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Education

JD, Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 1998.

M.S.L.S., Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, Pennsylvania, 2006.

BA, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pennsylvania, 1992.

Professional Positions

Academic

Associate Dean for Library and Information Services/Associate Librarian (2021 - Present).

Assistant Director of the Law Library/Associate Librarian, Penn State Dickinson Law. (2017 - 2020).

Information Services and Outreach Librarian/Assistant Librarian, Penn State Dickinson Law. (2014 - 2017).

Access Services Librarian/Assistant Librarian, Penn State Law. (2011 - 2014).

Access Services Librarian/Assistant Librarian, Dickinson School of Law. (2006 - 2010).

Adjunct Librarian, Dickinson School of Law. (2005 - 2006).

Government

Branch Librarian, United States Courts. (September 2010 - August 2011).

Professional

Associate, Charles J. Ax, Jr., P.C. (2001 - 2006).

Contract Attorney, Eckert, Seamans, Cherin & Mellott. (2003 - 2004).

Assistant Public Defender, Union County Office of Public Defender. (2002 - 2003).

Contract Attorney, Eckert, Seamans, Cherin & Mellott. (2001 - 2001).

Contract Attorney, Babst, Calland, Clements & Zomnir, P.C. (1999 - 2001).

Associate, Charles J. Ax, Jr., P.C. (1998 - 1999).

Licensures and Certifications

Law License, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, State. (1999)

Professional Memberships

American Association of Law Libraries. (2006 - Present).

Foreign, Comparative, & International Law (FCIL-SIS) (2019-Present)

Law Repositories Caucus. (2016 - Present)

Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (ALL-SIS). (2006 - Present)

Research, Instruction & Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS-SIS). (2006 - Present)

Professional Engagement, Growth, & Advancement (PEGA-SIS). (2016 - 2020)

Legal Information Services to the Public (LISP-SIS). (2012 - 2020)

Legal History & Rare Books (LHRB-SIS). (2012 - 2019)

American Bar Association. (2006 - Present).

Society of Academic Law Library Directors (2021 – Present)

Pennsylvania Library Association. (2012 - 2019).

South-Central Chapter. (2015 - 2019)

College & Research Division. (2012 - 2019)

Juniata - Conemaugh Chapter. (2012 - 2014)

American Library Association. (2013 - 2015).

Awards and Honors

Law Library Journal Article of the Year Award, American Association of Law Libraries. (April 2016).

TEACHING

Teaching Experience

Penn State (2006-Present)

CORE 917, Legal Research I, 3 courses

CORE 918A, Legal Research II, 3 courses

CORE 937, Legal Argument and Factual Persuasion, 2 courses

INDEP 901, Independent Study

LWLLM 902, Introduction to U.S. Legal Research, 2 courses

LWLLM 904 LLM Legal Research, 2 courses

REQ 905, Legal Argument and Factual Persuasion, 6 courses

REQ 916 Legal Research I, 2 courses

REQ 917 Legal Research II, 2 courses

RESEARCH

Intellectual Contributions

Articles Published in Refereed Journals

Ax-Fultz, L. (Primary Author, 65%), Eshbach, B. E., Loomis, E., & Miller, R. C. (2016). Take Five for Customer Service. *Pennsylvania Libraries: Research & Practice*, 4(1), pp. 4-19. ISBN/ISSN #/Case #/DOI #: DOI 10.5195/palrap.2016.123

Ax-Fultz, L. (2015). Igniting the Conversation: Embracing Legal Literacy as the Heart of the Profession. *Law Library Journal*, 107(3), pp. 421-439.

Ax-Fultz, L. (2014). Basic Online Legal Research for Librarians. *Pennsylvania Libraries: Research & Practice*, 2(1), pp. 71-83. ISBN/ISSN #/Case #/DOI #: 2324-7878 (online)

Manuscripts Submitted for Publication

Book Chapter, Forthcoming

Ax-Fultz, L. (50%), & Tarves, T. K. The Law Libraries of Penn State. In Beth Adelman & Jessica de Perio Wittman (Eds.), *Academic Law Library Structures: Past, Present, and Future* Hein. [Submitted August 2021].

Book Reviews

Ax-Fultz, L. (2016). [Review of the book *National Socialist Family Law: The Influence of National Socialism on Marriage and Divorce Law in Germany and the Netherlands*]. *Unbound: A Review of Legal History and Rare Books*, 8. pp. 73-75. ISBN/ISSN #/Case #/DOI #: perma.cc/3B7M-NJTY

Ax-Fultz, L. (2015, July 15). [Review of the book *National Socialist Family Law: The Influence of National Socialism on Marriage and Divorce Law in Germany and the Netherlands*]. *LH&RB: Newsletter of the Legal History & Rare Books Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries*, 21(2). pp. 26-28.

Ax-Fultz, L. (2014). [Review of the book *American Homicide*]. *Unbound: An Annual Review of Legal History and Rare Books*, 6(6). pp. 85-87.

Ax-Fultz, L. (2013). [Review of the book *Sources in the History of the American Law of Lawyering*]. *Unbound: An Annual Review of Legal History and Rare Books*, 5. pp. 114-115.

Ax-Fultz, L. (2013, September). [Review of the book *American Homicide*]. *LH&RB: Newsletter of the Legal History & Rare Books Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries*, 19(2). pp. 15-16.

Ax-Fultz, L. (2013, June 10). [Review of the book *The Extreme Searcher's Internet Handbook*]. *AALL Spectrum Blog*, 1.

Ax-Fultz, L. (2012, September). [Review of the book *Sources in the History of the American Law of Lawyering*]. *LH&RB: Newsletter of the Legal History & Rare Books Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries*, 18(2). pp. 42-43.

Articles Published in Nonrefereed Journals

Ax-Fultz, L. (2016). Program Review of Leave Treasure Hunts to Pirates: Using Research Plans and Logs to Create Experiential Legal Research Courses. *The ALL-SIS Newsletter*, 36(1), 12-13.

Ax-Fultz, L. (2015). Program Review of Legal Information Made Beautiful: Making and Using Law-Related Infographics. *The ALL-SIS Newsletter*, 35(1), p.6.

Ax-Fultz, L. (2014). Program Review of The Accidental Archivist. *LH&RB: Newsletter of the Legal History & Rare Books Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries*, 20(2), pp. 14-16.

Ax-Fultz, L. (2014). PORTT: The Legal Research Certification Program at Penn State Law *The ALL-SIS Newsletter*, 33(2). ISBN/ISSN #/Case #/DOI #: 2169-0715

Ax-Fultz, L. (2014). Taking Legal Research Instruction to the Next Level with the National Legal Research Teach-In. *AALL Spectrum*, 18(4), 2.

Dernbach, J., Ax-Fultz, L. (3%), Ackerman, N., Bice, L., Bucknum, S., Burger, M., Davis, B., Failing, E., Holmes, B., Hurst, R., Kippenhan, N., Miller-Tshudy, D., Patel, S., Reed, D., Schellhase, A., Stahlnecker, P., Tomer, D., & Weitzman, A. (1997). U.S. Adherence to Its Agenda 21 Commitments: A Five-Year Review. *Environmental Law Reporter*, 27(10504).

Blog

Ax-Fultz, L. (2016-Present). Keeping it Brief!

Instructional Material, Study Guide

Ax-Fultz, L. (Co-Author, 12%), Giardina, C. A., Gluckman, L. I., Hinckley, S. D., Kelmor, K. M., Partin, G., Podvia, M. W., & Swarthout, J. L. (2012). *Legal Research Survival Guide*.

Journal Article, In House

Ax-Fultz, L. (2012). How to Build a Research Certification Program. *InterView Newsletter*, 6(21), 1 pp.

Ax-Fultz, L. (2012). Dynamic and Creative Faculty Retreat. *InterView Newsletter*, 6(17), 2 pp.

Website – Research Guides

Ax-Fultz, L. (Author, 25%), & Partin, G. (2020). *Race and Diversity in America*.

Ax-Fultz, L. (2020). *Women's Voting Rights and the 19th Amendment*.

Ax-Fultz, L. (Author, 50%), & Zullinger, S. (2020). *Continuing Mission: To Explore Our World*.

Ax-Fultz, L. (Author) (2019). *Legal Research for 2Ls*.

Ax-Fultz, L. (Author) (2016). *Dickinson Adjunct Law Faculty Services Guide*.

Ax-Fultz, L. (Author) (2016). *Dickinson Law Faculty Services Guide*.

Herb, S., Ax-Fultz, L. (Co-Author, 17%), Dell, E., Schlotzhauer, V. E., Schmit, K. M., & Lynn, V. A. (2015). *Child Abuse and Neglect Research Guide, 2nd*.

Herb, S., Ax-Fultz, L. (Co-Author, 11%), Dell, E., Lynn, V. A., Lyons, T., Schlotzhauer, V. E., Schmit, K. M., Russell, S., & German, L. B. (2014). *Child Abuse and Neglect Research Guide*.

Ax-Fultz, L. (Author, 20%), Eshbach, B. E., Miller, R. C., Loomis, E., & Gwin, B. (2014). *Customer Service and Libraries*.

Ax-Fultz, L. (Editor) (2014). *Montague Law Library Faculty Services Guide*.

Editorial and Advisory Boards

National Legal Research Teach-In Instructional Resources Kit,

- Editor (2013)
- Co-Editor (2010 - 2012).

Presentations Given

Ax-Fultz, L. (Facilitator), Ottolenghi, C. (Ohio Attorney General's Office), & Swift, P. (The Ohio State University). (July 15, 2018). "Game Day! It's Librarian Skills vs. eRecords to Demonstrate ROI for the Win!," Annual Meeting, American Association of Law Libraries, Baltimore, MD.

Ax-Fultz, L. (Co-Presenter), & Snowman, A. M. (October 18, 2017). "Library Laws and Patron Confidentiality - The Policy Trap," Annual Conference, Pennsylvania Library Association, Pittsburgh, PA.

Ax-Fultz, L. (May 5, 2016). "What Can I do with an E-Book? Platforms, Printing, & Other Obstacles," Dickinson Law, Carlisle, PA, Invited.

Ax-Fultz, L. (April 11, 2016). "Legal Research in the 1L Curriculum," Dickinson Law, Carlisle, PA, Invited.

Ax-Fultz, L. (May 11, 2015). "Dickinson Law Repository: A Collaborative Project: Showcasing Resources from Communications, the Law Library, Faculty Scholarship, and Student Publications," Dickinson Law, Carlisle, PA, Invited.

Ax-Fultz, L. (Co-Presenter), & Snowman, A. M. (September 23, 2014). "Pennsylvania Libraries and the Law," Administrators Meeting, Berks County Public Libraries, Leesport, PA, Invited.

Ax-Fultz, L. (Co-Presenter, Penn State University Libraries), Loomis, E. (Northampton Community College Library), & Miller, R. (Osterhout Free Library). (June 13, 2014). "Take 5 for Customer Service," Annual Meeting, Northeast Chapter of the Pennsylvania Library Association, Scranton, PA, Invited.

Ax-Fultz, L. (Co-Presenter, Penn State University Libraries), Loomis, E. (Northampton Community College Library), Miller, R. (Osterhout Free Library), & Eshbach, B. E. (May 22, 2014). "Customer Service: Behind the Scenes," Annual Meeting, Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvania Library Association, Allentown, PA, Invited.

Ax-Fultz, L. (Presenter). (October 23, 2013). "Pennsylvania Law: Basic Legal Research Skills for Librarians," Annual Conference, Pennsylvania Library Association, Seven Springs, PA.

Ax-Fultz, L. (Co-Presenter, Penn State University Libraries), Loomis, E. (Northampton Community College Library), Miller, R. (Osterhout Free Library), & Eshbach, B. E. (Penn State University Libraries). (October 22, 2013). "Best Practices in Customer Service," Annual Conference, Pennsylvania Library Association, Seven Springs, PA, Invited.

Ax-Fultz, L. (Co-Presenter, Penn State University Libraries), Loomis, E. (Northampton Community College Library), & Miller, R. (Osterhout Free Library). (August 27, 2013). "Customer Service: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly," Franklin/Fulton County Library District, Chambersburg, PA, Invited.

Ax-Fultz, L. (Presenter). (March 2, 2012). "Does the Law Really Say That? Finding the Laws Applied in the Sandusky Case," Discovery Day, Penn State University Libraries, University Park, PA.

SERVICE

Service to the University

Law School Committee Work

Academic Rules & Academic Success Committee, Penn State Dickinson Law, Member (2021-Present).

Moot Court Board Committee, Penn State Dickinson Law, Member (2021-Present).

Library Committee (of the Law Faculty), Penn State Dickinson Law, Member (2019-2020), Chair (2020-Present).

Law Review Committee, Penn State Dickinson Law, Member. (2020-Present).

1L Faculty Working Group, Penn State Dickinson Law, Member. (2019 - 2021).

Faculty Excellence Award Sub-Committee of the Faculty Development Committee, Penn State Dickinson Law, Member. (April 2021).

Non-Tenure-Line Promotion and Review Committee, Penn State Dickinson Law, Member. (2019 - 2020).

Online Outreach Team, Law Library, Member. (2013 - Present).

Access Services Committee, Law Library, Chairperson. (2011 - 2014).

Technical Services Committee, Law Library, Liaison/Member. (2011 - 2014).

Library Faculty Search Committee, Law Library, Committee Member. (2014 - 2014).

Web Task Force, Law Library, Chairperson. (2013 - 2013).

Participation in Governance Bodies and Related Activities

Dean's Executive Committee, Penn State Dickinson Law, Member (2021-Present).

Leadership Team, Penn State Dickinson Law, Member. (2017 - 2019).

University Libraries

Committee Work

Commonwealth Campus Libraries Heads, University Libraries, Member. (April 2019 - Present).

Open Access Liaisons, University Libraries, Member. (May 2018 – May 2021).

Joint Collections Group, University Libraries, Member. (July 2017 – March 2020).

First Level Promotion and Tenure Review Committee, Penn State University Libraries, Member. (September 2018 - August 2019).

Access Services Council, Course Reserves Options Working Group, University Libraries, Member. (October 2014 - November 2015).

Circulation/Reserve Expert Team, University Libraries, Member. (November 2011 - November 2014).

Access Services Council, University Libraries, Member. (August 2011 - November 2014).

Access Services Council - Statistics Subcommittee, University Libraries, Member. (October 2011 - May 2014).

Discovery and Access Steering Team, University Libraries, Member. (February 2012 - February 2013).

Discovery and Access Steering Team, *LionSearch* Help Subcommittee, University Libraries, Member. (February 2012 - November 2012).

Faculty Retreat Committee, University Libraries, Member. (December 2011 - May 2012).

Participation in Governance Bodies and Related Activities

Dean's Library Council, University Libraries, Member (2021-Present).

Library Faculty Organization, University Libraries, Parliamentarian. (August 2014 - April 2019).

Library Faculty Organization Curricular and Instructional Affairs Committee, University Libraries, Member. (August 2012 - July 2013).

Participation in Recruitment and Retention Activities

Faculty Mentor, Penn State University Libraries, Tenure Mentor to multiple tenure-track librarians. (February 2018 - Present).

University

Participation in Governance Bodies and Related Activities

Faculty Senator, Faculty Senate, Member, Elected. (June 2021 - Present).

Service to Society as a Representative of the University to Public and Private Organizations

Legal Research Instruction, Bosler Library, Instructor. Carlisle, Pennsylvania. (September 2016 - October 2016).

Service to the Disciplines and to the Profession

Organizing Conferences and Service on Conference Committees

On-site Committee, Legal Writing Institute, Member. Carlisle, Pennsylvania United States. (July 2019 – December 2019).

American Association of Law Libraries, Teaching the Teachers Conference. Committee Member. (July 2019 – September 2020).

American Association of Law Libraries, Teaching the Teachers Conference. Co-Organizer. Atlanta, GA. (June 2019).

American Association of Law Libraries, Annual Meeting Program Committee, Member, National. (July 2017 - July 2018).

Pennsylvania Library Association, PA Forward Civic and Social Literacy Team Conference Planning, Organizer, State. Carlisle, PA. (November 2015 - March 2016).

Pennsylvania Library Association, Conference Planning Committee, Member. (January 2015 - November 2015).

Pennsylvania Library Association, Annual Conference, Exhibits Subcommittee, Co-Chairperson. (January 2015 - October 2015).

Pennsylvania Library Association, PA Forward Civic and Social Literacy Team Conference Planning, Organizer. Carlisle, PA. (October 2013 - May 2014).

Pennsylvania Library Association, Annual Conference, Exhibits Subcommittee, Co-Chairperson. (December 2012 - November 2013).

Pennsylvania Library Association, Conference Planning Committee, Member. (December 2012 - November 2013).

Participation in or Service to Professional and Learned Societies

US News Working Group - Personnel, Society of Academic Law Library Directors, Committee Member. (2021 - Present).

American Association of Law Libraries, Research, Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS-SIS)

- Past chairperson (July 2016 - July 2017)
- Chairperson, Elected. (July 2015 - July 2016)
- Vice-Chair, Elected. (July 2014 - July 2015)
- Interim Vice-Chairperson. (August 2013 - July 2014)

American Association of Law Libraries, Council of SIS (Special Interest Section) Chairs. (August 2013 - July 2016).

American Association of Law Libraries, Research, Instruction and Patron Services (RIPS-SIS), Program Committee, Chairperson. (August 2013 - July 2015).

American Association of Law Libraries, Research, Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS-SIS), Legal Research Teach-In Committee

- Chairperson (January 2013 - August 2013)
- Co-Chairperson (2010 - 2012).
- Member (June 2009 - June 2010).

Pennsylvania Library Association, PA Forward Civic and Social Literacy Team, Chairperson. (January 2015 - June 2016).

Pennsylvania Library Association, PA Forward Civic and Social Literacy Team, Member. (May 2013 - December 2014).

Service Project

"Library Customer Service Best Practices" Academy of Leadership Studies 2012, Pennsylvania Library Association, Participant, State. (November 2012 - October 2013).