

## Sabrina Thomas

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### EDUCATION

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**Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) Leadership Studies ABD 2023**

Marshall University, Huntington, WV

Department of Leadership Studies

Academic Library Leadership and Mental Health During the COVID-19 Pandemic: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Eugenia Lambert

**Master of Arts in History, December 2010**

Marshall University, Huntington, WV

Department of History

Thesis Title: Marriage vows and economic discrimination: The married teacher problem

Thesis Chair: Dr. Kat Williams

**Master of Arts in Information Resources and Library Science, May 2006**

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

School of Information

**Bachelor of Science in History, December 2001**

Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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**Head of Research and Instruction Services 2022-**

**Marshall University Libraries**

Lead a team of dynamic academic research and instruction librarians who provide quality liaison relationships, research consultations, information literacy instruction, and reference assistance in-person and online.

**Research and Instruction Librarian, August 2006-2021**

**Marshall University Libraries**

Library liaison for the College of Health Professions and College of Arts and Media which included updating faculty on library budgeting, trial databases, and selection of materials. This

includes providing exceptional instruction via synchronous online or in-person sessions and asynchronous modules for information literacy.

### **Adjunct professor**

#### **WVROCKS/HEPC, August 2012-2020**

Instructor of record who developed and taught multiple information literacy classes online, primarily nontraditional students seeking to finish their secondary education.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

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- Plan, delegate, and facilitate departmental goals and provide leadership in setting and communicating priorities. Responsible for overall operational efficiency of the department.
- Mentor, motivate, supervise, and evaluate library faculty and staff as they provide instruction, information services, student engagement, and liaison activities.
- Guide and foster professional growth, development, and retention of departmental faculty and staff.
- Provide pedagogical guidance and support for all information literacy initiatives delivered online, high-flex and through face-to-face sessions.
- Explore and evaluate new and existing trends in research and best practices for instructional technologies.
- Head liaison to the College of Arts and Media and the College of Health Professionals updating faculty on libraries' budget, materials, and initiatives. Includes holding multiple workshops for faculty on elements of information literacy in order to empower them in their own classrooms.
- Lead and coordinated the Drinko Libraries Display Committee, which coordinates special events and receptions such as the MU Women's Exhibition of 2018, *Nevertheless, She Persisted* and our latest exhibition of spring 2020 was titled, *Optimism in Appalachia: Reclaiming Hope Through Artwork, Crafts and Poetry*.

### **COURSES DEVELOPED AND/OR TAUGHT**

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#### ITL- 302- Ethics and Information in the Digital Age

This course is an examination of ethical use and misuse of information, predominantly focused on intellectual property, copyright law, and plagiarism.

#### ITL 406- Strategies for Digital Citizenship: Tools for navigating the information ecosystem.

This course is an introduction to digital citizenship and information literacy skills that will help students learn the cognitive, social, and technical skills for navigating the digital information ecosystem.

#### ITL 455- Pedagogy of New Literacies and Applied Critical Thinking

This course is an introduction to information and new literacies instruction in a variety

of libraries and other information-related organizations and for a variety of patrons (including K-12, ESL, special needs learners, and adult learners).

ITL 410- Information Literacy and Critical Thinking

The purpose of this course is to expose students to the technological resources that hold the most current and cutting-edge scholarly information.

PLT 280- Public Library Marketing

This course will expose students to advanced marketing skills and the implementation process for public libraries.

FYS- 100- First Year Seminar

Students will develop intentional critical thinking skills integral to lifelong learning through inquiry, discussion, interaction, discovery, problem solving, writing, research, reflection, and examination of complex multicultural/global ideas and themes.

UNI 102 – Strategies for Academic Success

Within this course students will develop strategies for academic success by learning university support systems, develop goals, and outline strategic plans for their academic success.

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### Publications

#### *Journal Articles*

Thomas, Sabrina, Kacy Lovelace, and Lindsey Harper. (2021) Generating professional best practices to combat dis- and misinformation, resist burnout, and empower our communities. *College & Research Libraries News*, 82, 385-386.

Thomas, Sabrina, Kacy Lovelace, and Lindsey Harper. (2020) Librarians' experiences with social media and COVID-19 misinformation, *Journal of Intellectual Freedom & Privacy*. 5(1), 3. <https://doi.org/10.5860/jifp.v5i1.7391>

Thomas, Sabrina, Kacy Lovelace. (2019) Combining Efforts: Libraries as mental health safe spaces. *College & Research Libraries News*, 80 (10), 546. Doi: 10.5860/crln.80.10.546

Thomas, Sabrina, Kacy Lovelace. (2019) Ending the silence: Utilizing personal experiences to enhance a library mental health initiative." *Journal of Intellectual Freedom & Privacy*, 4(2), 3. Doi: 10.5860/jifp.v4i2.7079

Thomas, Sabrina. (2017). Promoting Digital Citizenship in First Year Students: Framing information literacy as a tool to help peers. *College and Undergraduate Libraries* 24, 1-13.

Thomas, Sabrina, Teresa Bean. (2010). Being Like Both: Library Instruction Methods that Outshine the One-Shot. *Public Services Quarterly* 6 (2010): 237-249. Print

#### *Book Chapter*

Thomas, Sabrina, Eryn Roles, and Kat Phillips. (2019). "IF I APPLY: a New Recipe for Critical Source Evaluation for the (Dis)Information Age." In *Critical Thinking About Sources Cookbook*.

#### *Other*

Thomas, Sabrina, Eryn Roles, and Kat Phillips. (2020) "Navigating the Information Ecosystem: Getting Personal with Source Evaluation, IF I APPLY" which is a LOEX conference paper.

Thomas, Sabrina. (2010). Marriage vows and economic discrimination: The married teacher problem [Master's Thesis, Marshall University]. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses, <https://go.exlibris.link/CDStYRFk>

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

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Thomas, S.& Roles, E., West Virginia Library Association Annual conference, "Navigating Information Literacy During a Pandemic/Political Adversity: Orienting Our Students and Ourselves," WVLA, Canaan Valley, West Virginia. (October 6, 2022).

Thomas, S., Lauer, H., Titus, R. WVLA Annual Meeting, "Promoting Intellectual Freedom Through Displays," WVLA, Davis, WV. (October 6, 2022).

Thomas, S., & Mollette, S., WVLA Fall Conference, "Levels of Cranky: Policies for Problem Patrons," West Virginia Library Association. (October 5, 2022).

Thomas, S., Lovelace, K., Harper, L., American Library Association's Annual Conference, "Generating Professional Best Practices to Combat Dis- and Misinformation, Resist Burnout, and Empower Our Communities," Association for College and Research Libraries, Virtual. (June 2021).

Hollis, D. W. (Panelist), Thomas, S. (Panelist), Dean Bookwalter, R. B. (Moderator), OneJohnMarshallU, "Finding Truth in the Post-Fairness Era," Marshall University, Huntington. (March 24, 2021).

Thomas, S., TEDx, "Bridges of Hope: From Foster Care to College. March 20, 2020.

Thomas, S., Roles, E., Phillips, K., LILAC, "I'm not calling you a liar, but don't lie to me: getting personal with source evaluation," Nottingham, England. April 24, 2019.

Thomas, S., Lovelace, K. J., Tolliver, L., Alford, M., Phillips, T., American Library Association Annual Conference, "Bolster Academic Libraries as Integral Safe Spaces for Mental Health," American Library Association, Washington, DC. June 22, 2019.

Thomas, S., Western Counties Regional Library System Annual Conference Key Note Address, "Source Evaluation in the Misinformation Age," Cabell County Public Library. May 2, 2019.

Thomas, S., Lovelace, K., Alford, M., Leah, T., Connect & Communicate, "Creating Safe Spaces," Pennsylvania Library Association, Office. (November 8, 2019).

Thomas, S., & Mollette, S., Coalfield Development Training, "Information Literacy Workshop," Coalfield Development. (October 25, 2019).

Thomas, S., & White, K., Mental Health Initiative Panel Presentation, "Trauma and Resiliency Discussion: Finding Hope," Marshall University, Huntington WV. (November 8, 2018).

Thomas, S., Western Counties Regional Library System Annual Conference Key Note Address, "Working Together: Making Information Literacy Outreach a Priority," Cabell County Libraries, Huntington WV. (October 8, 2018).

Thomas, S. (Moderator), Mental Health Initiative Panel Presentation, "Anxiety and Depression Panel Discussion: Finding Help," Marshall University, Huntington WV. (September 27, 2018).

Thomas, S. (Panelist), Roles, E. D. (Panelist), Titus, R. (Panelist), iPED: Inquiring Pedagogies, "Librarians: Motivated by Your Successes - Collaborative Skills, Tools, and Resources at Marshall University," Center for Teaching and Learning, Huntington WV. (August 14, 2018).

Roles, E. D. (Other), Thomas, S. (Presenter Only), Kentucky Library Association Library and Instruction Round table Retreat, "IF I APPLY," KLA, John Grant Crabbe Main Library, Eastern Kentucky University. (July 20, 2018).

Thomas, S. (Presenter & Author), Roles, E. (Presenter & Author), Library Instruction Round table Retreat, "IF I APPLY," Kentucky Library Association, Richmond. (July 20, 2018).

- Kinghorn, B., Krutka, D., Gurjar, N., Thomas, S., SITE 2018 International Conference, "Using Social Media in the Classroom in the Age of Fake News," Society for Information Technology in Teacher Education, Alexandria, VA. (March 28, 2018).
- Thomas, S., Phillips, K., Roles, E., Connect & Communicate Series, "IF I APPLY: Updated CRAAP Test for Evaluating Sources," Pennsylvania Library Association, Web. (February 16, 2018).
- Thomas, S., West Virginia Library Association Fall Conference, "All Hands on Deck: Making Information Literacy Outreach a Priority," WVLA, White Sulphur Springs WV. (November 9, 2017).
- Thomas, S., Roles, E., Phillips, K., WV Center for Teaching and Learning iPed Conference, "Encouraging Source Credibility through the IF I APPLY Test," MU Center for Teaching and Learning, Huntington WV. (August 15, 2017).
- Thomas, S., WV Center for Teaching and Learning iPed Conference, "Navigating the Information Ecosystem: Finding Scholarly Overviews of Complicated, Controversial Topics," MU Center for Teaching and Learning, Huntington WV. (August 15, 2017).
- Thomas, S., Cabell County Teaching Institute, "Information Literacy and the Digital Age," Cabell County Board of Education, Huntington WV. (August 2, 2017).
- Thomas, S., Cabell County Teaching Institute, "Protecting Students from Internet Dangers," Cabell County Board of Education, Huntington WV. (August 2, 2017).
- Thomas, S., Cabell County Teaching Institute, "The Craft of Research, Credibility, and Current Events," Cabell County Board of Education, Huntington WV. (August 2, 2017).
- Thomas, S., Roles, E., Phillips, K., WPWVC/ACRL 2017 Spring Conference, "Making the CRAAP Test Less Crappy," WPWVC/ACRL, Potomac State College, Keyser, WV. (August 2, 2017).
- Thomas, S., WPWVC/ACRL 2017 Spring Conference, "Understanding and Teaching Google's Algorithms and Fake News," WPWVC/ACRL, Potomac State College, Keyser, WV. (August 2, 2017).
- Thomas, S., Cabell County Teaching Institute, "Information Literacy and the Digital Age," Cabell County Board of Education, Huntington WV. (August 1, 2017).
- Thomas, S., Cabell County Teaching Institute, "Protecting Students from Internet Dangers," Cabell County Board of Education, Huntington WV. (August 1, 2017).

- Thomas, S., Cabell County Teaching Institute, "The Craft of Research, Credibility, and Current Events," Cabell County Board of Education, Huntington WV. (August 1, 2017).
- Thomas, S., Cabell County Teaching Institute, "Information Literacy and the Digital Age," Cabell County Board of Education, Huntington WV. (July 31, 2017).
- Thomas, S., Cabell County Teaching Institute, "Protecting Students from Internet Dangers," Cabell County Board of Education, Huntington WV. (July 31, 2017).
- Thomas, S., Cabell County Teaching Institute, "The Craft of Research, Credibility, and Current Events," Cabell County Board of Education, Huntington WV. (July 31, 2017).
- Thomas, S., West Virginia Women's Studies Biennial Conference on Rural Women, "The Princess Panel: A Discussion of Disney Princesses and the Environment," Women's Studies, Huntington WV. (April 8, 2017).
- Thomas, S., Roles, E. D., Phillips, K., West Virginia Library Association Spring Fling, "Making the C.R.A.A.P. Test Less Cappy," WVLA, Summersville, WV. (April 6, 2017).
- Thomas, S., Roles, E. D., Phillips, K., West Virginia Library Association Annual Conference, "25 in 50: Delve into the wonderful websites for instruction and literacy for all libraries," WVLA, Daniels, WV. (October 7, 2016).
- Thomas, S., Roles, E. D., Phillips, K., West Virginia Library Association Annual Conference, "25 in 50: Delve into the wonderful websites for instruction and literacy for all libraries," WVLA, Daniels, WV. (October 7, 2016).
- Thomas, S., West Virginia Library Association Annual Conference, "Information Literacy Learning Activities that Incorporate the Frames," WVLA, Daniels, WV. (October 5, 2016).
- Thomas, S., 2016 iPed Conference on Teaching and Learning, "Encouraging Digital Citizenship through the Framework for Information Literacy," Marshall University Center for Teaching and Learning, Marshall University. (August 16, 2016).
- Thomas, S., Faculty Learning Community: Pedagogy of Undergraduate Research, "Introducing the new Framework for Information Literacy," Center for Teaching and Learning. (November 20, 2015).
- Thomas, S., Roles, E., 2015 iPed Conference on Teaching and Learning, "It's a Bird! It's a Plane! It's a Research Superhero!: Librarians Can Help Save the Community Learning Experience," Marshall University Center for Teaching and Learning, Marshall University. (August 18, 2015).

- Thomas, S., Library Faculty In Service Day, "Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education," MU Libraries. (August 13, 2015).
- Thomas, S. (Discussant), American Library Association Annual Conference 2015, "Clio App," American Library Association, San Francisco. (June 2015).
- Thomas, S., Roles, E., Mollette, S., Durst, Z., Kelli, J., Vinson, L., Minik, J., West Virginia Library Association Spring Fling, "Mountwest-to-Marshall Degrees Pathway," WVLA, Flatwoods. (April 9, 2015).
- Thomas, S. (Presenter Only), Lewis, C. P., Beach, G. R., WVLA 2014 Annual Conference, "MU Reads 150: How to Get the Ball Rolling," West Virginia Library Association, Snowshoe Resort. (October 8, 2014).
- Thomas, S., Roles, E. D., Marshall University iPed Conference, "Making Research Relevant: Information Literacy in the Classroom," Marshall University Center for Teaching and Learning, Huntington. (August 19, 2014).
- Thomas, S., Roles, E. D., Marshall University iPed Conference, "Making Research Relevant: Information Literacy in the Classroom," Marshall University Center for Teaching and Learning, Huntington. (August 19, 2014).
- Thomas, S., Roles, E. D., 37th Annual Appalachian Studies Association, "Researching Appalachian History on a Budget," Appalachian Studies Association, Huntington. (March 29, 2014).
- Thomas, S., Roles, E. D., 37th Annual Appalachian Studies Association, "Researching Appalachian History on a Budget," Appalachian Studies Association, Huntington. (March 29, 2014).
- Thomas, S. (Presenter Only), Research and Instruction Services Retreat, "Creating Lesson Plans," MU Libraries, Marshall University. (July 25, 2013).
- Thomas, S. (Presenter Only), Roles, E. D., WVLA 2013 Academic Summer Division Retreat, "Information Literacy Arsenal," West Virginia Library Association, Marshall University. (June 25, 2013).
- Thomas, S. (Presenter Only), Roles, E. D., WVLA 2012 Annual Conference: Be the Change, "Appetite for Instruction," West Virginia Library Association, Stonewall Resort. (October 11, 2012).
- Thomas, S., Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the Way: Setting Your Pace as a Library Leader, "Information Literacy: Fresh Ideas and New Learning Activities," Western



- Pennsylvania/West Virginia Association of College & Research Libraries Conference, Waynesburg University - Waynesburg, PA. (June 1, 2012).
- Thomas, S. (Presenter Only), Roles, E. D., West Virginia Library Association Spring Fling Conference, "Digging Deeper: Teaching Information Literacy as a Life Skill," West Virginia Library Association, Flatwoods, WV. (March 22, 2012).
- Thomas, S., TECI Training Presentation, "TECI Training," Marshall University Information Technology, Marshall University. (October 7, 2011).
- Thomas, S., Interprofessional Development, "Developing Innovative Collaborative Information Literacy Sessions with Faculty," West Virginia Library Association, Charleston, WV. (October 5, 2011).
- Thomas, S., Marshall University iPed Conference, "Channeling Students' Needs and Remaining Flexible in FYS," Marshall University Center for Teaching and Learning, Huntington, WV. (August 16, 2011).
- Thomas, S., West Virginia Statewide Technology Conference, "No Computer Lab? No Problem! How You can Teach Without a Lab," Morgantown, WV. (August 3, 2011).
- Thomas, S., 34th Annual Meeting of the Appalachian Studies Conference, "The History of Economic Discrimination Against Married Women Teachers in Huntington, West Virginia," Appalachian Studies Association, Richmond, KY. (March 11, 2011).

## **GRANTS AND SPONSORED RESEARCH**

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- "Birke Fine Arts Symposium 2023: Making the Unseen, Visible," Sponsored by Birke Symposium, Marshall University, \$370.00. (September 26, 2022 - May 5, 2023).
- "Ethics and Information in the Digital Age Course," Sponsored by West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, State, \$3,000.00. (January 2019 - August 2019).
- "INCO Foundation Grant," Sponsored by Marshall University, Marshall University, \$600.00. (April 2019 - July 2019).
- "Quinlan endowment fund for Faculty travel," Sponsored by Marshall University, Marshall University, \$181.00. (April 2019 - July 2019).
- "Digital Citizenship," Sponsored by West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, State, \$3,000.00. (May 2016 - December 2016).

(Co-Principal), Johnson, K. (Co-Principal), "Pedagogy of New Literacies and Applied Critical Thinking," Sponsored by West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, State, \$3,000.00. (October 5, 2015 - 2016).

"INCO Foundation Grant," Sponsored by Marshall University, Marshall University, \$600.00. (January 2015 - August 2015).

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

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- John Marshall Fellowship Presentation, "Creating a University Environment that Improves Faculty and Staff Diversity and Inclusion," Academic Affairs, Huntington WV. April 23, 2019.
- Women of Marshall, Women's Center and the Women's Studies Program, Service, University, University. (May 3, 2017).

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Library Association (ALA)

Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)

Appalachian Studies Association (ASA)

West Virginia Library Association (WVLA)

Western Penn/WV Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries (WPWVC/ACRL)