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## Academic Appointment

*J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah*  
Deputy Director, Howard W. Hunter Law Library (2014 to present)  
Senior Law Librarian (2017 to present)

Head of Reference and Research Instruction (2013-2014), Head of Reference Services (2010-2013),  
Research Librarian (2006-2010)

Courses: Advanced Legal Research, Introduction to Legal Research and Writing, Introduction to Advocacy

## Publications & Papers

- *The Shadow Code: Statutory Notes in the United States Code*, working paper.
- *A Golden Opportunity: Legal Research Simulation Courses*, 20 AALL SPECTRUM 18 (2016) (with Leslie A. Street).
- *Assessment in Legal Research Education*, in THE BOULDER STATEMENTS ON LEGAL RESEARCH EDUCATION: THE INTERSECTION OF INTELLECTUAL AND PRACTICAL SKILLS 81 (Susan Nevelow Mart ed., 2014).
- *Taming Legal Information Overload*, 42 STUDENT LAW. 18 (Apr. 2014).
- *Local Ordinances: The Often Overlooked Laws*, 42 STUDENT LAW. 17 (Feb. 2014).
- Susan Nevelow Mart et. al., A STUDY OF ATTORNEYS' LEGAL RESEARCH PRACTICES AND OPINIONS OF NEW ASSOCIATES RESEARCH SKILLS (2013), *available at* <http://www.aallnet.org/sections/all/storage/committees/practicetf/final-report-07102013.pdf>.
- *Restatements: An Influential Secondary Source*, 42 STUDENT LAW. 19 (Oct. 2013).
- *The Importance of Legal Research*, 41 STUDENT LAW. 19 (Apr. 2013).
- *Transactional Law Research*, 41 STUDENT LAW. 18 (Feb. 2013).
- *Becoming a Cost-effective Researcher*, 41 STUDENT LAW. 18 (Dec. 2012).
- *Litigation Practice Materials*, 41 STUDENT LAW. 15 (Sept. 2012).
- *Getting to Know Lexis Advance*, 40 STUDENT LAW. 18 (Apr. 2012).

- *Becoming a Better Online Researcher*, 40 STUDENT LAW. 17 (Feb. 2012).
- *The Practitioners' Council: Connecting Legal Research Instruction and Current Legal Research Practice*, 103 LAW LIBR. J. 575 (2011) (with David L. Armond) (winner of the 2011 AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers, Open Division).
- *Getting to Know Administrative Decisions*, 40 STUDENT LAW. 21 (Dec. 2011).
- *Don't Underestimate the Importance of Statutes*, 40 STUDENT LAW. 18 (Oct. 2011).
- *Observations for Summer Research Success*, 39 STUDENT LAW. 22 (Apr. 2011).
- *Legislative History: The Search for Legislative Intent*, 39 STUDENT LAW. 18 (Feb. 2011).
- *WestlawNext: Westlaw's Next Generation Research System*, 39 STUDENT LAW. 12 (Dec. 2010).
- *Legal Encyclopedias: Research "Well Begun,"* 39 STUDENT LAW. 12 (Oct. 2010).
- *Free and Low-Cost Research Resources for Any Budget*, 38 STUDENT LAW. 8 (Apr. 2010).
- *Citators: The Power Tools of Legal Research*, 38 STUDENT LAW. 8 (Feb. 2010).
- *Smart Researchers Save Time by Starting with Legal Treatises*, 38 STUDENT LAW. 8 (Dec. 2009).
- *Thorough Academic Legal Research Will Improve Your Papers*, 38 STUDENT LAW. 8 (Oct. 2009).
- *Legal Research Readings to Inspire and Inform Students*, 17 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 6 (2008).
- *Review of Practicing Reference: Thoughts for Librarians and Legal Researchers*, in *Keeping Up with New Legal Titles*, 100 LAW LIBR. J. 755, 770 (2008).
- *Candy, Points, and Highlighters: Why Librarians, Not Vendors, Should Teach CALR to First-Year Students*, 99 LAW LIBR. J. 757 (2007) (winner of the 2007 AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers, New Member Division).
- *Promote Your Electronic Resources: How to Get More Bang for Your E-Resource Buck*, 11 AALL SPECTRUM 4 (Apr. 2007).
- *Review of Reflections on Constitutional Law*, in *Keeping Up with New Legal Titles*, 99 LAW LIBR. J. 829, 831 (2007).

## Presentations

- Moderator, *A Peek Behind the Curtain of the United States Code*, AALL Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., July 16, 2019.
- Presenter, *Improving Your Teaching*, Teaching the Teachers Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, May 31, 2019.

- Presenter, *Powered by AI, Built in the Law Library*, AALL Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, July 15, 2018.
- Presenter, *Data Mining for Meaning: The Law and Corpus Linguistics Project*, AALL Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, July 16, 2018.
- Presenter, *Attorney Research Skills: Continuing the Conversation Between Law Firm and Academic Law Librarians*, AALL Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, July 18, 2016.
- Presenter, *Attorney Research Skills: Join the Conversation Between Law Firm and Academic Law Librarians*, AALL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 21, 2015.
- Presenter, *Improving Your Teaching*, Legal Research Teaching Academy, AALL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 18, 2015.
- Coordinator and Presenter, *Legal Research Practices of Attorneys*, Westpac Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, October 10, 2014.
- Presenter, *Success in the Classroom: Measuring Student and Teacher Performance*, AALL Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, July 16, 2013.
- Presenter, *Meeting the Needs of Students and Their Future Employers: Discussion on Legal Research Instruction and Student Services Inspired by Practitioner Feedback*, AALL Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, July 16, 2013.
- Coordinator, Moderator, and Presenter, *Making the Grade: Assessing Legal Research Skills in the Classroom and Firm*, AALL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 26, 2011.
- Presenter, *AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Award Recipient*, AALL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 25, 2011.
- Coordinator and Presenter, *Beyond the Ivory Tower: Reaching Out to Practicing Attorneys and Law Firm Librarians to Improve Legal Research Instruction*, ALL-SIS sponsored AALL Program, Washington D.C., July 27, 2009.
- Presenter, *Getting Past Google: Tips for Teaching Electronic Legal Research*, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, March 21, 2008.
- Presenter, *Humble Lawyers: Can They Exist? Do They Exist? And How to Become One*, Spirit in the Law, Provo, Utah, March 12, 2008.
- Presenter, *Just Do It: Never Law Librarians Have Much to Contribute to Professional Scholarship*, AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Program, New Orleans, Louisiana, July 17, 2007.

## Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Illinois

- Master of Library and Information Science, 2006

J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

- Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, 2005
- Order of the Coif
- Brigham Young University Law Review
- Dean's Fellow, Academic Success Program

Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

- Bachelor of Arts, International Studies, 2002
- Minors in Latin American Studies and History

### Committees and Service

- J. Reuben Clark Law School Representative to the A. Sherman Christensen Inn of Court I, American Inns of Court (2010-present)
- Dean Search Committee, J. Reuben Clark Law School (2015-16)
- AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee, American Association of Law Libraries (2011-2015) (Chair, 2014-15; Vice-Chair, 2013-14)
- Task Force on Identifying Skills and Knowledge for Legal Practice, Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (2011-2015) (Vice-Chair)
- Legal Research Teach-In Kit Committee, Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section (2008-2015) (Chair, 2014-15)
- Professional Development Committee, Utah Academic Library Consortium (2008-2015) (Chair, 2010-11)
- ABA Accreditation Committee, J. Reuben Clark Law School (2011-12)
- Research and Publications Committee, American Association of Law Libraries (2009-2011)
- Legal Research and Sourcebook Committee, Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (2008-2009)

### Awards, Accomplishments, and Memberships

- Tenure granted (2012)
- AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Open Division Winner, with David L. Armond (2011)
- Columnist, *Student Lawyer Magazine*, Legal Research Column (2009-2014)
- WestPac AALL Annual Meeting Grant Recipient (2009)
- AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers New Member Division Winner (2007)
- Member of the Utah State Bar
- Member of the American Association of Law Libraries
- West Excellence in Law Librarianship Scholarship Recipient (2006)
- LexisNexis/John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Recipient (2005)
- Faculty Award for Meritorious Achievement and Distinguished Service (2005)