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Education

University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)

Master of Arts in Library & Information Science	2004
Master of Arts in Geography	1996
Bachelor of Arts in Geography	1990
Bachelor of Arts in History	1990

Experience

University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)

Tampa Library

Coordinator of Collections/Assistant Librarian 2018, Dec.-, present

Assignment in the Collections & Discovery Department.

Assigned lead role in collection management and planning with additional oversight responsibilities in Inter-Library Loan operations and designated Government Documents Coordinator.

Assistant Librarian 2010, July-, 2018, Dec.

Assignment in the Collections & Discovery Department.

Leadership role in planning and coordinating activities involved with acquisitions and collection management.

Instructor Librarian 2006, Jan.-2010, July

Assignment in the Academic Resources Department. 2008, Dec.-2010, July

Plan and coordinate activities involved with electronic resource collection management at the USF Tampa Library.

Assignment in the Research Services & Collections Unit. 2006, Jan.-2008, Dec.

Coordinated collection management activities, and developed library research services for the subject areas of Geography, Government & International Affairs, Communication Sciences & Disorders, Criminology, Psychology, and Sociology.

Visiting Instructor Librarian 2004, Aug.-2005, Dec.

Appointed as the *Henrietta M. Smith Resident* with an assignment in Public Services. Provided reference/public service, outreach services, collection development/management within the subject areas of Communication and Communication Science Disorders.

Senior Library Technical Assistant 2001, Sept.-2004, July

Ordered, invoiced, and processed wide variety of library materials in accordance with established Acquisitions procedures.

Library Technical Assistant 1998, Sept.-2001, Sept.

Responsible for routine maintenance of library serials subscriptions and in the compilation of collection statistics and preparation of reports.

Library Student Assistant

1994, Jan.-1997, June

Performed a variety of routine daily tasks involved in the delivery of services and information at public service points, such as the circulation department desk and the periodicals information desk

Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, Research Library (Tampa, FL)

Visiting Faculty Librarian

2005, July-2005, Dec.

As part of the *Henrietta M. Smith* residency, assignment in research library setting involved research support activities and library information services. Library activities supported grants-supported research for agencies, such as the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

International Computer Works (Tampa, FL)

GIS Analyst

1997, June-1998, Aug.

As part of team, identified and developed GIS solutions using *MapInfo* and *Arcview* software for problems of socio-economic nature for clients in both the public and private sector.

Publications

Articles

Abresch, J., Arnold, J. Cooke, R., Glatthaar, M., Goldman, J. Julian, R., & Plocharczyk, L. (2017). Unleash your mentoring power: The FLA Mentoring Pilot Program 2016- present. *Florida Libraries*, 60(2):10-12.

Books

Abresch, J., Hanson, A., Heron, S. J., & Reehling, P. (2008). *Integrating geographic information systems into library services: A guide for academic libraries*. Hershey, PA: Idea Group. [See Book Chapters for Individual Chapters]

Book Chapters (Invited/Refereed)

Abresch, J., Pascual L & A. Seiffert (In Press) Strategies for informing library stakeholders of collections budget & management decisions. ATG Media: *Charleston Voice: Perspectives from the 2019 Conference*

Hanson, A., & Abresch, J. (2016). Socially constructing library as place and space. In S. Schmehl Hines & K Moore (Eds.), *ALAO (Advances in Library Administration and Organization): The future of library space* (vol. 36, pp. 103 – 129). Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing Limited. doi:10.1108/S0732-067120160000036004

Abresch, J., Hanson, A., Heron, S. J., & Reehling, P. (2008). Geography and librarianship. In J. Abresch, A. Hanson, S. J. Heron, & P. Reehling, *Integrating geographic information systems into library services: A guide for academic libraries* (pp. 1-21), Hershey, PA: Idea Group. doi:10.4018/978-1-59904-726-3.ch001

Abresch, J., Hanson, A., & Reehling, P. (2008). Information economy and geospatial information. In J. Abresch, A. Hanson, S. J. Heron, & P. Reehling, *Integrating geographic information systems into library services: A guide for academic libraries* (pp. 22-52), Hershey, PA: Idea Group. doi:10.4018/978-1-59904-726-3.ch002

- Abresch, J., Hanson, A., & Reehling, P. (2008). Spatial databases and data infrastructure. In J. Abresch, A. Hanson, S. J. Heron, & P. Reehling, *Integrating geographic information systems into library services: A guide for academic libraries* (pp. 53-81), Hershey, PA: Idea Group. doi:10.4018/978-1-59904-726-3.ch003
- Abresch, J., Hanson, A., & Reehling, P. (2008). Collection management issues with geospatial information. In J. Abresch, A. Hanson, S. J. Heron, & P. Reehling, P. *Integrating geographic information systems into library services: A guide for academic libraries* (pp. 202-238), Hershey, PA: Idea Group. doi:10.4018/978-1-59904-726-3.ch008
- Abresch, J., Hanson, A., & Reehling, P. (2008). Geographic information and library education. In J. Abresch, A. Hanson, S. J. Heron, & P. Reehling, *Integrating geographic information systems into library services: A guide for academic libraries* (pp. 239-266), Hershey, PA: Idea Group. doi:10.4018/978-1-59904-726-3.ch009
- Abresch, J., Hanson, A., Heron, S. J., & Reehling, P. (2008). What the future holds: Trends in GIS and academic libraries. In J. Abresch, A. Hanson, S. J. Heron, & P. Reehling, *Integrating geographic information systems into library services: A guide for academic libraries* (pp. 267-295), Hershey, PA: Idea Group. doi:10.4018/978-1-59904-726-3.ch010
- Abresch, John (2007). Geographic information systems research and data centers. In L. Tomei (Ed.), *Online and distance learning: Concepts, methodologies, tools and applications* (pp. 1714-1723). Hershey, PA: IGI Global.
- Abresch, John (2003). Geographic information systems research and data centers. In A. Hanson and B. L. Levin (Eds.), *Building a virtual library* (pp. 52-64). Hershey, PA: Idea Group.

Encyclopedia Articles [Invited]

- Hanson, A., & Abresch, J. (2014). Critical information literacy in the geographic and information sciences. In M. Khosrowpour (Ed.), *Encyclopaedia of Information Science & Technology* (3rd ed., pp. 3103-3112). Hershey, PA: IGI Global.

Technical Reports

- Abresch, John (2011). *What is the value of long term library investment in electronic resources? Developing an evaluative framework to assess the impact of electronic collections*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida Library System.
- Ruscella, P., Hanson, A., Abresch, J., & Dold, C. (2008). *Mental Health Services Research & Policy Collection: ARL Collection Initiative*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida Library System.
- Abresch, J. (2006). *Urban and Regional Planning: An Inventory of USF Tampa Library Collections*: Tampa FL. University of South Florida Library System.
- Reader, S., Chavez, T., Abresch, J., Butler, L., Campbell, K., Catala, M., et. al. (2000). *Report to the Council of Deans: GIS Research and Data Center Task Force*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida Library.

Conference Proceedings

- Abresch, J., Pascual, L. & A. Seiffert (*In Press*) *Communicating Collections: Strategies for informing library stakeholders of collections budget & management decisions. Charleston Conference Proceedings.*
- Abresch, J. (2018). Using a Community of Practice Approach to Transform: How an Academic Library Collections Unit Reorganized to Meet Growing Demands for E-Resources and Services During a Time of Institutional Change. In B. Bernhardt., L. Hinds., K. Strauch., L. Meyer. (Eds.) *What's Past is Prologue: Charleston Conference Proceedings.*
- Abresch, J., Eickholt, A. L., & Pascual, L. (2017). EBA in practice: Facilitating evidence-driven e-book programs in both consortium and individual library settings. In B. Bernhardt., L. Hinds., K. Strauch., L. Meyer. (Eds.) *What's Past is Prologue: Charleston Conference Proceedings.*
- Abresch, John (2003). Cybercommunities and information access. In N. Callaos (Ed.), *Conference Proceedings of the SCI 2003: 7th World Multiconference on Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics Proceedings. July 27-30.* (pp.515-519). Orlando, FL: International Institute of Informatics and Systemics.

Presentations

International

- Hanson, A., & Abresch, J. (2016, June). *Using a 'community of practice' approach in succession planning.* Paper presented at the meeting of the Association of Caribbean, University, Research, and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL), Pétiön-Ville, Haïti.
- Abresch, J., (2011, May). *GOSIC at the University of South Florida Libraries: Using Geographic Information Systems to Support Information Access and Collaboration for Disaster Research and Planning:* Paper presented at the meeting of the Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL), Tampa, FL.
- Abresch, J. (2003, July). Cyber-communities and information access. In A. Hanson (Chair), *Social aspects of globalisation in the information age: Creating information resources for researchers.* Panel conducted at the meeting of the SCI 2003: The World Multiconference on Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics, Orlando, FL. [Invited Session].
- Abresch, J. & Dunlap, S. (1995, February). *The distribution of low birth weight babies in Tampa, Florida.* Poster presented at the meeting of the International Symposium on Computer Mapping in Epidemiology and Environmental Health, Tampa, FL.

National

- Abresch, J., Pascual, L. & A. Seiffert. (2019, November). *Communicating Collections: Strategies for informing library stakeholders of collections budget & management decisions.* Paper presented at the meeting of the Charleston Conference, Charleston, SC.

- Abresch, J. (2018, November). *Using a Community of Practice Approach to Transform: How an Academic Library Collections Unit Reorganized to Meet Growing Demands for E-Resources and Services During a Time of Institutional Change*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Charleston Conference, Charleston, SC.
- Abresch, J., Eickholt, A. L., & Pascual, L. (2017, November). *EBA in Practice: Facilitating evidence-driven e-book programs in both consortium and individual library settings*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Charleston Conference, Charleston, SC.
- Abresch, J. & Torrence, M. (2016, June). *Subject librarianship transformed: Changes in subject librarianship practice during a time of patron driven processes in collection building*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Library Association. Orlando, FL.
- Abresch, J. (2012, November). *Re-thinking acquisitions workflow in a shared-bib environment: Finding workflow solutions during a time of change at the University of South Florida Library*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Charleston Conference, Charleston, SC.
- Abresch, J. (1998, March). *The use of a GIS in assisting school choice*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA.

Regional and State

- Abresch, J. & Torrence, M. (2018, April) *Changing Landscape of Liaison Librarianship During a Time of Evidence Based Processes in Collection Management*. Concurrent Session presented at the USF-FSU Library and Information Science Symposium, Gainesville, FL.
- Abresch, J., Arnold, E., Bottorff, T., Burgess, R., Carmichael, L., Cooke, R. Ellison, A., Whitall, C. (2017, May). Career 411. Concurrent Session presented at the meeting of the Florida Library Association. Orlando, FL.
- Abresch, J., Caggiano, B., Cetwinski, T., Chavez, T., & Hurd, J. (2016, March). *Why not repurpose your stacks space? Creating new collaborative library spaces while protecting collections*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Florida Library Association, Daytona Beach, FL.
- Abresch, J., Gilbradze, L., & Harris, B. (2015, May). *Career 911 - We can help (Professional Development)*. Panel presented at the meeting of the Florida Library Association. Orlando, FL.
- Abresch, J., & Cummings-Sauls, Rebel (2012, April). *Staying ahead of the digital information curve @ the University of South Florida Library: Integrating GIS/Drupal software and web hosting applications to build scholarly communication services for USF affiliated researchers*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Florida Library Association, Orlando, FL.
- Abresch, J., & Slagle V. (2011, May). *USF GOSIC Website and Data Portal*. Poster session presented at the meeting of the Florida Library Association, Orlando, FL.
- Abresch, J., & Torrence Matt. (2007, April). *Getting out and about: The Onsite Librarian Project at the University of South Florida Tampa Campus*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Florida Library Association. Lake Buena Vista, FL.

Abresch, J. (2006, April). *Sustaining diversity in an academic library: Policies and practices at the University of South Florida Tampa Library*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Florida Library Association. Lake Buena Vista, FL.

Abresch, J. (1997, November). *Economic restructuring and the Latino Community in Tampa, Florida*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Birmingham, AL.

Abresch, J. (1997, January). *Economic restructuring and the Latino Community in Tampa, Florida*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Florida Association of Geographers. Tampa, FL.

Professional Associations and Service

International

Association of Caribbean University, Research, and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL)
Local Organizing Committee, Transportation Sub-Committee, Chair 2010-2011

National

American Library Association 1998-present
Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) 2004-present
Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) 2009-present
Collections Management Section Publications Committee 2019-present
Acquisitions Section Nominating Committee 2018-2019
Planning Committee, member 2013-2018
Map and Geospatial Information Round Table 1998-present
Education Committee, member 2008-2012
Online Presence Oversight Committee, member 2012

Regional

Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG) 1998-present

State

Florida Library Association (FLA) 2006-present
Membership & Marketing Committee 2018-present
Career Development Committee, member 2016-2018
Membership Committee, member 2013-2015
Council of State University Libraries
Collections Advisory Committee 2018-present
Shared Print Task Force 2019
Electronic Resources Planning Sub-Committee for Social Sciences, member 2008-2013
Technical Services Planning Committee -Acquisitions Sub-Committee, member 2011-2013

University Service

University of South Florida

Faculty Senate Council on Faculty Issues, member	2013-2016
Library Faculty Peer Review Committee, member	2011-2017
Chair	2016-2017
Library Faculty Group, member	2004-present
Secretary	2018-present
Secretary	2008-2009
Continuity of Operations Committee, member	2017-2019
Library Assessment Committee, member	2017-2019
Library Collection Development Policy Task Force, member	2008-2009
Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Business Plan Task Force, member	
Mental Health (<i>Ruscella et al. Task Force Report</i>)	2008
Library Strategic Planning, member	
Sub-Committee, Specialized Facilities, member	2007
Library Diversity Task Force	
Vice Chair and Chair	2004-2007
GIS Research and Data Center Task Force, member	2000
(<i>Reader et al. Task Force Report</i>)	

Reviewer Activity

Manuscript Reviewer	
<i>Georgia Library Quarterly</i>	2013-present
<i>Encyclopedia of Information Science and Technology, 4th edition</i>	
Editorial Review Board	2016

Awards and Honors

Gamma Theta Upsilon (USF Geographical Honor Society), member	1995
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Community Affiliations

Friends of the Panama Canal Museum Collection	2018-present
Pine Ridge Property Owners Association	2001-present
Panama Canal Society of Florida	1999-present