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## Associate Librarian

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**Curriculum Vitae**  
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## **Education**

**Graduate Certificate, Environmental Science & Policy Management** **December, 2010**

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

**Master of Arts, Library and Information Sciences** **May, 2000**

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

**Bachelor of Arts, International Affairs** **May, 1995**

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

## **Continuing Professional Education**

**Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute (SSLLI)** **August, 2005 – August, 2006**

Tallahassee, FL

## **Experience**

**Associate Librarian, Academic Services**  
**August, 2015 - current**

- Acting as Librarian lead for Geosciences Research Platform Team (RPT) from 2018 – present. Work with the School of Geosciences to support publishing, research, and teaching in all related fields and departments

**Assistant Librarian, Academic Services** **August, 2004 – July, 2015**

- Act as library liaison for the College of Business, the College of Engineering, and the Natural Sciences (STEM), in addition to working closely with the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR). Communicate with faculty representatives in these departments regarding library materials purchases, instruction, and other important issues related to these academic areas
- Active in the provision of research and other public services to students, faculty, and researchers in both the physical and virtual environment
- Publish, present, and contribute to organizations and publications in the field of Library & Information Science

**Instructor Librarian, Academic Services** **April, 2001 – August, 2004**

- Provide reference and research assistance to students, faculty, and staff at various service locations
- Perform course-specific library instruction classes for graduate and undergraduate students

## Publications, Articles and Conference Proceedings (Peer-Reviewed)

- Lewis, B., Torrence, M., Taylor, T. & Cook, M. (Accepted). Mentoring, Diversity, and Retention in Academic Libraries. In Lym, B. and Lee, C. (Eds.), *Implementing Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: A Handbook for Academic Libraries*. Chicago: Association of Research Libraries.
- Powers, A., Silver, S. & Torrence, M. (2017). Stay Calm and Cover Your Assessment: Creating a Culture of Assessment on a Shoestring. *Proceedings of the 2016 Charleston Library Conference*. West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press. Available at: [https://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/41/](https://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/41/)
- Torrence, M., & Ariew, S. (2016). The Changing Nature of OA Journals: Helping Scholars Identify the Good, the Bad, and the Political. *Proceedings of the 2015 Charleston Library Conference*. West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press. Available at: [https://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/38/](https://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/38/)
- Torrence, M. (2015). A review and evaluation of services and resources to engineers: A case study of outreach and marketing, assessment, and future directions in a research library. *Issues in Science & Technology Librarianship*. doi:10.5062/F43776Q0. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/5/](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/5/)
- Todorinova, L., & Torrence, M. (2014). Implementing and assessing library reference training programs. *The Reference Librarian*, 55(1), 37-48. doi:10.1080/02763877.2014.853277
- Torrence, M., Powers, A., & Sheffield, M. (2013). Wasted words? Current trends in collection development policies. In B. R. Bernhardt, L. H. Hinds, & K. P. Strauch (Eds.), *Accentuate the positive: Proceedings of the 2012 Charleston Library Conference* (pp. 158-164). West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/21](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/21)
- Torrence, M., Powers, A., & Owczarek, L. (2012). Research rescue: The USF Tampa library enhances library instruction. *Florida Libraries*, 55(2), 31-37. Available at [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/16/](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/16/)
- Torrence, M., Powers, A., & Sheffield, M. (2012). Is there a future for the collection development policy? In B. R. Bernhardt, L. H. Hinds, & K. P. Strauch (Eds.), *Something's gotta give: Charleston Conference proceedings, 2011* (pp. 131-134). West Lafayette, IN: Against the Grain Press. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/22](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/22)
- Todorinova, L., Lewis, B., Huse, A., & Torrence, M. (2011). Making decisions: Using electronic data collection to re-envision reference services at the USF Tampa libraries. *Public Services Quarterly*, 7(1-2), 34-48. doi:10.1080/15228959.2011.572780
- Powers, A., Torrence, M., McCoy, C., & Hoppenfeld, J. (2010). Reconfiguring collection development for the future: A faculty print serials review. In K. P. Strauch, B. R. Bernhardt, & L. H. Hinds (Eds.), *Charleston Conference proceedings 2009: Necessity is the mother of invention* (pp. 186-194). Charleston, SC: Against the Grain Press. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/23/](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/23/)
- Bishop, B. W., & Torrence, M. (2006). Virtual reference services: Consortium versus stand-alone. *College & Undergraduate Libraries*, 13(4), 117-127. doi:10.1300/J106v13n04\_08

Tucker, J. C., & Torrence, M. (2004). Collection development for new librarians: Advice from the trenches. *Library Collections, Acquisitions, and Technical Services* 28(4), 397-409. doi:10.1016/j.lcats.2004.08.013

Tucker, J. C., Bullian, J., & Torrence, M. (2003). Collaborate or die! Collection development in today's academic library. *The Reference Librarian*, 83/84, 219-236. doi:10.1300/J120v40n83\_18

## Publications, Other

Torrence, M. (2010). The feasibility of public wi-fi in Newtown, Sarasota: Investigating community and economic development through public wireless internet access. In R. Brinkmann (Ed.), *Greening Newtown - The results of USF's environmental science & policy capstone seminar* (pp. 307-322). Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, Department of Geography and Environmental Sciences. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/3/](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/3/)

## Presentations, International

Allen, M., Osler, S., & Torrence, M. (October, 2005). Supercharging online instruction: Amplifying interactivity using interactive simulation software. Presentation at the International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning, Cocoa Beach, FL. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/30/](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/30/) [Refereed]

## Presentations, National

Torrence, M. & Ariew, S. (November, 2015). The Changing Nature of OA Journals: Helping Scholars Identify the Good, the Bad, and the Political. Presentation at the Charleston Conference, Charleston, SC. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/36/](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/36/) [Refereed]

Todorinova, L., Torrence, M., & Jeffryes, J. (2014, June). Invited panelists for Libraries in the course management system: Best practices and new directions. Presentation at the American Library Association annual conference, Las Vegas, NV. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/26](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/26) [Invited]

Torrence, M., Todorinova, L., & Johnston, L. (2013, June). Invited panelists for Counting counts: Discussion on the present and future of public services statistics and reporting. Presentation at the American Library Association annual conference, Chicago, IL. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/24](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/24) [Invited]

Ariew, S., Torrence, M., & Lux, V. (2013, April). Proving your value: The librarian's contribution to the promotion and tenure process. Presentation at the Association of College & Research Libraries conference, Indianapolis, IN. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/20](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/20) [Refereed]

Torrence, M., Powers, A., & Sheffield, M. (2012, November). Wasted words? Current trends in collection development policies. Presentation at the Charleston Conference, Charleston, SC. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/18](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/18) [Refereed]

- Ariew, S., & Torrence, M. (2012, March). Student-focused learning programs: Designing and delivering. Presentation at the Computers in Libraries conference, Washington DC. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/17](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/17) [Refereed]
- Torrence, M., Powers, A., & Sheffield, M. (2011, November). Is there a future for the collection development policy. Presentation at the Charleston Conference, Charleston, SC. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/11/](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/11/) [Refereed]
- Todorinova, L., Huse, A., Lewis, B., & Torrence, M. (June, 2011). Informed desk staffing with quantified reference statistics: Using electronic data collection to re-envision reference services at the USF Tampa libraries. Presentation at the American Library Association annual conference, New Orleans, LA. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/13](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/13) [Refereed]
- Silver, S., Torrence, M., Lewis, B., & Smith, D. (June, 2011) Students, faculty, and the library: Research at the University of South Florida. Poster session presented at the American Library Association annual conference, New Orleans, LA. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/12](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/12) [Refereed]
- Torrence, M. (January, 2011). Layers of reality: Extending library services and resources through QR codes and augmented reality. Presentation at the American Library Association midwinter conference, San Diego, CA. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/10/](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/10/)
- Powers, A., McCoy, C., & Torrence, M. (2009, November). Reconfiguring collection development for the future: A faculty print serials review. Presentation at the Charleston Conference, Charleston, SC. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/1](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/1) [Refereed]
- Ariew, S., McCoy, C., Colvin, G., Gorin, M., & Torrence, M. (March, 2009). Beyond the basics: "Casting a net" to provide customized research services for faculty and students. Presentation at the Association of College & Research Libraries conference, Seattle, WA. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/2](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/2) [Refereed]

## **Presentations, State**

- Hoppenfeld, J., & Torrence, M. (April, 2010). To use print serials or not to use print serials: That is the Survey(Monkey). Presentation at the Florida Libraries Association annual conference, Orlando, FL. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/4](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/4) [Refereed]
- Hoppenfeld, J., & Torrence, M. (April, 2009). Connecting people with needed resources through a successful print serials review. Poster session presented at the Florida Library Association annual conference, Orlando, FL. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/27](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/27) [Refereed]
- Ariew, S., McCoy, C., Colvin, G., Gorin, M., & Torrence, M. (April, 2008). Beyond the basics: Being a leader is providing customized research services for faculty and students. Presentation at the Florida Library Association annual conference, Orlando, FL. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/matt\\_torrence/2](http://works.bepress.com/matt_torrence/2) [Refereed]
- Torrence, M., & Abresch, J. (April, 2006). Sustaining diversity in an Academic Library: Policies and Practices at the University of South Florida Tampa Library. Poster session presented at the Florida Library Association annual conference, Orlando, FL. [Refereed]

## Select Other Professional Activities

- Host of Calling: Earth Podcast, a production of the University of South Florida Libraries in cooperation with the USF School of Geosciences. Interviews and content available at: <http://callingearth.lib.usf.edu/>
- From 2001-2018, I worked closely with the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) to absorb their library's collection and expand access to the original research created by the faculty and researchers
- Primary investigator for all six issuances (2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, and 2013) of the LibQual+ survey of library services, facilities, and collections. Prepared internal reports and staff presentations, in addition to communicating and assessing results, data, and comments from the survey
- One of several primary managers of the LibGuides platform, first obtained in 2009, which is used by library professionals and staff to create subject and course guides, as well as other instructional and creative efforts

## Professional Service, International

- Member of Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) Conference Planning Committee, 2010-2011

## Professional Service, National

- Service on various committees in the American Library Association (ALA), Division of the Reference & User Services Association (RUSA)/Emerging Technologies in Reference (MARS):
  - ALA RUSA/ETS Tech Showcase Committee, 2017-current, Chair
  - ALA RUSA/ETS Executive Committee, 2016-current, Member
  - Member at Large (recently elected to 3-yr term and spot on the Executive Committee), 2013-2016
  - Management of Electronic Resources (MERS) Committee, 2012-present, Member
  - Virtual Reference Discussion Group (VRDG), 2014-present, Member
  - Chair's Program Committee, 2013-2014, Chair
  - Conference Planning Committees, 2013-2016, Member
  - Chair's Program Committee, 2012-2013, Member
  - Chair's Program Committee, 2011-2012, Chair
  - MERS Committee, 2010-2012, Chair
  - Hot Topics Committee, 2009-2011, Chair

- Hot Topics Committee, 2009, Member
- Contributing Editor to the *ALA Guide to Reference*, 2006-2008
- ALA New Member's Round Table (NMRT) Committee, 2002-2004, Member

### **Professional Service, State and Local**

- Florida Library Association (FLA) Continuing Education/Conference Committee, 2006-2008, Chair
- Florida Electronic Collections Committee (ECC), Science Subcommittee, 2004-2012, Member
- Tampa Bay Library Consortia (TBLC) Information Literacy Special Interest Group, 2003, Member

### **University of South Florida Governance and Service**

- USF Libraries Promotion Committee, 2018-2020, Chair/Member
- Libraries Faculty Group, 2018-2019, President
- Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) IRB Committee, 2015-present, Member
- Instructional Technologist/Blended Librarian Search Committee, 2015, Chair
- Academic Services Librarian Search Committee, 2015, Member
- Academic Services Librarian Search Committee, 2014, Member
- Special Collections Coordinator Librarian Search Committee, 2013, Chair
- University Scholarship Committee, 2010-present, Member
- Faculty Staff Campaign, 2011-2014, Library Co-Representative
- Graduate Council, 2012-2015, Secretary and Member
- Faculty Senate, 2009-2012, Member
- Assistant Director for Instruction Search Committee, 2012, Chair
- Instructional Technologist/Blended Librarian Search Committee, 2012, Chair
- Student Success Task Force, 2011, Member
- Business Librarian Search Committee, 2011, Member
- Public Services Librarian Search Committee, 2011, Member
- Dean of Libraries Search Committee, 2007-2008, Member
- Faculty Staff Campaign efforts, 2002-2003, Library Representative

## University of South Florida Libraries Governance and Service

- LibGuides Committee, 2019-current, Chair
- Mentoring Program Exploration Group (MPEG), 2018, Member
- USF Libraries Promotion Committee, 2015-2017, Member
- USF Libraries Assessment Committee, 2015-2019, Member
- Libraries Faculty Group, 2010-2013, Member at Large
- Merit Pay Review Task Force, 2011, Member
- Council of State & University Libraries (CSUL) Meetings, 2009, 2011, & 2014, Scribe
- Diversity Task Force, 2004-2008, Member
- Libraries Faculty Group, 2007-2008, President
- Libraries Faculty Group, 2006-2007, Vice President, President-Elect
- Merit Pay Review Task Force, 2007, Chair
- Merit Pay Review Task Force, 2006, Member
- Tampa Library Assessment Committee, 2001-2005, Member
- Tampa Library Staff Development Committee, 2001-2004, Member

## Honors and Awards

***Beta Phi Mu*** - Member of Library and Information Science Honor Society, Beta Phi Chapter, University of South Florida (2001)

***Phi Beta Kappa*** - Member of National Honor Society, Alpha of Florida Chapter, Florida State University (1995)

***Phi Kappa Phi*** - Member of National Honor Society, Florida State University (1995)