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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL May 2003
Masters in Library and Information Science

Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA May 1999
Bachelor of Arts cum laude *Major*: Creative Writing with honors *GPA*: 3.55,
Senior Thesis: Silver Hands (work of fiction), grade: 4.0

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Brookline Public Library, Brookline, MA Summer 2006-present

- *In Reference Services*: Works Reference and Information Desks as the main library and at the branches. Assists patrons with library orientation. Performs all reference duties including answering reference questions, readers' advisory, troubleshooting computer hardware and software problems. Produces booklists and flyers as needed to highlight collections and for special events. Advises on collection development of the graphic novel collection for the adult, young adult, and children's collections.
- *In Teen Services*: Responsible for all teen oriented events, programming, collections, and outreach. Innovates programming and manages teen collection development for all three branches. Networks with interested community partners, schools and teenaged patrons.

Cary Memorial Library, Lexington, MA Fall 1999-Summer 2006

- *Library Technician*: Works all public desks in all departments including Circulation, Children's, Reference, Audio Visual and Branch Library. Assists patrons with library orientation. Performs all circulation duties including retrieving reserve items, recording lost and paid items, and processing network loan items.
- *In Adult Services*: Created and co-leads a monthly book club for adults. Produces booklists and flyers as needed to highlight collections and for special events. Advises on collection development of the graphic novel collection for the adult, young adult, and children's collections.
- *In Young Adult Services*: Assists the Young Adult Librarian with programming, collection development and networking with schools and teenaged patrons. Created and maintained an online Virtual Book Club for Young Adults. Created and continues to lead a successful Japanese manga and anime club for local teens.
- *In Bibliographic Services*: Responsible for the classification and entry of all adult fiction, young adult collections, and Children's audio-visual materials. Catalogs and creates bibliographic records as necessary. Labels and processes all items as needed.

SKILLS

Computer: iii Circulation Software, DRA Circulation Software, Microsoft Office, Adobe Pagemaker, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Acrobat, Quicken, Netscape, Eudora, WorldClient, familiar with both Macintosh and IBM Systems. Course in Pascal.

Language: Familiar with French and Latin.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Library Association (ALA) Member 2001-present
Massachusetts Library Association (MLA), Youth Services Section (YSS) Member 2004-present
Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Member 2001-present

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PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Committee Work

ALA/YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults Committee	2003-2006
ALA Graphic Novel Member Initiative Group, Co-Convener	June 2010-present
ALA/YALSA Graphic Novel Task Force	2003-2005
ALA/YALSA Great Graphic Novels for Teens Committee	2005-2008
Boston Book Festival, Kids & YA Programming Committee	2010-present
Judge for the Boston Globe Horn Book Awards	2010-2011
Judge for the Will Eisner Comics Industry Awards	2007
MLA Youth Services Section Executive Board	Member-at-Large 2004-present

PUBLICATIONS

- Brenner, Robin. Comics and Graphic Novels In: Ed. Wolf, Shelby, Karen Coats, Patricia Enciso and Christine Jenkins. Handbook of Research on Children's and Young Adult Literature. New York: Routledge, October 2010:256-267.
- Brenner, Robin and Snow Wildsmith. Love Through a Different Lens: Japanese Homoerotic Manga through the Eyes of American Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Other Sexualities Readers In: Ed. Cornog, Martha and Timothy Perper. Mangatopia: Essays on Manga and Anime in the Modern World. Hartford CT: Libraries Unlimited, October 2011:89-115.
- “Get Graphic @ Your Library Workshop Guidelines.” Young Adult Library Services Association. August 2004. Co-authored with Philip Crawford.
- Good Comics for Kids
<http://blog.schoollibraryjournal.com/goodcomicsforkids/>
Blogger and contributor to Good Comics for Kids features. 2008-present.
- “Graphic Novels 101: FAQ.” The Horn Book Magazine. March 2006.
- “Graphic Novels for Middle Grades: Selected New Releases.” Library Media Connection. January 2007.
- “Introduction.” Graphic Novels, Manga and Comics from Random House, Inc. A Collection Development Resource. January 2009.
- “Graphic Novel Review Guidelines.” Reference and User Services Association (RUSA). April 2004. Co-authored with Francisca Goldsmith.
- “Graphic Novels: Where to Start?” SelectioNotes. Ed. Susan Dunman. April/June 2004. Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. 23 March 2005.
<http://kdla.ky.gov/onlinepubs/selectionnotes/AprJune2004/gn_wherestart.htm>.
- No Flying, No Tights: A Website Reviewing Graphic Novels for Teens
<http://www.noflyingnotights.com>
Creator and Editor-in-Chief, 2002-present.
- Understanding Japanese Manga and Anime. Libraries Unlimited. June 2007.
- Video Librarian 2004-2007
Japanese Anime Reviewer, published every other month
- Voice of Youth Advocates 2004-present
Teen Screen Columnist, published three times a year
- “Why Does Manga Rule?” Foreword Magazine. Comique Supplement. November 2006.

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PROGRAMS AND CLASSES PRESENTED

ALA/YALSA Annual Conference	
<i>YALSA Preconference Teen Literature and the Internet, one of four panelists</i>	June 2005
<i>GLBT Graphic Novels and Comics, one of five panelists</i>	June 2008
<i>Graphic Novel Pop Stage Programming, panelist</i>	June 2010
<i>ALSC Program Good Comics for Kids, one of six panelists</i>	June 2011
<i>Comics Creation: Graphic Novels for Younger Readers from Script to Panel, moderator; Graphic Novels for Reluctant Readers</i>	
ALA/YALSA Midwinter Conference	January 2006
<i>YALSA Preconference Teens and Technology Institute, one of five speakers</i>	
Boston Book Festival	October 16, 2010
<i>Cartooning! You Can Do It Too!, panel coordinator and moderator</i>	
The Horn Book at Simmons	October 2, 2010
<i>A Graphic Conversation, panel coordinator and moderator</i>	
Massachusetts Library Association Annual Conference:	
<i>Graphic Novel Panel presentation</i>	April 2004
<i>New and Nontraditional Reader's Advisory for Tweens and Teens</i>	November 2005
<i>Graphic Novel Mini-Conference, day-long event</i>	May 2009
<i>Age Ratings in Visual Media</i>	May 2010
Massachusetts School Library Association Annual Conference	October 2006, November 2008
<i>Graphic Novels for Schools presentation</i>	
Massachusetts Statewide Teen Summit	March 2010
<i>Poster Session: Cupcake Decorating Programs</i>	
<i>Award Books Panel: Working on ALA/YALSA Committees, one of three panelists</i>	
<i>Mini-golf!? In the Library? Part of a panel presentation on programming</i>	April 2011
Miami International Book Fair	November 2008
<i>The School of Comics: All About Graphic Novels, Comic Books and Manga, presenter</i>	
New England Library Association Annual Conference:	
<i>New Titles for Teens Panel presentation</i>	October 2004
<i>Graphic Novels for Kids</i>	October 2005
New York Comic-Con	February 2009
ICv2 Graphic Novel Preconference: <i>Graphic Novel Industry Summit</i>	
<i>Programs: Newsflash: Teen Girls Read Manga!</i>	
The North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching	March 2007
<i>From Superman to Everyman: Using the Graphic Novel to Promote Reading</i>	
<i>Instructor for week-long course</i>	
St. John's University & Suffolk Cooperative Library System, Oakdale, NY	September 2008
<i>Picture This: Using Images to Illuminate Young Adult Literature, featured speaker</i>	
San Diego Comic-Con International	June 2009
ICv2 Comics and Media Preconference: <i>Comics and Transmedia Storytelling</i>	
<i>Programs: Graphic Novel Programming in Libraries, Women in Manga, Kids Comics</i>	

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Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science Continuing Education

Instructor, online course Graphic Novels101

May 2007, April 2009,
August 2009, January 2010

Instructor, online course Graphic Novels for Adults & Academic Collections

November 2010

Instructor, online course Isn't Otaku a Kind of Sushi? Japanese Manga and Anime

May 2008, May 2009,
October 2009, February 2011

*Co-instructor, online course Manga, MP3s and MMORPGs: New Mediums for
Young Adults*

October 2005, April 2006,
October 2006

Co-instructor, online Pop Culture in Libraries

March 2010

Co-instructor, online course Read It, Blog It, Write It: Teen Reading Culture Online

June 2006