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EDUCATION

M.A., in History, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI, 2006

M.L.I.S., University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI, 2006

B.A., in Anthropology, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI, 2002

POSITIONS HELD

College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA

Head of Research, Teaching & Collections, 2025 - present

Reports to the Director of Library Services to provide senior leadership within the Research, Teaching, and Collections (RTC) department, overseeing and mentoring librarians directly. Works closely with the Director and other leaders, contributing to the development of library-wide policies and strategies. Specifically, crafting strategic policies for the department by gathering input from RTC staff and allied librarians. Supports and enables initiatives across all segments of RTC, including branch librarians, and advocates for their interests. Plans, develops, promotes, and leads the assessment of innovative and adaptive pedagogical and research practices and liaison services to advance student learning, faculty teaching and research, and community engagement. Provides strategic vision for developing academic collections that align with the library and college's mission. Coordinates library collaboration with academic offices and programs, especially those involved in instructional and curricular activities. Provides expertise and mentorship in research, instruction, and collection development. Serves as a liaison to one or more academic departments, advising on collections. Participates in facilities planning, considering emerging pedagogical practices and collection building needs. Engages in professional development, scholarly publishing, and stays updated on best practices in the field.

Rhode Island College, Providence, RI

Library Faculty Department Chair, 2024 - 2025

Associate Professor and Reference Librarian, 2020 - 2025

Assistant Professor and Reference Librarian, 2015 - 2020

Department Chair:

- Exercised administrative responsibility related to library faculty under the general direction of the Library Director and terms of the collective bargaining agreement. Evaluated teaching effectiveness and professional competence of librarians as a basis for making recommendations to the Library Director concerning reappointments, non-renewals, salary increments, promotion, and tenure. Participated in the Provost Office's Department Chair Workshops.

Associate Professor and Reference Librarian:

- Reported to the Library Director and served on Library Director's Council for active involvement in planning, managing, and reviewing of library operations and services, specifically research support services including virtual and physical spaces, to serve our diverse learning communities and in furtherance of the College's vision for student-centeredness.
- Collaborated with librarians and academic faculty in 11 departments to develop and assess library instruction programs, research consultation and support services, and web-based teaching materials

and guides that impart concepts and skills for information literacy, and promote academic excellence and independent research.

- Led the Library Outreach Committee, working across library units and with outside partners, to develop and fund engaging programs and initiatives, and to coordinate and create content for the library website, blog, and social media, and for amplification by Communications and Marketing.
- Evaluated, selected, and managed knowledge resources, both tangible and digital, in relationship to the curriculum and research needs in my liaison areas, with attention to accessibility, cost, usage, and principles of academic and intellectual freedom.
- Mentored part-time and term-appointed librarians, graduate students completing professional field experiences, and undergraduate research assistants.
- Worked within the library and with academic departments on accreditation, program review, annual reporting, and other needs and uses for library data.
- Engaged in scholarship through research and publication.
- Participated in service, professional development, and college governance.
- Worked with librarians and academic faculty to support the formal proposal and implementation of a new Information Literacy Outcome in General Education.
- Established the Friends of the Adams Library First Year Research Prize to promote undergraduate research and position the library as a crucial partner in the first-year experience.
- Proposed and taught a First Year Seminar, *Raid the Collections*, developed to involve students in critical studies and scholarship utilizing library collections.
- Awarded tenure and promoted to the Associate Professor rank in 2020.

Wheaton College, Norton, MA
Humanities Liaison, 2013 - 2015

Reported to the Head of Research and Instruction. Supported research, teaching, and learning in the Humanities. Participated in the First Year Seminar research fluency program as part of the R&I team. Developed research guides and content for the library website. Supervised student employees. Involved in grantmaking for faculty and management of Open Educational Resources. Provided consultation and support for ed tech and digital humanities methods and tools. Co-organized communities of practice, Techpaths lecture series, faculty development workshops, and participated in Weiss Women Leadership Program.

Connecticut State Community College – Quinebaug Valley, Danielson, CT
Reference and Instruction Librarian, 2007 - 2013
Part-Time Faculty in History, 2007 - 2010

Reported to the Library Director. Provided collection development, research instruction, and library services at two campuses and the QVCC Middle College High School. Developed and maintained digital and print collections with an annual budget. Organized and led faculty development workshops. Founded the Julius Sokenu Poetry Award. Promoted reading through marathon read-aloud events and book clubs. Established library social media. Collected data and authored reports. Served the College, State, and profession on committees and working groups. Awarded tenure in 2012.

RECORD OF COURSES TAUGHT

Fall 2024	First Year Seminar: Raid the Collections, Rhode Island College
Fall 2022	First Year Seminar: Raid the Collections, Rhode Island College
Fall 2021	First Year Seminar: Raid the Collections, Rhode Island College (hybrid)
Fall 2020	First Year Seminar: Raid the Collections, Rhode Island College (online)
Spring 2020	First Year Seminar: Raid the Collections, Rhode Island College (hybrid)
Fall 2018	First Year Seminar: Raid the Collections, Rhode Island College
Fall 2011	Introduction to Anthropology, CT State Community College
Fall 2010	World Civilization I, CT State Community College
Spring 2010	World Civilization II, CT State Community College
Fall 2009	World Civilization I, CT State Community College
Spring 2009	World Civilization II, CT State Community College
Fall 2008	World Civilization I, CT State Community College
Fall 2007	Western Civilization, CT State Community College

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2025	Committee on Faculty Scholarship Grant for Annual Meeting of the National Council on Public History
2025	Committee on College Lectures Award for <i>Careers in GLAM (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums)</i>
2024	Committee on Faculty Scholarship Grant for Annual Meeting of the National Council on Public History
2024	Faculty Professional Development Funds Award, Rhode Island College, Project title: <i>Developing Faculty Capacity to Teach Podcasting across the Disciplines</i>
2023	Dialogue on Diversity and Inclusion Grant, Rhode Island College, Project title: <i>From Aliens to Zombies: Horror Films from Indigenous Creators</i>
2023	Committee on Faculty Scholarship Grant for Annual Meeting of the National Council on Public History, Rhode Island College
2022	Institute for Research Design in Librarianship Scholar, Project title: <i>Student Experience of Library Collections-Based Learning</i>
2022	Committee on College Lectures Award, Rhode Island College, Project title: <i>Research Practice and Inclusive Collecting in the Art Library</i>
2021	ACRL National Conference Scholarship
2020	Committee on Faculty Scholarship Major Grant, Rhode Island College, Project title: <i>Dr. Gross's Rhode Island: A Digital History Project</i>
2020	Dialogue on Diversity and Inclusion Grant, Rhode Island College, Project title: <i>Changing Implicit Bias on Wikipedia</i>
2019	Committee on Faculty Scholarship Mini Grant, Rhode Island College
2018	Rhode Island Council for the Humanities Individual Researcher Grant, Project title: <i>Opening Act, a Vaudeville Archive Wiki Project</i>
2016	Faculty Development Award, Rhode Island College
2012	Association of College and Research Libraries Member of the Week
2012	ALA Community and Junior College Libraries Emerging Leader Scholarship
2012	American Library Association Emerging Leader

PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 "Pairing Texts and Podcasts: Teaching Scholarship as Conversation in First-Year Seminar." *College & Research Libraries News*, vol. 85, no. 2.
<https://crln.acrl.org/index.php/crlnews/article/view/26202/34144>
- 2023 "Distant Reading as Library Pedagogy: Lessons for the Literary Studies Classroom." In *Teaching Critical Reading Skills: Strategies for Academic Librarians*, Eds. H. Rempel and R. Hamelers. Chicago: ACRL Press.
- 2022 Barlow, A., J. Estrada, A. Tum, and S.A. Christian. "'Through the Wisdom and Knowledge of Dr. Gross': Stories from Black Life in Rhode Island." *Rhode Tour*.
<https://rhodetour.org/tours/show/48>
- 2020 Barlow, A. and A. Bocko. "Working Outside the Lines: A Case for Knowledge Exchange in the Academic Library." *Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship*, vol. 32, no. 2: 87-93.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1941126X.2020.1739819>
- 2018 *The Anchor: Artifact of Rhode Island College*. With First Year Seminar.
- 2016 "Beyond Object Lessons: Object-Based Learning in the Academic Library." In *The Experiential Library: Transforming Academic and Research Libraries through the Power of Experiential Learning*, Ed. P. McDonnell, Elsevier: 27-42. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-08-100775-4.00003-0>
- 2015 "Inquiry-Based Learning Experiments in the First Year Seminar Research Lab." *Proceedings of the 43rd National LOEX Conference*, no. 48: 1-6. <https://commons.emich.edu/loexconf2015/>
- 2014 "The Dialog Box Interview with Courtney Greene McDonald, author of *Putting the User First*." *Weave: Journal of Library User Experience*, vol. 1, no. 1, (2014).
<https://doi.org/10.3998/weave.12535642.0001.105>
- 2013 Barlow, A., H. Beverley, C. Dunham-LaGree, S. Elichko, and E. Hamstra. "Chasing Reference: Librarians and Collaborative Blogging." *Reference & User Services Quarterly*, vol. 52, no. 4: 283-6. www.jstor.org/stable/refuserserq.52.4.283

MEDIA

- 2025 "RIC Sleuths Unravel Mysterious Objects in Archives, then Share Findings in Podcast." *RIC News*, January 10, 2025.
<https://our.ric.edu/news-events/news/ric-sleuths-unravel-mysterious-objects-archives-the-n-share-findings-podcast>
- 2022 "Stories of Impact." *Humanities in Context: A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities*. February 8, 2022.
- 2022 "A Great Way to Explore Black History in R.I." *Boston Globe*, Feb. 4, 2022.
<https://www.bostonglobe.com/2022/02/04/metro/great-way-explore-black-history-rhode-island/>
- 2021 "Student Power and Meaning-Making in Library Collections." *The Academic Minute: A WAMC National Production*, June 21, 2021.
<https://www.aacu.org/podcasts/academicminute/amy-barlow-rhode-island-college-student-power-and-meaning-making-in-library-collections>
- 2021 "Friends of the Adams Library Announce First Year Research Prize Winners." *The Anchor*, March 30, 2021.
<https://www.anchorweb.org/post/friends-of-the-adams-library-announce-first-year-research-prize-winners>

PRESENTATIONS

- 05/01/2025 Research Databases as Community Practice: Three Perspectives on the MLA International Bibliography. With Dr. Gabrielle Vail and Jill Baron. 2025 EBSCO Meeting for North American Academic Libraries.
- 01/10/2024 Envisioning Public Humanities at Rhode Island College. With Dr. Erik Christiansen, Dr. Sheri Cummings, and Veronica Denison.
- 11/30/2023 Oral History for Digital Storytelling. Wheaton College, MA.
- 06/05/2023 Integrating the *Framework* into General Education Revision. With Dragan Gill. ACRL New England Chapter.
- 05/28/2021 Using Student Feedback to Develop an Individualized Research Consultation Support Model for Art History. ACRL New England Chapter.
- 04/15/2021 Raid the Collections: A Collections-Based Approach for Course Development. ACRL 2021.
- 03/25/2021 Collections-Based Online Learning in the Digital Archive. New England Archivists Spring Meeting.
- 12/11/2020 The Role of Teaching Librarians in the U.S.: A Model of Collaboration with the University of the Azores. Transatlantic Dialogue Series. U.S. Embassy & Consulate in Portugal.
- 12/06/2019 Exploring *Dracula* Criticism. New England Library Instruction Group (NELIG) Winter Program.
- 05/24/2019 Anti-Anxiety DH. With Dr. Winter Jade Werner, Dr. Kent Shaw, and Christina Smith. Blended Learning in the Liberal Arts. Bryn Mawr College.
- 04/11/2019 Working Outside the Lines: A Case for Knowledge Exchange in the Academic Library. With Amy Bocko. ACRL 2019.
- 03/19/2019 Getting the Last Laugh: A Year Spent Adding America's Forgotten Burlesque Comediennes to Wikipedia. History Camp Boston.
- 02/12/2019 Everything You Wanted to Know about Digital Humanities but Were Afraid to Ask. With Dr. Brandon Hawk and Dr. Jennifer Holl. Rhode Island College.
- 07/07/2018 Why We Need Open Digital Heritage. With Taylor Polites. History Camp Boston. Suffolk University.
- 05/12/2018 Who Owns Digital Heritage? With Taylor Polites. Hacking Heritage Conference. Brown University.
- 05/04/2018 What Went Wrong: Reflections on a Teaching with Technology Failure. ACRL New England Chapter.
- 12/01/2017 The One: 90 Minutes Dedicated to the Art of Finding and Examining One Scholarly Article. New England Library Instruction Group (NELIG) Winter Program. Simmons College.
- 07/26/2017 Using Object-Based and Open-Enabled Pedagogy for Authentic Learning. Rhode Island College Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning.
- 06/17/2016 Using Library Databases to Do Digital Humanities Work in the Classroom. Connecticut Information Literacy Conference. University of Hartford.
- 12/04/2015 Research at a Distance. New England Library Instruction Group (NELIG) Winter Program. University of Hartford.
- 06/25/2015 UX Study for Libguides 2 Website Resign. With Kieran Ayton, Dragan Gill, and Lisa Perry. Rhode Island Library Association (RILA) Conference.
- 04/30/2015 All the World's a Laboratory: Inquiry-Based Learning Experiments in the First Year Seminar Research Lab. 43rd Annual LOEX Conference.
- 04/01/2015 Digital Humanities at Work: A Collaborative Model for Creating Student-Scholars. With Dr. Leah Niederstadt. NERCOMP Annual Conference.
- 05/10/2013 Free Verse and Tech Talk. With Tamara Ottum. Association of College and Research Libraries New England Chapter Annual Conference.

06/21/2012	Chasing Reference. With H. Beverley, C. Dunham-LaGree, S. Elichko, and E. Hamstra. Annual Conference of the American Library Association.
04/13/2012	Occupy the Classroom: What Web Discovery Can Do. With Jaime Hammond. Connecticut Information Literacy Conference.
06/25/2010	Open Door Information Literacy: Teaching Research Skills to Developmental English Students at a Community College. With Sharon Moore. Annual Conference of the American Library Association.
10/14/2008	Thinking Like a Critic: Media Literacy for First Year Experience Students. Joint Program of Eastern Connecticut State University and Quinebaug Valley Community College.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE (SELECTED)

2025 - present	Library Director's Council, College of the Holy Cross
2025	Library Renovation Working Group, Rhode Island College
2025	Instruction and Assessment Librarian (Assistant Professor) Search Committee
2023 - 2025	Executive Committee, Council of Rhode Island College
2023 - 2025	Committee on Mission and Goals, Rhode Island College
2023 - 2025	Art Department DEIA Committee, Rhode Island College
2023 - 2025	Manuscript reviewer, <i>Reference Services Review</i>
2022 - 2025	Association of College and Research Libraries New England Chapter Conference Planning Committee
2020 - 2025	Chair, Library Outreach Committee, Rhode Island College
2020 - 2025	Institute for Portuguese and Lusophone World Studies Advisory Board
2015 - 2025	Library Director's Council (formerly Library Management Team), Rhode Island College
2023 - 2024	American Library Association LES Conference Program Planning Committee
2022	Digital Archivist and Special Collections Librarian (Assistant Professor) Search Committee
2022	Daylighting Black History initiative, Providence Preservation Society
2022	Celebration of the Humanities Award Selection Committee, RI Council for the Humanities
2022	Major Grants Reviewer, Rhode Island Council for the Humanities
2020	Ambassador of Civic Literacy and Engagement for <i>XIX: Shall Not Be Denied</i> , 19th Amendment Centennial, RI Department of State
2020	Steering Committee, Arts and Culture Research Fellowship, RI Council for the Humanities
2019 - 2020	Community Partner, New Urban Arts Summer Programs
2019	Committee on the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching, Rhode Island College.
2019	Digital Archivist and Special Collections Librarian (Assistant Professor) Search Committee
2018 - 2019	(Elected) Faculty Representative, Council of Rhode Island College
2017 - 2021	Committee on Online Learning, Rhode Island College
2017-2019	AFT Executive Board, Rhode Island College
2017	Digital Initiatives Technician Search Committee, Rhode Island College
2017	Committee on the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching, Rhode Island College
2016-2017	AFT Election Committee, Rhode Island College
2016	Chair, Metadata and eResources Librarian (Assistant Professor) Search Committee
2016	Reference Librarian (Assistant Professor) Search Committee
2016-2018	Discovery Affinity Group, HELIN Library Consortium

2015-2018	eResources Affinity Group, HELIN Library Consortium
2014-2015	Encore/EDS Task Force, HELIN Library Consortium
2014-2015	Communities of Practice Planning Group, Wheaton College, MA
2013-2015	Techpaths Planning Group, Wheaton College, MA
2013-2014	Digital Resources Fair Planning Group, Wheaton College
2012	Web-Scale Discovery Task Force, Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education
2012-2013	One Book, One Campus Planning Committee, Quinebaug Valley Community College
2012-2013	NEA's The Big Read 2013 Planning Team, QVCC/ECSU
2011-2013	Academic Council, Quinebaug Valley Community College
2011	Dean of Academic Affairs Search Committee, QVCC
2010-2011	NEASC Steering Committee and Co-Chair Standard 7, Quinebaug Valley Community College
2008-2010	Campus Representative, American Association of University Women CT Chapter
2007-2013	Connecticut Council of Librarians (COL), 2007-2013. Chair, COL, 2008-2010; Co-chair, Reference Interest Subgroup of COL, 2007-2010; Officer Nominating Committee of COL, 2009; Conference Planning subcommittee of COL, 2008
2007-2013	Chair, Julius Sokenu Poetry Prize Committee, Quinebaug Valley Community College

PROGRAMS ORGANIZED (RECENT)

3/5/2025	Careers in GLAM (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums), with Kajette Solomon (RISD Museum), Dr. Leo Lovemore (Brown University), Abigail Comtois (FirstWorks, RIC '17), and Michael Rose (Providence Art Club), organized by Adams Library, Bannister Gallery, and Department of Art with funding from the Committee on College Lectures and RIC Art Co-Op.
Fall 2024	Queer Horror Films Series, curated with Jeremy Hixson, cosponsored by Adams Library and the Unity Center. Program schedule: 10/11- <i>I Saw the TV Glow</i> (2024, Dir. Jane Schoenbrun); 10/18 - <i>Freddy's Revenge: A Nightmare on Elm Street 2</i> (1985, Dir. Jack Sholder); 10/25 - <i>What Keeps You Alive</i> (2018, Dir. Colin Minihan).
Fall 2024	Nuevas voces en la colección de literatura latinoamericana New Voices in the Latin American Literature Collection - An exhibit curated for Hispanic Heritage Month with new book acquisitions recommended by Dr. David Ramírez. Spanish-language translations of exhibit materials were completed by Ashley Ipinia and Hunter Herrera, students in the Translators-in-Residence Program.
06/29/2024	Marked for Death? Challenges to the Humanities and Humanities Librarianship, panelists Jennifer Hofer (University of Florida), Nancy Kranich (Rutgers University), Ethan Lindsay (Wichita State University), and Laura Semrau (Baylor University). American Library Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.
04/2024	Developing Faculty Capacity to Teach Podcasting across the Disciplines workshop series with podcast producer Megan Hall, AY23-24 Faculty Development Fund, Rhode Island College.
04/23/2024	Reception for Nicole Nunes, Winner of the Friend of the Adams Library First Year Research Prize
03/25/2024	Book talk with Christopher Zurn (UMass Boston), author of <i>Splitsville USA: A Democratic Argument for Breaking Up the United States</i> , cosponsored by Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Political Science Department, Philosophy Department, and Adams Library, Rhode Island College.

Spring 2024	A Century of Books Reviewed in the <i>Journal of African American History</i> - A digital journey through book reviews from <i>JAHistory</i> and book exhibit curated by Amy Barlow, Myshara Whittington RIC '24 and Kelly Ochoa RIC '25.
Fall 2023	From Aliens to Zombies: Horror Films from Indigenous Creators, curated with Jeremy Hixson, cosponsored by Adams Library and Dialogue on Diversity and Inclusion, Rhode Island College.
Fall 2023	Investigando Doing Research, a Latinx and Hispanic Heritage Month social media series, featuring interviews with Dr. Joise Garzon (Social Work), Dr. M. Gabriela Torres (Provost's Office), Dr. David Ramírez (Modern Languages), and Keesha Sanchez RIC '23.
11/11/2023	Jobs in Civics and Service: How to Increase Civic Engagement in RI, featuring Suzy Alba (RI Department of State), Amy Albert (AmeriCorps), Adam Donaldson (RI Department of Elementary & Secondary Education), Tracy Duffaut (Skills for Rhode Island's Future), Nirva LaFortune (City Year Providence), and Julia Renaud (RI Council for the Humanities), cosponsored by Adams Library, American Democracy Project, Career Development Center, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and Political Science.
04/19/2023	Reception for Miguel Hoyos and Orli Juarez, Winners of the Friend of the Adams Library First Year Research Prize
04/12/2023	Research Practice and Inclusive Collecting in the Art Library with Carrie Salazar (SMFA at Tufts University), organized by Adams Library and the Committee on College Lectures.
09/22/2022	Hispanic Heritage in Rhode Island: Data & Social Policy featuring RI Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea, cosponsored by the Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Adams Library, and Latino Policy Institute.
04/22/2022	Reception for Josephine Johnson and Ayden Mudd, Winners of the Friend of the Adams Library First Year Research Prize
Spring 2022	Margaret Taylor Goss Burroughs permanent exhibit, curated with FYS 100 "Raid the Collections" a study and relocation of a series of prints documenting Black life in 1950s Chicago. James P. Adams Library, Rhode Island College.
03/03/2020	Changing Implicit Bias on Wikipedia with Janaya Kizzie (Brown University), organized by Adams Library and sponsored by Dialogue on Diversity and Inclusion, Rhode Island College.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Library Association - Association of College and Research Libraries
 Humanities Podcast Network
 National Council on Public History