

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

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Simmons College, Boston MA MS Library and Information Science	December 1999
Harvard University, Cambridge MA ALM History	June 1997
Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland Postgraduate <b>H Dip Ed</b> – Higher Diploma in Education	June 1990
University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland BA History and English	June 1989

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Simmons College, Boston, MA <i>School of Health Sciences Librarian</i>	January 2005 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Administer all library services and programs for the School of Health Sciences including reference, instruction, and collection development</li><li>• Provide 6 to 8 hours per week of desk, live-chat, e-mail, and telephone reference service</li><li>• Participate in the Reference Services team devising policies and practices including training for student workers and reference staff; integrating new technologies such as wikis and blogs into service support; and assessing service in context of staffing needs</li><li>• Teach approximately 40 sessions to nearly 600 patrons in classroom and small group settings per semester</li><li>• Work with the Instructional Services team to actively contribute to program planning and classroom teaching in support of curricula for the School of Health Sciences and the undergraduate college; participate in assessment projects to gauge teaching effectiveness; maintain statistical data on formal classroom instruction, research appointments and workshops; contribute to discussions on integrating pedagogical practices in consistent and creative ways</li><li>• Collaborate with faculty and reference librarians to maintain, update, and weed reference and circulating collections on a health sciences discipline rotating basis</li><li>• Involved as a member of the Collections Services Committee to discuss and determine materials budgets, collections policies and procedures and the growth of the collection in multiple formats</li><li>• Seek out new health and medical resources and organize trial and evaluation periods for faculty, staff and students</li><li>• Attend monthly School of Health Sciences Faculty Meetings to update faculty on library activities, present new resources, and address the questions and needs of the faculty</li><li>• Participate as a non-voting member of the School of Health Sciences Curriculum Committee assisting in the evaluation of course changes, additions, and deletions</li><li>• Active participant in professional development sitting on internal library committees such as Community Inclusion to develop procedural guidelines for serving patrons with disabilities; college-wide committees to create recommendations on core information and technology competencies, skills, and capabilities; developing in-house training sessions and presentations for library staff on topics such as tests and measurements and bibliographic management software</li></ul>	

Simmons College, Boston, MA

August 2000 – December 2004

*Reference /Instructional Services Librarian*

- Provided reference service to a varied population using print and electronic formats at the reference desk, via digital reference and e-mail, and by appointment
- Assisted in the hiring, training, and supervision of 5 + graduate student assistants per semester; assisted in the scheduling of reference desk staff
- Monitored and supported reference operations through the use of an online courseware forum.
- Supported all reference activities by maintaining a strong working knowledge of the equipment, databases, hardware, and software provided for our patrons
- Coordinated and planned instruction for the Beatley Library, designing and implementing content with a strong foundation in information literacy for over 120 instruction sessions per year
- Created and developed web based learning opportunities for students in support of classroom teaching activities
- Assisted in the regular and routine maintenance of the reference collection assessing collection content and evaluating materials for purchase

Simmons College, Boston MA

December 1998 – August 2000

*Periodicals Librarian*

- Oversaw the acquisition of all library periodicals and microfilm
- Responsible for bindery shipment
- Operated \$400K departmental budget. Drew up projected spending and other budget reports.
- Monitored industry trends
- Maintained accurate records in the catalog using the Innovative Interfaces cataloging utility and OCLC
- Initiated process to include electronic journal subscription URLs in 856 field of catalog records
- Implemented automated serials control systems as a Beta site using the Innovative Millennium Serials module. Converted paper kardex system to automated format
- Hired, trained, and supervised work of 4 student workers per semester
- Oversaw the 6 month practicum of a student from Fachhochschule Stuttgart – Hochschule für Bibliotheks und Informationswesen, Stuttgart, Germany

Simmons College, Boston MA

February 1997 – December 1998

*Circulation Supervisor*

- Ran the Circulation Department and oversaw Reserve functions
- Supervised Reserves Assistant and student workers
- Responsible for hiring, training and scheduling of student workers
- Oversaw student worker payroll
- Managed departmental budget
- Updated policy and procedure manuals and circulation forms. Revised and implemented policy changes where appropriate

Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston MA

July 1994 – February 1997

*Circulation Supervisor*

- Responsible for day to day operations of the Circulation and Reserves Department overseeing billing functions and coordinating stack maintenance
- Hired, trained and scheduled approximately 15 student workers each semester.

St William Elementary School, Dorchester MA

September 1991- June 1994

*Teacher – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies and English*

St Mac Dara's Community College, Dublin, Ireland

September 1989 – June 1991

*Teacher – 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade History and English*

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### PRESENTATIONS

Rhode Island Library Association Annual Conference, Providence RI, June 2007

- Invited conference speaker on topic of web based tutorials

Massachusetts Library Association Annual Conference, North Falmouth MA, May 2005

- Presented active learning session on *Online Instruction: Preparing and Creating Visual Tutorials*

Fenway Library Consortium Staff Development Day, May 2003 – Assessing for Change

- Presented results of reference assessment project

LOEX Annual Conference, Madison WI, May 2003 – Reflective Teaching: A Bridge to Learning

- Presented paper – *Learning for All: Teaching to all Learning Styles in and out of the Classroom*

Massachusetts Library Association Annual Conference, Springfield MA, May 2003

- Panel presentation on digital reference

### PUBLICATIONS

Piroli, V. (2008) Searching the literature: Resources and research methods. In A. Lowenstein, L. Foord-May & J. Romano (Eds.) *Teaching strategies for health education and health promotion*. Boston: Jones and Bartlett.

Piroli, V. (2008). Health Care Administration Journals. In C. LaGuardia (Ed.) *Magazines for Libraries*, (pp.530-533 ). New York: Bowker.

Piroli V. (2004). Learning for All: Teaching to all Learning Styles in and out of the Classroom. In E. Owen (Ed.) *Reflective Teaching: A Bridge to Learning Library Orientation Series, Papers and Sessions Materials Presented at the Thirty-first National LOEX Library Instruction Conference* (pp. 25-30). Ann Arbor, MI: Pierian Press

Krajewski, P.R. & Piroli, V. (2002) Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue: Active Learning in the Classroom, *Journal of Library Administration*, 36, (1/2), 177-94.

Whelan, J, Durisin, P. & Piroli, V. (2001). Journals of the Century in Pharmacy, Physical Therapy and Nutrition, *The Serials Librarian*,39 (4), 103-118.

### TEACHING & INSTRUCTION

Teach LIS408 User Instruction, Spring 2007, Spring and Fall 2008 - Adjunct faculty member, Simmons College GSLIS.

Proposed, developed, and taught a GSLIS Continuing Education month long online course: *Teaching and Learning Online: Developing Web based Tutorials*. April and November 2003 - 2008.

Teach sessions for the Simmons School of Social Work Technical Competencies. September 2002 - 2006

Invited speaker in Simmons GSLIS for User Instruction and Social Informatics courses 2002 - present

Collaborated with Web Curriculum Specialist and Simmons Pottruck Technology Resource Center instructional designers to assist in the development of pedagogically sound online tutorials and templates, 2004

Accepted through competitive entry to ACRL's Immersion program SUNY Plattsburg, August 2001

### GRANTS & AWARDS

Nominated for the Association of Library and Information Science Educators (ALISE), 2009 Excellence in Teaching award

Received \$500 grant from Simmons Staff Development Funds for disabilities services staff workshops, Fall 2006

Part of Digital Reference grant recipient team from Simmons Pottruck Technology Center for \$2,500, Spring 2002

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Library Association