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**EDUCATION**

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Public Administration, University of Texas  
 Master of Library Science (MLS), University of Illinois  
 Bachelor of Science (BS) in English/Library Science, Illinois State University

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE****Project Coordinator**, Lifelong Education @ Desktop, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas **2006-**

Wrote IMLS grant in 2003 to develop and design the first 7 courses to train public librarians online. To date, more than 20,000 library staff members have taken LE@D's 30+ online courses. Now supervise the successful project and its staff through finding subject matter experts, course development, design, and production, marketing, and fulfillment.

**Senior Marketing Specialist**, Center for Distributed Learning, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas **2005-**

Marketing of online courseware for students and faculty of a major university. Writing and teaching online courseware for Lifelong Education @ Desktop, grant-writing and budgeting seminars for Texas Municipal Clerks Association and other UNT-related agencies. Advising and assisting online students and faculty for all university colleges and departments. All new and transfer student orientations.

**Associate Dean and Assistant Professor**, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas **2002-2005**

Enrollment management, recruitment, curriculum, management of adjunct faculty, course scheduling, advising of 450 master's students, web institutes, and teaching in an American Library Association-accredited program with over 1,100 master's and doctoral students. Development and teaching of three online courses in management and a face-to-face course in library buildings for the School of Library and Information Sciences. Receipt of over \$1 million in grants. Second UNT faculty member to receive the Excellence in Online Teaching Certificate.

**Consultant**, City of Waco, Texas **2001-2002**

Consultant helping City make decisions regarding new central library, county-wide library service, and development of joint libraries with community college.

**University Librarian**, Africa Nazarene University, Nairobi, Kenya **2001**

Volunteer consultant and library director during renovation, restructuring, strategic planning, and automation of private university library preparing to be chartered.

**Adjunct Faculty**, Florida Metropolitan University and University of Sarasota **2001**

Taught Critical Thinking and Business Research Methods in MBA programs during spring semester.

**Quality of Life Administrator and Library Director**, City of Clearwater, Florida **1992 - 2000**

City administrator responsible for library, marine, tourism, general services, and parks/recreation departments. Supervised city airport, convention/civic center, fishing pier, sailing center, beach visitor center, special events, sister cities program, 64 parks and recreation facilities, and 5 public libraries. Monitored external grants, leases, and contracts. Managed staff of 350 and annual operating budget of \$22 million.

**Library Director, City of North Richland Hills, Texas****1982 - 1992**

Supervised construction of new Main Library and successful adult learning center; supervised and expanded community programming of city-owned cable television channel to make it revenue producing; active member of Leadership Pinellas and North Tarrant County Chamber of Commerce; hosted and produced television show for nine years.

**Principal Librarian, City of Abilene, Texas****1978 - 1982**

Director of Technical Services and as Director of Public Services in a city serving 100,000 population, which was the major resource center of a multi-county library system. Responsible for public relations, special programming, reference, collection development, grant applications, and budget supervision.

**Director of Sales and Marketing, Group V Development Company, East Peoria, Illinois****1977 - 1978**

Developed marketing studies, programs, promotions and sales management for upscale 394-acre planned unit development; Monitored government grants for Section 8 housing projects; Worked with contractors, architects, landscapers, developers, and financiers in commercial and residential development.

**Executive Director, Fort Crevecoeur, Creve Coeur, Illinois****1976 - 1977**

Directed fund-raising campaign, promotional programs, special activities, and public relations for historic Fort Crevecoeur, built by LaSalle in 1680. Supervised construction of buildings and public facilities of LaSalle's historic Fort Crevecoeur, using volunteer labor. Founded Fort Crevecoeur Rendezvous festival. Solicited fourteen government grants totaling \$600,000 for Fort Crevecoeur reconstruction. Hosted weekly television community interest program on commercial television channel.

**Regional Coordinator, Illinois Bicentennial Commission, Springfield, Illinois****1974 - 1976**

Organized and developed 276 local and county bicentennial commissions in 48 counties in Central Illinois. Assisted communities in applying for grants and evaluated projects for State of Illinois. Did much public speaking, traveling 1200 miles per week to attend local events. Cataloged and organized state bicentennial archives. Served on Illinois Regional Tourism Council for five years. Organized state and regional conferences and workshops for volunteer leaders and government officials Organized two-week, statewide ethnic festival at Illinois State Fair.

**PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS**

City of Denton, Construction Advisory Board, 2007  
 Conference chair, Transforming Large Enrollment Courses International Symposium, May, 2007  
 Texas Distance Learning Association Publicity Committee, 2006-2007  
 UNT Quality Enhancement Plan Marketing Committee, 2006  
 Academic Plan Steering Committee, University of North Texas, 2005  
 Texas Library Association' Supervision, Management, and Administration Round Table (SMART)-chair, 2006  
 Institute of Museum and Library Services (Grant Review Panel)  
 American Library Association  
 United Way Allocations Panel  
 Public Library Association  
 Florida Library Association (Conference Chair three years)  
 Federation of North Texas Area Universities (library chair)  
 Leadership Pinellas (Florida) Graduate  
 Leadership Northeast (Texas) graduate  
 Executive Fellows Leadership Development Program, USF graduate

**CREDENTIALS AND HONORS**

Who's Who in America

Who's Who of American Women

Credentialed member of Graduate Faculty, University of South Florida  
Top Ten Business Women of the Year, American Business Women's Association  
First woman president of East Peoria (Illinois) Chamber of Commerce  
One of the first women invited to join Rotary International