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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Davidson College

*Research and First Year Experience Librarian*  
*Research Librarian for Teaching & Learning Initiatives*  
*Information Literacy Librarian*

### Davidson, NC

*2020-present*  
*2018-2020*  
*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.
- Served as President of the Davidson College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa (Gamma of North Carolina) from 2019-2020. The second staff (non-faculty) member to serve in this role in the chapter's 95-year history. Selected to represent the chapter as Chapter Delegate to the 45<sup>th</sup> Phi Beta Kappa Triennial Council in 2018.

## Mentoring

- 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.
- Supervise, train, and coordinate work-study students in creating digital learning materials and providing research support.
- Directed the Peer Research Advisor program from 2012-2016, including hiring, training, and assessing a cohort of students each semester.

## Instruction and Reference

- Provide in-person and virtual reference services to thousands of students, faculty, and staff. Engage in over 200 one-on-one, in-depth research consultations per year, in addition to other types of research-related inquiries.
- Teach over 50 information literacy sessions a year, across all disciplines and class levels.
- From 2013 to 2018 co-designed and co-led a digital information literacy course for 500+ incoming first-year students each year.

- 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/>

## 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

Evanson, C., & Sponsel, J. (2019). From syndication to misinformation: How undergraduate students engage with and evaluate digital news. *Communications in Information Literacy*, 13(2), 228-250.  
<https://doi.org/10.15760/comminfolit.2019.13.2.6>

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. (2019, May). *Fake news, real talk: Engaging your patrons on fake news and news literacy*. Alumni Webinar for the Information School at UW-Madison. Recording and slides retrieved from <https://ischool.wisc.edu/continuing-education/past-webinars>

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](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>President</i> <i>Chapter Delegate to the 45<sup>th</sup> Triennial Council</i> <i>Resident Member</i>	2019-2020 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
Center for Career Development <i>Grant Reviewer</i>	2017- 2019
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 Activity

Library and Information Science Research <i>Peer-Reviewer</i>	2020
Librarians Without Borders <i>Volunteer in Xela, Guatemala</i>	2019
ACRL's Instruction Section Mentoring Program <i>Mentor</i>	2018-present
The Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience <i>Proposal Reviewer</i>	2018-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