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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Davidson College

Research Librarian for Teaching & Learning Initiatives
Information Literacy Librarian

Davidson, NC

2019-present
2011-2018

Leadership

- Led transformation of Davidson's 20 year-old Administrative Advisory Group to become a Staff Council in 2017. As Chair of the organization, engaged administrators and other stakeholders across campus in order to successfully pass new bylaws and include hourly staff in the membership of the organization.
- Lead Green Dot Engagement Committee. As Chair, head committee of launch team members to identify hundreds of influential faculty, staff, and students across campus and coordinate bystander training sessions for them.
- Founded Our Library Our Conference, an annual in-house conference for the library staff. Chair of planning committee 2016-present.
- Serve as Vice-President and President-Elect of the Davidson College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa (Gamma of North Carolina). The second staff member (non-faculty) to serve in this role in the chapter's 95-year history. Selected to represent the chapter as Chapter Delegate to the 45th Phi Beta Kappa Triennial Council in 2018.

Onboarding and Mentoring

- Direct onboarding initiatives for new library staff. Research onboarding practices, coordinate with supervisors, arrange mentor-mentee pairing, and organize monthly team-building meetings for cohort of new staff.
- Serve as Holistic Pre-Major Adviser for 10 students each year. Advise on class selections, connect students with campus resources, and support students in their educational, professional, and personal goals.
- Directed the Peer Research Advisor program from 2012-2016, including hiring, training, and assessing a cohort of students each semester.

Teaching and Reference

- Co-design and co-lead a digital information literacy course for 500+ incoming first-year students each year.
- Provide in-person and virtual reference services to thousands of students, faculty, and staff. Engaged in over 200 one-on-one, in-depth research consultations in the 2017-2018 academic year in addition to responding to other types of research-related inquiries.

- Teach information literacy sessions across all disciplines and class levels. Taught over 50 sessions in the 2017-2018 academic year.
- Create instructional, promotional, and training resources, including digital tutorials and guides.

Outreach and Collections

- Created a digital archive and facilitated purchase of library materials on an interdisciplinary trip to Cuba with faculty as part of a Bacca Foundation grant in May 2018: <https://baccacuba.caraevanson.com/>
- Serve as library liaison to 13 academic departments. Serve as point person for communication and coordinate collection development requests.

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Library Practicum and Student Work Experience

Madison, WI

2009-2011

- International internship at Mmangkodi Community Library in Botswana. Promoted literacy and community engagement with the library.
- Reference internship at Memorial library. Delivered in-person and virtual reference services at one of the largest research universities in the country.
- Instruction internship at Chemistry library. Taught research strategies and created digital resources.
- Circulation desk team lead at College Library and processed thousands of materials in technical services.
- Led major shifting project at College Library.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Publications

Hare, S., & Evanson, C. (2018). Information privilege outreach for undergraduate students. *College & Research Libraries*, 79, 726-736. <https://doi.org/10.5860/crl.79.6.726>

Kaspar, W.K., Hare, S., Evanson, C., Ford, E., & Budd, J.M. (2018). Considering developmental peer review. *College & Research Libraries*, 79, 718-225. <https://doi.org/10.5860/crl.79.6.718>

Evanson, C. (2017). Role of the free press in a democracy. *A Matter of Spirit*, 115, 8-9. Retrieved from <http://www.ipjc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/AMOSSummer17.pdf>

Evanson, C. (2017, April 11). Librarians: Knowledge curators for our communities. *Sojourners*. Retrieved from <https://sojo.net/articles/librarians-knowledge-curators-our-communities>

Vaughn, J., & Evanson, C. (2017, March 10). Real or fake? 5 things to know when reading news stories online. *Sojourners*. Retrieved from <https://sojo.net/articles/real-or-fake-5-things-know-when-reading-stories-online>

Evanson, C. (2015). 'We aren't just the kids that sit at the front': Rethinking student employee training. *College & Research Libraries News*, 76 (1), 30-33. <https://crln.acrl.org/index.php/crlnews/article/view/9245/10278>

Presentations

Evanson C. & Sponsel, J. (2018, February). *Getting real about fake news: First-year students and media evaluation*. Presentation at The Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience, San Antonio, TX. Slides retrieved from https://www.dropbox.com/s/77opl1sreml7faa/fye18_cr-46_evanson_sponsel_fake-news.pptx?dl=0

Blum, J., Evanson, C., Hauser, C., Layman, D., Sample, M., & Sponsel, J. (2017, September). *Foiling fake news: A multidisciplinary discussion on navigating the media*. Panel presented at Davidson College, Davidson NC. Video recording retrieved from <https://youtu.be/hzS-vL6KURc>

Crissinger, S., Evanson C., & Sponsel, J. (2016, June). *Fear of fa(i)l(l)ing: Abandoning old assessment footholds for new ground*. Workshop presented at Library Instruction West, Salt Lake City, UT. Slides retrieved from <http://digitalcommons.usu.edu/liw16/Libraryinstructionwest2016/ThursdayJune9/20/>

Crissinger, S. & Evanson C. (2016, March). *Why you won't have access to JSTOR and what you can do about it*. Workshop presented at Senior Career Summit, Davidson College, Davidson, NC. Slides retrieved from <https://www.haikudeck.com/jstor-presentation-education-presentation-684957ec7b>

Crissinger, S., Evanson, C. & Smith, K. (2015, October). *Ethics in Information Access*. Panel presented at Vann Center Ethics Forum, Davidson College, Davidson NC. Video recording retrieved from <https://youtu.be/ITOs-us6eLY>

Evanson, C., Sponsel, J., & Swanson, S. (2015, May). *Crafting student creators: Incorporating tangible projects in the one-shot*. Workshop presented at The Innovative Library Classroom, Radford, VA.

Poster Presentations

Evanson, C. & Pintler, M. (2015, October). *Peer joy: Maximizing the value of peer-to-peer learning through student employees*. Poster presented at the North Carolina Library Association Conference, Greensboro, NC.

Evanson, C. & Sponsel, J. (2015, May). *Crafting student creators: Incorporating tangible projects in information literacy instruction*. Poster presented at Annual Teaching Showcase, Davidson College, Davidson, NC.

Evanson, C. & Swanson, S. (2014, June). *How we met our students: A digital information literacy assessment*. Poster presented at Metrolina Library Association Conference, Charlotte, NC.

EDUCATION

M.A. Library and Information Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2011)

B.A. Spanish, Gustavus Adolphus College (2009)
Magna Cum Laude
Phi Beta Kappa
Minors in Religion and Latin American Studies

SERVICE

Davidson College

Advising <i>Holistic Pre-major Adviser</i> <i>Mormon Student Group Adviser</i>	2012-2014, 2015-present 2014-present
Phi Beta Kappa Chapter (Gamma of North Carolina) <i>Vice-President & President-Elect</i> <i>Chapter Delegate to the 45th Triennial Council</i> <i>Resident Member</i>	2018-present 2018 2011-present
Green Dot <i>Engagement Committee Chair</i>	2017-present
Our Library Our Conference <i>Planning Committee Chair</i>	2016-present
Advisory Council on Finance, Personnel, and Development <i>Staff Representative</i>	2017-present
Human Subjects Institutional Review Board <i>IRB Reviewer</i>	2018-present
Outreach and Engagement Steering Group <i>Member</i>	2018-present
Center for Career Development <i>Grant Reviewer</i>	2017-present
Host Family Program <i>Host Family for International Student</i>	2014-present
Staff Council/Administrative Advisory Group <i>Chair</i> <i>Academic Affairs Representative</i>	2016-2017 2014-2016
Board of Trustees Audit and Finance Committee <i>Administrative Staff Liaison</i>	2015

Professional Organizations

ACRL's Instruction Section Mentoring Program <i>Mentor</i>	2018-present
The Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience <i>Proposal Reviewer</i>	2018

Civic Activity

Ada Jenkins Free Clinic
Volunteer Spanish Interpreter

Davidson, NC
2011-present

Hands On Charlotte
Volunteer

Charlotte, NC
2015-present

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Creating Positive Library Work Environments (UW-Madison iSchool
continuing education course)

February 2019

Women's Leadership Institute (ACUI & the Council for Higher Education
Management Associations)

December 2017

Association of College & Research Libraries
Immersion Program, Teacher Track

July 2013