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EXPERIENCE

- August 2011 to present **UNIV. OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW M.G. GALLAGHER LAW LIBRARY** Seattle, WA
Reference Librarian
- Provides reference and legal research services to UW School of Law faculty, staff, and students as well as other UW library users and public patrons. Meets individually with faculty, law students, and research assistants to advise on research methods and writing strategies. Trains and mentors each year's law librarianship program interns. Manages all UWSL Lexis, Westlaw, and Bloomberg Law accounts and vendor relations. Edits and creates legal research guides and other library website content. Plans for and oversees all library book shifting and moving. Publishes scholarship about legal research, writing, and law librarianship in peer-reviewed journals.
- November 2011 to present *Editor, Current Index to Legal Periodicals*
- Indexes over 1,000 issues of American law journals per year. Audits journals indexed to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the *Current Index*. Interacts with subscribers and journal editors. Maintains the *Current Index* website content. Developing a pilot project for indexing electronic-only law journals.
- July 2011 **LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT LAW LIBRARY** New Orleans, LA
Intern
- Inventoried the 1,000 volume rare book collection. Trained library interns to conduct basic federal legal research.
- September 2010 to June 2011 **UNIV. OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW M.G. GALLAGHER LAW LIBRARY** Seattle, WA
Reference Dept. Intern
- Staffed the Reference Office with law librarians and other interns. Researched and drafted memos in response to law faculty requests. Responded to legal research inquiries by law students, faculty, and members of the public both in person and online. Assisted students with scholarly writing tasks, including selecting topics and finding resources.
- January 2011 to June 2011 *UW Department of Disability Resources for Students Legal Research Tutor/Reader*
- Tutored vision-impaired law student in the process of online legal research. Trained student to use the Bluebook legal citation format. Located websites that are accessible to student while using the Job Access With Speech ("JAWS") screen reading software. Taught student the process of federal legal research.
- May 2009 to May 2010 **GONZAGA UNIV. SCHOOL OF LAW** Spokane, WA
Research Assistant to Professor Ann Murphy
- Conducted legal research in areas of tax and evidence. Other tasks included summarizing the National Taxpayer Advocate's Annual Report to Congress and updating multiple tax law publications for which Professor Murphy was the editor.
- August 2008 to June 2009 *Research Assistant to Jennifer Gellner, Director of Low Income Taxpayer Clinic*
- Conducted legal research for Tax Clinic Director Jennifer Gellner, planned case round meetings for the Director and Tax Clinic interns, and prepared Power Point presentations for a

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number of Continuing Legal Education tax seminars taught by Director Gellner. Designed and coordinated program for seven interns to assist Latina child care workers who received a civil rights violation settlement with reporting the settlement on their income tax returns.

May 2008 to May 2010 *Chastek Law Library Student Employee*

Assisted students, faculty, and members of the public with legal research queries and checking out library resources. Assisted law journal staff and editorial boards with research, finding source materials, and Bluebook legal citation.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON Seattle, WA
Master's Degree in Library and Information Science, 2011
Special Certificate in Law Librarianship

GONZAGA UNIVERSITY Spokane, WA
Juris Doctor, 2010

Honors: Associate Editor, *GONZAGA LAW REVIEW* 2008-2010
Associate Editor, *GONZAGA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW* 2009-2010
James Rogers Scholarship Recipient 2007-2010

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON Seattle, WA
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish and History, 2007

PUBLICATIONS

MULTINATIONAL STATUTES COMPARED. Buffalo, NY Wm. S. Hein & Co.: Alena Wolotira & Sherry Leysen (publication forthcoming 2015). Will also be available as a database on HeinOnline.

Innovative Displays in Law Libraries, AALL SPECTRUM 17 (July 2013) (with Sherry Leysen).

Googling the Law: Apprising Students of the Benefits and Flaws of Google as a Legal Research Tool, 21 PERSPECTIVES 33 (Fall 2012).

From a Trickle to a Flood: A Case Study of the Current Index to Legal Periodicals to Examine the Swell of American Law Journals Published in the Last Fifty Years, 31 LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES QUARTERLY 150 (April 2012).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

<i>Washington State Bar Association</i> , Inactive Member	October 2010-present
<i>American Association of Law Libraries</i> , Member	March 2011-present
<i>Law Librarians of Puget Sound</i> , Member	December 2013-present