

My goal as an archivist is to build collections and projects in close partnership with communities, grounded in shared goals and mutual trust. Through this work, I seek to empower participants and complicate dominant historical narratives.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Archives Librarian

December 2023 - Present

Ann Arbor District Library - Archives

- Build relationships with diverse communities through shared archival initiatives
- Manage oral history and community documentation projects; acquire related collections
- Provide archival reference services via desk, email, and phone
- Support inclusive research access through reparative descriptive practices
- Produce exhibits, films, and public programs highlighting underrepresented histories

Library Technician

February 2020 - November 2023

Ann Arbor District Library - Archives

- Digitized, arranged, and described local history records (photographs, newspapers, oral histories)
- Recorded & conducted oral histories, ensuring proper file management & transcription
- Served on public desks & AskUs team, including answering reference questions
- Conducted archival research and wrote historical narratives for a broad audience

Public Library Associate

April 2018 - January 2020

Ann Arbor District Library - Archives

- Digitized, arranged, and described local history records (photographs, newspapers, oral histories)

Archives Research Assistant

February 2019 - August 2019

Toledo Museum of Art

- Processed museum administrative records & wrote preliminary finding aid
- Researched and wrote trustee biographies for project documenting the museum's history

Postdoctoral Fellow & Lecturer

September 2014 - December 2018

University of Michigan, Afroamerican & African Studies

- Taught undergraduate courses in Black Studies and U.S. literary & cultural studies
- Published academic journal articles & an edited book; presented at academic conferences

EDUCATION

Wayne State University MLIS Archival Administration, 2022

University of California, Santa Cruz PhD Literature, 2014

St. Olaf College BA English & Women's Studies, 2008

SKILLS

- Community-based partnerships
- Inclusive collection development
- Managing oral history programs
- Archival reference services
- Public engagement & outreach
- Coordinating project workflows