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# MARY ABDONEY, MLS

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## EDUCATION

University of Florida | Gainesville, Florida  
*Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology (1999)*

University of South Florida | Tampa, Florida  
*Master of Arts, Library and Information Science (2001)*

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2001: USGS Center for Coastal Geology | Saint Petersburg, Florida  
*Graduate Intern*

- Organized specialized scientific materials into a usable library, including a web-based catalog
- Created a specialized classification system for a collection with a very specific subject range
- Created a searchable database for users to quickly locate library materials
- Provided reference and instruction services

2001: Tampa Bay Library Consortium | Tampa, Florida  
*Assistant Cataloger*

- Contributed to an electronic cataloging project for academic and public libraries in the Tampa Bay area

2001-2005: Eckerd College Library | Saint Petersburg, Florida  
*Science Reference/Interlibrary Loan Librarian/Assistant Professor*

- Participated in weekly rotation at the reference desk and provided library instruction to science students and faculty
- Performed collection development in the sciences
- Supervised staff and students in the Interlibrary Loan department, including a graduate intern from a local university
- Taught regularly in the General Education program as a faculty member, participated in faculty committees, and served as an evaluator on the Writing Committee

## 2001-2005: E-Streams.com

### *Reviewer*

- Reviewed science and technology reference books for an e-zine designed for collection development librarians. Reviews submitted via email.

## 2006-2013: Washington and Lee University Library | Lexington, VA

### *Science Librarian/Assistant Professor*

- Subject liaison for Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Math, Physics & Engineering, Psychology, and Writing Program
- Managed collection for Telford Science Library, including deselection for a major downsizing project and removal of print journals from the science library that were available in JSTOR as a pilot project for the main library
- Responsible for coordinating library instruction efforts among library faculty
- Supervised one professional staff member
- Participated faculty committees

## 2013-Present: Washington and Lee University Library | Lexington, VA

### *Instruction Coordinator and Science Librarian/Associate Professor*

- Retained all Science Librarian responsibilities, listed above
- Responsible for strategic planning for library instruction program, coordinating research help desk service, developing a peer mentor program based at the Research Help Desk, facilitating curriculum development, supporting digital studies, coordinating professional development, and outreach
- Supervise one professional librarian
- Supervise 3-5 student employees who staff the Research Help Desk during evening hours
- Manage a modest budget for the library instruction program, which includes student wages
- Participate in regular University Library Steering Committee meetings

## CONFERENCES, PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS

- ACRL Immersion 2002
- Learning Conference 2003
- Information Literacy and Assessment 2005
- American Library Association National Conference 2004, 2006, 2007
- American Library Association Midwinter Conference 2007, 2017
- Oberlin Group Science Librarians Meeting 2007, 2009
- [Library Assessment Conference 2012](#)
- [ACRL 2013 Conference](#)
- [Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy](#) 2014
- [The Innovative Library Classroom](#) 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

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## ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE

- American Library Association (ALA) 2001 to present
- Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) 2001 to present
- ACRL Instruction Section (ACRL IS) 2003 to present
- ACRL College Libraries Section (ACRL CLS) 2008 to present
- ACRL CLS Leadership and Management Discussion Group co-chair 2016-present
- ACRL IS Policy and Publications Review Committee 2006-2007
- ACRL Science and Technology Section (ACRL STS) 2001 to 2008
- ALA Library Instruction Roundtable (LIRT) 2006 to present
- LIRT Transitions to College Committee 2006 to 2008
- ALA Library Research Roundtable (LRRT) 2006
- Virginia Library Association 2014 to present
- W&L Writing Program Advisory Committee 2010-2013
- W&L Information Technology Advisory Committee 2009-2016
- Alpha Xi Delta Alumnae Association 1999 to present