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### EXPERIENCE

University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)

Jan 2004-present Co-director, Center for Digital Research in the Humanities (CDRH), with Kenneth M. Price. As a joint initiative of the University Libraries and the College of Arts & Sciences, CDRH advances collaborative, interdisciplinary research by creating unique digital content, developing text analysis and visualization tools, and advancing (and refining) international standards. CDRH is a priority program of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), and has received \$1.7 million in Programs of Excellence funding since January 2004. <http://cdrh.unl.edu>

July 2002- present Chair, Digital Initiatives & Special Collections Dept., UNL Libraries. Manage various units, including Archives/Special Collections, the Electronic Text Center, Preservation, and Digital Learning. Effective January 2004, Digital Research in the Humanities Initiative was added, and in Sept. 2004, Preservation was shifted to Technical Services. Preservation reformatting activities continue in Archives/Special Collections and in E-Text. Staffing ranges from 11 FTE to 16 FTE. Have managed budgets of over \$650,000 in a given year.

Feb 2000-June 2002 Chair, Special Collections & Preservation Dept., UNL Libraries. Manage a department merging Archives/Special Collections, the Electronic Text Center, and preservation activities such as binding, book/paper repair, preservation reformatting, and digital preservation. 11 FTE state-funded staff and various grant-funded positions.

Dec 1998-Jan 2000 Chair, Special Collections/Archives Dept., UNL Libraries. Provide on-going oversight for the department, with emphasis on preservation, access, and fund-raising. Coordinator of the Electronic Text Center. Staffing of 4 FTE and various grant-funded positions.

June 1986-Jan 2000 Chair, Serials Dept., UNL Libraries; Acting Chair, 1985/86. Manage Serials Department activities, personnel and resources. Coordinate operations with those of other departments in the University Libraries. From June 1986-July 1992, Serials Dept. included Serial Records, Serials Cataloging, and Binding Sections (25 FTE). Effective Aug. 1992, Serials/Acq reorganization: Serials Cataloging, Binding, and Preservation coordination. Supervise 15 state-funded FTE and various grant-funded positions.

July 1981-May 1986 Serial Records Librarian  
May 1980-June 1981 Asst. Serial Records Librarian

University of Iowa

Sept 1978-Apr 1980 Librarian Assistant I and II positions, Serials Dept.  
Aug 1978-Dec 1979 On-call Reference Librarian, Iowa Library Information Teletype Exchange

### **ACADEMIC RECOGNITION**

July 1994 Promoted to Professor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)  
July 1986 Awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor, UNL  
May 1980 Appointed Assistant Professor, UNL  
Aug 1978 Master of Arts, Librarianship, University of Iowa  
May 1976 Bachelor of Arts, Majors: History and English, University of Iowa

### **GRANTS—Federal**

Nebraska Digital Newspaper Project: Phase One, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), \$271,016, July 1007-June 2009. Project Director.

Interoperability of Metadata for Thematic Digital Research Collections: A Model Based on the Walt Whitman Archive, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), \$169,651. Katherine Walter and Kenneth M. Price, co-principal investigators.

Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Online, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), \$222,177, Sept. 2003-Aug. 2005. Katherine Walter and Gary Dunham, co-principal investigators.

Virtual Archive of Walt Whitman Manuscripts, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), \$245,723, Nov. 2002-Oct. 2005. Katherine Walter and Kenneth M. Price, co-principal investigators. The project team was awarded the 2006 C.F.W. Coker Award from the Society of American Archivists at their annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Omaha Indian Artifacts & Images: Online Inventory & Web Exhibit, funded by the IMLS, \$168,688, December 2001-2003. Principal author. Co-authors Dr. Thomas P. Myers, Univ. of Nebraska State Museum & Dee Ann Allison, UNL Libraries. Myers and Allison serve as co-principal investigators.

Benjamin A. Botkin Preservation Microfilming Project, funded by the NEH, \$97,435, 2001-2006. Project director and principal author. Major finding aid created by Mary Ellen Ducey.

George Cather Ray Preservation Microfilming Project, funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, est. \$5,600, 2002/2003. Project director.

Nebraska Newspaper Project, Phases I through III: Planning; Cataloging, and Preservation Microfilming, funded by the NEH, \$729,000, 1992-2000. Project director.

The History of Agriculture and Rural Life Project: 1820-1945. Nebraska section, 1854-1945. Two contracts from Cornell University (funded by the NEH), totaling over \$75,000, 1996-97 and 1998-2000. Co-project director, Rebecca Bernthal.

Mari Sandoz Preservation Microfilming Project funded by the NEH, \$155,847 award, 1995-June 2000. Co-authors Dr. Eva Sartori, Kathleen A. Johnson, Katherine L. Walter, and Michele Fagan. Served as project director, Dec 1998-2000.

Statewide Preservation Planning grant from the NEH to the Nebraska Library Commission, 1990/91, \$33,350. Author and project director.

### **Grants—State**

Nebraska Public Documents Digitization Project funded by the Nebraska Library Commission and the Nebraska State Records Board, 2005-2007, \$61,000 total.

### **Grants—University**

Digital Research in the Humanities, Programs of Excellence, \$631,000, Jan. 2006-June 2010.  
Katherine Walter and Kenneth Price.

Digital Research in the Humanities, Programs of Excellence, \$1,100,000, Jan. 2004-June 2008.  
Linda Pratt, Kenneth Price, and Katherine Walter.

### **Grants—Foundation, Association, or Corporate**

University of Nebraska Foundation, 2002/2003, \$42,000. Co-author with Dee Ann Allison. Digital Preservation.

Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation, 2001/2002, \$10,000. Co-author with Ken Price. Whitman EAD pilot project.

Nebraska Humanities Council, 2002, \$2,806 for Cather Symposium, with Margie Rine and Susan Rosowski.

National Film Preservation Foundation, 2001, \$5,100, for preservation of film "Rainbow Division Returns to Europe (1930)."

Nebraska Humanities Council, 2000, \$4,050 for Botkin Symposium.

POD Network, 2000, \$1,000, to organize archives of the POD organization.

Rainbow Division Veterans Association grant, 1999, \$10,300 for organizing and creating a finding aid to the Rainbow Division collections.

### **CONTRACTS:**

Quilt Index (Michigan State University/IMLS), 2005-2006, \$20,000

Western Waters (Greater Western Library Alliance/IMLS), 2003-2005, \$10,000

Western Trails (Colorado Digitization Program/IMLS), 2002-2003, \$5,000

Kansas Library Network Board, 1992-1993, \$10,000

### **PUBLICATIONS (Selected)**

Barney, Brett, Mary Ellen Ducey, Andrew Jewell, Kenneth M. Price, Brian Pytlik Zillig, and Katherine L. Walter, "Ordering Chaos: An Integrated Guide and Online Archive of Walt Whitman's Poetry Manuscripts," *Literary and Linguistic Computing*, v. 20, no. 2, 2005, p. 205-217. Refereed.

Walter, Katherine L. and Kenneth M. Price, "An Online Guide to Walt Whitman's Dispersed Manuscripts," *Lib Hi Tech*, v. 22, no. 3, 2004, p. 277-282. Refereed.

Walter, Jacox, Moshman, Johnson and others. *A Guide to Nebraska Newspapers: 1854-Present*. CD-ROM. (Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska, 1998).

Giesecke, Dr. Joan R. and Katherine L. Walter, "Adapting Organizational Structures in Technical Services to New Technologies." In *Restructuring Academic Libraries*, edited by Charles A. Schwartz. Chicago: Assn. of College and Research Libraries, 1997.

Giesecke, Dr. Joan R. and Katherine L. Walter, "Incremental Re-engineering: The Changing Roles of Technical Services Librarians," *ACRL Proceedings*, 1995. Refereed.

Walter, Katherine L. Author of many articles regarding the Nebraska Newspaper Project published in non-refereed journals, especially *NLAQ*, 1993-96.

Walter, Katherine L. *Saving the Past to Enrich the Future: A Plan for Preserving Information Resources in Kansas*, Topeka: Kansas Library Network Board, 1993.

Walter, Katherine L., "Preservation Literacy: Needs and Solutions in Nebraska," *Proceedings of the Nebraska Library Association College and University Section Spring Conference*, 1991. Chosen as "best paper" for the NLA Spring Conference and presented during a no conflict time. Reprinted in *NLAQ*. Presented in part, by invitation, to the Nebraska White House Conference Delegates, 5 June 1991.

### **PRESENTATIONS (Selected)**

"Employment, Professionalism, and Pedagogy," panel: Wendell Piez, John Unsworth, Katherine Walter, and Stephen Ramsay, Digital Humanities 2007 international conference, Urbana-Champaign. Juried.

"Digital Humanities Center Coalition," panel: Neil Fraistat (moderator and panel proposer), John Unsworth, Katherine Walter, Julia Flanders, Matt Kirschenbaum, Digital Humanities 2007 international conference, Urbana-Champaign. Invited.

"Interoperability of Metadata for Thematic Research Collections: A Model Based on the Walt Whitman Archive," panel: Katherine Walter (moderator and panel proposer), Brett Barney, Julia Flanders, Terence Catapano, Daniel Pitti, Digital Humanities 2007 international conference, Urbana-Champaign. Juried.

"Preserving and Creating Access to the Homesteading Records of the United States: A Pilot Project," panel presentation by Todd Arrington, Richard C. Edwards, and Katherine Walter, Homesteading Reconsidered regional conference, May 2007. Juried.

"Networking Across the Campus: Collaborative Partnerships through Humanities Computing," panel presentation by Katherine Walter, Brian Pytlik Zillig, and Andrew Jewell, Association for College and Research Libraries 13<sup>th</sup> National Conference, Baltimore, MD, Mar 2007. Juried.

"Ordering Chaos: Integrated Finding Aids and Interoperability of Metadata," at the IMLS WebWise Conference, Los Angeles, CA, Feb 2006. Invited.

"Building Collaborative Partnerships for Digital Research," at the Coalition for Networked Information meeting in Phoenix, AZ, Dec 2005. Invited.

"Collaborating to Create the Virtual Literary Collection: Digital Research in the Humanities and the *Walt Whitman Archive*," Society of American Archivists Annual Conference, August 2005. Panelist with Kenneth M. Price and Terence Catapano, August 2005. Juried.

As Faculty Fellow, moderated panel on the Electronic Archive and contributed a paper, "Contextualizing the *Cather Archive*: Digital Research in the Humanities," 10<sup>th</sup> International Willa Cather Seminar, June 2005. One of three presentations relating to digital work at UNL and the Willa Cather Archive. Invited.

"The Walt Whitman Archive: Archivist-Scholar Collaboration in Description and Representation," panel presentation with Kenneth Price and Terence Catapano, Assn for Computers and the Humanities/Assn. for Literary and Linguistic Computing international conference, Victoria, B.C., June 2005. Juried.

"Humanities Computing on the Great Plains: Multiculturalism and Multilingualism," Assn. for Literary and Linguistic Computing/Assn. for Computing in the Humanities international conference, Gothenberg, Sweden, June 2004. Juried.

"The Cather Scholarly Edition as Magnet," Cather Scholars Summit, June 2004. Invited.

"Czech American Archival Materials in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries," the Working Conference on Czech & Slovak American Archival Materials, co-sponsored by the Embassies of the Czech Republic and of Slovakia, Washington DC, Nov. 2003. Invited. Published in *SVA Proceedings*, 2004.

"Willa Cather Collections in the UNL Libraries," 9<sup>th</sup> International Willa Cather Symposium, Bread Loaf, VT, June 2003. As Faculty Fellow, moderated panel entitled "Collecting Cather."

"Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Online: a Collaborative Project," Nebraska Library Assn. Annual Conference, Omaha, NE, October 2003. Related presentation made at the NLA C&U Section Conference, Creighton University, May 2004.

"Electronic Publishing Trends," panelist, South Central Modern Languages Assn. Conference, Tulsa, OK, Oct. 2001.

"The National Preservation Program for Agricultural Literature," U.S. Agricultural Information Network biannual conferences, April 1999 and April 2001

"Methods of Leaf Attachment" and "Assessing Quality of Binding," Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (division of the American Library Association), New Directions in Library Binding Institute, Los Angeles, CA, March 1999. Co-presented two break-out sessions on library binding with Julie Page, University of California San Diego

U.S. Newspaper Program Annual Conferences, 1997 and 1998, Library of Congress, Washington DC. Presentations: "The Nebraska Newspaper Project Video: Development and Uses," 1997; "Guide to Nebraska Newspapers: 1854-Present. Demonstration and Development," 1998; "Making the Transition from a Cataloging to a Preservation Microfilming Project," 1998. All were invited.

"Breaking Ground: Statewide Preservation Planning," American Library Association, San Francisco, CA, 1992. Invited.

"Preservation Education for Library Users," American Library Association, Library Instruction Round Table panelist, San Antonio, TX, 1992. Invited.

"State Preservation Planning in Nebraska," Society of American Archivists, Philadelphia, PA, 1991. Invited.

"Lobbying in Nebraska" and "Legislative Efforts in Nebraska," Cooperative Preservation Program Administrators Meeting at the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC, 1990. Invited.

## **PARTICIPATION IN THE PROFESSION (Selected)**

American Library Association, 1981-82; 1984-present

Assn. of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), 1981-Present.

Library Administration and Management Assn. (LAMA), 1990-98

Assn. for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS)

Elected Director-at-Large by the membership, 2006-2008

### **Divisional Committees:**

ALCTS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, 2005-2007

Fundraising Campaign Chair, 2006-2007

ALCTS Board of Directors, 2003 and 2004; 2006+

Budget and Finance Committee Chair, 2003 and 2004

ALCTS rep on ALA Planning and Budget Assembly, 2003 and 2004

Budget and Finance Committee, PARS representative, 1996-2000

Organization and Bylaws Committee, Member-at-Large, 1989-93

Paul Banks/Carolyn Harris Award Committee, 2002-2003

Planning Committee, Member-at-Large, 2002

### **Section Committees:**

PLMS Preservation Education Committee, 1991-94

PARS Preservation Education Committee, 1994-96

Library Binding Institute Planning Committee,

1992-99; Co-Chair planning Boston & Los Angeles Institutes,

1994-96 and 1997-99 respectively

Miami ALA Conference Program Planning Committee for program

"Selling Preservation: What to Say to the Customer", 1992-93

"Two Thumbs Up! Preservation Film Festival" Planning Committee,

Chair, 1994-95; Chair, 1997-98. Held in Chicago and Washington, DC.

### **Discussion Groups:**

PARS Cooperative Programs Discussion Group, Secretary, 1994

Mountain Plains Library Association, Preservation Section, Chair, 1989/90

Nebraska Documents Preservation Advisory Council (NDPAC). Chair, 1988-2001

Nebraska Library Association, 1980-present, intermittent since 1997.

U.S. Agricultural Information Network (USAIN), National Preservation Program Steering Committee. Co-Chair, 1998-Apr 2000; Chair, May 2000-2002.

## **CONSULTANTSHIPS**

AMIGOS Library Services, Inc. Imaging and Preservation Service (IPS) Advisory Council, National Consultant, 1996-2007. Earlier consulting for Amigos involved writing evaluations of the 1991-92 and 1993-96 AMIGOS Preservation Service grant projects funded by the National Endowment for

the Humanities. Located in Dallas TX, AMIGOS serves a five state area and offers additional services in California, Colorado, Missouri, Nevada, and Washington (state).

Baylor University Libraries, consultant, 1999. Evaluated draft NEH Challenge grant application and recommended major changes.

Kansas Library Network Board, consultant, 1992-93. Facilitated regional preservation planning meetings in Kansas, delivered keynote addresses, and wrote a statewide preservation plan for Kansas.

National Endowment for the Humanities Division of Preservation and Access, Panelist, 1995-1999, 2001, 2004, 2007. Reviewer, 1993-1995.

## **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN AND UNL LIBRARIES**

### **UNL Service:**

- Humanities Research Program Advisory Board, 2001-2002
- Centennial Celebration Committee, 1999-2001
- Native American Student Recruitment and Retention, Research Task Force, 2004
- Nineteenth Century Studies Steering Committee, 2004-present
- SVCAA Chairpersons Workshops, participant, 1997-present
- Search committee member for registrar and assistant registrar for the Sheldon Art Gallery
- Search committee member for Plains Humanities Alliance Director, 2003
- Text Studies Steering Committee, 2000-present
- UNL Grievance Committee, 1997/98-1998/99
- UNL Speakers' Bureau, 2001/02 and 2002/03
- UNL Ten-Year Accreditation Outreach Committee, 1986

### **Administrative Committees in the UNL Libraries:**

- Automation Task Force, 1986-89
  - Serials Control Working Group Leader
- Center for Digital Research in the Humanities Advisory Board co-chair, 2005-present
- Collection Development Committee, 1985-2006
  - Preservation Committee Chair, 1985-92
  - Resource Allocation Committee, 1985-88
- Committee on Decisions and Arbitration (CODA), 1985-86
- Electronic Text Committee, 1999-2004; CDRH Advisory Board, 2004-present
- Executive Committee, 1985-present
- Planning Group (later called Design Group), 1985-89
  - Chair, 1988/89
  - Vice Chair, 1985/86-1986/87
  - Acting Chair, 1986/87
- Search Committees. 1982-present. Have served on many search committees, including two searches for Assistant Deans, and the Development Librarian position.
- Technical Operations Group (formerly Tech Services Committee, 1981-2004)

### **Other special assignments in the UNL Libraries:**

- Planned with Randall Snyder and Joan Barnes the "Too Cool to Care: Weldon Kees with a San Francisco Beat" event, March 2004.
- Co-chair with Susan Rosowski, "Wright Morris: American Dreamer" symposium, 2002-2003 committee.

Co-chair with Susan Rosowski, "Willa Cather and WWI" symposium, 2001-2002 committee.  
Chair, "American Folklore and the Legacy of Benjamin Botkin" symposium, 2000-2001 committee. Wrote grant to Nebraska Humanities Council. Funding received.  
Organized Randy Silverman's visit (presenter on 19th C book bindings), 1998  
Organized workshops on disaster recovery, 1997 & 2000, Thomas Clareson, presenter  
Organized workshop on preservation of magnetic media, 1996, Lisa Fox, presenter

**Faculty Committees in the UNL Libraries:**

Appeals and Grievances, Alternate, 1995/96  
Chair of the Faculty, 1984/85  
Committee on Academic Rank and Tenure, 1984-86; 1991-95; 1996-98  
Chair, 1991/92  
Liaison Committee, 1980/81-1981/82; 1984/85; 1996/97  
Chair, 1984/85  
Nominations Committee, 1985/86; 1988/89  
Parliamentarian, 1986/87-1987/88  
Policy, Program, and Budget (formerly Policy & Program Committee),  
1980/81-1982/83, 1988/89-1990/91  
Chair, 1982/83  
Secretary, 1986/87  
Secretary of the Faculty, 1980/81-1981/82  
Tenure, Promotion, and Reappointment Committees: 1986-present  
Chair, 1999 and 2002

**Other UNL library faculty assignments:**

Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Evaluation, Chair, 2002-2003  
Presenter at Academic Activities Committee workshop on grants, 1999  
Presenter at COART workshop on tenure, 1994  
Task Force on Library Faculty Evaluations, 1992/93  
Task Force to Study the Stewardship of the Dean, 1984  
Task Force on the Library Faculty Bylaws, 1983

**ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES (Selected)**

American Library Assn. Annual and Midwinter Conferences, 1985-86; 1988-present.  
Association for Literary and Linguistic Computing/Association for Computing in the Humanities (ACH) International Conference, 2004-2005  
Digital Humanities International Conference (formerly ACH/ALLC conference), 2006-2007  
IMLS 7<sup>th</sup> WebWise conference & "Shareable Metadata" pre-conference, Feb 2006.  
OCLC Digital and Preservation Cooperative Charter Members meeting, 2002 and 2003  
USAIN Conferences, Manhattan KS, April 1999 and Raleigh NC, April 2001  
Cornell University/Digital Imaging for Libraries and Archives Workshop, Oct. 18-23, 1998. Presenters: Anne Kenney, Oya Rieger, et al.  
AMIGOS Pre-Conference on Mass Deacidification, May 14, 1997. Presenter: James Hurd  
AMIGOS Disaster Response and Recovery Workshop, Oct 15-16, 1996. Presenter, Thomas F.R. Clareson  
Preservation Microfilming Workshop, Aug 15, 1996. Presenter, Robert Mottice  
Fast Forward: Preserving Magnetic Media, 1995. Presenter, Lisa Fox  
ALCTS Regional Institute: New Directions in Library Binding, Minneapolis, 1994, Los Angeles 1999. Presenters: Carol Eyler, Paul Parisi, et al.

Research Libraries Group Preservation Microfilming Quality Assurance  
Workshop, Ann Arbor, 1992. Presenters: Nancy Elkington, Robert Mottice  
National Archives & Records Administration/Western Council of State Libraries, Inc.  
Intensive preservation seminar, Nov. 1-9, 1990. Presenters: Mary Lynn  
Ritzenthaler, Constance McCabe, et al.  
American Library Assn. Preconference: Preservation and Collection Development,  
Chicago, 1990  
Mountain Plains Library Assn. Preconference: Book Repair on Any Budget, Salt Lake City,  
1990. Presenter: Randy Silverman, et al.  
National Conference on Developing Statewide Preservation Programs,  
Washington, DC, 1989. Invited as Resource Person  
American Library Assn. Preconference: Management Strategies for Disaster  
Preparedness, New Orleans, 1988, Presenters: Sally Buchanan, Lisa Fox, Nancy  
Elkington, Chris Coleman, et al.

#### **RELATED PROFESSIONAL AND/OR COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

Clinton Neighborhood Organization, 1982-86  
Treasurer, 1985/86  
President, 1984/85  
Newsletter Editor, 1983/85  
Vice President, 1983/84

**Friends of the Libraries, UNL.** 1987-present, member  
Treasurer, 1987-1996

Homestead Girl Scout Council, Girl Scout Troop Leader  
Troop 526, 1991-93 (Brownies)  
Troop 412, 1992-95 (Juniors)

Lincoln City Libraries Strategic Planning External Analysis participant, 1989

**Lincoln Library Association**, Treasurer, 1983/84

Mayor's Neighborhood Round Table, 1983-85

**Nebraska Center for the Book**, Executive Board, 1995-2001.  
Chair, Nebraska Literature Festival Committee, 1996-99  
Vice President/President Elect 1998/99  
President, 1999/2000  
Past President, 2000/2001

**Nebraska Literary Heritage Association**, 2001-present  
Board member, 2001-2007  
President, 2003/04 and 2004/05  
Vice President/Pres Elect, 2002/03  
Past President, 2005/06  
Chair, Membership Committee, 2002/03  
Chair, Nominations Committee, 2002/03

**Nebraska State Historical Records Advisory Board, 2003-2007**  
Gubernatorial appointee—two terms

Star Venture Education Task Force Strategy Development Team for the City of Lincoln, 1987-88