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### **Research Interests**

21<sup>st</sup>-century library service

Cataloguing and classification, library technical services

Oral history as methodology

### **Experience**

1990- San Marcos Public Library

The San Marcos Public Library is located in central Texas, just south of the capital, Austin. It serves a population of 89,202 citizens in a building with 53,000 square feet. The library has an operating budget of \$2,173,384, and approximately 202,500 volumes in its holdings. In FY2021 the library circulated 239,893 items.

Librarian I 1990-96

Reference librarian: maintaining current resources and staffing the reference desk.

Collection development: selecting non-fiction.

Librarian II 1996-99

Network manager: developing and maintaining a computer lab with word processing and Internet access; maintaining the Dynix automation system (UNIX OS).

Local history librarian: organizing and cataloging books, family histories, vertical files, and clippings regarding Hays County history.

Cataloger: proofing copy-cataloging, and creating original MARC records.

Library Division Manager 1999-

Technical services manager: supervising a staff of 5 FTEs; responsible for the library budget, business interests and procurement; maintaining contracts with vendors; supervising collection development and assigning selection tasks to bibliographers; supervising the cataloging and book processing department; network administration of 55 personal computers (Windows OS), and the Library.Solution ILS (Windows server OS); supervising the accession and maintenance of bibliographic records for electronic resources; maintaining the public-facing OPAC interfaces.

Acting Director: during the Director's absence.

2023 School of Information, University of Texas

Lecturer: Instructor of record for Managing Information Organizations

- 2018- Save Austin's Cemeteries  
[a 501(c)(3) non-profit preserving and conserving local historic cemeteries]  
Officer, Board Secretary
- 2016- Capital Lodge No. 23, Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
[a 501(c)(8) non-profit committed to raising a minimum \$24,000 a year for local children's homes]  
Officer, Recording Secretary
- 2012-2016 Austin Galano Club  
[a 501(c)(3) non-profit LGBTQ+Allies 12-Step recovery center]  
Co-founder; President, Board of Directors.
- 2004 School of Information, University of Texas  
Assistant Adjunct Professor: Instructor of record for Collection Management  
[Nominated for the 2004 Teaching Excellence Award]

## Education

- 2013 PhD, School of Information, University of Texas  
1990 MLIS, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Texas  
1987 BA, Austin College, Sherman, Texas. Philosophy and Religion

## Publications

- Smith, Arro, Capturing Our Stories : an Oral History of Librarianship in Transition. Chicago: Neal-Schuman, American Library Association, 2017.
- Smith, Arro and Doni Webber, "The Pig That Stole Our Hearts." Contributed essay for the Texas Story Project, Bullock Museum [Website], <http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/texas-story-project/aquarena-springs-sanmarcos>, 2015.
- Smith, Arro, Capturing the Social Memory of Librarianship [Dissertation]. Austin: The University of Texas, <https://repositories.lib.utexas.edu/bitstream/handle/2152/21671/SMITH-DISSERTATION-2013.pdf>, 2013.
- Smith, Arro, "Capturing Our Stories: Developing a National Oral History Program of Retired/Retiring Librarians" [Website], <https://www.ischool.utexas.edu/~stories/>, 2010-2018  
[Defunct, ask Quinn]

- Kirkland, Jessica, Arro Smith and Loriene Roy, "Capturing Our Stories and GLIFOS: Rich-Media Video" in The Electric Library 28 (5) (2010):650-656.
- Albert, Sara and Arro Smith, "Experiential Education: The Student Role and Experience" in Service Learning: Linking Library Education and Practice, ed. by Loriene Roy. Chicago: American Library Association, 2009.
- Smith, Arro, "Cataloging Heresy" in Radical Cataloging: Essays at the Front, ed. by K.R. Roberto. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2008.
- Texas Library Association, "May," Men of Texas Libraries Calendar, 2007 (May cover boy).
- Smith, Arro and Stephanie Langenkamp, "Indexed Collection Budget Allocations: a Tool for Quantitative Collection Development Based on Circulation," Public Libraries 46 (5) (Sept/Oct 2007):50-54.
- Smith, Arro, "Internet Filtering Policy & Attitudes in Texas Public Libraries," Texas Library Journal 82 (4) (Winter 2006): 148-51.
- Efron, Miles, A. Arro Smith, and Loriene Roy, "OpenChoice: An Internet Filter for Public Libraries," Texas Library Journal 81 (3) (Fall 2005): 92-94.
- Roy, Loriene and A. Arro Smith, "Preface," In Webster, Kelly, ed., Library Services to Indigenous Populations: Viewpoints & Resources. ALA, Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, 2005: v-viii.
- Efron, Miles, Loriene Roy, and A. Arro Smith, (advisor and co-author) "Open Choice: Developing an Open Source Web Content Filter for Libraries," National Leadership Grant (\$157,172), U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, September 20, 2005.
- Roy, Loriene and A. Arro Smith. "Supporting, Documenting, and Preserving Tribal Cultural Lifeways: Library Services for Tribal Communities in the United States," World Libraries, 2002.
- Smith, A. Arro. Approximately 32 book reviews in the social sciences, Library Journal, 1994-1997.

## **Presentations**

Reinterment Memorial Dedication (Invited guest speaker), Oakwood Chapel Museum. (May 20, 2023)

LibLearnX Panel Discussion (Moderator), American Library Association. (January 24, 2022)

“Conserving San Jacinto Battle Heroes’ Graves” (Invited guest speaker), Daughters of the Texas Revolution. (November 2, 2021)

“Researching Your Hays County Dead” (Invited guest speaker), Daughters of the American Revolution. (March 3, 2020)

“Talk Dewey to Me: Perverting Classification with Ranganathan” (Invited guest speaker), University of Texas, School of Information. (February 12, 2018)

“Learning from End-of-Career Librarians: the Capturing Our Stories Oral History Program” (Invited guest speaker), University of Texas, School of Information. (March 3, 2017)

“Classification with Dewey Decimal” (Invited guest speaker), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate School of Library and Information Science. (October 10, 2013)

“Capturing Our Stories: An Oral History Project of Retired and Retiring Librarians” Retirement Member Round Table Program (Invited program presenter), ALA 2012 Annual Conference, Anaheim, California. (June 23, 2012)

“Perversion in the Stacks: Responding to ‘Bookstore’ Trends in Libraries” (Invited guest speaker), University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Library & Information Science Program. (August 29, 2011)

“Dewey for Dummies” (Invited guest speaker), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate School of Library and Information Science. (March 12, 2011)

“New Selectors and Selecting in New Subjects: Meeting the Challenges” (Panelist), ALCTS/CMDs program, ALA 2009 Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois. (July 12, 2009)

- “Capturing Our Stories: An Oral History Project of Retired and Retiring Librarians” (Poster and interactive media booth in the Membership Pavilion), ALA 2008 Annual Conference, Anaheim, California. (June 28-July 1, 2008)
- “Oral History Workshop” (a day-long training workshop for Capturing Our Stories: An Oral History Project of Retired and Retiring Librarians), ALA 2008 Annual Conference, Anaheim, California. (June 27, 2008)
- “De-accession of Library Materials, or, Weeding Without Pulling One’s Hair Out” (50-minute webinar), ALA Association for Library Collections and Technical Services. (July, 2008 - )
- "The Service Connection: Library and Information Science Service to Communities" (Co-Presenter), ALISE 2008 Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (January 10, 2008)
- “Analyze This” Preconference (Co-Presenter), Texas Library Association, Houston, Texas. (April 25, 2006)
- “Perversion in the Stacks: Common-sense Cataloging and Classification for Public and School Libraries,” Keynote speaker, Bexar County Library Association 2006 Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas. (February 25, 2006)
- "OpenChoice: Developing an Open Source Web Content Filter for Libraries," Works in Progress Poster Session, ALISE Conference 2006, San Antonio. (January 16, 2006)
- “Perversion in the Stacks: Common-sense Cataloging and Classification for Public and School Libraries,” Contributed Paper, Texas Library Association 2005 Annual Conference, Austin, Texas. (April 7, 2005)
- "Open Source Models for Web Content Filters in Libraries," Contributed Paper, Texas Library Association 2005 Annual Conference, Austin, Texas. (April 7, 2005)
- "Open Source Internet Filtering for Texas Public Libraries," Texas Library Association District 3 Fall Meeting, Belton, Texas. (October 1, 2004)

## **Committee Work**

ALCTS CDMA (American Library Association)  
Education Committee, 2007-2010  
Editing online course, "Collection Management"  
Creating webinar, "De-accession of Materials"

American Library Association  
Membership Committee (Standing)  
2007-2009

## **Community Service**

Founding Board Member, Austin Galano Club  
Past-President of the Board of Directors.  
A non-profit 12-Step recovery center  
2012-

Board Member, Save Austin's Cemeteries  
2017-

Recording Secretary, Capital Lodge No. 23  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
2016-

Info-Line volunteer, AIDS Services of Austin  
Staffing the telephone information and referral program on a weekly basis, instructing callers regarding 'safer-sex' and exposure-reduction techniques.  
1991-1999

Volunteer librarian, AIDS Services of Austin  
Organizing and maintaining current information vertical files on HIV-related disease and treatment (pre-Internet).  
1990-1993