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### EDUCATION:

A.M.L.S.	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan Concentration: Information Management & Library Automation	August 22, 1986
J.D.	Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan	June 15, 1985
A.B.	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan Concentration: Classical Archaeology Fieldwork: Wroxeter Baths Excavation, University of Birmingham (UK)	December 22, 1981

### EXPERIENCE:

University of Georgia School of Law  
Alexander Campbell King Law Library 2019-  
Rank: Librarian IV  
Title: Associate Director for Instruction & Access Services

University of Illinois College of Law  
Albert E. Jenner, Jr. Memorial Law Library 2013-2019  
Rank: Associate Teaching Professor, Law Library, 2019  
Rank: Assistant Teaching Professor, Law Library 2016-2019  
Rank: Assistant Professor of Library Service 2013-2016  
Title: Law & Business Reference Librarian

General Motors  
Research & Development Library, Warren Michigan  
Staff Information Scientist and Copyright Agent 2010-2012  
Group Leader, Scientific & Technical Research & Analysis 2003-2010  
Staff Information Scientist 2000-2003  
GM Legal Staff, Detroit Michigan  
Senior Law Librarian 1994-2000

Wayne State University, Detroit Michigan  
Arthur Neef Law Library  
Assistant Director 1988-1994  
Reference and Database Coordinator 1986-1988  
Reference Librarian 1986

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Michigan  
Internship William Cook Law Library 1985-1986

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**HONORS:**

Paul Gatz Publication Award	AALL Research Instruction & Patron Services 2023
Service Award	Patent Information User Group 2020 & 2022
Presidential Certificate of Appreciation	American Assoc of Law Libraries 2019 & 2020
Teachers Ranked Excellent by Their Students	University of Illinois CITL, 2017 & 2018
Robert P. Larsen Human Development Award	University of Illinois Counseling Center 2017
Presidential Bonus Award	Wayne State University 1988 & 1991
Who's Who in American Law	Marquis Who's Who 1989-1990, 2018
Matthew Bender Scholarship Award	American Association of Law Libraries 1988

**TEACHING:**

Associate Director University of Georgia  
School of Law  
Fall 2019-  
Courses taught: Legal Research I, Advanced Legal Research, Intellectual Property Research

Assistant Professor University of Illinois  
College of Law  
Fall 2013-2019  
Courses taught: Legal Research, Advanced Legal Research - Corporate

Lecturer University of Michigan  
School of Information & Library Studies  
Fall 1990 through 1991  
Course Taught: Sources of Legal Information

Adjunct Faculty Wayne State University  
School of Library Science  
Appointment: April 9, 1987 to September 1, 1992  
Course Taught: Legal Information Resources

Certified Mindfulness Teacher



Mindfulness Institute for Emerging Adults  
Certified Teacher May 26, 2021-

**COMMITTEES:**

University of Georgia  
School of Law  
Library Committee, 2020-  
Strategic Plan - Experiential Learning, 2020-

University of Illinois  
University Libraries  
EEOC, 2013-2015  
Bylaws, 2014-2016  
Awards & Recognition, 2014-2016

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University of Illinois  
College of Law  
Assessment, 2017-2019

**PUBLICATIONS:**

*Mindfulness for Lawyers Cannot Begin Too Early*, IWIL ALERT (June 2023).  
<https://lawyerwellbeing.net/mindfulness-for-lawyers-cannot-begin-too-early/>

Mari Cheney and Heather J. E. Simmons, *A Body without a Soul: Why Print Still Matters in Legal Research*, 42 LEGAL REF. SERVS. Q. 2 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1080/0270319X.2023.2161289>. This article won the 2023 RIPS-SIS Paul Gatz publication award.

*Mindfulness for Cold Calling*, THE STUDENT LAWYER, American Bar Association, May 24, 2022.  
<https://abaforlawstudents.com/2022/05/24/mindfulness-cold-calling/>

2022 National Legal Research Teach-In: *Comment Letter Assignment*  
[https://www.aallnet.org/ripssis/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2022/05/2022\\_Comment-Letter-Assignment.pdf](https://www.aallnet.org/ripssis/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2022/05/2022_Comment-Letter-Assignment.pdf)

Matthew L. Timko and Heather J. E. Simmons, *The Tangled Web: Teaching the Meaning of Legal Citations in the Online Age*, in *The Role of Citation in the Law: A Yale Law School Symposium* 257-286 (AALL Publication Series No. 86) (Michael Chiorazzi ed. 2022). This book received the 2023 Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award from the American Association of Law Libraries.

*The Profession of Law Librarianship*, chapter in *Introduction to Law Librarianship*, 2021 (with Aamir Abdullah and Kaylan Ellis) <https://lawlibrarianship.pressbooks.com/>. This book received the 2022 Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award from the American Association of Law Libraries.

*Ending Book Hunger: Access to Print Across Barriers of Class and Culture*, 112 LAW LIBR. J. 461 (2020) (book review). <https://heinonline.org/HOL/P?h=hein.journals/lj112&i=461>

*For the Love of Dictionaries*, Library with a View (Blog), October 14, 2019  
<https://ugalawlibrary.wordpress.com/2019/10/14/for-the-love-of-dictionaries/>

*Shelf Life Accessibility Recs: What book or resource has helped you provide services to those with physical disabilities or mental health issues?* 23 AALL SPECTRUM 11 (January/February 2019).

*Michigan Legal Research, Third Edition*, 110 LAW LIBR. J. 275 (2018) (book review).  
[https://www.aallnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/LLJ\\_110n2\\_04\\_keelee\\_sexton.pdf](https://www.aallnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/LLJ_110n2_04_keelee_sexton.pdf)

*Unplug to Recharge: How Mindfulness is Integral to Self-Care*, in *Legal Ease: Self-Care for Law Library Staff* (AALL Digital White Paper, June 2018). <https://www.aallnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Legal-Ease-White-Paper-FINAL.pdf>

2022 National Legal Research Teach-In: *Scenes from a Hat*  
<https://www.aallnet.org/ripssis/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2018/06/S-Simmons-Review-Basic-Legal-Research-ALR.pdf>

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*Shelf Life Self-Improvement: What book would you recommend for self-improvement, finding balance or embracing new habits?* 21 AALL SPECTRUM 21 (July/August 2017).

[https://www.aallnet.org/spectrum\\_issue/july-august-2017/](https://www.aallnet.org/spectrum_issue/july-august-2017/)

*Micro Essay: Digital Natives*, 25 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING 39, (Fall 2016). [http://info.legalsolutions.thomsonreuters.com/pdf/perspec/2016-fall/Perspectives\\_Fall16\\_Vol1.pdf](http://info.legalsolutions.thomsonreuters.com/pdf/perspec/2016-fall/Perspectives_Fall16_Vol1.pdf)

Heather J. E. Simmons and Kyle K. Courtney, *Mindfulness: Finding Focus in a Distracted World*, 20 AALL SPECTRUM 35 (July/August 2016), [https://www.aallnet.org/spectrum\\_issue/july-august-2016/](https://www.aallnet.org/spectrum_issue/july-august-2016/)

*Cranky No More: The Life and Legacy of Charles Franklin Kettering*, 44 World Pat. Info. 1 (March 2016), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wpi.2015.10.005>.

Quimbee.com Course: *Legal Research and Writing* (with Michelle Hook Dewey and Sara Benson) Fall 2015. <https://www.quimbee.com/courses/legal-research-and-writing>.

*Practical Magic: How the Ancient Art of Storytelling Can Make Us Better Lawyers*, 92 MICH. B. J. 52 (August 2015), <http://www.michbar.org/file/barjournal/article/documents/pdf4article2678.pdf>.

*Categorizing the Useful Arts: Past, Present, and Future Development of Patent Classification in the United States*, 106 LAW LIBR. J. 563 (2014). <https://www.aallnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Vol-106-no-4-2014-31.pdf>. (5 citations HeinOnline)

Simmons, H.J.E. & Cernak, S.J., *Antitrust: A Conversation about What the Michigan Practitioner Must Know*, 93 MICH. B. J. 48 (December 2014),

<https://www.michbar.org/file/barjournal/article/documents/pdf4article2510.pdf>.

*Program Report: We are Family, I Got all my Mentors with me*, 24 MAALL MARKINGS 32 (December 2014).

*Boss Kettering: Innovation & the Golden Age of the Automobile*, University of Illinois Libraries, Library Research Showcase, Poster Session, November 12, 2014, Urbana-Champaign, IL, <http://hdl.handle.net/2142/55822>.

*Is LinkedIn Right for You?* 23 MAALL MARKINGS 5 (June 2014).

*Essay: Why Sharing is Better than Hoarding*, LINKEDIN PULSE, June 26 2014,

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/20140626140611-6243068-why-sharing-is-better-than-hoarding>

*Essay: How to Write an Angry Memo*, LINKEDIN PULSE, July 11, 2014,

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/20140711175151-6243068-how-to-write-an-angry-memo>

*Reprinted in:* PM Essence, 2 PMI BANGALORE INDIA CHAPTER 6 (September 2014).

Michelle H. Dewey & Heather J. E. Simmons, *Yin & Yang in Legal Research Instruction: Finding the Balance between Tradition and Technology*, 18 AALL SPECTRUM 38 (May 2014), [http://www.aallnet.org/spectrum\\_issue/may-2014/](http://www.aallnet.org/spectrum_issue/may-2014/). (1 citation HeinOnline)

*By the Law Inspired: Poetry & the Law in Michigan*, 92 MICH. B. J. 58 (August 2013),

<http://www.michbar.org/file/journal/pdf/pdf4article2241.pdf>. (2 citations HeinOnline)

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*How to Read Legal Citations*, in *Locating the Law: A Handbook for Non-Law Librarians in Michigan* 32-44, (Legal Reference Roundtable of Michigan March 2013, re-issued February 2017).

*The Moveable Feast: Serving Diverse Client Groups in an Urban Law Library*, 7 *LIBR. ADMIN. & MGMT.* 39 (Winter 1993),  
<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=lxh&AN=ISTA2800627>.

*Supreme Court on Disc*, (review) 7 *CD-ROM LIBR.* 64 (1992),  
<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=lxh&AN=ISTA2703881>.

Heather J. E. Braithwaite & Georgia A. Clark, *LEXIS Membership Group Sponsorship: Fee-Based Services in Academic Law Libraries*, 81 *LAW LIBR. J.* 253 (1989),  
<http://heinonline.org/HOL/P?h=hein.journals/lj81&i=271>. (3 citations HeinOnline)

**INTERVIEWS:**

Havilah Steinman Bakken, *A Day in the Life of Heather J. E. Simmons*, *LISP/SR Blog*, March 2, 2022  
<https://lispsr.wordpress.com/2022/03/02/a-day-in-the-life-of-heather-j-e-simmons/>

Steve Thorpe. *Asked & Answered: Heather Simmons on the Future of Law Libraries*, *DETROIT LEGAL NEWS*, March 6, 2014, <http://www.legalnews.com/detroit/1386761/>.

**SELECTED RESEARCH GUIDES:**

University of Illinois College of Law Library LibGuides:

*Federal Tax Research*

[\*How to Survive Law School without Losing Your Mind\*](#)

*Law 792-PPP Advanced Legal Research - Corporate*

*Seminar: International Intellectual Property Law 797-P*

[\*Summer Legal Research Tips\*](#)

General Motors Library:

*Indemnification clauses and third-party content*

*How to find a patent or published application*

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:**

Georgia Library Conference

Athens GA, October 4-6, 2023

*Selfcare in a Service Profession: Mindfulness for Librarians* (with Josette Kubicki)

Teaching the Teachers

Portland OR, May 12-13, 2022

*Modeling Everyday Technology: How to Integrate Practice-Ready Skills into Your Course* (with Michelle Hook Dewey)

Atlanta Law Libraries Association Institute

Atlanta, GA (virtual), May 11, 2021

*Self-Care: Taking Care of Others by Taking Care of You*

Virtual Symposium on Citation and the Law

Yale Law School, April 22-23, 2021

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Paper: *The Tangled Web: Teaching the Meaning of Legal Citations in the Online Age* (with Matthew L. Timko)

SEAALL Meeting

*Well-Being in the Law: A Slam Dunk for Law Librarians*, (with Alex Hutchings) May 18, 2024  
*Cultivating a Culture of Mindfulness in the Law Library and Beyond*, May 28, 2020.

<https://digitalcommons.law.uga.edu/speeches/198/>

Faculty Summer Institute – Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning  
Champaign, IL May 17, 2018

*The Visual Syllabus: Taking Your Course to the Next Level by Focusing on the Big Idea*  
(with Cheelan Bo Lin)

Southeast Region Legal Writing Conference  
Atlanta, GA April 21, 2018

*Beyond Citation Literacy: Understanding (and Teaching) Citation in the Hyperlinked Universe.*

American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting & Conference

*Knowledge Management Through Contemplative Practices*, July 18, 2022

*Paths to Success: Recruiting the Next Generation of Law Librarians*, July 22, 2020

*How Intelligent CI Instruction Gives Law Students a Competitive Edge*, July 24, 2020

*Hiding in Plain Sight: Tips and Tricks for Finding Elusive Patent Information*, July 17, 2017

*Cool Tools: PowerNotes*, July 18, 2017

*Who Owns This? Researching Patent Ownership*, July 19, 2016

Patent Information Users Group Annual Conference

Annual Meeting (virtual) 2020

Speaker: *Is it Prior Art? Establishing the Publicly Accessible Date*

Annual Meeting, Vancouver, WA May 21-26 2016

Speaker: *Ursula's Apple Orchard: Value-Added Patent Tools in the New Millennium*

Annual Meeting, Lombard, IL May 2-7, 2015

Invited Panelist: *Challenges in Patent Information from an Academic Point of View*

Speaker: *Strategies for Creating a Technology Landscape*, (with Diana Koppang)

Speaker: *Strategies for Using Patents in Competitive Intelligence*, (with Diana Koppang)

Mid-America Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting

2018 Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN

Speaker - *Cracking the Code: Teaching the Value of Legal Citation* (with Matthew Braun and Anne Robbins)

2017 Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI

Speaker - *Going Off Book – Better Together with LibGuides* (with Anne Robbins)

2016 Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK

Speaker: *Circling Back to What Matters Most: Improving Legal Research Course Content by Writing Meaningful Assessment Questions*

2014 Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

Speaker: *Ignite! Cool Tools - i>Clickers & the Flipped Classroom*

Presenter: *Leveraging LinkedIn: Beyond the Job Search*

2013 Annual Meeting, Omaha

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Speaker: *Where's the Beef? Developing Engaging Legal Research Exercises for Active Learning*,  
(with Michelle Hook Dewey)

General Motors Research & Development  
*GM Global Copyright Transfer Process*, 2011

GM Global Engineering Leadership Council Warren, MI  
*GM Patent Portfolio-An Environmental Evaluation*, 2009

Computers & Attorneys: A Profitable Mix: A Seminar series presented by Wayne State University Law Library in association with Business Products, Inc. Detroit, MI June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1991  
*Anatomy of the PC; WordPerfect; Telecommunications; Computer-Assisted Legal Research*

State Bar of Michigan  
Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Program (Live & Videotape)  
Southfield, MI September 26, 1990  
*Practice Management: Michigan Legal Research*

**MEMBERSHIPS:**

American Association of Law Libraries 1986-  
Chair, Law Librarianship as a Career Guidance Review Special Committee 2019-2021  
Indexing of Periodical Literature Committee 2019-2021  
SIS Council Chair 2018-2019  
Distinguished Lectureship Jury 2015-2016  
Executive Board 1997-2000  
Ethics Committee 1993-1994  
Standards Committee 1987-1988  
Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section  
Research & Scholarship Committee 2013-2015  
Subcommittee on Grants  
Subcommittee on Mentoring  
Legal Information Service to the Public Special Interest Section  
Chair 2017-2018  
Chair-Elect 2016-2017  
Chair 1993-1994  
Chair-Elect 1992-1993  
Nominating Committee 1989

Michigan Association of Law Libraries 1986-2013  
Chair, Pro Bono Law Librarian Committee 1991-1993  
Program Representative – Regional Meeting 1988-1989  
Secretary 1987-1989

Mindfulness in Law Society 2022-

Patent Information Users Group, Inc.  
The International Society for Patent Information Professionals  
Member Relations Committee 2013-  
Executive Board Member-at-Large 2016-2020

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Co-Chair, Program Committee, 2016 & 2017 PIUG Annual Conferences

Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries 2019-  
Chair, Scholarship Committee 2022-2024

State Bar of Michigan

Emeritus 2022-

Active Member 1985-2022

Standing Committee on Libraries, Legal Research & Legal Publications

Member: 1989-1991; 2010-2012; 2013-2015; 2016-2017