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Education

- Masters of Library and Information Science; University of Southern Mississippi: Graduation May 14, 2026.
- Specialist in Curriculum and Instruction in Secondary English Education; University of Mississippi: 2019.
- National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholar; Landmarks of American History and Culture: The Most Southern Place on Earth; Delta State University: 2013.
- Writing Project Summer Institute; University of Mississippi: 2010.
- Master of Arts in Teaching; Belhaven College: 2004.
- Bachelor of Arts in Literature; University of North Carolina at Asheville: 1999.
- Associates of Arts in General Studies; Hinds Community College: 1996.

Work Experience

- Library Media Specialist; Oxford High School; 2017-Present.
- Library Media Specialist; Pontotoc Jr. High School and Pontotoc Middle School; 2014-2017.
- Language Arts Teacher; Pontotoc Jr. High School; 2011-2013.
- English Teacher; Tupelo High School; 2007-2011.
- Language Arts Teacher; Northwest Rankin Middle School; 2002-2007.
- English Teacher; Scott Central Attendance Center; 2001-2002.

Professional Certifications

- AAA Mississippi Educator Licensure: Library/Media Specialist, K-12; English, 7-12.
- National Board Certified Teacher in Early Adolescence English Language Arts.
- ACT Reading Instructional Mastery.

Scholarly Work

- [*Library Experience Day: Fostering Student Engagement and Recruitment through a Community Partnership*](#); Co-authored with Melissa Dennis. *The Southeastern Librarian*. 73(1); 2025.
- [*Developing Community Engagement: Exploring a Partnership*](#); Co-created with Melissa Dennis. Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, 2024.
- [*Mississippi College and Career Readiness Learning Standards for Libraries*](#); Mississippi Department of Education; School Library Workgroup: 2021.
- [*Create in 3D: Building a Maker Mindset One Print at a Time*](#); *Knowledge Quest*; Sept./Oct.; 2019.
- Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference; State of Mississippi Libraries Panel; School Library Panelist: 2018.

Current Job Responsibilities

- Administer all aspects of the school library program in accordance with the Mississippi Department of Education and the Oxford School District.

- Develop and maintain a library collection that aligns with the current school curriculum, is accessible online, and includes a variety of print and digital sources like online databases, digital newspapers; relevant web resources; ebooks and audiobooks; and digital collections, including the [Oxford High School Yearbook Archive](#).
- Utilize Follett's Destiny Library Management System to oversee library resources, collaborate with teachers, and provide access to print and digital materials via the [OHS Library Catalog - Destiny Discover](#).
- Collaborate with departments district-wide to curate curriculum-based library resources including [digital collections](#), [research guides](#), [instructional tutorials](#), and [video playlists](#).
- Collaborate with teachers to plan and deliver curriculum-based library programming including [virtual reality learning](#), [3D printing](#), [guest speakers](#), [gallery walks](#), [historical document transcription](#), [educational displays](#), [student contests](#), [special events](#), and [athletic signing day events](#).
- Develop and maintain the OHS yearbook collection and collaborate with the OSD Webmaster to provide the [OHS Yearbook Archive](#).
- Maintain the [OHS Library](#) web page.
- Serve as technology support to teachers and students by assisting with OSD technology support requests, equipment set up, and other issues.
- Assist teachers and students with individual research requests and answer reference inquiries using available resources.
- Plan and deliver instruction across disciplines on information literacy topics including plagiarism, research tools, print resources, databases, and web resources.
- Manage library staff, students, and visitors.
- Manage and curate content for the OHS digital signage using the Carousel Cloud platform in collaboration with the Oxford School District (OSD) Technology Department.
- Manage the circulation of materials including interlibrary loan within OSD and the community including the Oxford Lafayette Public Library and the J.D. Williams Library.
- Promote the library as a vital campus resource through marketing and public relations initiatives.
- Create metadata; catalog materials; and maintain records to maximize access to library resources.
- Plan and create physical and digital book displays highlighting the library's diverse collection of print and digital holdings.
- Oversee the library's budget and prepare spending and budgeting reports.
- Communicate with vendors and OSD Business Office personnel to acquire new materials using Marathon Web Interface.
- Create and revise library policies and procedures in accordance with the *2022 Mississippi Library Guide*.
- Maintain the stacks and physical library space by communicating with building and district level maintenance staff on repairs.
- Assess and evaluate the collection by performing an annual inventory and by generating reports that inform the selection and deselection of materials.

Honors and Awards

- Mississippi Library Association. Carroon Apple Award: 2025.
- University of Southern Mississippi [Beta Phi Mu-Beta Psi Marsha Case Memorial Scholarship](#): 2022.
- Mississippi Library Association [Peggy May Scholarship](#). 2020.
- [Digitizing Yearbooks \(book scanner\)](#); Oxford School District Foundation Grant: 2020.
- [Learning in a Virtual World \(30 Oculus Go VR headsets\)](#); Oxford School District Foundation Grant: 2019.
- [Create in 3D: Building a Maker Mindset \(Makerbot 3D Printer\)](#); Oxford School District Foundation Grant: 2018.
- [Oxford High School Employee of the Month](#): 2019.
- Pontotoc City Schools Endowment for Excellence in Education Grant (PJHS/PMS): 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017.
- YALSA Teen Top Ten Grant: 2018.
- Jack Ezra Keats Foundation Mini Grant: 2017.
- Northwest Rankin Middle School Teacher of the Year: 2006.

Digital Literacy Skills

- 3D Printing and Design (Makerbot Replicator+; Makerbot Print; SketchUp; TinkerCad)
- Button making & design
- Canva Design Software for poster-making, social media posts, bookmarks, videos, etc.
- Carousel Digital Signage Platform
- Copying, scanning, & faxing
- Cricut Design Studio & Cricut Maker Designs using iron-on and sticker vinyl
- FinalSite web
- Follett Destiny Library Management System
- Google Suites
- Learning Management Systems (Canvas; Blackboard; Schoology)
- Master Laminator
- Microsoft Office Suites
- [OHS Library YouTube Channel](#)
- OverDrive for Schools (SORA) Platform
- Social Media (Instagram; Twitter; Facebook)
- Sound system setup with microphone & music
- Video conferencing (Zoom; Google Meet; Schoology Conference)
- Video production (iMovie; Quicktime; Canva; YouTube)
- Virtual Reality (Oculus Go; Meta Quest)

Community Involvement

- Youth Volleyball Coach; Oxford Parks Commission: 2021-2022.
- United Way Workplace Campaign Chairperson; Oxford High School: 2018-2019; 2023.

References

Available upon request.