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Education

MLIS, Wayne State University 2005
BA, Special Education/Spanish, Eastern Michigan University 1983

Teaching & Advising

Adjunct Faculty, Wayne State University School of Information Sciences, Detroit, MI 2018-present
Develop and teach asynchronous INF 7310 School Library Media Programs Course
using Canvas LMS

Guest Lecturer, WSU SIS INF 6010 Foundations of the Information. Professions “The role of the school
librarian” 2022

Middle School Librarian, Plymouth-Canton Comm. Schools, Plymouth, MI 2008-2021
Full-time school librarian for 900 students, 45 staff

National Junior Honor Society Advisor 2009-2021

2006-2007 District Librarian, Whitmore Lake Public Schools, Whitmore Lake, MI 2006-2007
Led school libraries at all levels, guiding library aides, and teaching HS students

Middle School Librarian, Whitmore Lake Public Schools, Whitmore Lake, MI 2005-2006
Led school library program and taught technology courses grades 5-8

Manager of Education, Holland Systems Corp., Ann Arbor, MI 1984-1988
Developed user manuals and training programs for database design software products,
managed education team members, conducted training programs for clients and internal sales
consultants

Publications

Marchesano, G. “Fast track to a school librarian position” *MASL Newsletter*, June 2023.

Kumasi, K., & **Marchesano, G.** “Michigan teachers transitioning to school librarianship.” *School Library
Connection*. <https://schoollibraryconnection.com/content/article/2260280>, 2021, March.
(Based on results of data collection for MDE Experimental School Library Certificate program)

Various articles *MASL Newsletter* inc. “Message from the President.”, “ISTE News”, “Advocacy
Committee News” 2014-2019

Conference Presentations

Co-presenter “Reflective Journaling,” MASL Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, November, 2023

Co-presenter “AASL/CAEP Accreditation Report Writers & Reviewers Workshop,” AASL National
Conference, Tampa, FL, October, 2023

Co-presenter “Project RUSL 2: Restoring Urban School Libraries through INFLOmation and Hip Hop
Pedagogy,” MASL Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, November 2022

Co-presenter “Project RUSL: Hip Hop in the School Library,” MASL Conference, Kalamazoo, MI, October,
2021

Lead presenter “Best of ISTE for #NotAtISTE,” MASL Conference, Bay City, MI, October, 2019

Conference coordinator/host/presenter “How Dewey Manage Today’s Diverse Collections?” WSU-MASL
Collaborative Summer Institute, Wayne State University, July, 2019

Honors and Awards

School Librarian of the Year, Michigan Library Assn./Michigan Assn. for School Librarians 2021

Professional Service Award, Wayne State University School of Information Sciences 2017

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| Mentor Award, Michigan Assn. for School Librarians | 2017 |
| Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools | 2016 |
| Beta Phi Mu Honor Society for distinguished scholarship in library science | 2005 |

Professional Service

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| Member, MASL Strategic Planning Committee | 2024-present |
| Member, AASL/CAEP Coordinating Committee | 2022-2024 |
| Develop and present training for school library preparation program CAEP accreditation report writers and reviewers | |
| Member Michigan Dept. of Ed./MASL School Librarian Preparation Standards Cmte. | 2020-present |
| Review current state school librarian preparation standards and AASL national standards to determine whether to recommend adoption of the national standards for Michigan school libraries. | |
| Member, Michigan Test for Teacher Cert. Standard Setting and Test Question Committee | 2017-2018 |
| Developed standards and test questions for certification test for teachers of library media. | |
| Member, MASL Advocacy Committee | 2015-present |
| Develop annual advocacy goals, meet with legislators to inform and seek support for certified school librarians, encourage member librarians to advocate for their own programs within their communities. | |
| Member, AASL K-12 Regional Accrediting Agency Task Force | 2017-2018 |
| Researched education accrediting agencies to ascertain requirements for school librarians; developed recommendations for AASL leadership action to advocate for certified school librarians. | |
| Affiliate Representative, International Society for Technology in Education | 2016-2019 |
| Reported state concerns to ISTE Affiliate assembly, reported back to MASL Board of Directors, presented trainings at MASL annual conference, wrote ISTE articles for MASL newsletter. | |
| Member, Mich. Curriculum and Tech. Leaders Collaborative Summit Planning Cmte. | 2016-2017 |
| Planned sessions, promotions, logistics for this annual summer workshop for school librarians, educational technology and curriculum leaders from Michigan school districts. | |
| President-Elect, President, Past-President, MASL | 2014-2016 |
| Set goals, led planning of annual conference, led Executive Board & Board of Directors, chaired meetings, recruited members for Board positions. | |

University Service

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| Member, School of Information Sciences ALA Accreditation Review | 2024-present |
| Data collection and analysis for continued school library program improvement | 2018-present |
| Mentor, Project RUSL: Restoring Urban Libraries, Wayne State University | 2019-2022 |
| Served on planning team to develop events, resources, and trainings for district administrators and RUSL fellows. | |
| Data collection, analysis and report writing for MDE renewal of WSU SIS Experimental School Library Certificate Program | 2018-present |
| Data collection, analysis and report writing for AASL-CAEP Accreditation | 2020-2022 |

Professional Associations

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| Michigan Association of School Librarians (MASL) | American Association of School Librarians (AASL) |
| National Education Association (NEA) | American Library Association (ALA) |
| Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) | American Federation of Teachers (AFT) |