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Department of Geography and Sustainability | University of Tennessee, Knoxville

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- **Library & Information Geographies:** Spatial history of Southern libraries, Mary Utopia Rothrock, and regional information networks.
- **Infrastructural History & Regional Planning:** New Deal state-building, TVA utility models, and rural information grids.
- **Jim Crow Segregation & Public Space:** Knox County history, spatial access barriers, and informal Black information networks.

EDUCATION

- **Ph.D., Geography & Sustainability**, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (*In Progress*, 2029)
Dissertation Track: Mary Utopia Rothrock and the Spatial Transformation of Information in the Tennessee Valley (1914–1960)
- **M.A., English**, Long Island University (2026)
Thesis: Invisible Curriculum: Educational References in Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*
- **M.S., Educational Administration**, Dowling College (2002)
- **M.L.S., Media and Information Studies**, Palmer School of Library Science, LIU Post (1996)
- **B.A., French / Education** (*Magna Cum Laude*), C.W. Post College (1986)
- **Study Abroad Certification**, Institut d'Études Françaises de Touraine, Tours, France (1985)

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Graduate Teaching Assistant | Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee

August 2026 – Present

- Assisting in course administration, undergraduate instruction for *Southern Spaces & Places* and *Introduction to Geography*.

Medical Librarian I | EHS Medical Library

January 2025 – November 2025

- **Evidence-Based Information Retrieval:** Conducted systematic literature searches across health sciences databases to support clinical decision-making, biomedical research, and institutional policy.
- **Instruction & Research Support:** Delivered point-of-need information literacy instruction to clinical staff, residents, and health sciences faculty on database navigation, reference management tools, and literature appraisal.
- **Collection & Resource Management:** Managed access to electronic medical journals and point-of-care clinical tools, maintaining metadata standards and managing resource allocations.

Information School Media Specialist | Willow Road School

September 1996 – June 2025

- **Administrative Leadership:** Served as Summer School Principal (*intermittent summer sessions*) managing building operations, staff supervision, instructional scheduling, and student safety protocols.
- **Curriculum Design & Pedagogy:** Developed and executed a comprehensive K–12 information literacy curriculum aligned with national media standards, embedding critical thinking, digital citizenship, and research methodologies.
- **Program Administration & Leadership:** Managed all media center operations, including budget allocation, collection development, instructional technology integration, and facility modernization over a 29-year tenure.
- **Faculty Collaboration:** Partnered with educators to co-design resource-based learning units, integrating print and digital research assets into content-area instruction.

Public Librarian | Peninsula Public Library

August 2017 – November 2025

- **Reference & Community Services:** Delivered reference services, reader's advisory, research assistance, and youth programming using print archives, digital subscriptions, and interlibrary loan networks.
- **Collection Stewardship:** Evaluated and maintained adult and specialized collections through routine assessment and weeding to align materials with community metrics.
- **Digital Literacy Programming:** Facilitated community workshops on basic computer navigation, digital database research, e-reader access, and online information verification.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES & TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Archival Research & Primary Source Recovery:** Advanced historical research using Library of Congress, National Archives, state repositories, manuscript archives, and local

collections. Experienced in primary source analysis, historical text interpretation, and spatial humanities.

- **Biographical & Demographic Analysis:** Historical biography extraction and demographic research using Ancestry.com, state vital records, historical census tracts, and regional directory archives.
- **Information Architecture & Bibliographic Control:** Working familiarity with OCLC WorldCat, AACR2/RDA cataloging principles, MARC21 formats, controlled vocabularies, subject heading hierarchies, and relational database systems.
- **Database & Literature Retrieval:** Expert systematic searching across academic, medical, and professional databases, indexing standards, and evidence-based information retrieval.

MENTORSHIP & PEDAGOGICAL LEADERSHIP

Certified Instructional Mentor | Valley Stream UFSD #13

September 2023 – June 2024

- Completed New York State Mentor Teacher Certification training to provide structured professional support and pedagogical coaching for incoming school librarians.
- Facilitated year-long onboarding for novice library specialists, sharing model unit plans and demonstrating effective media literacy instruction.

HONORS & AWARDS

Journalistic & Major Public Honors

- **Pulitzer Prize for Spot News Reporting** (*Team Award*), *New York Newsday* (1991)
- **Proclamation for Exemplary Service**, Senator Todd Kaminsky (2021)
- **Distinguished Service Award**, New York State Senate Proclamation

Academic & Institutional Honors

- **LIU Graduate Scholars Award**, Long Island University (2026)
- **Palmer School Library Award**, Palmer School of Library Science (1996)
- **Foreign Language and Literature Prize for Excellence**, C.W. Post (1986)
- **Honors Program Prize for Excellence in Literature**, C.W. Post (1986)

Educational & Civic Leadership Awards

- **School Librarian of the Year**, Alternative High Schools, New York City (1994–1995)
- **Outstanding Service to School and Community**, Willow Road School
- **Founders' Day Award for Dedication and Excellence**, New York State PTA
- **Honorary Life Award**, Willow Road School PTA
- **Board of Education Commendations:** Grant Acquisition Leadership; STANYS Conference Presentations; STEM/STEAM Literacy Initiatives

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Change is Here! Future Ready Librarians!” Long Island Library Resources Council (LILRC), Bethpage, NY (*Oct 2025*)
- “Database Training for New Teachers,” New Teacher Orientation, Valley Stream, NY (*Aug 2024*)
- “Aerospace STEAM,” Science Teachers Association of New York State (STANYS), Syracuse, NY (*Nov 2024*)
- “Be A Trep,” SPARK / Nassau BOCES, Hauppauge, NY (*Nov 2024*)
- “STEM Engineering,” New York Library Association (NYLA) Annual Conference, Syracuse, NY (*Nov 2024*)
- “Engage with STEAM,” LITES Conference, Melville, NY (*Oct 2024*)
- “Reach for the Stars!” STANYS Annual Conference, Syracuse, NY (*Nov 2022*)
- “Dandy Displays for Library Lovers,” STANYS, Syracuse, NY (*Nov 2021*)
- “Teach the Teacher,” District New Teacher Training, Valley Stream, NY (*Aug 2000*)

CERTIFICATIONS & PROFICIENCIES

Professional Certifications

- NYS School Library Media Specialist (K–12)
- NYS Public Librarian’s Professional Certificate (No. 18828)
- NYS English Language Arts (7–12)
- NYS School Building Leader (SBL, Provisional)
- TN School Library Media Specialist
- Medical Library Association: Consumer Health Information Specialist (CHIS); AHIP (*Pending*)
- **NASA Lunar & Meteorite Sample Handling Certification**, NASA Astromaterials Research and Exploration Science (ARES)
- **Aviation Ground School**, NASA Flight Training Program (*Pilot Track*)

Languages

- **French:** Reading proficiency (Level 6), conversational
- **German:** Reading research proficiency (with dictionary)
- **Spanish:** Reading research proficiency (with dictionary)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Nassau-Suffolk School Library System (NBSLS) Advisory Council, *President* (2024–2026)
- Long Island School Library Association (LISLA), *Committee Chair* (2020–2024)
- Tennessee Library Association (TNLA)

- **New York State Association for Computers and Technologies in Education (NYSCATE)**