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Special Collections Department, Marshall University Libraries  
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### DEGREES:

M.A., 1995, Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia  
M.L.S., 1985, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana  
B.A., 1984, Indiana University, South Bend, Indiana  
Associate of General Studies, 1983, Indiana University, South Bend, Indiana

### CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS:

0.5 CEU for Building Environments and Basic Care. Pittsburgh Regional Library Center, March 14, 1991.  
0.5 CEU for Library Binding. Pittsburgh Regional Library Center, July 26, 1991.  
0.6 CEU for Strategic Planning for Brittle Materials. Pittsburgh Regional Library Center, January 16, 1992.  
1 CEU for Conservation of Permanent Collections, Part 1. Pittsburgh Regional Library Center, March 12-13, 1992.  
1 CEU for Conservation of Permanent Collections, Part 2. Pittsburgh Regional Library Center, November 19-20, 1992.  
3 CEU's for Disaster Preparedness and Recovery for Library and Archive Collections. Indiana University School of Continuing Education, Bloomington, Indiana, July 25-29, 1994.  
3 CEU's for Preventive Conservation, Indiana University School of Continuing Education, Bloomington, Indiana. May 5 - 10, 1996.  
3 CEU's Introduction to Rare Maps and Atlases. Indiana University School of Continuing Education, Bloomington, Indiana. May 17-22, 1998.

### PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY EXPERIENCE:

Instructor, Assistant Reference Librarian (Special Collections and General Reference)  
1985-1989  
Edmon Low Library  
Oklahoma State University  
Stillwater, Oklahoma

OTHER LIBRARY EXPERIENCE:

Library Assistant 1984-1985 Halls of Residence Libraries Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana	Circulation Clerk 1981-1984 Library Indiana University at South Bend South Bend, Indiana
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PUBLICATIONS:

Bledsoe, Kathleen E. "How to care for Cherished Volumes" Bibliobillboard (November, 1990), Volume 2, Number 2, p. 3.

Bledsoe, Kathleen E. (Compiler) "Obituary Index from the Obituary Pages of the Huntington Herald Dispatch and the Charleston Gazette". 1990-

Bledsoe, Kathleen E. et al. (Compilers.) West Virginia: A Historical Resource Guide. Huntington, West Virginia: John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture, Marshall University, June 1995.

PROFESSIONAL AND SCHOLARLY MEMBERSHIPS:

American Library Association, 1984-  
Association of College and Research Libraries, 1988-1992.

West Virginia Library Association, 1989-  
Academic Library Division, 1989-  
Chairperson, 1997-1998.  
Vice Chairperson, 1996-1997

Preservation Roundtable, 1992-  
Chairperson, 1992-1994, 1996-1997, 1998-  
Vice-Chairperson, 1994-1995, 1997-1998.  
Co-Editor, Preservation Roundtable News, 1992-1995.

West Virginia Literature Roundtable, 1989-  
Chairperson, 1995-1996.  
Vice Chairperson, 1994-1995.

Oklahoma Library Association, 1985-1989.  
Oklahoma Conservation Congress, 1985-1989.  
Phi Alpha Theta, 1984-

OTHER MEMBERSHIPS:

Marshall University Faculty Women, 1989-  
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 1990-  
Order of the Eastern Star, 1965-  
Cabell-Wayne Historical Society, 1995-1996.

#### UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

Faculty Senate Research Committee. 1989-1999.  
    Subcommittee on release time for graduate research, 1991, 1993.  
    Secretary, 1994-1999.  
Faculty Senate Library Committee, 1999-  
Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award Committee, 1997-2001.

#### LIBRARY COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

Library Faculty Organization, 1989-  
    Chairperson, 1995-96, 1999.  
    Vice-Chairperson, 1994-1995.  
    Nominating Committee, 1994-1995, 1996-1997.  
Preservation and Disaster Planning Committee, 1989-  
    Chairperson, 1989-  
Morrow Library Staff Association, 1989-1992.  
    Treasurer, 1990-1992.  
Collection Development Committee, 1990-1997.  
Committee to study evacuation procedures, 1990.  
Task force to Review Travel Policy, 1991.  
Morrow Library Stacks Cleaning Project, August 19-23, 1991.  
    Co Chaired with Tim Balch.  
Ad Hoc Committee to draft guidelines for use of the FAX, 1991.  
Strategic Planning Subcommittee on Preservation, 1991-1993.  
Library Faculty Review Committee, 1991-1993, 1996-1997, 1997-1998.  
    Chairperson, 1991-1993, 1997-1998.  
Head, Search Committee for the Head of Technical Services, 1992.  
Head, Public Services Librarian Search Committee, 1994-1995.  
Search Committee for Confederate Bibliographer, 2001.

#### WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS ATTENDED:

Disaster Salvage Workshop, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 21, 1989.

Black History Conference, Marshall University, September 1989.  
 West Virginia Humanities Conference, Charleston, October 1989.  
 International Studies Program, Marshall University, October 1989.  
 Workshop on Social Justice given by Multicultural Affairs, Marshall University, May 1990.  
 Preservation and Conservation Workshop, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, July 1990.  
 Black History Conference, Marshall University, September 1990.  
 West Virginia Library Association, Annual Meeting, Charleston, October 1990.  
 Preservation Challenges: Resources for the Future, Pittsburgh Regional Library Consortium, University of Charleston, January 23, 1991.  
 Building Environments and Basic Care, Pittsburgh Regional Library Consortium, University of Charleston, March 14, 1991.  
 Library Binding, Pittsburgh Regional Library Consortium, University of Charleston, July 26, 1991.  
 Black History Conference, Marshall University, September 1991.  
 October Genealogical Feast, Boone County Genealogical Society, Madison, October 12, 1991.  
 West Virginia Humanities Conference, Charleston, October 18, 1991.  
 West Virginia Library Association, Annual Meeting, White Sulphur Springs, November 1991.  
 Strategic Planning for Brittle Materials, Pittsburgh Regional Library Consortium. University of Charleston, January 16, 1992.  
 Conservation of Permanent Collections, Part 1, Pittsburgh Regional Library Consortium, University of Charleston, March 12-13, 1992  
 West Virginia Library Association, Regional Workshop, Huntington Museum of Art, June 4, 1992.  
 Black History Conference, Marshall University, September 25, 1992.  
 KYOWVA Genealogical Society Workshop, Cabell Huntington Public Library, Huntington, October 17, 1992.  
 Local Authors Night at Marshall University, October 22, 1992.  
 Conservation of Permanent Collections, Part 2, Pittsburgh Regional Library Consortium, University of Charleston, November 19-20, 1992.  
 The Virginia Frontier on the Ohio Valley, 1763-1863: A Seminar, Marshall University, April 3, 1992.  
 Black History Conference, Marshall University. September 1993.  
 West Virginia Library Association, Annual Meeting, October 1993.  
 "Building Bridges to the Past: What to do when the road is closed". Virginia Genealogical Society. Arlington, Virginia. March 1994.  
 Disaster Preparedness and Recovery. Pittsburgh Regional Library Consortium. Institute, March 1994  
 Insurance Issues and Disaster Recovery. Pittsburgh Regional Library Consortium. Marshall University, June 1994.  
 Disaster Preparedness and Recovery for Library and Archive Collections. Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, July 1994.  
 West Virginia Library Association, Annual Meeting. October 1994.  
 "West Virginia Warriors: A Seminar". Marshall University, April 1, 1995.

West Virginia Library Association, Spring Fling. April 27, 1995.  
 “Gateway to the West” a genealogical workshop sponsored by the KYOWVA Genealogical Society, June 24, 1995  
 West Virginia Library Association, Annual Meeting. Canaan Valley. October 19-21, 1995.  
 Black History Conference. Marshall University. November 10-11, 1995.  
 West Virginia Library Association, Spring Fling. Flatwoods, April 11, 1996.  
 “Preventive Conservation” seminar and workshop on conservation in Special Collections, Museums and Libraries. Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana. May 5-10, 1996.  
 West Virginia Library Association Spring Conference, Academic Division, Institute. May 17, 1996.  
 West Virginia Library Association, Annual Meeting, Huntington, October 17-19, 1996.  
 “Dream Boldly and Reach for Your Highest Visions,” Marshall University. October 17, 24, and 31, 1996.  
 West Virginia Library Association, Spring Fling. Flatwoods. April 3, 1997.  
 Disaster Recovery Workshop. Marshall University. June, 1997.  
 Eastern Kentucky Genealogical Society Seminar. Ashland, KY. August 16, 1997.  
 West Virginia Library Association, Annual Meeting. Flatwoods, October 16-18, 1997.  
 West Virginia Black Heritage Conference. Marshall University. 1997  
 West Virginia Library Association, Spring Fling. Flatwoods, WV. April 2, 1998  
 Introduction to Rare Maps and Atlases, a seminar. Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana. May 17-22, 1998.  
 College and University Division, West Virginia Library Association, Summer Meeting. August 14, 1998.  
 “The Great Wagon Road: Ancestors on the Move”, Virginia Genealogical Society. Museum of American Frontier Culture, Staunton, Virginia September 25-26, 1998.  
 West Virginia Library Association. Annual Meeting. White Sulphur Springs, WV. December 7-9, 1998.  
 West Virginia Library Association, Annual meeting, Shepherdstown, Oct. 3-6, 1999.  
 “Piecing it Together: Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia,” Marshall University. March 3-5, 2000.  
 West Virginia Library Association, Spring Fling. Flatwoods, WV. April 6-7, 2000.  
 West Virginia Library Association Continuing Education Workshop on Genealogy. Cabell County Public Library, Huntington, April 12, 2000.  
 West Virginia Library Association, Annual Meeting. Charleston, November 2-4, 2000.  
 West Virginia Library Association, Spring Fling, Flatwoods, April 5, 2001.  
 “Disaster Can Strike: Writing Your Disaster Plan”, PALINET, West Virginia Wesleyan, Buckhannon. July 23, 2001.  
 West Virginia Library Association, Spring Fling. Flatwoods, April 4, 2002.

#### INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Introduction to Appalachian Materials, to Karen Simpkins Appalachian Studies Class, with Cora Teel, September 1989.

Brown bag workshop on procedures learned at The Johns Hopkins Summer Workshop, October 5, 1990.

“Simple repair to phase boxes: a workshop for library personnel”, January 10, 1991.

“Genealogical Research in the Tri-State Area: Sources and Strategies”. given at the West Virginia Library Association Regional Meeting, June 4, 1992.

“Minor Book Repair for Public Libraries”, given to a Library Science Class at Marshall University, March 18, 1992.

“The Special Collections Department and what we have”, given as a part of the KYOWVA Genealogical Society Workshop, October 17, 1992.

Bookhandling, shelving and awareness, given to new student employees, in the Fall and Spring of the years 1992 and 1993.

“Insurance Issues and Disaster Recovery”. Pittsburgh Regional Library Consortium. Marshall University. Assisted in planning and implementing the workshop and assisted the instructors. June 3, 1994.

“Gateway to the West” a genealogy workshop sponsored by the KYOWVA Genealogical Society, Huntington. Attended and Presented a session on preservation and the Special Collections Department. June 24, 1995.

Presented a workshop to the Cabell-Wayne Historical Society on preserving important family papers. November 12, 1995.

“Disaster Preparedness and Recovery”. Marshall University. Arranged, hosted and attended. June 1997.

Introduction to Appalachia and Special Collections. Presentation given to Karen Simpkins class in Appalachia. September 4, 1998.

Taught an in-service session on the Genealogy Patron and how to help them, for the Cabell County Public Library in-service training day. November 11, 1998.

Spoke to the “Young at Heart” group of Johnson Memorial Methodist Church on “Your family Paper and Photos”, March 23, 1999.

“Preservation a Common Sense Approach.” West Virginia Library Association, Spring Fling. Flatwoods, April 6, 2000.

“What to do with old Books” workshop. South Charleston Public Library, Charleston, April 7, 2001.

Library Lock In for Genealogists and Family Historians. March 17, 2001. With Cora Teel.

Taught two 2 session UNI 101 classes. One on web page evaluation and the other on MILES, Fall 2001.

Library Lock In for Genealogist and Family Historians. May 4, 2002 With Cora Teel.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Library Appreciation Day Dinner, 1990, 1992, 1996, 1998..

WPBY Fund Drives, 1990, 1991, 1992.

Spoke on the West Virginia Collection and Preservation, YWCA meeting. February 1995

Spoke to the Cabell-Wayne Historical Society on the preservation and conservation of family documents. November 12, 1995.

Researched and spoke on the West Virginia State Seal and its Symbolism. Westmoreland Chapter, NSDAR, June 20, 1998

Presented a program on paper and photograph preservation to the Westmoreland Chapter, NSDAR, June 20, 1998.

#### OFF CAMPUS CONSULTING:

Huntington Park Board, with Cora Teel, Spoke with the preservation group helping preserve and repair materials donated to them, October 1989.

Worked with the law librarian from Huddleston, Bolen, Beatty, Porter and Copen to repair and preserve the firm's law books, September 1990.

Consulted, with the Curator of the Ceredo Museum on ledger diaries, October, 1990.

Consulted with Mrs, Joandel Jackson on preserving her family tree with was drawn on a dindow shade, 1991.

Consulted with the 20<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church on material in their cornerstone that survived three floods, March 1992.

Consulted with Rick Tubsing, Director of the Glenville State University Library and his staff on their proposed West Virginia Collection and their new West Virginia Room. Also discussed the money and materials left to their library by Dr. Berlin B. Chapman. August 1996.

#### AWARDS, CITATIONS, AND GRANTS:

Awarded Greatest Needs Money for "Ripoff, an Operation to Stop the Theft and Mutilation of Library Materials" for fiscal year 1993-1994. With Majed Khader.

Received funding for "West Virginia Warriors: American Revolution to the Persian Gulf: A Seminar" April 1, 1995. With Cora Teel

Received internal funding from the Vice President for Development, Marshall University for the purchase of the VTLS Journal Indexing Subsystem for the indexing of the Huntington Herald Dispatch and Parthenon. October 13, 1995.

Received funding for Roster of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865. January 1997. With Lisle Brown. Faculty Merit Pay, 1998-1999.