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EDUCATION

- 2008-2010 **M.L.I.S. (Archives & Special Collections)**
University of California, Los Angeles
- 2001-2006 **B.A., Global Studies (Latin America)**
B.A., Spanish
Sonoma State University
- 2004-2005 **California State University International Programs Study Abroad**
El Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (Querétaro, México)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 8/22-present **Digital Resources Librarian**
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA)
- Acts as lead in researching, assessing, aggregating, and disseminating research related to Metro's mission and strategic initiatives
 - Provides complex reference and research services, and assists patrons with locating, analyzing, and using information resources, finding aids, books, reports, documents, journals, and other materials related to Metro and transportation research
 - Performs complex research analysis and prepares narrative reports of findings for executive review
- 3/15-8/22 **Map Curator**
California State University, Northridge
- Managed a research-level collection of cartographic resources and public reading room within an academic library and provided GIS support to campus patrons.
 - Provided general and specialized research support services for cartographic resources to students, faculty, staff, and the public both in person and online.
 - Collaborated with faculty and staff across campus to integrate historical maps, aerial photography, and geospatial data into course curricula and projects.
 - Performed original and copy cataloging of cartographic resources using RDA and LC subject and descriptive metadata standards.
- 8/13-2/15 **Reference & Instructional Services Librarian**
Humboldt State University Library

- Served as library liaison and bibliographer to departments within the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, including Geography and History.
 - Provided high-level reference and research support to patrons in person at the library reference desk and online.
 - Collaborated with faculty to design course-integrated instruction in support of student learning outcomes, and led lab sessions on using library article databases.
- 11/11-11/12 **Research Support Librarian** [1-year appointment]
UCLA Charles E. Young Research Library
- Provided high-level reference services in support of the social sciences and humanities to students, staff, faculty, and the public.
 - Provided instructional support services in group and workshop settings for undergraduate and graduate students.
 - Collaborated across library departments to help process backlogged archival collections and to help digitize historical maps of Los Angeles and Latin America.
- 1/11-11/11 **Archivist** [part-time]
DreamWorks Corporate Archive
- Processed wardrobe collections, film objects, and other *realia* for preservation and access by corporate stakeholders.
 - Digitized film objects using digital cameras and Adobe software
 - Created catalog records for objects using best practices and metadata standards.
- 1/09-11/11 **Indexer/Bibliographer** [part-time]
Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI)
- Indexed Spanish and English language serials from Latin America, the Caribbean.
 - Performed content analysis of journal articles and provided descriptive and subject indexing of articles following HAPI's local bibliographic standards.
 - Performed authority control work within the organization's local thesaurus using LC authorities and HAPI's controlled vocabulary.
- 1/10-3/10 **Project Archivist** [part-time]
UCLA Library Special Collections, Center for Primary Research and Training (CFPRT)
- Processed the Jay Frierman papers (12 linear feet) at the folder and series level.
 - Surveyed and processed photographs, manuscripts, and correspondence.
 - Carried out basic preservation procedures and applied scope and content notes.
- 8/08-8/10 **Reference Desk Assistant** [part-time]
UCLA Charles E. Young Research Library
- Provided reference and research support in the Young Research Library in support of the social sciences and humanities.
 - Helped staff the reference desk and worked regularly with librarians to provide reference assistance to students, faculty, and the general public.

- Utilized many instructional tools to help patrons find and access library materials, including the library catalog, ILL services, article databases, and research guides.

INTERNSHIPS

- 3/10-6/10 **Archival Processing Assistant**
Center for the Study of Political Graphics
- Indexed a collection of Colombian Amnesty International posters from the 1970s.
 - Performed data validation and authority control work within the organization's database using LC names and subject authorities.
- 1/10-3/10 **Archival Processing Assistant**
University of Southern California, Department of Special Collections
- Performed initial surveying and processing for the Stephen Toulmin papers.
 - Processed archival materials, including manuscripts, photographs, and correspondence.
 - Created a working finding aid with Archivists' Toolkit and EAD.
- 6/09-8/09 **Photo Archive Processing Assistant**
Los Angeles Public Library, Herald Examiner Photo Morgue
- Arranged and processed photographs from the library's *Examiner* photo morgue.
 - Indexed photographs and applied metadata following controlled vocabularies.
 - Carried out basic preservation procedures on photograph collections.

COLLECTIONS PROCESSED

- 2020 [University Campus Map & Guide Collection](#) [co-processed with Emilie Ducourneau]
2017 [Los Angeles County Flood Insurance Map Collection](#)
2017 [Soviet Maps of Foreign Countries Collection](#)
2017 [Historical Road Map Collection](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 Salvano, Chris, "The Map Room," *California History* 93, no. 4 (Winter 2016): 2-3.
2016 Salvano, Chris, "The Map Room," *California History* 93, no. 2 (Summer 2016): 2-3.
2016 Salvano, Chris, "The Map Room," *California History* 93, no. 1 (Spring 2016): 2-3.
2015 Salvano, Chris, "The Map Room," *California History* 92, no. 4 (Winter 2015): 2-3.
2012 Salvano, Chris, "Collection Spotlight: Hidden San Francisco History in UCLA Stacks," *Society of California Archivists Newsletter* 144 (Fall 2012): 9-10. Accessed November 16, 2012, <https://calarchivists.org/Resources/Documents/Newsletter/2012fall.pdf>.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, SCHOLARSHIP, & SERVICE

Conferences & Talks

- 2020 "GIS Day: Mapping Social Change, GIS for Everyone." [GIS Day 2020](#). Co-organizer [virtual]. California State University, Northridge. November 18, 2020.
- 2020 "Careers in Map and GIS Librarianship." *Western Association of Map Libraries (WAML) Annual Conference*. Speaker [virtual]. October 14, 2020.
- 2019 "GIS Day: Mapping the News." [GIS Day 2019](#). Co-organizer. California State University, Northridge. November 13, 2019.
- 2018 "GIS Day: Missing Maps Project." [GIS Day 2018](#). Co-organizer. California State University, Northridge. November 14, 2018.
- 2017 Salvano, Chris, "Using GIS to Support Spatial Inquiry of Map Collections." [GIS Day 2017](#). Speaker & Co-Organizer. California State University, Northridge. November 15, 2017.
- 2016 Salvano, Chris, "Los Angeles County Sanborn Geospatial Finding Aid." *California Map Society Fall Meeting*. Speaker. California State University, Fullerton. October 22, 2016.
- 2015 Salvano, Chris, "Overview of Geography Map Library Collections & Services." *University Library Research, Instruction, and Outreach Services (RIOS) Department*. Invited Speaker. California State University, Northridge. September 28, 2015.
- 2015 Salvano, Chris, "The HSU Library and the F.R.E.E. Student Group: Collaborative Collection Development." Poster for *Institute for Student Success*. Humboldt State University Library. Spring 2015.
- 2014 Salvano, Chris, "What Do Librarians Do?" *Anthropology 329: Careers in Applied Anthropology* (Ramsier). Invited Speaker. Humboldt State University. Fall 2014.
- 2012 Salvano, Chris, "The Principal Historical Maps of Los Angeles." *GE Cluster 66A: Los Angeles*. (Various). Invited Librarian. UCLA. Fall 2012.
- 2012 Salvano, Chris, "History of the UCLA University Archives." *Information Studies 281: Historical Methodology of Information Studies* (Maack). Invited Speaker. UCLA. Fall 2012.

Online Scholarly Projects

- 2017 *Los Angeles County Sanborn Geospatial Finding Aid*. Online index map of CSUN's Sanborn holdings built on ArcGIS, <https://arcg.is/1O85yv>.
- 2012 *UCLA Occupy Web Archive* (CDL's Web Archiving Service). Co-creator.

Service

- 2015-2017 Chair, *Geography Map Library Committee*. California State University Northridge.
- 2014-2015 *Instructionally Related Activities Committee*. Humboldt State University.
- 2009-2010 Co-President, American Library Association UCLA Student Chapter.
- 2008-2009 Vice President, American Library Association UCLA Student Chapter.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CONTINUING EDUCATION

- 2019 *Southern California Technical Processing Group (SCTPG) Map Cataloging Workshop* (attendee). Huntington Library. April 15, 2019.
- 2018 *GEOG 406: Advanced GIS*. California State University, Northridge. Department of Geography. Coursework in raster operations, least cost, network analysis. Spring 2018.
- 2016 *GEOG 306: Intermediate GIS*. California State University, Northridge. Department of Geography. Coursework in vector and raster analysis. Fall 2016.
- 2015 *Cartographic Resources Cataloging with RDA*. ALA Editions Online Workshop.

2012 *History of the Book in Hispanic America, 16th-19th centuries*. California Rare Book School.
University of California, Los Angeles. August 2012.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (ACTIVE)

2022- Special Libraries Association (SLA)
2017- Library History Round Table (LHRT), the American Library Association
2015- Map & Geospatial Information Round Table (MAGIRT), the American Library Association