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Professor of Legal Research and Senior Law Librarian,
Howard W. Hunter Law Library, Brigham Young University,
Provo, Utah, January 1988 to present.

Faculty Arbitrator, BYU Housing Arbitration Board, Brigham
Young University, Provo, Utah, September 1989 to August 1991.

Environmental Research Attorney, Automated Sciences Group,
Inc., Oak Ridge, Tennessee, November 1990 to December 1991.

Attorney, Wootton, Smith & Associates, American Fork, Utah,
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Senior Hearing Officer, Salt Lake County Board of Equalization,
1987.

Law Clerk, Honorable Boyd L. Park, Fourth Judicial District
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Law Clerk, Harding & Associates, American Fork, Utah, October-
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EDUCATION J.D., April 1985. J Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University,
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M.B.A., April 1985. Marriott School of Management, Brigham
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Master of Strategic Studies, July 2003. United States Army War
College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

M.L.I.S., August 1993. School of Library and Information
Sciences, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

M.A., History, August 1981. Brigham Young University, Provo,
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Thesis: The Political Activities of Members of Gruppe
'47: Four Case Studies

B.S., Psychology, August 1975. Brigham Young University,
Provo, Utah.

B.A., German, August 1975. Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

SCHOLARSHIP

Honors:

"Daniel L. Wade Outstanding Service Award," Foreign, Comparative, and International Law (FCIL) Special Interest Section (SIS), American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), July 2012.

Legal Reference Services Quarterly's "Most Popular Articles", The Haworth Press, 2006.

"The Teaching of First-Year Legal Research Revisited: A Review and Synthesis of Methodologies," *19 Legal Reference Services Q.* 1 (2001). Selected by the Continuing Education Committee, Library Instruction Roundtable (LIRT), American Library Association (ALA) as one of the top 20 articles on library instruction for 2001.

"Spirit of the SIS," for service to the Foreign, Comparative, and International Law (FCIL) Special Interest Section (SIS), American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), July 2001.

Beta Phi Mu, International Library Science Honor Society, 1993.

Awarded a **Zertifikat Deutsch Als Fremdsprache** by the Goethe-Institut, 1980.

Publications:

Books:

Teaching Legal Research and Providing Access to Electronic Resources (Gary L. Hill, Lovisa Lyman, & Dennis S. Sears, eds., The Haworth Information Press 2001). Co-published simultaneously in *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* (The Haworth Information Press, an imprint of the Haworth Press, Inc.) Vol 19, No 3/4, (2001).

Legal Research Manual for Law Students: A Self-Help Program, Howard W. Hunter Law Library, Brigham Young University (Co-edited).

Articles:

"The Pedagogical Value of an Integrated Approach to Legal Research Instruction: Overcoming Student Resistance to the Use of Print Sources and Striking a Balance That Instills an Appreciation of the Strengths and Weaknesses of Both Print and Online Sources," *33 Legal References Services Q.* 38 (2014).

"Education Committee Report," *28 FCIL* [Foreign, Comparative, and International Law] *Newsletter* 14 (Oct. 2013). (Co-authored

with Donald L. Ford, University of Iowa Law Library.)

SIS Council Chair Report, American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Executive Board Book (Summer 2010).

SIS Council Chair Report, American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Executive Board Book (Spring 2010).

SIS Council Chair Report, American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Executive Board Book (Fall 2009).

Book Review, 37 *Int'l Leg. Info.* 256 (2009) (reviewing *The Reception of English law Abroad*).

"All Citators Are Not Created Equal," 29 *RIPS* [Research Instruction and Patron Services] *Law Librarian* 10 (Spring 2007).

"Vision: The Essence of Professionalism and Key to the Future of Law Librarianship as a Profession," 98 *L. Libr. J.* 81 (2006).

Minutes of the Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Business Meeting, 21 *FCIL* [Foreign, Comparative, and International Law] *Newsletter* 4 (Oct. 2006).

Federated Searching: The Hidden Costs--Translators, 31 *WestPac News* 4 (Fall 2006).

"The Future of FCIL-SIS Programming in the Context of the Annual Meeting," 20 *FCIL* [Foreign, Comparative, and International Law] *Newsletter* 3 (Feb. 2006).

"The Educational Summit: The Future of Professional Development Programming at the AALL Annual Meeting," 30 *WestPac News* 4 (Fall 2005).

"Federated Searching and its Role in the Law Library," 29 *WestPac News* 3 (Summer 2005).

"Electronic Balloting: Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of WestPac," 29 *WestPac News* 8 (Winter/Spring 2005).

"Introduction: Reference Services," to *Teaching Legal Research and Providing Access to Electronic Resources* 1-3 (The Haworth Information Press 2001). (Co-authored with Gary L. Hill and Lovisa Lyman, Howard W. Hunter Law Library.) Co-published simultaneously in *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* (The Haworth Information Press, an imprint of the Haworth Press, Inc.) Vol 19, No 3/4, (2001).

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"Education Committee Update: Riveting Program Proposals for AALL's 2001 Annual Meeting!," 15 *FCIL* [Foreign, Comparative, and International Law] *Newsletter* 8 (Oct. 2000). (Co-authored with Jean Davis, Brooklyn Law School Library.)

"WestPac Members Guide," Western-Pacific (WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), (2000).

"Education Committee Update on Accepted Programs," 14 *FCIL* [Foreign, Comparative, and International Law] *Newsletter* 6 (Feb. 2000). (Co-authored with Jean Davis, Brooklyn Law School Library.)

Annual Report: Western Pacific Chapter, 91 *L. Libr. J.* 815 (1999).

"WestPac," 4 *AALL Spectrum* 16 (Nov. 1999). (Chapter News, ed. and comp. Marilyn K. Harhai.)

"Education Committee Report," 14 *FCIL* [Foreign, Comparative, and International Law] *Newsletter* 8 (Oct. 1999). (Co-authored with Jean Davis, Brooklyn Law School Library.)

"WestPac," 4 *AALL Spectrum* 24 (Oct. 1999). (Chapter News, ed. and comp. Marilyn K. Harhai.)

"The Benefits and Challenges of Developing a Training Affiliation with an Active Duty Unit," *Minuteman* 29 (Fall 1999).

"President's Column: Law Library Concerns: The Perspective of a State Supreme Court Justice," 24 *WestPac News* 1 (Fall 1999).

"President's Column: WestPac: Approaching the New Millennium," 23 *WestPac News* 1 (Spring 1999).

"The Staff Study: An Integrative Management Tool for Law Libraries," 90 *L. Libr. J.* 51 (1998).

"WestPac Annual Meeting Final Conference Program," Western-Pacific (WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) (1998).

"Marketing: A Survival Tool for the Nineties and Beyond," 3 *AALL Spectrum* 2 (Dec. 1998).

"Report of the Education Subcommittee," 13 *FCIL* [Foreign, Comparative, and International Law] *Newsletter* 11 (Oct. 1998). (Co-authored with Katherine Topulos, Duke University).

"WestPac," 3 *AALL Spectrum* 24 (Oct. 1998). (Chapter News, ed. and comp. Susan L Trask.)

"Business and the Law Library: Educational Programming for the 31st Annual Meeting," 23 *WestPac News* 3 (Fall 1998).

"Email: Property and Privacy Issues: Implications for the Law Firm and the Law School," 21 *RIPS* [Research Instruction and Patron Services] *Law Librarian* 10 (Fall 1998).

"President's Column: The WestPac 31st Annual Meeting," 23 *WestPac News* 1 (Winter 1998).

"Report of the Latin American Law Working Group," 12 *FCIL* [Foreign, Comparative, and International Law] *Newsletter* 8 (Oct. 1997).

"Our Question--Your Answer: What Tips Can You Offer the

Inexperienced Researcher for Determining When to End a Research Project," *5 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing* 76 (Winter 1997).

Legal Research Essentials for Library Staff, Howard W. Hunter Law Library, Brigham Young University (1996).

"Utah Electronic Resources," in Paul A. Arrigo, *State Electronic Resources* <<http://lawlib.wuacc.edu/state.survey/utah2.html#AAAA>> (1996).

"Nevada Electronic Resources," in Paul A. Arrigo, *State Electronic Resources* <<http://lawlib.wuacc.edu/state.survey/nevada.html>> (1996) (Accepted).

Annual Report (Draft), Bylaws Committee, American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). See Sarah K. Wiant, "Bylaws," 88 *L. Libr. J.* 599 (1996).

"Our Question--Your Answer: What Is the Technique, Not the Tool, That Works the Best for You in Teaching Legal Research and/or Writing?," *5 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing* 24 (Fall 1996).

"African Law Working Group," 11 *FCIL* [Foreign, Comparative, and International Law] *Newsletter* 7 (Oct. 1996).

"Latin American Law Working Group," 11 *FCIL* [Foreign, Comparative, and International Law] *Newsletter* 9 (Oct. 1996).

"Teaching Foreign and International Legal Research Working Group," 11 *FCIL* [Foreign, Comparative, and International Law] *Newsletter* 10 (Oct. 1996).

Mid-Year Report (Draft), Bylaws Committee, American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). See Gayle E. Webb, "Fall Board Actions Review," 27 *AALL Newsletter* 226 (Feb. 1996).

"Has the Time Arrived for a Name Change?," 18 *RSL* [Reader Services Law Librarian] *Newsletter* 4 (Dec. 1995).

"Computer Assisted Practice System (CAPS) and Its Application in Support of the Reference Function Within the Law Library," 13 *Legal References Services Q.* 5 (1994).

Environmental Law Reference Guide (1994).

Other:

Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Directory, <www.law2.byu.edu/fcil>.

Research Acknowledgments:

Justin Collings, *Democracy's Guardians: A History of the German Federal Constitutional Court 1951-2001* (2015).

The American Inns of Court: Reclaiming a Noble Profession (Paul E. Pixton ed. & comp., 1997).

Presentations:

"Foreign Legal Research," Center for Law and Religion, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Provo, UT, May 2006, May 2007, May 2008, May 2009, May 2010, May 2011, May 2012, June 2014, May 2015, May 2016, and May 2017.

"Construction Legal Research," Construction Management Program, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, September 2014, January 2015, May 2015, September 2015, and January 2016, September 2016, January 2017, May 2017, October 2017, January 2018, May 2018, and September 2018.

"Introduction to Legal Research," 2016 Law School Boot Camp (Utah Valley State College/Utah Valley University), J. Reuben Clark Law School, Provo, UT, May 2016.

"Foreign Legal Research," Law School Faculty, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Provo, UT, January 2016.

"International Legal Research," Public International Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Provo, UT, September 2014.

"Foreign Legal Research," Law Librarianship, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Provo, UT, March 2006, March 2007, March 2008, March 2009, March 2010, March 2011, and March 2012.

"Legal Research," Culture of the Law (Utah Valley State College/Utah Valley University), J. Reuben Clark Law School, Provo, UT, February 2006, February 2007, February 2008, February 2009, February 2010, February & October 2011, and February & October 2012.

"International Legal Research," International Moot Court Jessup, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Provo, UT, October 2008 and November 2010.

"Foreign and International Law Research," International Law and Management Review, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Provo, UT, September 2007, September 2008, and September 2010.

"Legal Research Instruction," Law Librarianship, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Provo, UT, March 2006 and March 2007.

"Federal Tax Research," Tax-Exempt Organizations, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Provo, UT, February 2006.

Coordinator/Moderator, "Approaching the New Horizon: Foreign and International Research Instruction in the Law School and Law Firm," American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 91st Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA, July 13, 1998. (Jean J. Davis and Roberta I. Shaffer, Speakers.)

Coordinator/Facilitator, "Marketing: A Survival Tool for the Nineties and Beyond," Western-Pacific (WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 31st Annual Meeting, Missoula, MT, October, 8-10, 1998. (Patricia M. Cavill, Speaker.)

Coordinator/Facilitator, "Federal Taxation," Western-Pacific

(WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 31st Annual Meeting, Missoula, MT, October, 8-10, 1998. (J. Martin Burke, Speaker.)

Coordinator/Facilitator, "Employment Discrimination," Western-Pacific (WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 31st Annual Meeting, Missoula, MT, October, 8-10, 1998. (William L. Corbett, Speaker.)

Coordinator/Facilitator, "Hoyt & Blewett Electronic Moot Courtroom," Western-Pacific (WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 31st Annual Meeting, Missoula, MT, October, 8-10, 1998. (Fran Wells, Speaker.)

Coordinator/Facilitator, "From ISP's to Applets: What You May Not Know About Computers, Software, and the INTERNET," Western-Pacific (WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 31st Annual Meeting, Missoula, MT, October, 8-10, 1998. (Suzanne Miner and Randy Goddard, Speakers.)

"Expert Systems and Library Services," Western-Pacific (WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) 24th Annual Meeting, Snowbird, UT, October, 1991. Described and demonstrated the application of the Computer Assisted Practice System (CAPS) in the law library to the reference function.

Professional Activities:

National:

Co-Chair, Education Committee, Foreign, Comparative, and International Law (FCIL) Special Interest Section (SIS), American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 1998-present.

Chair, Special Interest Section (SIS) Council, American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 2009-2010.

Immediate Past Chair, Foreign, Comparative, and International Law (FCIL) Special Interest Section (SIS), American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 2009-2010.

Chair, Foreign, Comparative, and International Law (FCIL) Special Interest Section (SIS), American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 2008-2009.

Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, Foreign, Comparative, and International Law (FCIL) Special Interest Section (SIS), American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 2007-2008.

Secretary/Treasurer, Foreign, Comparative, and International Law (FCIL) Special Interest Section (SIS), American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 2005-2007.

Member, Executive Committee, Foreign, Comparative, and International Law (FCIL) Special Interest Section (SIS), American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 2005-2011.

Member, Research Competencies Committee, Research Instruction and Patron Services (RIPS) Special Interest Section (SIS), American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 1997-2001.

Member, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 1995-1997.

Regional:

Chair and Member, Site Selection Committee, Western-Pacific (WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 2009-present; Member, 2009-2010; Chair, 2010-present.

Chair, Grants and Awards Committee, Western-Pacific (WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 2007-2009.

Chair, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Western-Pacific (WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 2003-2007.

Immediate Past President, Western-Pacific (WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 1999-2000.

President, Western-Pacific (WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 1998-1999.

Vice President/President Elect, Western-Pacific (WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 1997-1998.

Member, Executive Board, Western-Pacific (WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 1997-2000.

Chair, Education Committee, Western-Pacific (WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 1997-1998.

Member, Membership Committee, Western-Pacific (WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 1996-1997.

Member, Preservation Committee, Western-Pacific (WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 1996-2004.

Chair and Member, Nominations and Elections Committee, Western-Pacific (WestPac) Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 1994-96; Member, 1994-95; Chair 1995-1996.

Member, Collection Development Committee, Consortium of Church Libraries and Archives (CCLA), 2015-present.

Co-Chair, Public Services Committee, Church Education System (CES) Library Consortium, 2003-2005.

EXPERIENCE

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Individual Ready Reserves (IRR), United States Army Reserves (USAR), 2003-2004.

Utah Army National Guard: Strategic Intelligence Officer, 1980 to 2003.

Active Duty: Tactical Intelligence Officer, 1977-1979.

United States Army War College, May 2001-July 2003. Master of Strategic Studies.

Command and General Staff College, September 1988-August 1991. Commandant's List.

Military Intelligence Officer Advance Course, October 1985-July 1988.

Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course, June-October 1977. Honor Graduate.

ADDITIONAL Reference Assistant, 1982-1985, Brigham Young University Law Library, Provo,

EXPERIENCE Utah. Edited Legal Research Manual for first-year law students.

Legal Research Manual awarded The Law Library Publication Award for 1985 by the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL).

Research Assistant, 1975-1977, 1981. Department of History, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Researched in European and American history for Professors DeLamar Jensen, Paul B. Pixton, D. Michael Quinn, and Douglas F. Tobler.

Night Manager/Checker, 1979-1981. Allen's Super Save Market.

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