

John Abresch

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Education

University of South Florida Tampa, Fl.
May, 2004 *Master of Arts in Library & Information Science*

University of South Florida Tampa, Fl.
December, 1996 *Master of Arts in Geography*

University of South Florida Tampa, Fl.
August, 1990 *Bachelor of Arts in Geography*

University of South Florida Tampa, Fl.
August, 1990 *Bachelor of Arts in History*

Experience

University of South Florida Tampa Library Tampa, Fl.
August 2004- Present *Visiting Instructor Librarian*

Appointed as the *Henrietta M. Smith Resident* with an assignment in public services within the Tampa Library and partial assignment at the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute Research Library. Responsibilities include reference/public service, outreach services, research support consultation, and collection development/management within the subject areas of Communication and Communication Science Disorders. Assignment also includes professional commitment to professional development, university governance, service and research/creative activities.

University of South Florida Tampa Library Tampa, Fl.
September 2001- July 2004 *Senior Library Technical Assistant*

Responsible for the ordering, invoicing, and processing of a wide variety of library materials within Acquisitions procedures. Procedures included: establishing bibliographic records in library management system (NOTIS) in the MARC format assisted by data derived from sources such as OCLC, and other bibliographic utilities. Performed regular maintenance of serial/periodical subscriptions, such as payment of invoices, and OPAC holdings update. Identified, researched, and solved all number of problems concerning the Acquisitions process, such as missing periodical issues, invoicing problems, and bibliographic record problems.

University of South Florida Tampa Library
September 1998- September 2001 *Library Technical Assistant*

Tampa, Fl.

Performed public service duties by staffing information desk and providing patrons with reference assistance in using a wide array of informational sources in both print and electronic format, as well as demonstrate use of the online library catalog. Performed routine maintenance of serials bibliographic records, such as check in of current periodical issues. Assisted Librarians in the compilation of collection statistics and preparation of reports.

International Computer Works
June 1997- August 1998 *GIS Analyst*

Tampa, Fl.

As part of team identified and developed GIS solutions to problems of socio-economic nature for clients in both the public and private sector. Used GIS applications in Mapinfo and Arcview to make spatially correct adjustments to digital base maps. Prepared metadata for digital basemaps for proper classification. Provided technical support of MapInfo Applications to clients.

University of South Florida Tampa Library
January 1994- June 1997 *Library Student Assistant*

Performed a variety of routine daily tasks involved in the delivery of services and information at public service points, such as the circulation department desk and the periodicals information desk. Services included: checking out of materials to patrons, retrieving library materials for patrons, and directing patrons to materials in stack areas. Other duties included stack maintenance, clerical tasks, and data entry on computer workstations.

University of South Florida Geography Dept.
January 1994- December 1994 *Graduate Research Assistant*

Tampa, Fl.

Using a variety of primary and secondary data sources, identified, researched, and collected socio-economic data concerning Latinos for trends in economic-restructuring with an emphasis on Central Florida. Assisted faculty in the preparation of maps and presentation of research. Assisted undergraduate students in the operation and use of ESRI GIS software.

Publications

2003. "Cybercommunities and Information Access" in *7th World Multiconference On Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics Proceedings*. July 27-30. Orlando: International Institute of Informatics and Systemics. pp.515-519.

2003. "Geographic Information Systems Research and Data Centers" in Ardis Hanson and Bruce Lubotsky (Eds.) *Building A Virtual Library*. Hershey: Idea Group. pp. 52-64.

Presentations

"Cybercommunities and Information Access" at 7th World Multiconference On Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics. Orlando, FL. 2003.

"The use of a GIS in assisting School Choice". Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA. 1998

"Economic restructuring and the Latino Community in Tampa, FL". Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers. Birmingham, AL. 1997.

"Economic restructuring and the Latino Community in Tampa, FL". Annual Meeting of the Florida Association of Geographers. Tampa, FL. 1997.

"The Distribution of Low Birth Weight Babies in Tampa, Florida". John Abresch and Sandra Dunlap. International Symposium on Computer Mapping in Epidemiology and Environmental Health. Tampa, FL. 1995.

Professional Affiliations & Continuing Education

American Library Association:

Reference and User Services Association; Map and Geography Round Table

National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking

Florida Library Association

Association of American Geographers

Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers

"Unique Outreach Programs." American Library Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. June, 2005

"Get the Spirit!" Outreach Partnerships to Improve Student Achievement in High School Districts. Association of College and Research Libraries Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN., April, 2005.

“Portrait of New Learner”. Florida Educational Technology Pre-Conference. Orlando, Fl. January, 2005.

“Visions of Change”. Fall Workshop. Association College and Research Libraries. Orlando, Fl. October, 2004.

“Florida Geography: Immigrants, Hurricanes and Sinkholes.” American Library Association Annual Conference, Orlando, Fl., June, 2004.

Microsoft Excel Training, Tampa, Fl, November, 2003.

“What Should a GIS Librarian Do?” American Library Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. June, 2002.

ArcIMS Training, Tampa, Fl., August, 2001.

“Taming the Octopus: Coming to Grips with Electronic Resources.” Florida Library Association Annual Conference Tampa, Fl. April, 2000.

“Dis(ney)placed Urbanism: Orlando, the Capital of the 21st Century” Association of American Geographers Annual Conference, Boston, MA 1998

MapInfo Professional Training, Tampa, Fl., July, 1997

MapEdit Toolkit Training, Tampa, Fl., June, 1997

“How to Lie with Maps” International Symposium on Computer Mapping in Epidemiology and Environmental Health. Tampa, Fl. 1995.

Awards and Honors

Gamma Theta Upsilon - Member of Geographical Honor Society. University of South Florida 1995.