

# MATTHEW C. TORRENCE

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### University of South Florida Tampa Campus Library

Tampa, FL

*August 2004 - Present, Assistant Librarian*

*April 2001 - August 2004, Instructor Librarian*

*May 2000 - April 2001, Adjunct Reference Librarian*

- Provide reference and research assistance to students, faculty and staff at both reference and government documents reference desks.
- Perform basic, advanced, and course-specific library instruction classes for graduate and undergraduate students.
- Act as Collection Development liaison for several academic departments including Civil & Environmental Engineering, Industrial & Management Systems Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Geology, and the Center for Urban Transportation Research. Communicate with faculty representatives in these departments regarding library materials purchases, approval plan profiles, library instruction and other important issues related to the respective academic area(s).
- Active in student and faculty services related to Distance Learning, including on-site visiting library instruction at other USF locations and monitoring of and response to digital reference inquiries.
- Create and coordinate instructional web pages for both general and specific library and faculty use.
- Participate in local, state, and national conferences to promote the USF Libraries, as well as to enable professional development.
- Serve as a member of various departmental and library wide committees.
- Represent the USF Tampa Library at various University-wide functions for incoming students, such as First Year Orientations, Showcase of Services, etc.

### University of South Florida Tampa Campus Library

Tampa, FL

*August 1998 – April 2000, Graduate Assistant, Reference Department*

- Provided reference service at the USF Tampa Library serving students, faculty, staff, and members of the surrounding community.
- Presented formal and informal bibliographic instruction.
- Provided assistance at the Periodicals Information Desk.
- Created and maintained lobby displays to promote library user awareness.

### Florida Distance Learning Reference & Referral Center (RRC)

Tampa, FL

*May 2000 - September 2000, Instructor Librarian*

*May 1999 – May 2000, Graduate Assistant*

- Provided library and reference services to distance learners at all state and most private universities, as well as all Florida community colleges. This included both direct response and document delivery activities.

### **The Tampa Tribune**

Tampa, FL

*Summer, 1999 – Intern, Archive & Research Center*

- Assisted reporters and other news librarians/researchers.

## **EDUCATION**

### **University of South Florida**

Tampa, FL

May 2000, M.A. Library and Information Science

### **The Florida State University**

Tallahassee, FL

May 1995, B.A. International Affairs

*Magna Cum Laude*

## **PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS**

Tucker, James C., Matt Torrence. 2004. Collection development for new librarians: Advice from the trenches. Library Collections, Acquisitions, and Technical Services 28, no. 4: 397-409.

Tucker, James C., Jeremy Bullian, and Matthew Torrence. 2003. Collaborate or Die! Collection Development in Today's Academic Library. The Reference Librarian, no. 83/84: 219-236.

Torrence, Matthew, Richard Schmidt and Cat Camp. "PRONTO Document Delivery Service". Presented at Florida Library Association 80th Annual Conference & Exhibition. Wyndham Palace Resort & Spa, Orlando, FL. 4/23/2003.

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Torrence, Matthew. "CUTR and the Tampa Library". Speech presented at the USF Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR). Tampa, FL. 1/9/2003.

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Torrence, Matthew. 2001. Review of *Intellectual Freedom and Social Responsibility in American Librarianship, 1967-1974*, by Toni Samek. The UNABASHED Librarian (2 of 2001): 29-30.

Cunningham, Ginny, Jana Futch Martin, Katherine Harris, Matthew Torrence and Jim Vastine. "To IB or Not to IB: Library Instruction for High School Students." Peer-Reviewed Poster Session presented at the American Library Association Annual Conference, LIRT "Partnerships for Instruction". San Francisco, CA. 6/17/2001.

<http://www.lib.usf.edu/ref/lirt/>

## USER AIDS & INSTRUCTIONAL WEB SITES

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Torrence, Matthew. *Database Truncation Help Sheet*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida Tampa Library. (2004) <http://www.lib.usf.edu/ref/helpsheets/trunc.html>

Torrence, Matthew. *SLS 1101 - University Experience*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida Tampa Library. (2004). <http://www.lib.usf.edu/ref/mtorrence/sls1101>

Torrence, Matthew. *ENC 1101/1102 - Composition and Literature*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida Tampa Library. (2004). <http://www.lib.usf.edu/ref/mtorrence/enc1101>

Torrence, Matthew. *College Reach Out Program*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida Tampa Library. (2002). <http://www.lib.usf.edu/ref/mtorrence/CollegeReachout>

Torrence, Matthew. *Elsevier and Other E-Journal Providers*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida Tampa Library. Presented to USF Tampa Library as a Staff Development Committee Workshop. (2002). <http://www.lib.usf.edu/ref/mtorrence/EJournals>

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES

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### National and State Committees

*State of Florida Electronic Collections Committee, Science Subcommittee*, 2004-present  
*ALA New Members Round Table (NMRT) Governance Committee*, 2002-2003

### National and State Conferences

*Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL)* Minneapolis, MN. April 2005  
*Florida Library Association (FLA) Annual Conference* Orlando, FL. April 2003  
*Symposium on 21st Century Teaching Technologies* Tampa, FL. March 2003  
*Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC) Annual Conference* Tampa, FL. November 2002  
*American Library Association (ALA) National Conference* Atlanta, GA. June 2002  
*Symposium on 21st Century Teaching Technologies* Tampa, FL. March 2002  
*Virtual Reference Desk (VRD)* Orlando, FL. November 2001  
*American Library Association (ALA) National Conference* San Francisco, CA. June 2001  
*Florida Library Association (FLA) Annual Conference* Tampa, FL. April 2000

### Professional Associations and Other Service

*Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC) Information Literacy Special Interest Group*, 2003-2005  
*American Library Association (ALA)*, 1999-present  
*New Members Round Table (NMRT) Governance Committee*, 2002

## University Governance

*USF Tampa Library 24/7 (Distance Learning) Team, 2002-present*

Serve as team leader for this group. Focus on distance learning and other forms of non-traditional reference.

*USF Libraries Electronic Resources Committee, 2004-present*

*USF Tampa Library Faculty Committee, 2002-present*

Elected to serve as Secretary of this committee for 2002 and 2003 academic years.

*USF Tampa Library Faculty & Staff Annual Campaign Coordinator, 2002-2003*

Represented USF Tampa Library fund-raising campaign for both 2002 and 2003 Annual Fund drives.

*USF Tampa Library Assessment Committee, 2002-present*

*USF Tampa Library Staff Development Committee, 2001-present*

*USF Tampa Library Outcomes Assessment Group, 1999 - 2002*

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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***Beta Phi Mu*** - Member of Library and Information Science Honor Society, Beta Phi Chapter. University of South Florida (2001).

***Phi Beta Kappa*** - Member of National Honor Society, Alpha of Florida Chapter. Florida State University (1995).

***Phi Kappa Phi*** - Member of National Honor Society. Florida State University (1995).