

CATHERINE M. DUNN

EDUCATION & BAR MEMBERSHIPS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Master of Science in Library & Information Science, 2007

University of Michigan Law School
Juris Doctor, 1999

- Article Editor, *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*

University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI)
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & Communication Studies (Journalism), 1996

Bar Memberships: State of Illinois (inactive status)
Northern District of Illinois & Eastern District of Wisconsin
Supreme Court of the United States

LIBRARY & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Denver Sturm College of Law (Denver, CO)
Associate Dean of Law Library and Information Science
& Professor of the Practice of Law, 2017–present

- Manages the daily and long-term operations of the Westminster Law Library, including strategic planning & goal setting; hiring, training, & supervising library staff members; budget; collection development and contract negotiation; instruction; research support; information access & findability; data collection & statistical reporting; space planning; and marketing & outreach.
- Serves on a variety of committees beyond those in the Westminster Law Library, including the law faculty's Examinations, Standing, & Readmission Committee (2024-26, chair 2025-26), Clerkship Committee (2022-23), Modern Learning Committee (2018-19 & 2021-22), Evaluation and Compensation Committee (2019-22), and Appointments Committee (2020-21). Currently serves as the law school's representative on the campuswide Policies and Procedures Relating to Faculty Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure (APT) Revision Committee and as one of the law school's representatives to the Faculty Senate (including service on its Financial Planning Committee). Participates in the campus-wide Women's Leadership Council and on both the University Libraries' Leadership Council and its Assessment Committee.
- Teaches Leadership for Lawyers (2-credits) and co-teaches Advanced Legal Writing & Research (3-credits).
- Appointed as Associate Dean of Law Library and Information Science in 2020. Served as Director of the Law Library from 2017-2020.

Temple University Beasley School of Law (Philadelphia, PA)

Director of the Law Library & Associate Professor of Law, 2015–2017

- Created the law library's vision and managed all aspects of its operations, including a particular emphasis on actively working to modernize library operations to better serve the needs of an increasingly digitally-driven patron base. This included increasing digital collections/electronic resources; the migration to a new integrated library system (Ex Libris' Alma); and the use of evolving technologies to enhance instruction, information identification & access, and library workflows whenever possible.
- Launched new partnerships with other departments in the law school and the university library system and served on various committees. They included the law faculty's Library Committee (chair) and Assessment/Learning Outcomes Committee, as well as the University Libraries' Assessment Committee and Integrated Library System Advisory Board.
- Established an upper-level legal research curriculum and taught an Advanced Legal Research course (3-credits) in Spring 2016 & Spring 2017.

University of Connecticut (UConn) School of Law (Hartford, CT)

Head of Reference Services & Adjunct Professor of Law, 2012–2015

- Oversaw the day-to-day operations of the reference department, including spearheading the library's research and instructional efforts and supervising both the members of the reference team and a pool of law student research assistants. Actively involved in outreach, collection development, vendor relations, skills training, developing and leading innovating projects, departmental budgeting, emergency planning, and otherwise ensuring a high level of service.
- Taught Advanced Legal Research (2-credits) in Fall 2013 and Fall 2014, and co-taught Practice Ready Research (1-credit) in Summer 2014.

Georgetown University Law Center (Washington, DC)

Reference Librarian & Adjunct Professor of Law, 2007-2012

- Provided extensive reference and research service by staffing two busy reference desks, performing individual research consultations, writing research guides, and doing research projects. Participated in basic and advanced legal research instruction, online training, clinical research instruction, the LRW liaison program, the journal liaison program, library tours, the creation of online tutorials, and other educational programs.
- Taught Advanced Legal Research (2-credits) in Spring 2012 and taught Legal Research Skills for Practice (1-credit) in Summer 2008, Spring 2009, Summer 2009, Fall 2009, Summer 2010, Spring 2011, and Summer 2011.

University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (Baltimore, MD)

Adjunct Professor of Law, 2009-2012

- Taught Introduction to Legal Research (1-credit), a mandatory, graded, freestanding course for 1L students, in Spring 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012. Used a variety of classroom models for the course, including the "flipped classroom."

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Berger Schatz (Chicago, IL)

Associate, 2004 – 2006

American Bar Association (Chicago, IL)

Assistant Staff Counsel, 2003 – 2004

Wisconsin Supreme Court (Madison, WI)

Judicial Clerk for Justice Ann Walsh Bradley, 2002

Schiff Hardin, LLP (Chicago, IL)

Associate, 1999–2002 (Summer Associate, 1998)

PUBLICATIONS

- PENNSYLVANIA LEGAL RESEARCH 3D (Carolina Academic Press, forthcoming 2026) (with Barbara J. Busharis, Julie E. Randolph, Bonny L. Tavares, & Carla P. Wale).
- *Developing Essential Research Skills for Law Practice: The Legal Research Competency Program*, LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES QUARTERLY, available July 18, 2022 at <https://doi.org/10.1080/0270319X.2022.2089809> (with Michael Whiteman).
- *Selecting the Best Staffing Level for Modern Law Libraries*, in ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIES WITHIN THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF LEGAL EDUCATION: A PRIMER FOR DEANS AND PROVOSTS (Michelle M. Wu, Scott Pagel, & Joan Howland, eds.) (William S. Hein & Co., Inc., 2020).
- PENNSYLVANIA LEGAL RESEARCH 2D (Carolina Academic Press, 2d ed. 2017) (with Barbara J. Busharis, Bonny L. Tavares, & Carla P. Wale).
 - Authored Chapter 1 (The Legal Research Process), Chapter 6 (Administrative Law), and Chapter 9 (Practice Materials)
- *Ask a Director: Implementing and Evaluating Best Practices*, AALL SPECTRUM, July/Aug 2016, at 41-42.
- *My Path to Law Librarianship*, VOICES AT TEMPLE LAW, Sept. 2015. Available at <https://www2.law.temple.edu/voices/my-path-to-law-librarianship/>.
- *Embracing the Future on a Budget: UConn School of Law Library Merges its Reference and Circulation Desks*, AALL SPECTRUM, May 2015, at 29-30 (with Jessica Panella).
- *Use Terms and Connectors for Precise Search Results*, ABA STUDENT LAWYER, Apr./May 2015, at 21-22.
- *Conducting Effective Legal Research "On the Cheap,"* ABA STUDENT LAWYER, Dec. 2014, at 18-19.

- *Best Practices for the Authentication of Official Electronic Legal Material* (Working Paper) (Nov. 2014) (with Jane Larrington). Available at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2547179>.
- *Local Advocacy Networks: Adopting UELMA in Your State and How You Can Help*, AALL SPECTRUM, June 2013, at 11-13.
- *Effective Advocacy: Making Yourself Heard*, AALL SPECTRUM, Nov. 2011, at 15-18.
- Book Review, 29 LEGAL INFORMATION ALERT, no. 8, 2011, at 7-8 (reviewing BRYAN A. GARNER, GARNER ON LANGUAGE AND WRITING (2009)).
- *The Next Generation of Westlaw: WestlawNext*, LAW LIBR. LIGHTS, Fall 2010, at 1, 3-5.
- *GPO Launches FDsys*, LAW LIBR. LIGHTS, Spring/Summer 2009, at 18-20.
- *Confronting Conflict: Entertaining Program Goes in Search of the Holy Grail of Conflict Resolution*, AALL SPECTRUM, Sept./Oct. 2008, at 26-28.
- Book Review, 27 LEGAL INFORMATION ALERT, no. 4, 2008, at 12 (reviewing CYNTHIA HETHERINGTON, BUSINESS BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS: TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES FOR SOLUTION DRIVEN DUE DILIGENCE (2007)).
- *Table Day at Georgetown Law*, LAW LIBR. LIGHTS, Spring 2008, at 13-15.
- *Court Widens Approach to Estoppel*, CHICAGO DAILY LAW BULL., Oct. 6, 2004, at 5.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Coordinator & Speaker, *Collection Development Camp*, Iowa Law Collections Symposium (October 2025)
- Guest Lecturer, *Communication Skills: Difficult Conversations & Constructive Feedback*, Management Skills in Law Libraries Course, University of Washington Information School (July 2025)
- Guest Speaker, *Library Leadership Roles*, Management of Information Organizations Course, University of Denver Library and Information Science Program, Morgridge College of Education (May 2025)
- Reader/Speaker, *Setting the Standard for Future Academic Libraries* (Works in Progress), AALS Annual Meeting (January 2025)
- Coordinator & Moderator, *The Write Way*, AALL Annual Meeting (July 2024)
- Coordinator & Speaker, *Prospective Academic Law Library Directors' Workshop*, SALLD Meeting at AALL (July 2024)
- Guest Lecturer, *Communication Skills: Difficult Conversations & Constructive Feedback*, Management Skills in Law Libraries Course, University of Washington Information School (July 2024)
- Coordinator & Moderator, *Cheers [To Being an Academic Law Library Director]: Where Everybody Knows Your Name*, AALL Annual Meeting (July 2023)

- Coordinator & Speaker (on strategic planning), *Newer Academic Law Library Directors' Workshop*, SALLD Meeting at AALL (July 2023)
- Coordinator & Moderator, *Help! How Do I Hire a Strong Middle Manager in an Academic Law Library?*, AALL Annual Meeting (July 2022)
- Guest Lecturer, *Managing Work and People*, Management Skills in Law Libraries Course, University of Washington Information School (June 2023)
- Speaker, *Unpacking the U.S. News & World Report Survey Questions for Law Libraries*, AALL Virtual Coffee Chat (November 2021)
- Guest Lecturer, *Goal Setting & Strategic Planning*, Management Skills in Law Libraries Course, University of Washington Information School (June 2021)
- Speaker, *Getting to No*, AALL Annual Meeting (Virtual) (July 2020)
- Speaker, *Making Do with Less & Motivating Staff*, SALLD Meeting at AALS (January 2020)
- Speaker, *Using Leadership Skills to Innovate, Motivate, and Collaborate*, AALS Annual Meeting (January 2018)
- Moderator, *Project Management and Legal Project Management: Comparing Apples to Apples*, AALL Annual Meeting (July 2017)
- Coordinator & Moderator, *Leveraging Project Management Applications*, SALLD Meeting at AALL (July 2017)
- Co-Coordinator, *Using Technology to Unlock Engagement and Learning*, AALS Annual Meeting (Teaching Methods Section) (January 2017)
- Speaker, *Making Your Case: Interview Tips and Strategies*, GPLLA Annual Institute: Telling Our Stories: Developing and Presenting Professional Narratives of Law Library Success (June 2016)
- Instructor, *Introduction to Legal Research*, GPLLA Online Legal Research Course (LRC) (2016 & 2017)
- Speaker, *Adapting ALR Courses to Meet Simulation Requirements*, SALLD Meeting at AALS (January 2016)
- Instructor, *Legal Research Teaching Academy*, AALL Annual Meeting Pre-Conference Workshop (July 2015)
- Speaker, *Teaching Research Skills for Today's Market*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop on Reaching, Teaching, and Employing Today's Law Students (December 2014)
- Coordinator, *State-Based Advocacy: Tales from the Trenches and Tips for Success in Your State*, AALL Annual Meeting (July 2013)
- Speaker, *AALL Public Policy Update: Connecting Members to AALL's Advocacy Efforts*, AALL Annual Meeting (July 2012)
- Speaker, *Connect with Patrons by Creating Strong Research Guides*, AALL Annual Meeting (July 2012)

- Moderator, *The National Declassification Center: Will It Meet Our Expectations?*, AALL Annual Meeting (July 2012)
- Instructor, *Legal Research Teaching Academy*, AALL Annual Meeting Pre-Conference Workshop (July 2012)
- Welcome & Introduction, *Legislative Advocacy Training 2012: Becoming an Effective Advocate*, AALL Annual Meeting Pre-Conference Workshop (July 2012)
- Speaker, *Making Your Voice Heard: Your Role in State Advocacy*, AALL Webinar (March 2012)
- Speaker, *Preparing Strong Research Guides*, SEAALL Annual Meeting (Spring 2011)
- Moderator & Speaker, *Teaching Cost-Effective Research Techniques*, SEAALL Annual Meeting (Spring 2010)
- Moderator & Speaker, *The Power of Many: Strategic Advocacy*, SEAALL Annual Meeting (Spring 2010)
- Instructor, *Administrative Law*, LLSDC Legal Research Institute (LRI) (2008–2012)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)

Member, 2006-

Leadership Academy

Mentor, 2016-

Participant, 2008

Co-Chair, Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee, 2021-2022

AALL Liaison, U.S. News & World Report Law Librarian Task Force, 2021-2022

Member, State of the Profession Special Committee, 2020-2021

Member, Statistics Committee, ALL-SIS, 2019-2021

Member, Annual Meeting Program Committee (New Orleans), 2019-2020

Chair, Body of Knowledge Development Special Committee, 2016-2017

Final Report: <https://www.aallnet.org/education-training/bok/>

Member, Digital Access to Legal Information Committee, 2012-2015

Chair, Authentication Implementation Subcommittee, 2013-2015

Member, Government Relations Committee, 2009-2012

Committee Chair, 2011-2012

Committee Vice Chair, 2010-2011

AALL Chapters

- Colorado Association of Law Libraries (CoALL)
 - Member 2017-
 - Past President, 2022-2023
 - President, 2021-2022
 - Vice President/President-Elect, 2020-2021
- Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL)
 - Member, 2017-
- Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association (GPLLA)
 - Member, 2015-2017
 - Instructor, GPLLA Online Legal Research Course, 2016 & 2017
- Southern New England Law Librarians Association (SNELLA)
 - Member, 2012-2015
 - President, 2014-2015
 - Vice President/President-Elect, 2013-2014
- Law Librarians of New England (LLNE)
 - Member, 2012-2015
 - Member, Program Committee, Spring Meeting at UConn Law: American Tribal Law and Culture (2014)
- Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL)
 - Member, 2008-2012
 - Member, Scholarship Committee, 2010-2012
 - Member, Program Committee, 2009-2010
- Law Librarians' Society of Washington DC (LLSDC)
 - Member, 2007-2012
 - Instructor, LLSDC Legal Research Institute, 2008-2012
 - Co-Chair & Co-Founder, Government Relations Committee, 2008-2012
 - President, ALL-SIS, 2009-2010
 - Vice President/President-Elect, ALL-SIS, 2008-2009

Association of American Law Schools (AALS)

Member, 2015-

Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, Section on Law Libraries & Legal Information, 2026-2027

Member, Executive Committee, Section on Teaching Methods, 2016-2017

American Bar Association (ABA)

Member, 1999-2006 & 2015-

Site Evaluator, Law School Accreditation Site Visits, 2018-

(4 site visits as a site team member and 1 site visit as chair of the site team; accepted an invitation to chair a second site visit team in the fall of 2026)

NELLCO Law Library Consortium, Inc.

Member, ALLStAR Redevelopment Task Force, 2023-2024

Member, ALLStAR Advisory Board, 2022-2024

Participant, Revision of Standard License Agreement Working Group, 2016

Society of Academic Law Library Directors (SALLD)

Member, 2015-

Secretary, 2022-2024

U.S News & World Report Law Librarian Task Force

AALL's Representative, 2021-2022

Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing (electronic journal)

Member, Editorial Board, 2019-2022

LLMC

Member, Advisory Council, 2017-2020

Legal Information Preservation Alliance

Member, Education Committee, 2016-2018

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services

Member, Board of Directors, 2003-2007

DC Bar Pro-Se-Plus Divorce Clinic

Volunteer Instructor, 2007-2011

Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County (CRCMC)

Volunteer Mediator, 2008-2012

Potomac Curling Club

Member, Board of Directors, 2010-2012

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Recipient of AALL Presidential Certificate of Appreciation (July 2022)

For leadership as AALL's representative to the U.S. News & World Report Law Librarian Task Force

Recipient of AALL Presidential Certificate of Appreciation (July 2017)
For leadership of the Body of Knowledge Development Special Committee

Women Law Students' Association (WLSA) at UConn School of Law
Woman of the Month (January 2015)

LLSDC Emerging Leader Award (2010)