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Information professional with seventeen years of experience in archival, technical, and access services work. Excellent understanding of current library trends and best practices with regards to print, audiovisual, and digital media. Extensive experience with archives and special collections, as well as working in fast-paced customer service environments and detail-oriented processing tasks.

Degrees

2024	M.A., History, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, Huntsville, Alabama, United States
2014	M.L.I.S., Information Science, Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science, South Hadley, Massachusetts, United States
2007	B.A., History & Spanish, The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, United States

Work Experience

2017 - Ongoing | The University of Alabama in Huntsville | Huntsville, AL

Archivist, Librarian III- M. Louis Salmon Library

- Set priorities and determine appropriate approaches for arrangement and description of archival and special collections materials
- Develop and implement strategies, technologies, and standards that facilitate researcher access including metadata and digital access points for finding aids and digital content
- Oversee quality control for archival description and provide leadership in the creation of policies and procedures for staff workflow
- Provide quality reference desk service in the department
- Participate in instruction and outreach activities, digitization projects, exhibit preparation, developing grant proposals, and collection development

2007 - 2017 | Yale University | New Haven, CT

Faculty Services Assistant IV- Lillian Goldman Law Library | March 2015 - March 2017

- Coordinated the day-to-day operations of faculty research support
- Served as a primary source of information on established library procedures and policies for Yale Law School faculty and staff
- Coordinated research and delivery of materials from archives and special collections outside of Yale; hired independent researchers and document retrieval services as needed
- Fulfilled complex faculty research inquiries
- Provided reference services for law school faculty and students
- Trained and supervised the work of student employees
- Served on the Digital Projects Committee and Archives Committee

Archives Assistant II- Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library | September 2012 - March 2015

- Processed materials from Beinecke's backlog as part of the Baseline Processing Project. These

collections were primarily from the Yale Collection of American Literature (YCAL) and included a variety of formats and levels of previous description and arrangement

- Created and edited EAD finding aids for archival collections

Public Services Assistant IV- Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library | February - September 2012

- Assisted readers with reference queries and facilitated access to the rare books collections
- Paged, shelved, and shifted rare materials
- Filled complex photoduplication orders for patrons both on-site and around the world
- Processed shipments to and from offsite Library Shelving Facility

Library Services Assistant IV- Lillian Goldman Law Library | August 2010 - February 2012

- Acted as the Access Services branch of the Law Library's Faculty Services Department
- Assisted in fulfilling faculty research inquiries
- Assisted the Librarian for Emerging Technologies on the maintenance of the Judicial Nominations Database, Treatise Finder, and Avalon Project
- Worked with Rare Book Librarian on a wide range of digitization, preservation, and exhibit projects
- Assessed physical condition of materials to be sent to GaleCengage for digitization

Library Services Assistant III- Lillian Goldman Law Library | June 2009 - August 2010

- Processed all incoming Interlibrary Loan requests from universities and private firms worldwide using ILLiad
- Assisted with Interlibrary Loan borrowing as needed
- Kept track of unreturned library materials and charged student accounts using YAMS online bursar billing program
- Performed a wide range of circulation duties. Set circulation desk schedules as needed
- Collected and sent student and staff requests for materials shelved at the off-campus shelving facility
- Responded to general email inquiries regarding circulation policies and issues
- Worked closely with the Librarian for Emerging Technologies in the maintenance of the library's Judicial Nominations Database and the construction of a new library website and floor plan
- Served on the library's Communications Committee and assisted with exhibits and library signage

Library Services Assistant II- Lillian Goldman Law Library | September 2008 - June 2009

- Distributed, sorted, shifted, and shelved Law Library materials
- Performed a wide range of circulation duties, including but not limited to, charging and discharging library materials, processing renewals, updating item records, looking for missing books, staffing the circulation desk, and assigning library passes according to the Law Library's privileges policy
- Pulled and processed items for shipment to Yale's off-campus Library Shelving Facility
- Served on the Preservation Committee and Yale Library Green Team

Library Services Assistant II- Sterling Memorial Library | October 2007 - May 2008

- Participated in Phase II of the stacks reorganization project, which included shifting, counting, and linear distance measurements
- Performed related library services, including discharging, sorting, shelving, picking for offsite storage and rare book collections
- Gained proficiency with library software and online catalogs including Voyager, and Orbis

Scholarly Contributions and Creative Productions

Library Exhibitions

“The Life and Legacy of Dr. Frances Cabaniss Roberts”, Traveling Exhibit Funded by Alabama Humanities Foundation (February 11, 2020)

Adan, D. (2020). "Dave McGlathery and the Integration of UAH" Exhibit Case, M. Louis Salmon Library.

Adan, D. (2019). "Avalon Plantation and Alabama's first Suffragist" Exhibit Case, M. Louis Salmon Library.

Adan, D. (2019). “To Land on the Moon: Huntsville and the Apollo Program.” Art Gallery, M. Louis Salmon Library.

Book Chapters

Adan, D. (2023). "Space City USA: The Theme Park of the South that Failed to Launch" In *NASA and the American South*.

Presentations/Conferences

Adan, D. (2024, Spring). "Space City USA: Theme Park of the South that Failed to Launch" OLLI at UAH Bonus. The University of Alabama in Huntsville. Huntsville, AL

Adan, D. (2023, Spring). "Revolutionary Homophobia: The UMAP and the Persecution of Gay Men in Post-Revolution Cuba" Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS). Antigua, Guatemala.

Adan, D. (2022, Fall). "Avalon Plantation: Uncovering History as a Community" Memory Works: A Symposium on Remembering and Reckoning with Slavery's Legacies. Sewanee, TN.

Adan, D. (2022, Spring). "Binary Blitzkrieg: Nazi Representation in Video Games" Popular Culture Association National Conference, Online.

Adan, D. (2022, Spring). "Binary Blitzkrieg: Nazi Representation in Video Games" Collaborative event with the History Department, M. Louis Salmon Library. Huntsville, AL.

Adan, D. (2022, Summer). "Space City USA: Theme Park of the South that Failed to Launch" Madison County Historical Society Meeting. Huntsville Madison County Public Library Huntsville, AL

Adan, D. (2021, Summer). "Avalon: Slavery, Suffrage, Reconstruction and Beyond" Alabama History Institutes. M. Louis Salmon Library. Huntsville, AL.

Adan, D. (2020, Autumn). "Molly Applebaum and Mapping the Holocaust" Society of Alabama Archivists Annual Meeting. Online.

Adan, D. (2020, November). "2020 and the Future of Alabama History: The Avalon Plantation Marker Story" 2020 and the Future of Alabama History. Online: Alabama Historical Association.

Adan, D. (2019, October). "ArchivesSpace at UAH" Society of Alabama Archivist Annual Meeting. Decatur, AL.

Adan, D. (2019, March). "Space City USA: Theme Park of the South that Failed to Launch" NASA in the South Symposium. Huntsville, AL: NASA and The University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Grimsley, R. L., & Adan, D. (2019, January). "Conducting Research in the UAH Special Collections" Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society January 2019 Meeting. Huntsville, AL: Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society.

Adan, D. (2018, March). "Preserving Oral History: A Collaborative Approach to Processing Obsolete Media" To Boldly Preserve: Archiving for the Next Half-Century of Space Flight. College Park, MD: American Institute of Physics.

Adan, D. (2018, November). "UAH Archives & Special Collections Preservation Efforts" Fostering and Advocating for Preservation: Collections Care in the Deep South Conference. Montgomery, AL: Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts.

Adan, D. (2018). Moderated panel discussion on providing access to audio/visual materials. Southern Archivists Conference.

Adan, D., & Potter, M. (2017). "Motivations for Mars" Von Braun Symposium, UAH, Huntsville. AL.

Adan, D. (2017, October). "Dave Christensen: A Collaborative Approach to Processing Obsolete Media" Society of Alabama Archivist Annual Meeting. Tuscaloosa, AL.

Contracts and Grants

Completed

"The Life and Legacy of Dr. Frances Cabaniss Roberts", Funded by Alabama Humanities Foundation (February 11, 2020), awarded February 11, 2020 (\$2,275.00), Funded - Completed, Spring 2022

"Shooting for the Moon: Digitizing Audiovisual Materials Related to the Apollo Program", Funded by Council on Library and Information Resources (May 1, 2019 - April 30, 2020), awarded May 1, 2019 (\$18,774.72), Funded - Spring 2019, PI Drew Adan

Preservation Assistance Grant, Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (2019), awarded December 2018 (\$5,996) Completed, Spring 2019.

Travel fund to present at "To Boldly Preserve: Archiving for the Next Half-Century of Space Flight" (March 1, 2018 - March 2, 2018) (\$500.00), Completed, Spring 2018, PI Drew Adan

Preservation Needs Assessment, Funded by Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts (funded by National Endowment for the Humanities) (February 5, 2018 - May 23, 2018), awarded December 4, 2017 (\$6,000.00), Completed, Spring 2018, PI Drew Adan

Service/Awards

Member of Phi Alpha Theta

Historic Preservation Award, 2018, Historic Huntsville Foundation

Historic Huntsville Foundation board member

UAH Faculty Senate Personnel Committee and ad hoc Faculty Handbook Committee

Outstanding Graduate Student Award 2024

Membership

Society of Alabama Archivists (SALA) October 2017-PRESENT

Society of American Archivists (SAA) May 2017-PRESENT

Popular Culture Association 2022

Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS) 2023

