

CURRICULUM VITAE

University of Idaho

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DATE: 1/11/24

RANK OR TITLE: Reference and Instruction Librarian – Assistant Professor

DEPARTMENT: College of Law Library

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DATE OF FIRST EMPLOYMENT AT UI: 7/1/18

DATE OF TENURE: Untenured

DATE OF PRESENT RANK OR TITLE: 7/1/18

EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL:

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Master of Library and Information Science, Certificate in Law Librarianship, 2017

Fieldwork: Wise Law Library, University of Colorado, July 2017

Capstone: “Great Minds Think Differently: Education Requirements and the Autonomous Academic Law Library”

Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, OR

Juris Doctor, 2016

Cum laude

Reed College, Portland, OR

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 2011

Thesis: “Killing What Was Always Dead: Assessing the Federal Commerce Power in Light of *Gonzales v. Raich*”

EXPERIENCE:

Reference and Instruction Librarian – Law Library (Boise), Assistant Professor of Law, University of Idaho College of Law, Boise, ID, July 2018 – Present.

Research Services Librarian, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA , 2017 – 2018

TEACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Areas of Specialization:

Legal Research

Courses Taught:

University of Idaho College of Law

Legal Research, Law 821, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022 & Fall 2023

Advanced Legal Research, Law 970, Summer 2020 & Spring 2021

Academic Legal Writing, Law 9010

Courses Developed:

Legal Research, University of Idaho College of Law
Advanced Legal Research, University of Idaho College of Law
Academic Legal Writing

Non-credit Classes, Workshops, Seminars, Invited Lectures, etc.:

Research instruction provided as guest lecturer for three classes in Legal Writing (Spring 2019-present). Research instruction also provided as a one-time guest lecturer in Contracts, Death Penalty, Federal Courts, White Collar Crime, Contracts, and Academic Skills.

Research instruction provided as guest lecturer for students working on law review.

Research instruction provided as a one-time guest lecturer for Environmental Law at Boise State University.

Served on Orals Board for Contracts Spring 2023.

SCHOLARSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Publications, Exhibitions, Performances, Recitals:

Publications

Sam Williams, *The Aesthetics of Legal Research*, 41 Leg. Ref. Serv.Q. 3 (2022)

Sam Williams, *What We Grow Beyond: How The Last Jedi, Go Set a Watchman, and the Notorious R.B.G. Can Help Attorneys Be the Heroes They Want to Be*, forthcoming 52 CAP. U. L. REV. 2024

Presentations and Other Creative Activities:

Co-Presenter, "Funny, Obscure, and Outdated Laws of Idaho," New Knowledge Adventures, 2023

Co-Presenter, "Legal Research in the Digital Age", Idaho State Bar Annual Meeting, 2019

Legal Issues with Pokemon Go (2017), <http://gallagherlawlibrary.blogspot.com/2017/11/legal-issues-with-pokemon-go.html> (last visited December 4, 2018).

Ghosts and the Law (2017), <http://gallagherlawlibrary.blogspot.com/2017/10/ghosts-and-law.html> (last visited December 4, 2018).

The History and Law of Special Counsel (2017), <http://gallagherlawlibrary.blogspot.com/2017/08/the-history-and-law-of-special-counsel.html> (last visited December 4, 2018).

The Legal Challenges of Comic Book Movies (2017), <http://gallagherlawlibrary.blogspot.com/2017/05/the-legal-challenges-of-comic-book.html> (last visited December 4, 2018).

SERVICE:

Major Committee Assignments

University of Idaho College of Law

Member, Community Committee, 2023-Present

Member, Learning Resources Strategic Planning Committee, 2022

Member, 1L Curriculum Subcommittee, 2022

Member, Upper Division Writing Requirement Subcommittee, 2022

Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2022

Member, Faculty Diversity Committee, 2020 – 2021
Member, Faculty Listening Session Implementation Group, 2020 – 2021
Member, Faculty Resolution Implementation Group, 2020
Member, Legal Writing Faculty Search Committee, 2020
Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2019
Chair, Faculty Technology Committee, 2019 – 2021
Member, Technical Services Librarian Search Committee, 2019
Member, Dean's Advisory Council, 2019 – 2021
Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2018
Member, Faculty Technology Committee, 2018 – 2021

Professional and Scholarly Organizations:

American Association of Law Libraries (2017 – Present):

Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section, 2018 – Present

Government Law Libraries Special Interest Section, 2018 – Present

Legal Information Services to the Public Special Interest Section, 2018 – Present

Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section, 2018 – Present

Group Leader, Write This Way Weekly Scholarship Meeting, 2023 - Present

Western Pacific Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, 2018 – Present

Idaho Library Association, 2018 – Present

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Teaching:

Patent and Trademark Resource Center, Annual Seminar, 2019

Western Pacific Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, 2018

American Association of Law Libraries, Annual Meeting, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023

Outreach

American Inns of Court, monthly meetings, regular guest attendee, 2019-2020

Idaho State Bar, Annual Meeting, 2019