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## EDUCATION

### **Master's of Library & Information Science**      **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa | Spring 2019**

- Completed thesis research on the interface between public libraries and community resources to gain insight into how O'ahu public librarians connect homeless or houseless patrons to these resources.
- Helped to start O'ahu's first social work internship program in the library by building relationships with Hawai'i State Public Library System's administrators and with the Social Work Department at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.
- Completed coursework on Reference Services, Academic Librarianship, Database Searching, Research Methods, Management, Collection Management, and Reader Response Theory.

**Awards: Beta Phi Mu**

### **Master's of Social Work**      **Tulane University, New Orleans | 2012**

- Disaster Mental Health Certificate.
- Volunteer with Tibetan refugees in India.
- Developed a training module for domestic violence and sexual assault resource centers on best and affirmative practices for LGBTQ clients.
- Internship at the Metropolitan Center for Women and Children.
- Worked on developing a training module for service providers about domestic sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation.

### **Bachelors of Social Work**      **Appalachian State University, Boone, NC | 2011**

- Women's Center volunteer
- LGBT Center & TransAction volunteer
- Independent coursework in human trafficking

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **University of Chicago Libraries**      **Librarian for Health and Social Services August 2019 - present**

- Reference services to faculty, students, and community members
- Research assistance and outreach to graduate and PhD students as well as faculty and instructors
- Management of Social Services Administration Library, manager of one staff member
- Health outreach to community through partnership with NNLM and public libraries

### **Hamilton Library Science & Technology Reference Department**      **Intern | August - Fall 2018**

- Created a new LibGuide for the Web of Science database:  
<https://guides.library.manoa.hawaii.edu/webofscience>
- Created a new tutorial for finding full text on EndNote Desktop:  
<https://guides.library.manoa.hawaii.edu/endnote/findfulltext>
- Assisted with instruction and assisted with providing feedback and consultation to students.
- Co-designed instruction session for graduate level course

### **Hamilton Library**

#### **Business, Humanities, & Social Sciences**      **Reference Assistant | January 2018-June 2018**

- Reference services to faculty, students, and community members
- Assisted with a serials review project
- Assisted with collection development
- Provided technical and directional assistance

## **Hamilton Library**

### **Desktop Network Services      Metadata & Digitization Assistant | January 2018-August 2018**

- Metadata entries utilizing Dublin Core schema
- Utilized Excel and Google Sheets to create metadata entries
- Assisted with the digitization of the Chaplain Yost papers:  
<https://evols.library.manoa.hawaii.edu/handle/10524/57212>
- Assisted with digitizing materials from the Communist Party of the Philippines.

## **Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach**

### **Night Auditor/GSA | September 2016-August 2019**

- Excellent customer service provision to hotel guests.
- Cash handling, database development, PBX phone operations.
- Daily use of Microsoft Office Suite, Excel, Word, Outlook.
- Responsible for auditing & reconciling hotel financials.

## **New Bedford Public Library – New Bedford, MA**

### **Library Assistant | January 2016-June 2016**

- Positive and compassionate customer service to patrons.
- Assisted patrons with registering for library cards.
- Program coordination & facilitation assistance.
- Shelf-reading, holds management, inter-library loan management.

## **Child & Family Services New Bedford, MA**

### **School Based Clinician | May 2015-June 2016**

- Treatment plan development & implementation utilizing evidence-based practice.
- Crisis intervention & safety planning.
- Solutions-focused & strengths-based therapeutic intervention.
- Provided motivational interviewing therapy.

## **Eliada Homes Asheville, NC**

### **Residential Counselor | December 2014-May 2015**

- Therapeutic crisis intervention & safety planning.
- Therapeutic group facilitation.
- Individual advocacy for clients.
- Assisted with treatment planning with the treatment team.

## **GEMS Survivor Leadership Institute**

### **Program Coordinator | March 2013-June 2013**

- Training facilitation to service providers.
- Logistics coordination.
- Group facilitation & event planning.
- Collaboration with other agencies, organizations, and individuals.

## **SCHOLARSHIP/PUBLICATIONS**

Vega, H. (2019). Public libraries and homelessness: Connecting vulnerable patrons to needed resources. (Thesis, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Library and Information Science). Honolulu, HI. Available from ScholarSpace: <https://scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/handle/10125/63202> and ProQuest Theses & Dissertations.

## **FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS**

Vega, H. (2020). Books and travels: A feminist journey. In Russo, S.(Ed.) *Feminist pilgrimages*. Litwin Books. Sacramento, CA.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **HLA Conference November 16-17 2018**

- Panel presenter “Social Justice in Library Instruction”
- Poster presenter “New LIS Book Club Fosters Critical Librarianship”

### **HLA Conference October 27-28 2017**

- Panel presenter “A Conversation about Homeless Needs”
- Poster presenter “Open Access and Public Libraries”

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Library Association 2017 - present

- Social Responsibilities Round Table member 2017 - present
- ALA Student Chapter at UHM 2017-2019

Hawai‘i Library Association 2017-2019

Diversity Council, UHM LIS Program 2017-2019

Progressive Librarians Guild 2017 - present

- Coordinating Committee member
- Started UHM student chapter
- Organizer of book club for national Progressive Librarians Guild
- Social media management assistance in collaboration with all Coordinating Committee members

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Twitich: Gender & Acceptance -- 2017-present**

This qualitative study aims to explore the experience of LGBTQ individuals in online gaming communities, and what contributes to the creation of safe and accepting virtual spaces.

### **Subject heading change -- 2018-present**

I am working on changing two subject headings “child prostitute” and “child prostitution” to “commercially sexually exploited child” and “commercial sexual exploitation of children” based on judges who have spoken to this issue stating, “No child can be a prostitute,” as well as the work of nonprofit organizations working to end domestic sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children.

### **Reading groups as professional development for librarians 2018-present**

Can book clubs or reading groups be used as a tool for professional development for librarians? I am collaborating with two colleagues, Valerie Bret Shaindlin and Laila Brown on a research project to explore this question. We are also working on related studies on reading practices.

## **SKILLS**

**Computer skills:** Proficient in Microsoft Office suite. Proficient in Mac OSX and Windows operating system, Google suite (Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms). Some knowledge of PHP and HTML, and metadata using Dublin Core, and some knowledge of MARC21 and RDA. Proficient with SpringShare and Camtasia. Highly proficient in Zotero.

**Languages:** **English**, native speaker, **Spanish**, working knowledge.