

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### NAME

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### EDUCATION

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| 1998 | Master of Arts, Library and Information Science,<br>University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, USA.                  |
| 1994 | Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology major, Biology minor,<br>University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA, USA.   |
| 1993 | Study Abroad, Institute of British and Irish Studies,<br>St. Anne's College, Oxford University, England, UK. |

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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| (2008-present) | Associate Professor, Librarian – Instruction Specialist, Colorado State University                 |
| (2002-2008)    | Assistant Professor, Librarian - Instruction Specialist, Colorado State University                 |
| (1998-2002)    | Assistant Professor, Reference and Instructional Services Librarian, Central<br>College, Pella, IA |

### CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION

75 % Librarianship 15 % Research/Creative Activity 10 % Service/Outreach

### HONORS AND AWARDS

2005, Faculty Award for Excellence, Colorado State University Libraries, Fort Collins, CO

### PUBLISHED WORKS

#### **Refereed Journal Articles:**

Cranston, Catherine L. and Allison V. Level, 2006, Forward Progress One-step at a Time: Instruction Workshops, Assessment, and the Reference Connection, *Public Services Quarterly*, 2(2/3), 19-32.

Level, Allison V. and Catherine L. Cranston, 2003, Enticing Faculty to Library Instruction Workshops, *Academic Exchange Quarterly*, 7(4), 176-179.

#### **Refereed Chapters in Books:**

Cranston, Catherine L. and Allison V. Level, 2006, Forward Progress One-step at a Time:

Instruction Workshops, Assessment, and the Reference Connection, In: *Reference Assessment and Evaluation* (Tom Diamond and Mark Sanders, eds.), Haworth Information Press, 19-32.  
[Note: This is the same article as listed above in Refereed Journal Articles; it was co-published in Public Services Quarterly.]

Beam, Joan and Cathy Cranston, 2005, Research, Creative Activities and Publication by Academic Librarians, In: *The Successful Academic Librarian: Winning Strategies from Library Leaders* (Gwen M. Gregory, ed.), Information Today/Plexus Publishing, 31-42.

**Refereed Proceedings/Transactions:**

Mach, Michelle and Cathy Cranston, 2003, You Can Take It with You: Portable Library Instruction, In: *Proceedings of the E-Learn 2003 World Conference*, (Allison Rossett, ed.), Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education, 611-614.

**Non-Refereed Journal Articles/Chapters/Proceedings/Transactions:**

Blair, Joanna and Cathy Cranston, 2006, Preparing for the Birth of our Library Blog, *Computers in Libraries*, 26(2), 10-13+.

**CONTRACTS & GRANTS**

**Internally-Funded Awards**

(2001) LOEX Clearinghouse for Library Instruction conference at Eastern Michigan University  
Funding Request, Faculty Technology Development Grant (Central College, Pella, IA),  
2000-2001, approximately \$1,000.

**PAPERS PRESENTED/SYMPOSIA/INVITED LECTURES/PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS**

2008 January 9, "Too many databases, too little time?" Co-Presenter with Michelle Wilder, Professional Development Institute, Colorado State University.

2007 March 21, "Good for Business: Information Literacy and Your Students," Co-Presenter with Louise Feldmann and Amy Hoseth, College of Business Master Teacher Initiative, Colorado State University.

2007 January 3, "Go Beyond Google: Mastering Online Research," Co-Presenter with Amy Hoseth, Professional Development Institute, Colorado State University.

2006 September 12, "Linking Your Students to the Library," Faculty Workshop, Colorado State University [<http://lib.colostate.edu/instruction/workshops/linking.html>].

2006 April 11, "RSS in Libraries," Co-Presenter with Shu Liu, Colorado State University Libraries Employee Enhancement Committee Presentation, Morgan Library [<http://lib.colostate.edu/staff/eec/archive.html>].

2005 July 14, "Blogging in Libraries (revisited)," Co-Presenter with Dave Domenico, Colorado State University Libraries Employee Enhancement Committee Presentation, Morgan Library [<http://lib.colostate.edu/staff/eec/archive.html>].

2005 January, "Library Instruction a la Carte," Co-Presenter with Michelle Mach, Professional Development Institute, Colorado State University

[<http://lib.colostate.edu/instruction/workshops/ala carte.html>].

2003 November 9, “You Can Take It with You: Portable Library Instruction,” Co-Presenter with Michelle Mach, E-Learn 2003 World Conference, Phoenix, AZ, Refereed.

2003 January, “Find it Fast! Five Research Tips for People in a Hurry,” Co-Presenter with Allison Level, Professional Development Institute, Colorado State University.

2002 October 30, “Teaching and Learning Online Through Distance Education,” Colorado State University Libraries Employee Enhancement Committee Brown Bag Presentation, Co-Presenter with Sarah Myers, Morgan Library. [<http://lib.colostate.edu/staff/eec/archive.html>].

2001 October 12, “Web Design: Not Just for Geeks,” Panel Presentation with Bruce Gilbert & Matt Turner, Iowa Library Association Annual Conference, Davenport, IA [<http://www.drake.edu/bgil/ialib/>].

2000 October 20, “Ticket to the Past, the Present, and the Future: The Importance of Cataloging in the Varied and Confusing World of Knowledge,” Panel participant with featured speaker Arlene Taylor, Iowa Library Association Annual Conference, Ames, IA.

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS – PUBLICATIONS/SCHOLARLY RECORD**

**Online Tutorials included in PRIMO Peer-Reviewed Instructional Materials Online (Peer-reviewed by a committee of the American Library Association (ACRL IS) <http://www.ala.org/CFApps/Primo/public/search.cfm>)**

Cranston, Cathy and Tim Holt, 2005, Seeking Information: Web vs. Library Databases (flash tutorial), [http://lib.colostate.edu/tutorials/seeking\\_info.html](http://lib.colostate.edu/tutorials/seeking_info.html).

Mach, Michelle, Cathy Cranston and Tim Holt, 2005, Searching Academic Search Premier (flash tutorial), [http://lib.colostate.edu/tutorials/acad\\_info.html](http://lib.colostate.edu/tutorials/acad_info.html).

#### **TEACHING:**

##### **Credit Courses**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Semester</u></b>	<b><u>Course No./Title</u></b>	<b><u>Cr. Hrs.</u></b>	<b><u>Enrollment</u></b>
2004	Spring	LI301: Research in the Information Age (online)	1	6 graduate
2003	Fall	LI301: Research in the Information Age (online)	1	18 undergraduate
2003	Spring	LI301: Research in the Information Age	1	25 undergraduate

##### **Individual Library Instruction Classes**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Semester</u></b>	<b><u>Classroom Instruction Sessions</u></b>	<b><u>Enrollment</u></b>
2008	Fall	45	1068
2008	Summer	4	72
2008	Spring	49	1187
2007	Fall	34	749
2007	Summer	5	101
2007	Spring	30	636
2006	Fall	35	688
2006	Summer	3	66
2006	Spring	46	860

2005	Fall	45	806
2005	Summer	7	122
2005	Spring	47	984
2004	Fall	50	756
2004	Summer	7	125
2004	Spring	29	609
2003	Fall	28	541
2003	Summer	1	22
2003	Spring	37	717
2002	Fall	42	789
2002	Summer	2	42
2002	Spring	12	250

Please see appendix for specific classes taught.

### **Course Syllabi, Assignments, and Other Materials**

CO150 – College Composition Library Instruction Sessions: Example of an instruction outline for a 50-75 minute, a sample of PowerPoint presentations, course web pages, online workbook.

LI301 – Research in the Information Age: Course Syllabus provided for the online version of LI301.

### **Development of New Teaching Techniques**

Summer 2007, iClicker Classroom Response System added to the Electronic Information Labs. Developed an ice-breaker exercise using the clickers to help engage students and introduce them to the tasks that will be performed during the rest of the instruction session.

Fall 2004, in conjunction with two other librarians, developed an Online Workbook & Quizzing system to more fully integrate the libraries' online flash tutorials into library instruction. The quiz function collects data which can be used as a pre- and/or post-test for library instruction.

Fall 2002, Taught LI301 online using WebCT.

### **Conference/Workshop Assessments**

Evaluations from "Find it Fast!" Professional Development Institute were generally positive, only noting the need for more time to fully develop the ideas of the workshop.

### **Participation in Professional Development Activities Related to Teaching**

Attended: Teaching with Technology Conference, Boulder, CO, August 10-11, 2005. This conference offered tangible examples of using technology in the classroom to help improve student retention of information and engagement in the learning process. This conference sparked interest in Classroom Response Systems (clickers) which are now part of the Libraries' Electronic Information Labs.

Attended: "Teacher as Actor," all-day workshop at the Professional Development Institute, Colorado State University, January 9, 2003. This workshop demonstrated techniques used for actors and dancers to prepare teachers for an energized and creative classroom experience.

Attended: "Designing Online Instruction" online seminar, LERN, June 3-7, 2002. This week long seminar walked participants through the process of changing a traditional course into an online version of the course. The technique of "chunking" information into easily digestible pieces, as

well as concentrating on synchronous vs. asynchronous instruction methods helped transform a traditional version of the Libraries' one-credit course into an online version that could be offered to the distance student audience.

**ADVISING:**

**STUDENT ADVISING/GRADUATE SUPERVISION**

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS:**

- 8 Undergraduate Liberal Arts Advisees – 2006-2007
- 12 Previous Undergraduate Liberal Arts Advisees – 2005-2006
- 10 Previous Undergraduate Open Option Advisees – 2004-2005
- 8 Previous Undergraduate Open Option Advisees – 2003-2004
- 10 Previous Undergraduate Open Option Advisees – 2002-2003

**COMMITTEES**

**University Committees**

- The Information Science & Technology Center Educational Advisory Committee (ISTeC EAC), 2006-present
- The Institute for Learning and Teaching Information Literacy Task Force, 2008-2009  
Co-Chair
- University Curriculum Committee, 2006-2009
- The Learning Center ad hoc Committee, fall 2006
- Committee on University Programs, 2004-2007  
Chair 2006-2007 (University Faculty Council voting member)
- University Safety Committee, Fall 2003-2007
- Faculty Honors Council, Fall 2002-2006
- CSU Activities Board, 2002-2005

**Library Committees**

- Information Literacy Tack Force, spring 2008
- Instruction & College Liaison Task Force, summer 2007
- Libraries Faculty Council Committee on Responsibilities and Standing of Library Faculty, 2005-2007  
Chair 2006-2007
- Library Web Team, 2005-2007
- PINS Group, 2005-2007
- The September Project ad hoc committee, 2004, 2005, 2007
- Blogging Software Selection committee, fall 2005
- Search Committees:
  - Project Archivist Colorado Agricultural Archive Search Committee, fall 2006  
Chair
  - Applied Human Sciences Search Committee, fall 2005  
Chair
  - Business Librarian Search Committee, fall 2004  
Chair
  - Electronic Resources Librarian Search Committee Member, spring 2004
- Libraries Faculty Council Executive Board Secretary, 2003-2004
- LibQual+™ Committee, 2002-2003

Libraries Faculty Council Awards Committee, 2002-2004  
Chair, 2003-2004  
Employee Enhancement Committee, 2002-2005  
Juniors Group 2002-2004  
Chair 2003-2004  
LEA (Libraries Employee Association) Nominating Committee 2003-2004  
Chair of the LEA Community Outreach Committee, 2004-2005  
Bright Idea or Project Award Selection Committee, 2002-2006

**Professional Association Committees**

2004 Conference Program Planning Committee of the ACRL Instruction Section, 2003-2004

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Memberships in professional societies**

Special Library Association, 2007-2009  
American Library Association, Member (ALA), 1997-2009  
Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT), Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)  
Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), Member, 2002-2009  
Instruction Section (IS)  
2004 Conference Program Planning Committee of the ACRL Instruction Section  
Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL), 2002-2009  
Iowa Library Association (ILA), 1999-2002  
Member of Membership Committee, Iowa Library Association, 2001  
Conference Planning Committee, Iowa Library Association, 2001

**Office in professional societies**

Chair of Resources and Technical Services Forum, Iowa Library Association, 2001