

JESSA FEILER

EDUCATION

DREXEL UNIVERSITY, MSLIS

Library and Information Services

Continuing education: Archives management, negotiation, bookbinding/conservation (CBBAG)

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL, JD

Public Interest & Constitutional Law

Honors: Sparer Fellowship for Public Service

Public Service Certificate

Associate Editor, *Journal of Constitutional Law*

Member in Good Standing, Pennsylvania Bar Association

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, BA

English Language and Literature

Honors in the College

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

DREXEL KLINE SCHOOL OF LAW, LEGAL RESEARCH CENTER, Philadelphia, PA 2023—Present

Research, Instruction, & Faculty Services Librarian

- Oversee faculty services program, facilitating effective communication between faculty and their liaisons while keeping abreast of the faculty's scholarly pursuits by engaging in regular discussion with them and by attending scholarship-related meetings and events.
- Provide comprehensive research, editorial, and publishing assistance to more than 20 tenured and tenure-track faculty members across a wide variety of legal disciplines such as election law, arbitration law, and intellectual property law.
- Develop and deliver curriculum by teaching graded research classes to upper-level JD and LLM students in-person and on Blackboard, including Advanced Legal Research, Litigation Legal Research, Pennsylvania Legal Research, Intellectual Property Legal Research, and Technology for Law Practice. Also instructed undergraduate law majors in a required course on legal research.
- Offer expert reference and research support to students (and occasionally the public) through a range of channels including chat, phone, and in-person.
- Design and carry out custom research workshops to students in doctrinal classes such as Legislation & Regulation and AI & the Law.
- Train and mentor Dean's Scholars and Research Assistants, by refining their research and instructional endeavors individually and by providing tailored research skills presentations.
- Serve as the sole support librarian to Drexel Law Review.
- Act as lead judge for Drexel Kline's Mock Arbitration, engaging in post-arbitration debate with the rest of the judging panel and drafting the final opinion.

- Design promotional initiatives such as book displays, bulletin boards, and signage to enhance the student experience and highlight faculty achievements.
- Analyze user feedback to assist strategic planning in areas such as collection management and user services.
- Organized and held a resource fair and scavenger hunt for JD students to promote the library's offerings and increase engagement.

BAUMAN RARE BOOKS, Philadelphia, PA
Managing Librarian & Archivist

2004–2023

- Managed library services for a rare book, manuscript, archives, art, and historical object concern (PHL, NY, and LV) catering to over 30,000 unique clients/users and generating revenues over \$25 million per year.
- Formulated and implemented institutional policies, priorities, and individual staff expectations with an eye toward promoting diversity and fostering opportunities for professional growth.
- Curated significant collections in law, history, and politics for individuals and institutions. Responsibilities included researching, acquiring, cataloging, authenticating, establishing provenance, and writing scholarly descriptions.
- Managed on-demand research and reference services responding to inquiries from a global clientele. Wrote and edited research memos and guides. Tracked reference transactions and compiled data to improve research/reference services.
- Controlled internal archives to preserve business correspondence, acquisitions/provenance history, and research interactions.
- Directed preservation and digitization programs, culminating in a dynamic, accessible digital asset library.
- Expertly assessed conservation needs and recommended strategies based on cost-effectiveness and archival best practices.
- Maintained large internal reference library, greater than 10,000 sources both digital and print, focusing on bibliographical, biographical, and scholarly sources.
- Conceptualized, wrote, and designed (DAM system & Adobe Suite) catalogs, blogs, press releases, and advertisements appearing on the web and in periodicals such as the *New York Times Book Review*, and in trade publications.
- Co-organized collaborative educational programs, exhibitions, and events with businesses and major cultural organizations.
- Organized and executed high-impact, time-sensitive projects such as a collections buyback initiative and a wide-ranging demographics and sales analysis.
- Performed legal and financial tasks such as copyright assessment, theft remediation, vendor evaluation, appraisal, basic accounting, and management of cost and distribution data.
- Managed a global team of IT consultants and programmers in two proprietary enterprise and digital asset management system projects (increasing linked data and imposing better metadata standards).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Vice-Chair, RIPS-SIS Legal Research Teach-In Kit Committee
- Member, RIPS-SIS Research Instruction Committee
- Juror, AALL Spectrum Article of the Year Award Jury
- Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association Legal Academics Committee

PUBLICATIONS

- *Conference Review: Strategic Social Media: Creating Engaging & Accessible Content with Limited Time and Resources*, ALL-SIS NEWSLETTER (Sept. 2024).
- *Conference Review: Plotting an Academic Career: Equity, Tenure, Job Security, and More*, ALL-SIS NEWSLETTER (Sept. 2024).
- *Review: The Rise of the Arabic Book*, RBM: A JOURNAL OF RARE BOOKS, MANUSCRIPTS, AND CULTURAL HERITAGE (Fall 2021).