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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

[UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA](#), Graduate School of Education, Philadelphia, PA
Doctorate of Education degree in Reading/Writing/Literacy

[CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA](#), Clarion, PA
Masters of Science degree in Library Science

[RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY](#), Piscataway, NJ
Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Mass Media

RESEARCH

[HUI 'EKOLU: A Public Librarian Professional and Cultural Development Program in Hawai'i](#) (2018-2021).
Funded by IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Grant Program (\$249,330.00)

[LINQ: The Librarians' Inquiry Forum](#) (2015-2017).
Librarian professional development program in cooperation with the Hawai'i State Public Library System (HSPLS).

FACULTY POSITIONS

2015 - present | Assistant Professor, [Library and Information Science Program](#)
[Department of Information & Computer Sciences](#), UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA, HONOLULU, HI

COURSES TAUGHT:

- *Introduction to Reference and Information Services (core)*
- *Collection Management (core)*
- *Services for Public Libraries*
- *Books and Media for Young Adults*
- *Books and Media for Children*
- *Resources for Diverse User Groups*
- *Responding to Reading in Libraries*

2008 - 2014 | Assistant Teaching Professor, *Library and Information Science Faculty*
[The College of Computing and Informatics](#), DREXEL UNIVERSITY, PHILADELPHIA, PA

2005 - 2008 | Lecturer / Assistant Professor (*Non-Tenure Track*)
[Department of Library Science](#), CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PA, CLARION, PA

LIBRARIAN and INFORMATION SCIENCE POSITIONS

- 2006-2007. Librarian. [Merion Mercy Academy](#). Merion Station, PA
- 1998-2005. Adult/Teen Librarian. [Free Library of Philadelphia](#). Philadelphia, PA
- 1987-1992. Database Editor/Statistician. [Dow Jones & Company](#). Princeton, NJ
- 1985-1988. Library Assistant. [Burlington County College System – Pemberton Campus](#). Pemberton, NJ

o 1983-1987. Library Assistant. [Rutgers University Library System](#). New Brunswick, NJ

PUBLICATIONS - UHM LIS (*peer-reviewed)

Editorships

* Guest Editor - *invited*. (2019). Theme: Reading and Diversity. *International Journal of Information, Diversity, and Inclusion (IJIDI)*. Volume 3, Number 3.

Book Chapters

* Irvin, V. (2017). Reading as a practice of testifying lived worlds. Styslinger, M., Gavigan, K., & Albright, K. (eds.). In *Literacy Behind Bars: Successful Strategies and Services for Incarcerated Youth and Adults*. (pp. 35-40). Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

* Graaff, K., & Irvin, V. (2015). The Rise of Urban Fiction. Berry, V. & dayo, a. (eds.). In *Black Culture and Experience: Contemporary Issues*. Black Culture and Critical Thinking. NY: Peter Lang.

Conference Papers

* Irvin, V. (2018). *Seeking Social Literacies in Librarian Praxis*. **International Books, Publishers, and Libraries Conference**, July 7, 2018, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

* Irvin, V., & Reile, W. (2018). *"Give Me Some Slack": Inquiry and Practice for Librarian Professional Learning and Development*. Juried Paper. **ALISE 2018: Expanding the LIS Education Universe**, February 6-9, 2018, Denver, Colorado.

* Cooke, N. A., Sutherland, T., Irvin, V., et. al., (2018). *A Critical Dialogue: Faculty of Color in Library and Information Science*. Multicultural, Humanistic, and Ethnic Concerns (MEHC) SIG Panel Discussion. **ALISE 2018: Expanding the LIS Education Universe**, February 6-9, 2018, Denver, Colorado.

* Irvin, V. (2017). *Unbusyng the Busy: Public Librarians Employing Social Media for Professional Development*. **Hawai'i Library Association / Hawai'i Association of School Librarians Joint Conference**, October 27-28, 2017, Honolulu, Hawai'i.

* Irvin, V. (2017). *Unpacking Our Inner Diversity: Librarians Learning from Within the System*. **Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity 2017**, October 9-11, 2017, Honolulu, Hawai'i.

* Irvin, V., & Reile, W. (2016). *The Librarians' Inquiry Forum (LINQ): Librarians Researching Practice from the Front Lines*. **Hawai'i Library Association Annual Conference**, November 10-12, 2016, Hilo, Hawai'i.

* Irvin, V. (2016). *Discerning our Diverse Selves: Practitioner Inquiry for Library Praxis*. **National Diversity in Libraries Conference (NDLC)**. NDLC 2016: Bridges to Inclusion, August 10-13, 2016, UCLA, Los Angeles, California.

* Irvin, V. (2016). *Who are the Librarians? Bringing Practitioner Inquiry into the LIS Classroom*. **ALISE 2016: Radical Change: Inclusion & Innovation**, January 5-8, 2016, Boston, Massachusetts.

* Irvin, V. (2015). *Talking Story for Practitioner Inquiry in Public Libraries*. **Hawai'i Library Association Fall Conference**, December 4-5, 2015, Honolulu, Hawai'i.

Journal Articles

- * Irvin, V., & Nakashima, S. (2019 – *forthcoming*). Professional learning within context: Centering indigenous values to inform public librarianship. *Journal of Literacy Research*.
- * Irvin, V. (2019 – *in press*). Transgressive microaggressions: Navigating racism as a literacy practice for librarian identity construction. *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*, 59(1).
- * Nakashima, S., & Irvin, V. (2018). Teen girls read on Maui: Searching for identity through YA fiction. *Voice of Youth Advocates*, 41(2), 30-34. (50% contribution)
- * Irvin, V., & Reile, W. (2017). LINQing for better practice: Using Slack to Facilitate Librarian Professional Development. *Public Library Quarterly* 37(4), 1-14. doi:10.1080/01616846.2017.1396198. (70% contribution)
- * Irvin, V. (2016). Gazing the diversity stance in North America: Bringing practitioner inquiry into the LIS classroom. *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science* 57(2), 151-160. doi:10.12783/issn.2328-2967/57/2/7
- Irvin, V. (2016). We librarians: Our many, necessary selves. *Public Libraries* 55(1), 21-22.
- * Irvin, V. (2015). Book tweets and snappy reads: Booktalking to engage millennial teens. *The Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults*, 7(1). <http://bit.ly/1N8qhBq>
- Irvin, V., & Bullard, J. E. (2015). Circulation services. M. J. Bates & M. N. Maack (eds.). In *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Sciences, Fourth Edition*. NY: Taylor & Francis. doi:10.1081/E-ELIS4-120053483. (60% contribution)

Invited Presentations

- * *Inside/Outside the Patron Stance: Introducing the Librarians' Inquiry Forum*.
May 2016: Invited presentation (w/Wiebke Reile). **UHM LIS Program Research Colloquium**. Honolulu, HI.

Poster Sessions

- * *Facilitating inclusive community engagement: The role of orality in extending quality reference services*. August 10-13, 2016: Poster session (w/Deborah Turner, Ph.D.). **NDLC 2016**, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.



PUBLICATIONS (before UHM LIS) (* peer reviewed)

Books

Irvin Morris, V. (2012). [*The Readers' Advisory Guide to Street Literature*](#). Chicago: ALA Editions.

Book Chapters

* Morris, V. J. (2010). Street Lit: You Have to Know It to Understand It. Agosto, D. & Hughes-Hassell, S. (eds.). In *The Information Needs and Behaviors of Urban Teens: Research and Practice*. Chicago: American Library Association.

Journal Articles (Library and Information Science publications)

* Irvin Morris, V. (2011). The Street Lit Author and the Inner-City Teen. *Journal of Young Adult Library Service* 10(1), 21-24.

* Morris, V. J., Agosto, D.P., Hughes-Hassell, S., & Cottman, D.T. (2006). Street lit: Flying off teen fiction bookshelves in Philadelphia public libraries. *Journal of Young Adult Library Service*, 5(1): 16-23.

Conference Papers (* peer-reviewed)

* Irvin Morris, V. (2014). Teaching and learning online: Contextualizing the distance education classroom as a 'safe space' for learning LIS cultural competency. Conference proceedings. *Breaking Down Walls: Culture, Context, Computing*. [iConference Berlin - 2014](#). 04-07 March 2014, Berlin, Germany.

* Irvin Morris, V. & Unsworth, K. (2012). No Longer Contained: LIS Education Beyond Blackboard. Conference proceedings. *Social Media and Web Science: Das Web als Lebensraum*. 2. DGI-Konferenz. 64. Jahrestagung der DGI. [DGI 2012 Web Science Conference](#). 22- 23 March 2012 (pp. 101-108), Dusseldorf, Germany.

Conference Presentations (* peer-reviewed)

Reading to transgress: "Controversial" texts, literary imaginations, and subjugated ways of knowing in the age of the Common Core.

* April 2014: Invited panelist. American Education Research Association (AERA) Conference. Literature SIG. Philadelphia, PA. Available: <http://bit.ly/1OZyNjk>

What's Next for Teen Services? Cultural Competencies

* March 2014: Invited panelist. Young Adult Library Services Association. YA Forums E-Chat. with Kafi Kumasi, Ph.D., and Shannon Peterson, MLS. Available: <http://bit.ly/11Yu8rS>

Power, Privilege & Positionality: Applying a Critical Lens to LIS Education.

* January 2014: Invited Panelist. ALISE Annual Conference. Multicultural, Ethnic & Humanistic Concerns SIG. Philadelphia, PA. Available: <http://bit.ly/1QBIm2s>

Social Media Etiquette: An Alumni/Student Careers Workshop.

* November 2013: Invited Panelist. Drexel University Alumni Association. Philadelphia, PA.

Street Literature in the 21st Century.

* May 2012: Invited Speaker. Maryland Library Association. Ocean City, MD.

Conference Presentations – continued (* peer-reviewed)

Morphing distance education into social media communities of practice.

* March 2012: Refereed conference Presentation. DGI2012. Dusseldorf, Germany. <http://bit.ly/1LhznjL>.

Practitioner Research Day: Imagining Communities of Inquiry

* February 2012: Invited panelist. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

Reading, Teaching, and Researching Street Lit

o July 2012: Bergische Universitaet Wuppertal. Classroom Guest Lecturer. Wuppertal, Germany.

o May 2012: Rutgers University SCILS. Classroom Guest Lecturer. New Brunswick, NJ.

Reading in Mirrors: Black Librarians Read Street Lit for Professional Development.

* April 2011: Invited panelist. Presidential Session. AERA. New Orleans, LA.

* April 2013: Invited paper. AERA. San Francisco, CA. Available: <http://bit.ly/1Nk2fd4>

Phat-Fiction Panel: Librarians and Authors Discuss Street Literature

o June 2010: Invited Panelist. ALA Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Drexel LIS Students Tour Second Life as a Multimedia Web Interface

* March 2010: The Future Is Now: Libraries and Museums in Virtual Worlds. Invited panelist.

Available: <http://www.opal-online.org/finschedule.htm> || <http://slidesha.re/gOTdkp>

Inner City Teens Do Read: Their Lives Represented in Urban Street Fiction (<http://bit.ly/1NJmT0t>)

* January 2009: Association of Philadelphia School Librarians, Philadelphia, PA. - **Keynote**

* November 2008: PA Library Association (PaLA), Valley Forge, PA.

o April 2008: Teachers In-Service, School District of York, PA. - **Keynote**

* August 2007: Beyond the Book Conference, University of Birmingham, UK.

Librarian Cultural Competency in Serving Diverse Communities - Speaker

o December 2014: WePAC Professional Development Workshop, Philadelphia, PA.

o November 2008: Westchester Library System, Westchester, NY.

o June 2008: Ocean County Library System, Toms River, NJ.

o April 2008: Clarion Professional Development Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

o April 2006: Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA. - **Keynote**

o December 2005: Multicultural Resources Student Conference, Clarion University - **Convener**

Author Event - Free Library of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA - Moderator

o October 2010: author Zane

o December 2008: Sister Souljah

o October 2008: Vickie Stringer

o Dec 2007: Teri Woods, Shannon Holmes, Solomon Jones

Celebration of Black Writing, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA - Moderator

o May 2008: Picture This: Black Children Read - w/authors: Eloise Greenfield, Synthia St. James

Conference Presentations – continued (* peer-reviewed)

Engaging Teen Readers with Street Fiction

- o November 2008: Association of Philadelphia School Librarians, Philadelphia, PA. - **Keynote**
- o June 2008: Ocean County Library System, Toms River, NJ. - *Speaker*
- o April 2008: Martin Memorial Library, York, PA. - **Featured Speaker**
- o * November 2007: NCTE/CEL Conference, NY, NY. - *Panelist*
- o November 2007: Ocean County Library System, Toms River, NJ. - *Panelist*
- o September 2007: Westchester Library System, Westchester, NY. - *Speaker*

* *Hermeneutical Renderings: Urban Fiction Validating Teen Realities* - *Panelist*

- o June 2007: ALA Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- o May 2007: Celebration of Black Writing, Philadelphia, PA.

Street Lit: A Renaissance Genre for the Hip Hop Generation - *Invited Speaker*

- * April 2007: Clarion University Professional Development Conference, Harrisburg, PA.
- * April 2007: NJ Library Association Conference, Long Branch, NJ.
- * November 2006: Clarion University Hip Hop Curriculum Meeting, PA.
- o December 2006: Teachers for America, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
- o April 2006: Department of Library Science, Kutztown University, PA.
- o November 2005: Free Library of Philadelphia West Area Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- o October 2005: Clarion University Professional Development Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- o October 2005: G.O.A.L.S. (now PAALA) Membership Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Poster Sessions (*peer-reviewed)

Facilitating Inclusive Community Engagement: The Role of Orality in Extending Quality Reference Services

- * August 2016: Poster Session I (w/Deborah Turner). National Diversity in Libraries Conference, UCLA.

MOOCs at the College of Computing & Informatics: Successes and Challenges.

- * March 2014: Poster session (w/Monica Maceli & Vicki Brace). Drexel IRT eLearning. Phila, PA.

Reading Librarians: How Leisure Reading Impacts Librarian Professional Practice.

- * April 2011: Practitioner Inquiry Day. Graduate School of Education. UPenn. Philadelphia, PA.

COMMITTEES

- 2015 – *ongoing*. Faculty Advisor. UHM LIS Program Diversity Council. Library and Information Science Program, University of Hawai'i - Mānoa, Honolulu, HI
- 2015 – *ongoing*. Member. UHM LIS Program Admissions Committee. Library and Information Science Program, University of Hawai'i - Mānoa, Honolulu, HI
- 2017 – 2019. Member. ALISE / Bohdan S. Wynar Research Paper Committee. Association of Library and Information Science Educators (ALISE). Seattle, WA
- 2017 - 2018. Member/Chair. Editorial Advisory Board. *The Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults*. American Library Association. Chicago, IL
- 2017 - 2018. Member. Editorial Board. *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science (JELIS)*. Association of Library and Information Science Educators (ALISE), Toronto, CN
- 2017 – 2018. Member (elected). 2018 Margaret A. Edwards Author Award Committee. Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). Chicago, IL
- 2016 – 2018. Chair. Advisory Board. *The Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults*. American Library Association. Chicago, IL
- 2016 - 2017. Chair. Community Engagement Doctoral Exam Committee. Communication and Information Sciences PhD Program, University of Hawai'i - Mānoa, Honolulu, HI
- 2016 - 2017. Member. Guidelines for Selecting Multicultural Materials Task Force. Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT). American Library Association.
- 2013 - 2016. Member. Center for the Study of Library and Information Science (CSLIS) Planning Committee. College of Computing & Informatics. Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
- 2011 – 2012. Member. Advisory Board. High School Core Collection. H. W. Wilson, NY.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

[Association of Library and Information Science Educators \(ALISE\)](#)

- Member. Advisory Board. *Journal of Education in Library and Information Science (JELIS)*

[Hawaii Library Association \(HLA\)](#)

[International Literacy Association \(ILA\)](#)

[International Federation of Library Associations \(IFLA\)](#)

[Literacy Research Association \(LRA\)](#)

- Member. Ethics Committee

SERVICE

- o Reviewer (invited). [The International Journal of Information, Diversity, & Inclusion \(IJIDI\)](#). (2017-)
- o Reviewer. [Journal of Education for Library and Information Science Educators \(JELIS\)](#). (2016-)
- o Reviewer. [Journal on Research of Libraries and Young Adults](#). (2015- 2018)
- o Proposal Reviewer, [ALISE 2017](#), Atlanta, GA. (2017)
- o Award Committee, Member. [ALISE / LMC Paper Award](#). (2015)
- o Proposal Reviewer, [iConference 2016](#), Philadelphia, PA. (2015)
- o Proposal Reviewer, [American Education Research Association](#) (AERA). (2008 – 2012, 2015)
- o Award Committee, Member. [Carolyn C. Fields Book Award](#). PA Library Association. (2010 – 2011)
- o Award Committee, Convener. Street Lit Book Award Medal Committee. [StreetLiterature.com](#). (2010 – ongoing)
- o Proposal Reviewer, [UPenn Ethnography Forum](#), University of Pennsylvania, Phila, PA (2007 - 2010)
- o Proposal Reviewer, [We the People Bookshelf](#), ALA/NEH (2005 - 2007)
- o Book Review Co-columnist, *Word on the Street Lit*, via *Library Journal* (2008-2010)
- o Second Life [Avatar: Marchena Rajal] (2008 - 2014):
 - Volunteer Reference Librarian, [Community Virtual Library](#) (2008 - 2010)
- o Substitute Teacher/Librarian, St. Martin de Porres School, Philadelphia, PA (2004 -- 2006)
- o Volunteer Librarian at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Philadelphia, PA (2004 -- 2005)

HONORS/AWARDS

- o 2016. *Library Journal* [Movers and Shakers Award](#), New York, NY
- o 2015. Research Fellow. [Center for the Study of Libraries, Information & Society \(CSLIS\)](#). DrexelU. Phila, PA
- o 2012. Faculty Book Award. [Reading/Writing/Literacy Program](#). University of Pennsylvania. Phila, PA
- o 2012. Dissertation Award. **Merits Distinction**. University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA
- o 2012. Book Award. [Zora Neale Hurston Award](#). ALA/RUSA, Chicago, IL
- o 2011. Teaching Award. Most Innovative Instructor. The *iSchool* at Drexel. Philadelphia, PA
- o 2010. Research Fellow. Library Research Seminar V. The *iSchool* at Univ of Maryland, College Park, MD
- o 2009-present. Creator/Convener. [The Street Lit Book Award Medal \(SLBAM\)](#). *StreetLiterature.com*
- o 2004. Appreciation. Pennsylvania African American Library Association, Philadelphia, PA

BLOGS AND WEBSITES

- (2018 -). <http://www.huiekolu.org>. Hui 'Ekolu: Public Librarian Professional and Cultural Development Program
- (2016 -). <http://www.linqforum.com>. LINQ: The Librarians' Inquiry Forum.
- (2015 -). <http://www2.hawaii.edu/~irvinv>. Faculty website.
- (2009 - 2015). [Street Literature: Bringing You the Word on Street Lit and Urbanity](#). Street Literature blog.
- (2006 -). [Vanessa Irvin, Ed.D.](#) Public website.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- o Oral/written skills; Public speaking/presentation.
- o PC and Mac platforms.
- o Notepad++, Dreamweaver, HTML, CSS.
- o vanessairvinedd: *Twitter, LinkedIn, Skype, LibraryThing*