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EDUCATION

Master of Library and Information Studies

University of Alberta

2014

Edmonton, AB

Bachelor of Arts, International Relations

University of British Columbia, Okanagan

(Interdisciplinary program: History, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, and Languages)

2011

Kelowna, BC

EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor/Librarian

Library, Mount Royal University

August 2016 – Present

Calgary, AB

Education Technology Facilitator

Education Technology, University of Alberta

May 2014 – July 2016

Edmonton, AB

Graduate Technology Assistant

School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alberta

September 2013 – April 2014

Edmonton, AB

Web Information Architect (student summer position)

Web Office, City of Edmonton

April – August 2013

Edmonton, AB

Reference Librarian (practicum)

Alberta Government Library

March – April 2013

Edmonton, AB

Technology Mentor

EdTech Services, University of Alberta

September 2012 – April 2013

Edmonton, AB

SCHOLARSHIP

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- McNally, M., & Christiansen, E. (2019, June 3). [Open enough? Eight factors to consider when transitioning from closed to open resources and courses: A conceptual framework](#). *First Monday* 24(6). <https://doi.org/10.5210/fm.v24i6.9180>
- Christiansen, E. (2015). [Don't make me type: A study of students' perceptions of library catalogues on tablet computers](#). *Partnership: The Canadian Journal of Library of Information Practice and Research* 10(1). <https://doi.org/10.21083/partnership.v10i1.3192>

Other Articles and Published Works

- Christiansen, E. (2020, July 1). [Italian Immigration to Kelowna and its Lasing Legacy](#) [Historical article]. *Kelowna Italian Club*.
- Christiansen, E., Dahlqvist, C., Deeke, A., Hays, L., Mallon, M., Weaver, K., & Yoshida, A. (2017, December 3). [Making new connections: Librarians meetup at ISSOTL 2017](#) [Blog post]. *International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*.
- Christiansen, E., & McNutt, K. (2016). [The starter kit](#) [Communications Toolkit]. *Alberta Open Educational Resources Initiative*.
- McNutt, K., & Christiansen, E. (2016). [The champions toolkit](#) [Communications Toolkit]. *Alberta Open Educational Resources Initiative*.

Refereed Conference Presentations

- Christiansen, Erik., & McNally, M. (2020, November 16). [Toward open pragmatism: Developing a revised framework for openness](#). Presentation delivered at the Open Education Global Conference [prerecorded & online].
- Christiansen, E., & McNally, M. (2020, November 10). [How open is it? Developing a framework for 'open pragmatism' through examination of open courseware](#). Presentation delivered at the OpenEd Conference [online].
- Flierl, M., Mallon, M., Hays, L. & Christiansen, E. (2019, October 10). *Enabling student learning through information, data, digital, and media literacies*. Presentation delivered at the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Blomgren, C., Christiansen, E., & Klamn, R. (2019, April 11). *#aboerjc – Reinventing the critical and scholarly discussion*. Presentation delivered at the OER19 Conference, Galway, Ireland.
- Hays, L., Dahlqvist, C., & Christiansen, E. (2018, October 25). [Helping students develop information skills is everyone's business: Examining information contexts](#). Panel presentation delivered at the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference, Bergen, Norway.
- Christiansen, E., & McNally, B. (2018, April 24). [Open enough? Eight factors to consider when transitioning from closed to open resources and courses: A conceptual framework](#). Paper presented at the Open Education Global Conference, Delft, Netherlands.
- Christiansen, E., & McNally, B. (2017, October 12). [Open enough? Choices and consequences when transitioning from closed to open resources and courses](#). Poster presented at the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference, Calgary, AB.
- Christiansen, E. (2017, April 29). [Open, get ready! Public and academic libraries' support for open education in Canada](#). Paper presented at the Alberta Library Conference, Jasper, AB.

- Christiansen, E. (2014, April 24). [Don't make me type: A study of students' perceptions of library catalogues on tablet computers](#). Poster presented at the Alberta Library Conference, Jasper, AB.
- Christiansen, E. (2010). *Italian immigration to British Columbia from the 1880s to the 1920s*. Presentation delivered at the UBC Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Conference, Vancouver, BC.

Professional Presentations and Workshops

- Brunk, A., Manobe, D., Christiansen, E., & Steel, D. (2020, June 11). *Gaming, Technology, and Accessibility in Academic Libraries* [webinar]. Panel presentation delivered at Mount Royal University, Calgary, AB.
- Christiansen, E. (2019, June 21). [#aboerjc: The Alberta OER journal club](#). Presentation delivered at the Alberta OER Summit, NorQuest College, Edmonton, AB.
- Christiansen, E. (2018, May 23). [Creating information literacy competencies for psychology undergraduates](#). Webinar delivered to the Canadian Psychology Librarians Network.
- Christiansen, E. (2018, January 18). *Open enough?* Lightning talk presented at the Students Association of Mount Royal University (SAMRU) OER Days, Calgary, AB.
- Christiansen, E. (2017, December 12). [Openly obsessed: Open educational resources policy in western Canada & conceptualizing openness in higher education](#). Lightning talk presented at the Mount Royal Library Faculty Scholarship Sub-Committee, Calgary, AB.
- Da Rosa, L., & Christiansen, E. (2017, October 10). *Riddell library and learning centre: Spaces, technology, and support for faculty*. Workshop round table delivered at the Mount Royal Faculty Association Fall PD Day, Calgary, AB.
- Christiansen, E. (2017, May 9). *The making of a librarian*. Presented at the Mount Royal Faculty Association Spring Retreat, Kananaskis, AB.
- McNally, B., & Christiansen, E. (2016, December 7). [Choices and consequences in transitioning from closed to open resources and courses](#). Presentation delivered at the Open Education in Action Conference, Maskwacis Cultural College, Maskwacis, AB. *Invited*.
- Christiansen, E. (2017, November 24). [Everything is sharable: Why open educational resources are critical to lifelong and the sharing economy](#). Workshop delivered at the Code4Lib Alberta Conference, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.
- McNutt, K., & Christiansen, E. (2016, November 9). [Alberta OER toolkits: Goals and objectives](#). Presentation delivered at the OER in and Across Disciplines Conference, Mount Royal University, Calgary, AB.
- Shepstone, C., Smith, E., & Christiansen, E. (2016, October 16). *Open educational practices at MRU*. Presentation delivered at the Open Education Conference, Maskwacis Cultural College, Maskwacis, AB.
- Christiansen, E., & Popowich, S. (2016, June 14). *Getting started with static hosting using GitHub Pages and Reveal.JS*. Workshop delivered at Code4Lib Spring Meeting, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.
- Christiansen, E. (2016, April). *In the know: Using Google alerts and Gmail filters to create your own personal archive*. Workshop delivered at Technologies in Education SLAM, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.

- Carruthers, A., MacLean, L., Christiansen, E., & Marshal, K. (2016, March). *Speaker's corner 'the school to work transition'*. Presentation delivered at the School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB. *Invited*.
- Christiansen, E. (2016, February). *Using Google Tour Builder for education*. Workshop delivered at the Harry Ainlay High School PD Day, Edmonton Public Schools, AB.
- Christiansen, E. (2015, November). *Multimedia streaming in higher education*. Presentation delivered at the Code4Lib Alberta Unconference, Edmonton Public Library, Edmonton, AB.
- Christiansen, E. (2014, August). *Internet safety and security in an academic environment*. Workshop delivered at the International Student Orientation, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.
- Christiansen, E. (2014, February 4). [*Students' perceptions of library catalogues on tablet computers*](#). Paper presented at the Forum for Information Professionals, Edmonton, AB.

Editorial Activities and Scholarly Service

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| Peer Reviewer, First Monday | 2020 – Present |
| Peer Reviewer, Reference Services Review | 2016 – Present |
| Peer Reviewer, Partnership: The Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research | 2015 – Present |
| Abstract Peer Reviewer, Canadian Association of Professional Academic Librarians (CAPAL) Conference | 2017/2018 |
| Abstract Peer Reviewer, International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (ISSOTL) Conference | 2017 |

Other Research Experience

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| Research Assistant: UBC Okanagan, Political Science Dept., Dr. Carl Hodge
Worked with Professor Carl Hodge on political science research, conducting literature reviews on pre-WWI conflicts. | 2009 – 2011 |
| Student Researcher (Grant Funded Project), UBC Okanagan
Received the Irving K. Barber Undergraduate Research Grant to conduct archival research on Italian immigration in the South Okanagan and West-Kootenay regions during the 1880s and 1920s. The project involved compiling primary historical documents from archive throughout British Columbia. | 2009 – 2010 |

AWARDS

Open Education Champion Award: Students' Association of Mount Royal University (SAMRU) "In recognition of outstanding contribution through enrichment, endeavour, and excellent within SAMRU, the University, and the community."	2019
Professional Recognition Award: U of A School of Library and Information Studies "Recognizes outstanding performance as a student, academic merit, extracurricular contributions, and potential contribution to the library profession."	2014
LAA Student Award: U of A School of Library and Information Studies & Library Association of Alberta Awarded by the School of Library and Information Studies and Library Association of Alberta	2014
Beta Phi Mu International Library and Information Studies Honour Society Induction as recognition for 3.9 GPA (4.0 scale) in MLIS	2014
Alberta Learning Graduate Student Scholarship: Government of Alberta	2014
Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship Government of Alberta	2013
Award for Original Presentation UBC Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Conference	2010
Irving K. Barber Undergraduate Research Grant: UBC Okanagan Grant awarded to select undergraduates to undertake original research.	2009

TEACHING

Mount Royal University

Liaison Areas

- Psychology (teaching and collections)
- Student Wellness/Counselling, Mount Royal Wellness Services (collections)
- Health and Physical Education (teaching and collections)
- Music Conservatory (collections)

Liaison Activities

- Information literacy instruction
- Individual consultations with students and faculty to support teaching and research
- Collection development, including assessment of physical and digital holdings, developing the monograph collection, evaluating new subscriptions, and liaising with vendors
- Collaborate with library and other faculty to design in-class assignments, handouts, and other resources
- Develop in-depth online library research guides to support programs and individual courses

MRU: Library Information Literacy Guides

- bit.ly/Erik-Librarian-MRU

Information Literacy Sessions Taught at MRU

Psychology

- 2235 – Life-Span Development
- 2283 – Personality
- 2285 – Introduction to the Psychology of Abnormal Behaviour
- 3302 – Psychopharmacology
- 3327 – Psychology of Sexuality
- 3351 – Topics in Child Development
- 3355 – Topics in Adolescence
- 4451 – Atypical Child Development
- 4483 – Advanced Topics in Social Psychology
- 4484 – The Psychology of Happiness

Health and Physical Education

Athletic Therapy

- 5100 – Capstone

Health and Physical Education

- 1000 – Issues in Health and Physical Education
- 3010 – Sociological Perspectives

Physical Literacy

- 1310 – Teaching Games for Understanding

Sport and Recreation Management

- 5400 – Capstone

Business

- 2150 – Introduction to Marketing

Chemistry

- 1201 – Structure and Bonding
- 1202 – General Chemistry

Child and Youth Studies

- Capstone I & II

- Education*
 - 2325 – Understanding Current and Emerging Pedagogical Technologies
- English*
 - 0130 – Literature and Composition
- English as an Additional Language*
 - Advanced English 1 & 3
- General Education*
 - 1101 – Scientific and Mathematical Literacy
 - 1102 – Controversies in Science
 - 1103 – Innovation
 - 1203 – Cultural Perspectives in Science
 - 1401 – Writing for Academic Success (English course)
 - 1404 – Writing about images (English course)

Instructional Design and Curriculum Development

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| <p>MRU: Project member on virtual reality psychology course
Collaborated with two faculty members in Psychology Department and the Library's Emerging Technologies Specialist to investigate the AltSpaceVR platform for a VR online course.</p> | <p>2019 – Present</p> |
| <p>MRU: Member, Information Literacy Working Group
Worked with colleagues to develop a high-level programmatic guide that outlines the library's pedagogical values and approaches to information literacy instruction.</p> <p>Website: https://library.mtroyal.ca/faculty/literacy</p> | <p>2018 – 2019</p> |
| <p>MRU: Member, Creative Spaces Team on Outreach and Engagement for Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality
Collaborated with library faculty and staff to leverage VR and AR for teaching and learning.</p> | <p>2018 – 2019</p> |
| <p>MRU: Member, Library Faculty Curriculum Committee
Worked with committee members to make decisions on curriculum related policies and procedures.</p> | <p>2017 – 2019</p> |
| <p>MRU: Psychology Information Literacy Program Project
Collaborated with the Psychology Department Chair and other faculty to develop a scaffolded information literacy instruction program. The work</p> | <p>2017 – Present</p> |

involves the surveying of students in all IL classes about their skills prior to the IL class, previous knowledge, and learner expectations.

MRU: Reference Services 2016 – Present
Provided reference services (2 – 4 hours per week) to students, faculty, and staff to provide support for research, citation, and technology.

U of A: Instructional Design Initiatives 2014 – 2016
Collaborated with colleagues in the Faculty in Education, Physical Education, Pharmacy, and Dentistry to envision and design courses which required the creation of program outcomes, online assessments, interactive lectures, online learning objects and graphics, and creating course structures in Moodle and Blackboard.

Other Workshops Delivered

- Library spaces and technology for teaching
- Creative commons licensing
- Open educational resources, open pedagogy, and open access journals
- Maker technologies (3D printing and scanning)
- Qualitative research tools and methodologies (NVivo)
- Open data portal at U of A (Dataverse)
- Web hosting and GitHub repositories
- Web usability best practices for education and libraries

SERVICE

Service to the Faculty or Department

MRU: Member, Library Search Sustainment Committee 2019 – Present

MRU: Member, Library Social Committee 2018 – 2020

MRU: Member, Library Scholarship Sub-Committee 2017 – 2018

MRU: Member, Library Awards Committee 2017 – 2018

MRU: Member, Library Faculty Council 2016 – Present

MRU: Member, Library Department Meetings 2016 – Present

MRU: Member, Library Faculty Development Committee 2016 – 2018

MRU: Member, Student Library Advisory Council	2016 – 2018
MRU: Member, RLLC Maker Studio Working Group	2016 – 2017
U of A: Coutts Education Library Advisory Committee	2014 – 2016

Service to the University

MRU: Counsellor, General Faculty Council Elected member of the University’s governing body.	2020 – Present
MRU: Member/Chair, Professional Development Committee, Mount Royal Faculty Association	2018 – 2020 Chair: 2018/2019
MRU: Member, Academic Liaison Committee, Mount Royal Faculty Association	2017 – 2019
MRU: Department Liaison to the Library, Mount Royal Faculty Association	2017 – Present

Service to the Profession and Broader Community

Technical Consultant, Teaching and Learning Inquiry Journal Worked with the editorial team to administer the Open Journal Systems instance for Teaching & Learning Inquiry, the official journal of ISSOTL. This includes (but is not limited to) answering technical questions about OJS, making settings and stylistic changes to the website, testing new features, automating editorial/system processes, optimizing editorial workflows, metadata maintenance (assigning DOIs) and liaising with our hosting partner at University of Calgary.	2019 – Present
Founding Member and Website Admin, Alberta OER Journal Club In collaboration with three colleagues (two from Athabasca University and one from the University of Calgary) founded a provincial journal club. The journal club hosts monthly discussions on Twitter on an article related to open education. The journal club has engaged faculty, librarians, and students in Canada and the world. Website: https://aboerjournalclub.home.blog/	2018 – Present
Founding Member Information Literacy Special Interest Group, ISSOTL Coordinate and collaborate on information literacy-related activities with librarians and educator members from the ISSOTL community.	2018 – Present

Contributor, The Ladder: The Newsletter of the Canadian Psychology Librarians Network	2017 – 2019
Contributed to the newsletter and online discussion and hosted a webinar for psychology subject librarians across Canada.	
Website Admin, Communications Committee, Alberta Association of Academic Libraries	2016 – 2018
Maintained the association website; developed a pool of institutional communicators throughout Alberta; distributed the association newsletter; attended monthly executive committee conference calls; monitored email account; worked with committee members to develop policies and guidelines.	
Secretary, PLG Edmonton	2015 – 2016
Recorded meeting minutes and created and distributed the monthly agenda to members.	
Alberta OER Initiative	2015 – 2016
Developed two provincial communications toolkits, webinars and web content; provided OER support to educators across Alberta	
Member, Code4Lib Edmonton	2013 – 2017

Professional Affiliations

Canadian Association of Professional Academic Librarians	2017 – Present
International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning	2016 – Present
Alberta Association of Academic Libraries	2016 – Present
Beta Phi Mu LIS Honor Society	2014 – Present
Code4Lib Edmonton	2013 – 2016
Library Association of Alberta	2014 – 2016
Special Libraries Association	2013 – 2016