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EDUCATION

- 2018-2020 Master of Library and Information Studies
University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
- 2016–2018 Master of Arts – English (With Distinction)
Concordia University, Montréal, QC
- 2013 Bachelor of Arts – English (High Honours), Co-operative Education Designation
University of Regina, Regina, SK

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Aug 2023–present **Faculty Librarian**

Aug 2022–May 2023 Mount Royal University Library

- Designs and delivers in-person and remote information literacy instruction in Broadcast Media Studies, Journalism/Digital Media, Public Relations, Criminal Justice Studies, Business, Anthropology, Indigenous Studies, Social Work, Sociology, and General Education
- Provides one-to-one teaching and personalized learning opportunities, reference and research advice, and other library support to students, faculty, staff, and community members
- Assesses the teaching, learning, and research needs of Mount Royal students and instructors to inform digital and print library collection development in assigned areas
- Works collaboratively to advance the library’s strategic directions through service on the library faculty curriculum, scholarship standing, and professional development day committees

May 2021–June 2022 **Instruction Librarian**

Saskatchewan Polytechnic Library, Moose Jaw Campus

- Liaised with the School of Business, coordinating and performing advanced reference and research services
- Developed and delivered library-related instruction in various formats to meet the needs of all learners (e.g., research guides, videos, handouts, quizzes, etc.)

- Collaborated with instructors and instructional designers to integrate information and digital literacy capabilities into courses and programs
- Administered Turnitin similarity software for courses across the Polytechnic
- Provided awareness and advisory services to faculty and programs on the topics of copyright, open access resources and academic integrity
- Selected learning resources (print and electronic books, databases, journals, etc.) for the library collection

Aug 2019–May 2021 **Research Assistant**

Dr. Michelle Meagher, AdArchive Research Group
University of Alberta, Department of Women's and Gender Studies

- For information on this project, see <https://web.archive.org/web/20210901161938/https://lincsproject.ca/research/> (“Featured Research Project”)

Sept 2019–May 2020 **Research Assistant**

Dr. Harvey Quamen, Stylometry Without Words Project
University of Alberta, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies

- Cleaned, processed and performed part-of-speech tagging and computational comparison on 17th century texts
- Continuously reviewed relevant literature on corpus linguistics, computational stylistics, stylometry, and authorship attribution

Aug 2018–Aug 2019 **Student Metadata Assistant**

University of Alberta Libraries, Cataloguing & Metadata Strategies Unit

- Analyzed enriched MARC data for patterns in selection of Uniform Resource Indicator vocabulary
- Copy catalogued e-serials titles according to the Cooperative Serials Program standard
- Performed routine maintenance of e-serial access thresholds in Ex Libris' SFX Knowledge Base

Sept 2017–Dec 2017 **Teaching Assistant**

Concordia University, Department of English

- Supported instruction for an introductory English course of 68 students

Dec 2013–Apr 2016 **Circulation Assistant**

Saskatchewan Legislative Library

- Confidentially and impartially fielded research questions from library clients
- Performed routine library circulation activities, client services, and conservation activities

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Publications

Blechinger, J. (2024). [Review of the book *Land in Libraries: Toward a Materialist Conception of Education*, by L. Zvyagintseva & M. Greenshields (Eds.)]. *Journal of Radical Librarianship*, 10, 1–4.

<https://journal.radicalibrarianship.org/index.php/journal/article/view/104>

Blechinger, J. (2023). Reflections on information literacy in the ChatGPT era. *Pathfinder: A Canadian Journal for Information Science Students and Early Career Professionals*, 4(1), 163–172. <https://doi.org/10.29173/pathfinder78>

Zvyagintseva, L., & Blechinger, J. (2023). “The perils of library instruction”: Contextualizing EdTech's encroachment on teaching through labour theory of value in academic libraries. *Canadian Journal of Academic Librarianship*, 9, 1–25. <https://doi.org/10.33137/cjal-rcbu.v9.40958>

Blechinger, J. (2023, April 27). *Artificial intelligence, misinformation, disinformation, and information literacy: The curious case of the Pope's puffer*. Mount Royal University Library Blog. <https://library.mtroyal.ca/library-news?t=17983>

Presentations

Blechinger, J. (2023, February 8). *Cognitive authority, expertise, and the conspiracist mindset: Using ideas from Patrick Wilson and Anthony Giddens to analyze QAnon* [Panel presentation]. Information Dis/Order in Contemporary Times. Mount Royal University, Calgary, AB, Canada. <https://mru.arcabc.ca/islandora/object/mru%3A884>

Blechinger, J. (2021, April 23). *Indicators of truly epic post-ness: Information literacy, authority, and the contemporary political podcasting ecosystem* [Conference presentation]. Politics of Libraries III: Gender, Race, Sexuality, and Intersectionality in LIS. University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada. <https://doi.org/10.7939/r3-dg60-m911>

Blechinger, J. (2020, February 7). *Resilient or resistant librarians? An exploration of 'resilience' discourses in contemporary librarianship* [Conference presentation]. Forum for Information Professionals 2020: There and Back Again: Resilience and Libraries. University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada. <https://doi.org/10.7939/r3-7tvq-hf62>

Blechinger, J. (2019, August 16). *Wages for intern work and quarters for keystrokes: An exploration of unpaid labour within the context of 'free' digital labour* [Conference presentation]. Politics of Libraries II: Labour in Libraries. University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada. <https://doi.org/10.7939/r3-6nxm-1t42>

SELECTED AWARDS

- Sarah Rebecca Reed Medal in Library and Information Studies, Spring 2021
- Dean's List Arts – Fall 2008, Winter 2009, Winter 2012, Winter 2013

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Canadian Association of Professional Academic Librarians' Information Literacy Community of Practice (member)
- Progressive Librarians Guild (member)
- *Shout! For Libraries* CJSR radio show (past production coordinator and contributor of interviews and audio essays): <https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/shout-for-libraries/>