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EXPERIENCE

- *Medical Librarian, 1987 – 2006, London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC), London.*
Provided tactical and operational leadership of the Health Sciences Library (HSL). I had direct responsibility for most aspects of planning and delivery of library services, and operational responsibility for collection development, instructional services, reference services, online literature searching, systems and web management, and patient education.
- *Reference Librarian, 1984 – 1987, Western Libraries, London.*
Provided reference services for students, faculty and staff in the Reference Department of The D. B. Weldon Library and conducted a feasibility study for the development of computer-based library instruction.
- *Lecturer, 1985 – 1990, Faculty of Information and Media Studies, UWO, London.*
Developed curriculum and delivered records management and archives courses in the graduate library and information science program.
- *Associate Consultant, 1982 – 1986, Trigon Systems Group, Toronto.*
Prepared needs assessments for clients in the areas of information centre development, office automation and records management. Clients included: Labatt Breweries of Canada, Citibank (Canada), the Town of Markham, Halifax Commercial Life Insurance and Emerald City Research.
- *Consultant (Self-Employed) 1982 – 1987, Information Management Services, London.*
Operated my own consulting company and did projects in the areas of library planning and development, office automation and records management. Clients included Ontario Housing Corporation, Labatt Breweries (London) Company, Ontario Library Service-Thames Region, and the NHL Hall of Fame and Museum.
- *Librarian 1981 – 1982, Faculty of Information and Media Studies, UWO, London.*
Developed the records management program.
- *Preceptor 1980 – 1981, Faculty of Information and Media Studies, UWO, London.*
Taught the tutorial components of the computer programming and database management courses.
- *Character Actor 1975, Klondike Visitors Association, Dawson City, Yukon Territory.*
I played the roles of Robert Service and Jack London for the 1975 dramatic program.

EDUCATION

- Certificate of Adult Education, 1998, St. Francis Xavier University
- Master of Library and Information Science, 1981, University of Western Ontario
- Bachelor of Arts (English literature, with Journalism minor), 1975, Carleton University

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Department of Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics, McMaster University

- Competitively selected as one of the Librarian Tutors for the international workshop, *How To Teach Evidence-Based Clinical Practice* at McMaster, 2005, coordinated by Drs. Gordon Guyatt and Deborah Cook
- Ontario Health Libraries Association (OHLA)
 - President, 2003 – 2005
 - Coordinated the OHLA program at the Ontario Library Association Superconference 2004
 - Rewrote constitution, strategic plan and executive manual; reorganized archives
 - Copyright Liaison with Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) 2004 – 2006
- Canadian Health Libraries Association (CHLA/ABSC)
 - Co-Chair of the Conference Planning Committee for the 1994 CHLA/ABSC national conference, hosted by the London Area Health Libraries Association
 - Personally commended by the CHLA/ABSC executive in 2000 for securing ongoing reproduction rights for CHLA to Harlequin Enterprise's *Hospital Librarian*, enabling a dramatic increase in merchandising revenues
- London Area Health Libraries Association (LAHLA)
 - Vice-Chair and President, 1995 – 1997
- Faculty of Information & Media Studies, UWO
 - Alumni Liaison for the 20th anniversary reunion graduates as part of the 2001 UWO Homecoming celebrations

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Publications

- And sometimes even in the library. *Stories from an Academic Health Sciences Centre*. (working title). London, ON, London Health Sciences Centre, (forthcoming 2007). Ed. by Dr. J. Nisker and M. Obokata. (accepted for publication September 2006)
- *A Copyright Toolkit For Ontario Hospitals and Hospital Copyright Toolkit Presentation*. Toronto, ON, Ontario Hospital Association and Ontario Health Libraries Association, (forthcoming 2007). By J. Figurski and M. McDiarmid. (accepted for publication June 2006)
- The hospital librarian. *Access OLA*. Fall 2006; v.12(4): 44.
- The role of the librarian in the EBCP workshop. *Evidence Based Health Care Newsletter*. Dec. 2005; v.25: 7 – 8.
- Physician use of library-related software. *Bibliotheca Medica Canadiana*. 1992; v.13(4): 206 – 211. By: J. Figurski and D. Colborne.

Presentations

- Teaching evidence based practice: the role of the librarian. London, ON, London Area Health Libraries Association meeting, November 25, 2005.
- Getting in focus: a focus group primer for libraries. Toronto, ON, Ontario Library Association Superconference, February 5, 2005.
- Making the vision fit: designing library spaces that work. Toronto, ON, Ontario Library Association Superconference, January 31, 2004. By J. Figurski & C. Kingsland.
- Testimonials of patients and information professionals: a panel discussion. Quebec City, QC, Canadian Health Libraries Association annual conference, May 9, 2001.

Research Activities

- In 2004, I worked with Dr. Sam Wiebe, providing evidence-based literature searches for two systematic reviews. Published as: Long-term seizure outcomes following epilepsy surgery: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Brain*. 2005; 128: 1188 – 1198, and: Sudden unexpected death in epilepsy: Evidence-based analysis of incidence and risk factors. *Epilepsy Research*. 2005; 65(1-2): 101 – 115. I was acknowledged by name in both these articles.
- In 2005 – 2006 I worked with Dr. Jorge Burneo, providing evidence-based literature searches for two systematic reviews related to clinical outcomes of epilepsy surgery in patients with malformations of cortical development and patients whose lesions had been localized with magnetoencephalography. Not yet published.
- In 2005, I did evidence-based literature searches, critically appraised the evidence, and provided evidence summaries related to the use of surgical gloves. This work was done for a multi-disciplinary investigative team at LHSC that was setting corporate policy.

Literary Publications

- Selected poems. *Souwesto Words: 25 poets in southwestern Ontario, Canada*. London, ON, Ergo Productions, 1996. (audio CD and web resource) Ed. by: W. Schell.
- *Heavy Seasoning & Heavenly Bodies*. London, ON, South Western Ontario Poetry, 1985.
- *The Stevensdaughter Poems*. London, ON, Third Eye Publications, 1985.
- *Windows: poems by Jan Figurski*. London, ON, Equinox Press, 1978.
- *Eclipse: a journal of living poetry and ideas*. London, ON, Equinox Press. (Editor 1979 – 1981).
- I have had numerous individual poems, short stories, and reviews published in national and international literary journals, and have given many public readings of my work.

Musical Publications

- Dave Dillon Blues Band. *A Passion for the Blues*. London, ON, New Moon Studios, 2006. (Audio CD: harmonica, vocals, and songwriter).
- Screen Door Slam. *Not Hard To Do*. London, ON, Black Cat Productions, 2003. (Audio CD: mandolin, harmonica, vocals, and songwriter).
- Screen Door Slam. *Live at the Tostal Coffee House*. London, ON, Black Cat Productions, 1997. (audio CD: mandolin, harmonica, vocals).
- Since 1990 I have maintained a performance schedule of approximately 24 public performances per year.