – A Collaborative Library Model. Publisher: William S. Hein & co., Inc., Getzville, N.Y. (Elizabeth Adelman & Jessica de Perio Wittman, eds.) (vol 1, 2023).

Negligence Purpose, Elements, and Evidence: The Role of Foreseeability in the Law of Each State. Chapters: Delaware and Connecticut. Publisher: Balloon Press, New York: N.Y. (Vicki Lawrence MacDougall, ed. in chief) (2018). A deskbook for judges.

Articles

Collaborative Preservation of Legal Materials in Academic Law Libraries: The Philadelphia Model, The Iowa Law Collections Symposium: Seeding our Future, co-authors: Amanda Runyon, Gabriela Femenia, and Becka Rich (forthcoming; Law Library Journal & William S. Hein & Co.).

Assessing Information Literacy in the Age of Generative AI: A Call to the National Conference of Bar Examiners Legal Reference Services Quarterly, 1-56 (2025). https://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/SR2MPJVTT38D8ZIBVNBZ/full?target=10.1080/0270319X.2025.2452717

A Threshold Assessment: Is Technology Among the Competencies Tested by the MPRE? 20 (1), University of St. Thomas Law Journal, A Roadmap for Modernity: Teaching Technology Competence 345 (2024).

A Place of One's Own: How Law Libraries Support Democracy by Protecting Citizens' Right to Read, 113 Law Library Journal 319 (Fall 2021) https://www.aallnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/LLJ_113n4_full-issue_WEB.pdf.

How the Process of Building Legal Technology Creates Professional Agility, 14 John Marshall Law Journal 101, (Symposium Issue 2020-2021) https://www.johnmarshall.edu/lawreview/wp-content/uploads/2021-AJMLS-Spring-Journal-XIV2-Amy-A.-Emerson.pdf.

The Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act in New York, 87 New York State Bar Association Journal 44 (January 2015).

White Papers

UELMA Preservation Group, *Preservation of Electronic Legal Materials,* co-author (April, 2018) available at: https://www.aallnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Preservation-of-Electronic-Legal-Materials-White-Paper.pdf

Book Reviews

Book Review (2010) *Human Rights and Their Limits* by Wiktor Osiatynski (Cambridge University Press, 2009) *Unbound: An Annual Review of Legal History and Rare Books, Journal of the Legal History and Rare Books Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries*, vol. 3, p. 147.

Book Review (2009) *The Prohibition of Propaganda for War in International Law* by Michael G. Kearney (Oxford University Press, 2007), *International Journal of Legal Information*, vol. 37, no. 2, p. 251.

Miscellany

Leveraging Technology to Promote Access to Justice, AALL Spectrum, Innovation Issue 10 (November/December 2023).

Shelf Life. Leadership Recs: *Start with Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action* 25 AALL Spectrum 48 (January/February 2021).

The Rise of Experiential Legal Research Education, Trends Interactive: A Dialog on Law Libraries and Technology (September 12, 2016) available at: https://www.wshein.com/blog/2016/09/the-rise-of-experiential-legal-research-instruction/

Reflections on the 2015 AALL Management Institute: *Turning Outward*, 19 AALL Spectrum 10 (July 2015).

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Law Librarian Reflections on ABA Site Visits, speaker, Association of American Law Schools, Section on Law Libraries & Legal Information Webinar, May 14, 2026.

Law Library Strategy: Positioning for Sustainable Relevance, speaker, NELLCO Law Library Consortium Symposium, April 15, 2026.

Salaries, Credentials, and Status: Frank Conversations About Law Library Pay, Prospects, and Other Uncomfortable Topics, panel moderator, Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association 2026 Institute, March 20, 2026.

Liberty, Justice, and AI for All, plenary speaker, Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section Winter Meeting, January 2026.

Bridging the Justice Gap: Hackathons as Catalysts for Change, speaker, The Canadian Bar Association, British Columbia Branch, CBABC Access to Justice Week, February 2025.

Law Libraries and Legal Information: Considering the ABA Standards for Law Libraries, speaker, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, January 2025.

AI Demystified: An Overview of AI and its Impact on Public Interest Law, speaker, Philadelphia Bar Association Public Interest Law Day, December 2024.

An Overview of AI Technology and its Legal Implications, J. Willard O'Brien American Inn of Court, November 2024.

Generative AI and Ethics in the Practice of Law, speaker, Nicholas Cipriani American Inn of Court, September 2024.

Keep it Simple: Using Plain Language to Communicate Effectively, speaker, Canadian Association of Law Libraries, June 2024.

The Moral, Ethical, and Legal Implications of AI in Law Libraries, panelist, Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association, June 2024.

Preparing Law Students for AI-Powered Practice, panelist, The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction: CALICon, June 2024.

Negotiation in the Age of Artificial Intelligence, panelist, Life in the Big City XXIV: Philadelphia Law Department, July 2023.

The Philly Social Justice Hackathon: Catalyzing Cross-Disciplinary Problem Solving and Creative Collaboration in Legal Education, panelist, The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction: CALICon, June 2023.

ChatGPT in the Legal Profession: Uses, Limitations, and Future Implications, panelist, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, May 2023.

The Ultimate Assessment: Is Technology Among the Competencies Tested by the MPRE? speaker, University of St. Thomas Law Journal Symposium, November 2022.

Philadelphia's First Social Justice Hackathon, co-organizer and master of ceremonies, October 2022. https://socialjusticehackathon.com

Teaching the Law Tech Teacher Workshop – Beyond Basic Legal Tech Course Creation: How to Propose Legal Technology Certificates, Concentrations, Labs, Centers, Programs, etc. co-speaker, American Association of Law Libraries Annual Conference, July 2022

So You Want to Teach Law Practice Technology? co-speaker, Southeastern Chapter, American Association of Law Libraries, April, 2022.

Legislative Advocacy Training, moderator and co-speaker, American Association of Law Libraries, September 2021.

Lessons Learned from Teaching an Access to Justice and Technology Course During a Pandemic, panelist, The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction: CALICon, June 2021.

Lawyers Leading Change: Why Building Hands-on Legal Technology Creates Lawyers Who Think Differently, speaker, Canadian Association of Law Libraries Conference, May 2021.

Finding Opportunity in Existing Tools: How one Library Personalized Remote Faculty Services Through Private Liaison Channels in Microsoft Teams, panelist, NELLCO Symposium, March 2021.

Budget Strategies and Methodologies, panelist, NELLCO Symposium, March 2021.

How the Process of Building Technology Creates Professional Agility in Law Students, speaker, Transnational Conference on the Future of Legal Education, the Practice of Law, and the Judiciary, February 2021.

Using Peer Assessment to Build Community in a Remote or Hybrid Learning Environment, speaker, Teaching the Teachers Conference, December 2020.

Artificial Intelligence and the Law, panelist, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, July 2020.

Bringing Legal Research to Rural Communities, panelist, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, July 2020.

Is the Future of Legal Writing Bright or Bleak? The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Skills Education and the Practice of Law, panelist, Legal Writing Institute Workshop, Rutgers Law School, December 2019.

Using Technology to Track and Assess Student Learning Outcomes and Associated Performance Criteria, panelist, Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries, July 2019.

Training the Lawyers of Tomorrow Through the Clinics of Today: Three Models for Practical Library Services in Clinical Law School Settings and Beyond, panelist, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, July 2018.

Making a Difference Through Legal Research Instruction, speaker, Annual Meeting of the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York, April 2017.

Cornell Legal Research Clinic Offers Free Law Advice to the Community, radio interview with Cayuga Radio Group, December 2, 2016.

Finding Time: Lean Six Sigma, workshop co-instructor, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, July 2016.

Public Interest Law Career Symposium, panelist, Cornell Law School, January 2016.

Lean Process Improvement at Cornell Law Library, panelist, Annual Meeting of the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York, October 2015.

Meet Your Decision Maker: How Law Librarians Have Formed Relationships with Policymakers for Advocacy Gains, panelist, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, July 2015.

How the Cloud and Metadata are Changing the Practice of Law, panelist, Onondaga County Bar Association CLE, February 2015.

Using the Internet to Conduct Free Legal Research, panelist, Onondaga County Bar Association CLE, February 2015.

The Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act: What it is and Why it Matters, panelist, Annual Meeting of the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York, October 2014.

Using the Internet to do Legal Research at No Cost, speaker, Tompkins County Bar Association CLE, October 2011.

Greater Than the Sum of its Parts: Global Cooperation in Making the World's Laws Accessible, moderator, Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law, March 2011.

Navigating Your Way to the Classroom: Law Librarians Teaching New Law School Classes, panelist, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, July 2010.

MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Leadership Effectiveness Institute for Law Library Directors Lillian Goldman Law Library, Yale Law School	June, 2025
Velocity Advisory Group Executive Coaching	2019 - 2021
American Association of Law Libraries Management Institute	March, 2015
Cornell University Executive Harold D. Craft Leadership Program	April, 2013
Cornell University Supervisor Development Certificate Program	Summer, 2009

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association of Law Libraries	2008 – Present
Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association	2018 - Present
New York State Bar Association	2000 - Present
American Bar Association	2014 - Present
Association of American Law Schools	2008 - Present
Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York	2008 - 2018
American Society of International Law	2010 – 2014

AWARDS

American Association of Law Libraries, *Paul Gatz RIPS-SIS Publication Award* 2026

Bloomberg Law, *Top Ten Innovation in Bloomberg Law's Inaugural Law School Innovation Program* 2023

American Association of Law Libraries, *Presidential Certificate of Appreciation for Dedication to the Association and to the Legal Information Profession* 2021

American Association of Law Libraries, *Spirit of the Foreign, Comparative, and International Law SIS Award* 2011

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Villanova University AI Working Group Jan. 2026 – Present

VU Women in Tech Advisory Council Jan. 2026 - Present

Association of American Law Schools Section on Technology, Law and Legal Education Jan. 2021 - Present
Member, Executive Board Jan. 2023 – Jan. 2025

Law Archive (Yale Law School Open Archive for Global Legal Scholarship)
Member, Advisory Board Mar. 2023-Present

Legal Hackers PA (Philadelphia Chapter of Legal Hackers Global)
Co-Organizer June 2022 - Present

Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI)
Vice President, Board of Directors Jan. 2023-Present
Member, Board of Directors Jan. 2021-Present

American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
Law Librarian, ABA Sabbatical Site Visit Team Member 2021, 2022, 2023

One Book Villanova, *Committee Member* 2019 – Present

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) October, 2022
AALL Representative
Identified models for the capture, preservation, and long-term access to federal websites and government social media accounts

American Association of Law Libraries Government Relations Committee
Chair July 2021 – July 2022
Fundraising to Support the Legal Information Industry Subcommittee
Member July 2021 – July 2022
Pennsylvania Delegation

Member 2018 – 2022
Open Government Subcommittee
Member 2018 – 2021
Awards Subcommittee
Member 2019 - 2021

Joint AALS/AALL Academic Law Library Task Force
U.S. News & World Report survey for Law School Rankings
Data Science Testing & Education Working Group July 2021 – Sept. 2021
Team Leader Jan. 2020 – June 2020

American Association of Law Libraries
Budget Subject Matter Expert Jan. 2020 – Dec. 2020
Developed instructional eLearning content for an online course

Focus Group for the US DOJ Office of Information Policy
Invited Member Oct. 2019 - Nov. 2019
Conducted usability review for FOIA website and forms

Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York
President 2016 – 2017
Government Relations Committee
Chair 2014-2018

8Th Annual Boulder Conference on Legal Information, Scholarship and Teaching
Fellow July 2016

AALL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians Fundraising Committee
Member 2010 - 2013

American Society of International Law, International Legal Research Interest Group
Co-Founder and Co-Chair 2010 - 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Philadelphia Social Justice Hackathon Oct. 2022, April 2024 &
Co-Organizer & Participant March 2026

Law and Public Interest Technology Career Fair Feb. 2025
and Networking Reception
Co-Organizer

Books Through Bars, Philadelphia, PA 2020 - Present
Book sorter and packer

Hazard Library Association Board of Trustees, Poplar Ridge, NY
Treasurer 2014 – 2017
Trustee 2011 – 2017

BAR ADMISSION

New York 2000 – Present