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Led by the LAUC-SD Mentoring Committee, Librarian Profiles offer background information and career-related advice from UC San Diego librarians to MLIS students and graduates.

Which institution did you earn your MLIS or other graduate degree?

San Jose State University

Do you currently or did you ever hold a professional library position related to the focus you pursued in graduate school?

Yes

Did you have work experience at any level in a library of any type prior to attending library school?

Yes

Do you have another advanced degree(s) in addition to any MLIS?

No

Did you focus on a particular area of librarianship while earning your MLIS?

Yes, Management, Digitization, and Preservation of Cultural Heritage Materials and Records

Beyond the MLIS, do you feel that any additional advanced degree is essential to success in your current position?

Yes

What are some of your current tasks and responsibilities?

- Data curation project management
- Data management plan support
- Data training development and instruction
- Digital exhibits coordination and development
- Internal and external committee work related to librarianship

What are some skills or core competencies you feel are essential to success in your current position?

- Understanding data literacy and best practices for data management
- Knowledge and use of software tools related to data analysis and data management
- Knowledge and understanding of funder mandates related to data management
- Understanding of digital collection development, preservation, digital exhibits

What do you like best about being a librarian or about your current role or responsibilities?

The best thing about my current role and responsibility is being able to support academic education and research. I enjoy working with researchers and learning about the fascinating research that takes place at UC San Diego. What I like best about being a data curation librarian is developing and providing instructional activities for improving data literacy and data management best practices.

What do you like best about working in an academic or university setting?

What I like best about working in an academic/university setting is the environment. There is an unbelievable amount of academic research and activities to learn about. There is always a need for academic research support, and it is satisfying to know that my work contributes to the learning process.

What is something that you think contributed to you getting your first professional job following graduate school for your MLIS?

My work experience and transferable IT skills, luck, and timing in the former UC San Diego Arts Library contributed to getting my first professional job following graduate school.

What is your advice to MLIS students seeking or entering their first professional library position?

One piece of advice for MLIS students seeking or entering their first professional library position is to learn about or experience some work related to the different programs or departments within the library. The breadth of experience and knowledge exposes how interconnected various positions can be, which in turn, could lead to potential career paths in areas you might not expect.

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