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EDUCATION

MSLIS 2024	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Master of Science in Library and Information Science
BA 2022	Oklahoma City University Spanish
BA 2015	University of Central Oklahoma English

CERTIFICATIONS

2024	American Library Association Library Support Staff Certification
2018	International TEFL Academy Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) certification

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

2023

- New Voices in Sustainability Award (ALA: Sustainability Roundtable)
- Travel Grant (ALA: Social Responsibilities Roundtable)
- Lillian Born Norberg and Mary Lou Atkinson Staff Support Scholarship (Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma)
- Scholarship (Native Forward Scholars Fund)

2024

- NISO+ Scholar Cohort (National Information Standards Organization)
- Conference Scholarship (Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums)

2025

- Travel Grant (American Indian Library Association)
- Travel Grant (Mountain Plains Library Association)

EMPLOYMENT

2025-present **Programs & Partnerships Officer**
Oklahoma Department of Libraries

I lead complex project management of state and federal grant-funded initiatives focused on civic engagement and health literacy; analyze data to make informed decisions, ensure effective program implementation, and report progress to stakeholders; foster and maintain strong, strategic relationships with colleagues within ODL and across several state agencies, library professionals around the state, and various community organizations.

2019-2024 **Library Administrative Assistant III**
Chickasaw Nation Law Library, Oklahoma City University

In this position, I monitored budgets, processed invoices, and tracked expenses for multiple departments; organized financial and personnel documentation; researched databases to develop collections; communicated effectively with vendors and other university departments; prepared correspondence, purchase orders, and reports; assisted managers, librarians, and library staff; created displays for faculty scholarship and library collections; and digitized records and corresponding metadata to increase material findability.

2016-2019 **Access Specialist II / Circulation Clerk**
Edmond branch, Metropolitan Library System of Oklahoma County

I provided quality customer service; circulated materials; processed payments for fines, copies, and room reservations; maintained daily cash drawer reports; used and helped others use self-service and mobile technology; issued library cards to new and returning customers; shelved materials; and prepared periodicals and repaired damaged materials. In addition to these assigned job duties, I created reference documentation for circulation staff tasks and responsibilities at my assigned branch; provided virtual reference for the entire system, and assisted with access service coverage across various branches.

2015-2016 **Access Specialist I / Library Aide**
Edmond branch, Metropolitan Library System of Oklahoma County

I shelved materials; sorted materials on carts; sorted outgoing and incoming materials; labelled holds; cleared book drop; set up meeting rooms; straightened shelves; shelf-read; processed magazines; and assisted customers.

2015 **Shelver**
SWOKC branch, Pioneer Library System

2011 **Writing Tutor**
Tutoring Central, University of Central Oklahoma

2011 **Student Worker**
Law Library, Oklahoma City University

2010-2011 **Writing Tutor**
Learning Enhancement Center, Oklahoma City University

2008-2009 **Youth Assistant**
Outreach, Metropolitan Library System of Oklahoma County

Read with children, organized and transported necessary supplies, and documented student attendance at various locations; prepared volunteer vacation schedules, purchase orders, and refund requests; entered timesheet information for a large staff.

PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming Oklahoma Opportunities: Growing an information ecosystem in the land of many
The Relationships of Description: Experiencing the Power & Politics of Language
Book chapter co-author
- 2025 [Songs of Kinship: Indigenous Feminism\(s\) in the Past and Present -- A Roundtable](#)
Women and Social Movements in the United States since 1600 (29:1)
Article contributor
- 2024 [Open Scholarship and Bibliodiversity](#)
Information Services & Use
Co-author
- May 20, 2024 [Taking on the Challenge: PCC's Metadata Justice Work for Indigenous Communities](#)
Descriptive Notes (Society of American Archivists blog)
Author
- 2024 [2024 Proceedings of the Metadata Justice in Oklahoma Libraries and Archives Symposium](#)
Contributor
- 2023 [Creating Culturally Sensitive Subject Headings](#)
Richard Sapon-White, Pamela Louderback, & Sara Levinson (authors)
Workshop participant, Advisory Board member

PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING EVENTS

Serving Indigenous Communities: Tribal Librarians in Conversation

- Mar. 2026 Oklahoma Library Association 2026 Annual Conference (Tulsa, OK)
Competitively selected / Panel moderator (in-person)

Pop Top: Native Book Beat

- Mar. 2026 Oklahoma Library Association 2026 Annual Conference (Tulsa, OK)
Competitively selected / Individual in-person presenter

Reconnecting the Circle: Learning, working, and belonging as an Indigenous professional

- Nov. 2025 East Central University, 2025 Tribal Education Summit
Invited to speak / Individual in-person presenter

Indigenous Collection Celebration

- Nov. 2025 Chickasha Public Library, new collection kick-off event
Invited to speak / Individual in-person presenter

Roundtable on Indigenous Feminisms

Jun. 2025 Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Conference (OKC, OK)
Competitively selected / Panel in-person presenters

Cultivating Community: Community building and food sovereignty

Jun. 2025 International Indigenous Librarians' Forum 2025 (Toronto, Canada)
Competitively selected / Paired in-person presenters

Talking the Talk: Joining academic conversations through solid research skills

Jun. 2025 2025 Native Forward Empowering Scholars Summit (Spokane, WA)
Competitively selected / Individual in-person presenter

No Stone Unturned: Taking a deeper look at your library

Apr. 2025 Collections Reflect Communities Conference (Amigos, online)
Competitively selected / Paired virtual presenters

Building Bridges: Making Indigenous Connections

Mar. 2025 Oklahoma Library Association Annual Conference (Norman, OK)
Competitively selected / Paired in-person presenters

A Tribal Libraries Committee: Support for Indigenous Communities

May 2024 Joint Utah Library Association/Mountain Plains Library Association Annual
Conference (Tulsa, OK)
Competitively selected / Individual in-person presenter

Indigenous-specific collections development; Indigenous librarianship

May 2024 National Information Standards Organization (NISO) webinar series
Invited / Panel moderator (virtual)

Incorporating Indigeneity: A goal for librarianship

Mar. 2024 Oklahoma Library Association Annual Conference (Tulsa, OK)
Competitively selected / Individual in-person presenter

Creating Cultural Connections

Mar. 2024 Oklahoma Library Association Annual Conference (Tulsa, OK)
Competitively selected / Individual poster presenter

Check Out these Native Authors!

Mar. 2024 Oklahoma Library Association Annual Conference (Tulsa, OK)
Competitively selected / Individual in-person presenter

We're All in This Together: Connecting with Libraries as Educational Partners

Dec. 2023 Oklahoma Council for Indian Education Annual Conference (OKC, OK)
Competitively selected / Individual in-person presenter

Incorporating Indigeneity: A goal for librarianship

Fall 2023 UIUC Student Showcase
Invited / Individual poster presenter

Cultural Connectivity

Apr. 2023 Eastern Oklahoma Library Association Staff Development Day
Carl Albert State College, Sallisaw, OK
Invited / Individual in-person presenter, panel presenter

Creating Cultural Connections

Spring 2023 UIUC Student Showcase
Competitively selected / Individual virtual presenter

INTERVIEWS

Sustaining for the Future

Mar. 3, 2025 *American Libraries*
Contributor

Class Interview with Dr. Zachary Stier

Spring 2025 *Public Library Partnerships*, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign graduate librarianship course
Pre-recorded class guest speaker

140 - Metadata Related to Indigenous Peoples of the Americas feat. Katherine and Brandon

Dec. 6, 2024 *librarypunk*
Podcast guest speaker

Ep. 1 - Katherine Witzig & Brandon Castle

Nov. 1, 2024 *From the Fringes to the Foreground* (Students: Amplifying Your Voices)
Podcast guest speaker

Tribal Libraries Committee Enhances Library Services in Oklahoma

Sept. 18, 2023 *EveryLibrary*
Interviewee

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

American Library Association

2021-present Member
Sustainability Roundtable (SustainRT)

- 2022-23: Membership Committee Chair

2021-2024 Social Responsibilities Roundtable (SRRT)

American Indian Library Association

2022-present Member

- 2024-25: Treasurer-Elect
- 2025-present: Treasurer

Library of Congress

2025-present Indigenous Headings Consultant Group (IHCG)

National Indian Education Association

2022-2024 Member

Native American and Indigenous Studies Association

2025-present Member

Oklahoma Council for Indian Education

2022-2024 Member
Public Relations Committee

Oklahoma Library Association

2021-2023 Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Intellectual Freedom (EDII) Roundtable

2021-2025 Marketing Committee
Committee for Tribal Libraries, Archives, and Museums (TLC)
• 2022-present: Chair

2026-present Sites Committee

Program for Cooperative Cataloging

2022-2024 Task Group for Metadata Related to Indigenous Peoples of the Americas
• Co-chair

2025-present Task Group on Vocabularies, Languages, and Scripts Related to Indigenous Peoples of the Americas
• Co-chair

REFORMA (National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking)

2022 Helped establish the local four-state chapter, Corazón de la Nación

2022-present Member

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2022

NIEA Conference (OKC, OK)

OCIE Conference (Durant, OK)

OLA Conference (Tulsa, OK)

2023

ALA Conference (Chicago, IL)

ATALM Conference (OKC, OK)

Metadata Justice in Oklahoma Libraries & Archives Symposium (Virtual)

OK-ACRL Conference (Stillwater, OK)

OCIE Conference (OKC, OK)

MPLA / OLA Joint Conference (Norman, OK)

2024

ATALM Conference (Palm Springs, CA)
CADRE Conference (Stillwater, OK)
COIL Conference (Stillwater, OK)
East Central University's Tribal Education Summit (Ada, OK)
Empowering Scholars Summit - Participant (Pembroke, NC)
Metadata Justice in Oklahoma Libraries & Archives Symposium (Virtual)
MPLA / ULA Joint Conference (Salt Lake City, UT)
NISO+ Conference - Scholar (Baltimore, MD)
OK-ACRL Conference (Tulsa, OK)
OLA Conference (Tulsa, OK)
TechAccess Oklahoma (OKC, OK)

2025

East Central University's Tribal Education Summit (Ada, OK)
Empowering Scholars Summit - Team Lead (Spokane, WA)
International Indigenous Librarians' Forum (Toronto, Ontario)
NAISA Conference 2025 (OKC, OK)
NISO+ Global Online 2025 (Virtual)
OLA Conference (Norman, OK)
TechAccess Oklahoma (Virtual)

2026

OLA Conference (Tulsa, OK)
TechAccess Oklahoma (Virtual)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2022 - present	Participation in education & programming for Matriarch
2023 - present	Volunteer with programming at the Culture Hub Collective
2023 - present	Beadwork instructor, Epic Charter Schools' Native American Programs (K-12)
2024 - present	Scholarship reader, Empowering Scholar Summit Team Lead, and online platform moderator as a Native Forward Scholars Fund alumnus

SKILLS

- Mobile technology / applications
- Microsoft Office / Google Suite
- Video conference software
- Attention to detail
- Excellent customer service
- Effective teamwork
- Impactful communication
- Efficient organization
- Adaptability & resourcefulness
- Accurate budget management
- Strong documentation abilities (standards, policies, procedures, & workflows)
- Project management

LANGUAGES

English	<i>Native fluency</i>	Spanish	<i>Literate</i>
Japanese	<i>Beginner (Duolingo: 16)</i>	Chahta	<i>Beginner</i>