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Current Positions

Conservation Bookbinder. 1982 to Present. Owner of the Book Restoration Company, which specializes in the restoration of antiquarian books and maps. *Www.biblebinders.com*

Adjunct Faculty. 1987 to 2008. Graduate School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Courses include:

- *Books, Paper, & their Preservation (540-480)*
- *Book Repair & Binding (540-691)*
- *History of Books & Printing (540-680)*

Adjunct Faculty. 2004 to 2014. Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois. Course:

- *Preservation & Conservation (LIS 713)*

Property Redeveloper. 1997 to Present. General contractor and property owner specializing in the renovation of historic, "mixed-use" masonry buildings with 57,000 sq. ft. under management. *Shady Lawn Apartments (14 units) and 7th Avenue Properties(15 units).*

Livestock Farmer. 2005 to Present. Sandstone Ridge Farm. 20-head herd of registered Tunisian sheep in La Farge, Wisconsin.

Education & Training

M.S. in Public Administration. University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

B.S. in Organizational Psychology. U.W. -Parkside.

- Graduated with Distinction
- Awarded Certificate of Recognition for Creative Achievement
- Graduated with Honors, Magna Cum Laude

Civic Boards

Lakeview Technology Academy. *Board of Governors:* 2006-07.

Lakeshore Business Improvement District. *Chairman:* 2001-2006.

Kenosha Unified Board of Education (1994-2000). *President:* 1996-98.

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Library Square School. *Founding President*: 1991-1993.
Southport School PTA. *President*: 1993-94.
Masonic Temple Board of Trustees. *Chairman*: 1992-93.
Rotary Club of Kenosha. *Board of Directors*: 1990-91.

Professional Association

American Institute for Conservation with "Professional Associate" status.

Publications, Research, & Addresses

- (2015) *In House Book Repair and Binding (2nd Edition)* Scarecrow Press (Rowan & Littlefield). With Sharon McQueen, PhD.
- (2015) Paper Preservation Workshop conducted for the *Lake County Discovery Museum Archives* staff.
- (2015) "Anatomy of a Book," *Milwaukee Public Library Rare Books Program*, presented June 6.
- (2012) "Conserving Primary Research Sources in Genealogy" *Southwestern Wisconsin Historical Society*, Gays Mills, WI.
- (2011) "Photographic and document conservation for genealogical research" *Northshore Chapter D.A.R.*, Lake Forest, Illinois.
- (2011) Preservation Workshop for the *Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture*, Chicago, Illinois.
- (2011) "Caring for Collections Workshop" sponsored by the *Chicago Botanic Garden, Lenhardt Library*.
- (2009) "The importation of Algerian Barbarin sheep." *Tunis Spirit* Vol 5, No. 1, pp.34-36.
- (2009) "The Egyptian Book of the Dead." Cream City Calligraphers Association, Milwaukee, Wisc.
- (2008) "Assessing a book for treatment options." Masonic Library & Museum Association annual conference, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- (2008) "Wood-cutting as the transition from script to print." Cream City Calligraphers Association, Milwaukee, Wisc.
- (2005) "That nothing be lost." *The Historiographer* 43:1, pp. 18-20.
- (2004) "Revitalizing Downtown." *Kenosha News*. Op ed: Sunday, March 14: p. F8.
- (2003) "Paper conservation techniques in private collections." Burlington Historical Society.
- (2002) "The Curse of the Scribe." Cream City Calligraphers, Whitefish Bay, WI.
- (2001) "Deacidification: The Practical and Possible." Wisconsin Library Association Annual Meeting, Green Bay.
- (2001) "A Short History of Books before Printing." Cream City Calligraphers, Whitefish Bay.

- (2000) "Bookbinding and conservation in under controlled environments." Archivo Nazionale de Cuba, Havana.
- (1999) "Practical Considerations in the Preservation of Circulating Collections." Outagamie-Waupaca Library System Workshop, Appleton, WI.
- (1998) *State of the Book: Artist's Books of Wisconsin*. Exhibition co-curated by the Special Collections and Art Departments of U.W.- Milwaukee.
- (1998) "19th Century Archives." Annual meeting of the Unitarian/Universalist Congregations of Wisconsin.
- (1996) "South China's climate: Conservation Challenges." Workshop and lectures hosted by The Chinese University in Hong Kong.
- (1996) "Care and Safekeeping of Family Heirloom Books and Documents." Book Collecting Workshops sponsored by the Midwest Bookhunters, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
- (1996) *Evolution of the Book: Samples from Each Century*. Presentation and exhibit sponsored by Milwaukee Public Library, Special Collections Department.
- (1995) "Binding Structures and Their Effect on Restoration." Book artist speaker series sponsored by Friends of the Golda Meir Library, Milwaukee, WI.
- (1995) "The Charge of an Entered Apprentice: Its evolution and revolution." *The Philalethes*, 48, no. 6: 132-138.
- (1993) "History and its Preservation." Burlington Genealogical Society.
- (1993) "Common Sense Approaches to Saving Antique Ledgers and Documents from Further Decay." National Conference of the Lutheran Church Library Association, Milwaukee, WI.
- (1992) "A History of Printing." Annual meeting of the Friends of the Wustum Museum of Fine Arts, Racine, WI.
- (1992) "Disseminating Preservation Awareness: The Role of the Conservator in Private Practice. Restoration and Preservation - A Practical Approach." *Dbi Materialien* 114. Berlin: Deutsches Bibliotheksinstitut: 19-25.
- (1991) "County History: Its Collection, Preservation, and Dissemination." Delivered before the fall meeting of the Walworth County Historical Society.
- (1991) "Preserving Our Written Heritage." *Scottish Rite Journal* 99, no. 9: 6-11.
- (1991) "Book Value, Book binding, and Book Conservation: An Integrated Approach." Presented at the February meeting of the Friends of the Shorewood Public Library, Shorewood, WI.

- (1990) "Practical Considerations in the Nonaqueous Deacidification of Paper." Presented at the October meeting of the Music Library Association – Midwest Chapter, Milwaukee, WI.
- (1990) "Disseminating Preservation Awareness: The role of the Conservator in Private Practice." Presented at the Deutsches Bibliotheksinstitut, Berlin, FRG. Co-sponsored by the US Information Agency.
- (1990) *St. Matthew's Episcopal Church: 1940-1990*. (Kenosha, WI) Privately printed.
- (1990) "We're All Archivists." Delivered before the Waukegan Historical Society at its June meeting.
- (1990) "Paper and its Basic Preservation." Workshop conducted in cooperation with Preservation Racine, Inc. Racine, WI.
- (1990) "Alkalinization of Paper: Two Practical Approaches." Demonstrations at the annual meeting of the Midwest Bookhunters Association.
- (1990) "Stewardship in the Church Library." Delivered before the January meeting of the Lutheran Church Library Association.
- (1989) "Mark Twain: A 'Traveling Man.'" *The Philalethes*, 42, no. 6: 10-13.
- (1989) "Restoration as a Factor in the Pricing of Books." *AB Bookman's Weekly*, 84, no. 23: 2181-2188.
- (1989) "Descriptive Analysis of a Conservation Awareness Program." *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*, 29, no. 3: 197-208.
- (1989) "What's All This about Acid?" *The Living Church*, 198, no. 20: 13.
- (1989) "Baptist Church Records: Their Importance and Conservation." *New Directions*, 5, no. 1: 1-3.
- (1989) "Preserving Racine's Recorded Heritage." Delivered before the January meeting of Preservation Racine, Inc. Racine, WI.
- (1989) "The Special Needs of Law Libraries." Delivered before the January meeting of the Association of Private Law Libraries, Milwaukee.
- (1988) "Notes on the Preservation of Local History." Delivered before the October meeting of the Southeastern Wisconsin Association of Historical Societies.
- (1988) "Preserving Masonic Heritage." *The Northern Light*, 19, no. 4: 16-18.
- (1988) "Books and the Ravages of Time." *The Living Church*, 197, Fall: 10-12.
- (1988) "Preserving Historic Church Records." *Inspired*, 3, no. 3: 3, 10-12.
- (1988) "Making a Living as a Book Conservator." *Paper Conservation News*, 47, no. 3: 1.
- (1988) "Energy Conservation and the Preservation of Important Documents." *Interfaith Coalition on Energy*, 8, no. 30: 1-4.

- (1988) "Preserving the Church Archives." Delivered before the Sacred Trusts Conference, sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Philadelphia Historic Preservation Corporation.
- (1988) "Notes on the Prevention and Restoration of Archival Emergencies." Delivered at the 13th Annual Emergency Preparedness Conference, Milwaukee City Emergency Government Administration.
- (1986) "An Introduction to Book and Paper Conservation Technique." Alaska Historical Library Workshops, Juneau, AK.
- (1986) *A History of the Naples Mounds*. (Kenosha: Glengarry Press).
- (1985) *Laudable Designs: The Biography of Judge Henderson, LL.D.* (Kenosha: Glengarry Press).
- (1985) "Notes on the Special Collections of Theological Seminaries." Delivered before the October meeting of the Association of Chicago Theological Seminaries.

References

- Prof. Andrew McLean. 111 11th Street, Racine, WI 53403
- Prof. Thomas Walker, Dean, UWM School of Information Studies. Bolton Hall, PO Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0413
- J.P. Hayden, Jr. Hayden & Fandetta Booksellers. 310 W. 55th Street, New York City, NY 10019
- Dr. Susan Roman, Dean, Dominican University Graduate School of Library Sciences. River Forest, Illinois 60305
- Ed Valauskas, Special Collections Curator, Chicago Botanic Garden

Personal

Married, with 3 grown children.