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EDUCATION:

A.M.L.S.	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan Concentration: Information Management & Library Automation	August 22, 1986
J.D.	Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan	June 15, 1985
A.B.	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan Concentration: Classical Archaeology Fieldwork: Wroxeter Baths Excavation, University of Birmingham (UK)	December 22, 1981

EXPERIENCE:

University of Georgia School of Law
Alexander Campbell King Law Library 2019-
Rank: Librarian IV
Title: Associate Director for Instruction & Access Services

University of Illinois College of Law
Albert E. Jenner, Jr. Memorial Law Library 2013-2019
Rank: Associate Teaching Professor, Law Library, 2019
Rank: Assistant Teaching Professor, Law Library 2016-2019
Rank: Assistant Professor of Library Service 2013-2016
Title: Law & Business Reference Librarian

General Motors
Research & Development Library, Warren Michigan
Staff Information Scientist and Copyright Agent 2010-2012
Group Leader, Scientific & Technical Research & Analysis 2003-2010
Staff Information Scientist 2000-2003
GM Legal Staff, Detroit Michigan
Senior Law Librarian 1994-2000

Wayne State University, Detroit Michigan
Arthur Neef Law Library
Assistant Director 1988-1994
Reference and Database Coordinator 1986-1988
Reference Librarian 1986

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Michigan
Internship William Cook Law Library 1985-1986

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HONORS:

Service Award	Patent Information User Group 2020 & 2022
Presidential Certificate of Appreciation	American Assoc of Law Libraries 2019 & 2020
Teachers Ranked Excellent by Their Students	University of Illinois CITL, 2017 & 2018
Robert P. Larsen Human Development Award	University of Illinois Counseling Center 2017
Presidential Bonus Award	Wayne State University 1988 & 1991
Who's Who in American Law	Marquis Who's Who 1989-1990, 2018
Matthew Bender Scholarship Award	American Association of Law Libraries 1988

TEACHING:

Associate Director University of Georgia
School of Law
Fall 2019-
Courses taught: Legal Research I, Advanced Legal Research, Intellectual Property Research

Assistant Professor University of Illinois
College of Law
Fall 2013-2019
Courses taught: Legal Research, Advanced Legal Research - Corporate

Lecturer University of Michigan
School of Information & Library Studies
Fall 1990 through 1991
Course Taught: Sources of Legal Information

Adjunct Faculty Wayne State University
School of Library Science
Appointment: April 9, 1987 to September 1, 1992
Course Taught: Legal Information Resources

Mindfulness Certified Koru Mindfulness Teacher May 26, 2021-



COMMITTEES:

University of Georgia
School of Law
Library Committee, 2020-
Strategic Plan - Experiential Learning, 2020-

University of Illinois
University Libraries
EEOC, 2013-2015
Bylaws, 2014-2016
Awards & Recognition, 2014-2016

College of Law
Assessment, 2017-2019

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PUBLICATIONS:

Mari Cheney and Heather J. E. Simmons, *A Body without a Soul: Why Print Still Matters in Legal Research*, Legal Reference Services Quarterly (Forthcoming).

Mindfulness for Cold Calling, The Student Lawyer, American Bar Association, May 24, 2022
<https://abaforlawstudents.com/2022/05/24/mindfulness-cold-calling/>

2022 National Legal Research Teach-In: *Comment Letter Assignment*
https://www.aallnet.org/ripssis/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2022/05/2022_Comment-Letter-Assignment.pdf

Matthew L. Timko and Heather J. E. Simmons, *The Tangled Web: Teaching the Meaning of Legal Citations in the Online Age*, in *The Role of Citation in the Law: A Yale Law School Symposium* 257-286 (AALL Publication Series No. 86) (Michael Chiorazzi ed. 2022).
<https://library.law.yale.edu/virtual-symposium-citation-and-law>

The Profession of Law Librarianship, chapter in *Introduction to Law Librarianship*, 2021 (with Aamir Abdullah and Kaylan Ellis) <https://lawlibrarianship.pressbooks.com/>. This book received the 2022 Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award from the American Association of Law Libraries.

Ending Book Hunger: Access to Print Across Barriers of Class and Culture, 112 Law Libr. J. 461 (2020) (book review).
<https://heinonline.org/HOL/P?h=hein.journals/llj112&i=461>

For the Love of Dictionaries, Library with a View (Blog), October 14, 2019
<https://ugalawlibrary.wordpress.com/2019/10/14/for-the-love-of-dictionaries/>

Shelf Life Accessibility Recs: What book or resource has helped you provide services to those with physical disabilities or mental health issues? 23 AALL Spectrum 11 (January/February 2019).
https://www.aallnet.org/spectrum_article/shelf-life-accessibility-recs/

Michigan Legal Research, Third Edition, 110 Law Libr. J. 275 (2018) (book review).
https://www.aallnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/LLJ_110n2_04_keelee_sexton.pdf

Unplug to Recharge: How Mindfulness is Integral to Self-Care, in *Legal Ease: Self-Care for Law Library Staff* (AALL Digital White Paper, June 2018). <https://www.aallnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Legal-Ease-White-Paper-FINAL.pdf>

2022 National Legal Research Teach-In: *Scenes from a Hat*
<https://www.aallnet.org/ripssis/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2018/06/S-Simmons-Review-Basic-Legal-Research-ALR.pdf>

Shelf Life Self-Improvement: What book would you recommend for self-improvement, finding balance or embracing new habits? 21 AALL Spectrum 21 (July/August 2017).
https://www.aallnet.org/spectrum_issue/july-august-2017/

Micro Essay: Digital Natives, 25 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing 39, (Fall 2016).
http://info.legalsolutions.thomsonreuters.com/pdf/perspec/2016-fall/Perspectives_Fall16_Vol1.pdf

Heather J. E. Simmons and Kyle K. Courtney, *Mindfulness: Finding Focus in a Distracted World*, 20 AALL Spectrum 35 (July/August 2016), https://www.aallnet.org/spectrum_issue/july-august-2016/

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Cranky No More: The Life and Legacy of Charles Franklin Kettering, 44 World Pat. Info. 1 (March 2016), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wpi.2015.10.005>.

Quimbee.com Course: *Legal Research and Writing* (with Michelle Hook Dewey and Sara Benson) Fall 2015. <https://www.quimbee.com/courses/legal-research-and-writing>.

Practical Magic: How the Ancient Art of Storytelling Can Make Us Better Lawyers, 92 Mich. B. J. 52 (August 2015), <http://www.michbar.org/file/barjournal/article/documents/pdf4article2678.pdf>.

Categorizing the Useful Arts: Past, Present, and Future Development of Patent Classification in the United States, 106 Law Libr. J. 563 (2014). https://www.aallnet.org/llj_article/categorizing-the-useful-arts-past-present-and-future-development-of-patent-classification-in-the-united-states/. (4 citations HeinOnline)

Simmons, H.J.E. & Cernak, S.J., *Antitrust: A Conversation about What the Michigan Practitioner Must Know*, 93 Mich. B. J. 48 (December 2014), <https://www.michbar.org/file/barjournal/article/documents/pdf4article2510.pdf>.

Program Report: We are Family, I Got all my Mentors with me, 24 MAALL Markings 32 (December 2014), <http://chapters.aallnet.org/maall/newsite/newsletter/archives/MM2014Dec.pdf>.

Boss Kettering: Innovation & the Golden Age of the Automobile, University of Illinois Libraries, Library Research Showcase, Poster Session, November 12, 2014, Urbana-Champaign, IL, <http://hdl.handle.net/2142/55822>.

Is LinkedIn Right for You? 23 MAALL Markings 5 (June 2014), <http://chapters.aallnet.org/maall/newsite/newsletter/archives/MM2014June.pdf>.

Essay: Why Sharing is Better than Hoarding, LinkedIn Pulse, June 26 2014, <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/20140626140611-6243068-why-sharing-is-better-than-hoarding>

Essay: How to Write an Angry Memo, LinkedIn Pulse, July 11, 2014, <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/20140711175151-6243068-how-to-write-an-angry-memo>
Reprinted in: PM Essence, 2 PMI Bangalore India Chapter 6 (September 2014), http://www.pmibangalorechapter.in/pm Essence/downloads/PMEssence_Sept2014.pdf

Michelle H. Dewey & Heather J. E. Simmons, *Yin & Yang in Legal Research Instruction: Finding the Balance between Tradition and Technology*, 18 AALL Spectrum 38 (May 2014), <https://www.aallnet.org/wp-content/uploads/mediavault/2017/12/Vol-18-No-7-yin-yang.pdf>. (1 citation HeinOnline)

By the Law Inspired: Poetry & the Law in Michigan, 92 Mich. B. J. 58 (August 2013), <http://www.michbar.org/file/journal/pdf/pdf4article2241.pdf>. (2 citations HeinOnline)

How to Read Legal Citations, in *Locating the Law: A Handbook for Non-Law Librarians in Michigan* 32-44, (Legal Reference Roundtable of Michigan March 2013, re-issued February 2017), http://www.oakgov.com/lawlibrary/Documents/PDFLocatingtheLawFeb_7_2017.pdf.

The Moveable Feast: Serving Diverse Client Groups in an Urban Law Library, 7 Libr. Admin. & Mgmt. 39 (Winter 1993), <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=lxh&AN=ISTA2800627>.

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Supreme Court on Disc, (review) 7 CD-ROM Libr. 64 (1992),
<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=lxh&AN=ISTA2703881>.

Heather J. E. Braithwaite & Georgia A. Clark, *LEXIS Membership Group Sponsorship: Fee-Based Services in Academic Law Libraries*, 81 Law Libr. J. 253 (1989),
<http://heinonline.org/HOL/P?h=hein.journals/lj81&i=271>. (3 citations HeinOnline)

INTERVIEWS:

Havilah Steinman Bakken, *A Day in the Life of Heather J. E. Simmons*, LISP/SR Blog, March 2, 2022
<https://lispsr.wordpress.com/2022/03/02/a-day-in-the-life-of-heather-j-e-simmons/>

Steve Thorpe. *Asked & Answered: Heather Simmons on the Future of Law Libraries*, Detroit Legal News, March 6, 2014, <http://www.legalnews.com/detroit/1386761/>.

SELECTED RESEARCH GUIDES:

University of Illinois College of Law Library LibGuides:

[*Federal Tax Research*](#)

[*How to Survive Law School without Losing Your Mind*](#)

[*Law 792-PPP Advanced Legal Research - Corporate*](#)

[*Seminar: International Intellectual Property Law 797-P*](#)

[*Summer Legal Research Tips*](#)

General Motors Library:

Indemnification clauses and third-party content

How to find a patent or published application

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

Teaching the Teachers

Portland OR, May 12-13, 2022

Modeling Everyday Technology: How to Integrate Practice-Ready Skills into Your Course (with Michelle Hook Dewey)

Atlanta Law Libraries Association Institute

Atlanta, GA (virtual), May 11, 2021

Self-Care: Taking Care of Others by Taking Care of You

Virtual Symposium on Citation and the Law

Yale Law School, April 22-23, 2021

Paper: *The Tangled Web: Teaching the Meaning of Legal Citations in the Online Age* (with Matthew L. Timko) <https://library.law.yale.edu/virtual-symposium-citation-and-law>

SEAALL Meeting (virtual)

Cultivating a Culture of Mindfulness in the Law Library and Beyond, May 28, 2020.

<https://digitalcommons.law.uga.edu/speeches/198/>

Faculty Summer Institute – Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning

Champaign, IL May 17, 2018

The Visual Syllabus: Taking Your Course to the Next Level by Focusing on the Big Idea
(with Cheelan Bo Lin)

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Southeast Region Legal Writing Conference

Atlanta, GA April 21, 2018

Beyond Citation Literacy: Understanding (and Teaching) Citation in the Hyperlinked Universe.

American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting & Conference

Paths to Success: Recruiting the Next Generation of Law Librarians, July 22, 2020

How Intelligent CI Instruction Gives Law Students a Competitive Edge, July 24, 2020

Hiding in Plain Sight: Tips and Tricks for Finding Elusive Patent Information, July 17, 2017

Cool Tools: PowerNotes, July 18, 2017

Who Owns This? Researching Patent Ownership, July 19, 2016

Patent Information Users Group Annual Conference

Annual Meeting (virtual) 2020

Speaker: *Is it Prior Art? Establishing the Publicly Accessible Date*

Annual Meeting, Vancouver, WA May 21-26 2016

Speaker: *Ursula's Apple Orchard: Value-Added Patent Tools in the New Millennium*

Annual Meeting, Lombard, IL May 2-7, 2015

Invited Panelist: *Challenges in Patent Information from an Academic Point of View*

Speaker: *Strategies for Creating a Technology Landscape, (with Diana Koppang)*

Speaker: *Strategies for Using Patents in Competitive Intelligence, (with Diana Koppang)*

Mid-America Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting

2018 Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN

Speaker - *Cracking the Code: Teaching the Value of Legal Citation (with Matthew Braun and Anne Robbins)*

2017 Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI

Speaker - *Going Off Book – Better Together with LibGuides (with Anne Robbins)*

2016 Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK

Speaker: *Circling Back to What Matters Most: Improving Legal Research Course Content by Writing Meaningful Assessment Questions*

2014 Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

Speaker: *Ignite! Cool Tools - i>Clickers & the Flipped Classroom*

Presenter: *Leveraging LinkedIn: Beyond the Job Search*

2013 Annual Meeting, Omaha

Speaker: *Where's the Beef? Developing Engaging Legal Research Exercises for Active Learning, (with Michelle Hook Dewey)*

General Motors Research & Development

GM Global Copyright Transfer Process, 2011

GM Global Engineering Leadership Council Warren, MI

GM Patent Portfolio-An Environmental Evaluation, 2009

Computers & Attorneys: A Profitable Mix: A Seminar series presented by Wayne State University Law Library in association with Business Products, Inc. Detroit, MI June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1991

Anatomy of the PC; WordPerfect; Telecommunications; Computer-Assisted Legal Research

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State Bar of Michigan

Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Program (Live & Videotape)

Southfield, MI September 26, 1990

Practice Management: Michigan Legal Research

MEMBERSHIPS:

American Association of Law Libraries 1986-

Chair, Law Librarianship as a Career Guidance Review Special
Committee 2019-2021

Indexing of Periodical Literature Committee 2019-2021

SIS Council Chair 2018-2019

Distinguished Lectureship July 2015-2016

Executive Board 1997-2000

Ethics Committee 1993-1994

Standards Committee 1987-1988

Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section

Research & Scholarship Committee 2013-2015

Subcommittee on Grants

Subcommittee on Mentoring

Legal Information Service to the Public Special Interest Section

Chair 2017-2018

Chair-Elect 2016-2017

Chair 1993-1994

Chair-Elect 1992-1993

Nominating Committee 1989

Michigan Association of Law Libraries 1986-2013

Chair, Pro Bono Law Librarian Committee 1991-1993

Program Representative – Regional Meeting 1988-1989

Secretary 1987-1989

Mindfulness in Law Society 2022-

Patent Information Users Group, Inc.

The International Society for Patent Information Professionals

Member Relations Committee 2013-

Executive Board Member-at-Large 2016-2020

Co-Chair, Program Committee, 2016 & 2017 PIUG Annual Conferences

Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries 2019-

Chair, Scholarship Committee 2022-

State Bar of Michigan

Emeritus 2022-

Active Member 1985-2022

Standing Committee on Libraries, Legal Research & Legal Publications

Member: 1989-1991; 2010-2012; 2013-2015; 2016-2017