

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### MICHAEL SAAR

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#### EDUCATION

**M.A. in Library Science and Information Resources** 2008

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

ALA accredited

4.0 Cumulative GPA

**M.A. in Theatre Historiography** 2006

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Thesis: "The Aesthetics of Deflection: Gertrude Stein, Andy Warhol and the Intersection of Subjectivity and Temporality on the Surface"

3.78 Cumulative GPA

**B.A. in Theatre Arts** 2000

Arizona State University

Areas of Concentration: Directing, Management

Minor: Business

Graduated *Magna cum Laude*, 3.81 GPA

#### RANK AND TENURE

Associate Professor 2016-Present

Assistant Professor 2010-2015

Received Tenure Fall 2016

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lamar University, Beaumont, TX

**Interim Coordinator of Instruction and Assessment** 2017-Present

**Instruction Design Librarian** 2016-Present

**Reference & Instruction Librarian** 2010-2016

#### ***Selected Accomplishments***

- Serves culturally and economically diverse student population
- Provides information literacy instruction to students throughout campus in a variety of disciplines
- Provides virtual reference assistance via instant messenger, SMS text messaging and email

- Designs, creates and publishes library research guides (libguides) in support of several academic areas
- Writes, records, edits and publishes various instructional videos to assist students in the research process
- As Library Liaison for users with disabilities, assists patrons with disabilities in accessing library materials
- Oversees collection development for Nursing and English and Modern Languages academic departments
- Oversees the library's efforts to provide Universal Access to all patrons as the chair of the Library Accessibility committee
- Oversaw the drafting and implementation of the library's Strategic Plans 2012-2015 while serving as chair of the Mary & John Gray Library strategic planning committee

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Lamar University, Beaumont, TX*

**Instructor – LIBR1101 - Introduction to Library Research** 2010-Current

This introductory course acquaints students with the process of acquiring, evaluating and assimilating information from available resources. The course frames information literacy skills as tools for life-long learning. Developed syllabus and overall course structure and administered all grades for both live and online (Blackboard) versions of course.

**Guest Instructor - Various** 2010-Current

Conduct library instruction sessions for a variety of courses; tailor sessions to address specific assignment requirements, including examples related to assigned topics—prepare for non-literary subjects (e.g. Dental Hygiene) by perusing syllabi and testing topic searches in relevant databases. Majority of sessions (to date) were for freshman English and Developmental courses, but have also done sessions for variety of courses undergraduate and graduate-level courses.

**Instructor – HNRS 3161 – Information Evaluation** 2015-2016

This honors introductory course teaches students to become savvy searchers and evaluators of published and online information. Student learn to critically distinguish among facts, opinions, entertainment, advertisements and propaganda. Developed syllabus and overall course structure and administered all grades for course.

**Faculty Mentor – Freshman Interest Group (FIG)** 2015-2016

Lead discussions and activities for a small group of freshman music majors at Lamar University which will acclimate them to university life and culture. Assist members of the interest groups with any questions or problems they have pertaining to academic and social life at Lamar University. Increase students' awareness of activities and organizations available to them at Lamar University.

*University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN*

**Graduate Instructor – Introduction to Theatre** 2003-2006

This writing intensive course introduced students to various understandings of performance throughout the world. The course culminated in a research paper and group performance project. Developed syllabus and administered grades for lab sessions

RELATED EXPERIENCE

*Lamar Journal of the Humanities*

**Reviewer** 2015 –

Drama and Theatre Article Submissions

Arizona State University Fletcher Library, Glendale, AZ

**Reference Volunteer** 2007 – 2009

Provided as need reference assistance to university students, faculty and staff including instructing patrons in finding materials within the library and through the library's various research databases

Bell Tower, Second Life

**Theatre Librarian** 2007 – 2008

Evaluated and selected collection of digital theatre resources; designed and created virtual space; served as liaison between library and second life community

*Karawane Performance Journal*, Minneapolis, MN

**Assistant Editor** 2005-2006

Selected and evaluated content for publication

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

**Peer-Reviewed Publications**

- Services to Users with Disabilities: A Case Study *Reimagining Reference*. Ed John Dove & Dave Tyckoson. Purdue University Press 2014, 303-315.

- “Reference services for the deaf and hard of hearing.” Co-authored with Helena Arthur-Okor.  
*Reference Services Review*, 41(3) 434-452.

### Other Publications

- “Book Review: Experiencing Stanislavsky Today [Book Review].” *BROADSIDE*, a newsletter of *Theatre Library Association* 2017, <http://www.tla-online.org/book-review-experiencing-stanislavsky-today/>.
- “Authority is Constructed and Contextual: A Critical View.” *Library Instruction Round Table News*, 39 (1), 13.
- “Practical Instructional Design: Diverse Perspectives in Academic Librarianship.” *Library Instruction Round Table News* 39 (1), 14.
- “Using the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy: Examples and Ideas.” *Library Instruction Round Table News* 38 (3), 9.
- “Aligning Learning Spaces with Pedagogy: The Instruction Librarian’s Role in Classroom Re/Design.” *Library Instruction Round Table News*, 38(1), 2015, 14.
- “Update on ACRL Information Literacy Initiative.” *Library Instruction Round Table News*, 38(1), 2015, 14.
- “A Librarian Prepares: Strengthening Job Performance through Theatre Practice.” *Skills to Make a Librarian: Transferable Skills Inside and Outside the Library*. Ed. Dawn Lowe-Wincentsen. Chandos Publishing 2015, 81-90.
- “Book Review: Reading Joss Whedon [Book Review].” *BROADSIDE*, a newsletter of *Theatre Library Association* 2015, <http://www.tla-online.org/book-review-reading-joss-whedon/>
- “The Group Theatre: Passion, Politics, Performance in the Depression Era [Book Review].” *BROADSIDE*, a newsletter of *Theatre Library Association* 2014, <http://www.tla-online.org/book-review-the-group-theatre/>.
- “From Stumbling Blocks to Building Blocks: Using Threshold Concepts to Teach Information Literacy.” *Library Instruction Round Table News*, 37(1), 2014, 22.
- “Sticking with STEM: How the Academic Library Can Help Retain Successful Students.” *Library Instruction Round Table News*, 37(1) 2014, 22.
- “Blood on the Stage 1975-2000: Milestone Plays of Crime, Mystery, and Detection [Book Review].” *BROADSIDE*, a newsletter of *Theatre Library Association*. 40 (3) 2013, 15.
- “World Scenography 1975-1990 [Book Review].” *BROADSIDE*, a newsletter of *Theatre Library Association*. *BROADSIDE*, a newsletter of *Theatre Library Association*. 40 (2) 2013, 16.
- “The Guide on the Side: A Transformation in Database Instruction.” *Library Instruction Round Table News*, 36(1) 2013, 19.
- “What You Need to Know Before Gamifying Your Library.” *Library Instruction Round Table News*, 36(1) 2013, 19.
- “Doolee [Database Review]” *Reference Reviews*. 27(6), 2013, 39-40.

- “Revitalizing the Research Process: Bringing Research into the 21st Century”. *Library Instruction Round Table News*, 35(1) 2012, 10.
- “Research on Library Use and Users”. *Library Instruction Round Table News*, 35(1) 2012, 10.
- “Sarah Ruhl: A Critical Study of Her Plays [Book Review].” *BROADSIDE, a newsletter of Theatre Library Association*. 39 (1) 2012, 19.
- “It’s All About Them: Developing Information Services with User Experience Design.” *Library Instruction Round Table News*, 34(1) 2011, 16-17.
- “Reference Research Forum”. *Library Instruction Round Table News*, 33 (1) 2011, 17.
- “Shakespeare and the American Musical [Book Review].” *BROADSIDE, a newsletter of Theatre Library Association*. 38 (3) 2011, 21.
- “Text and Presenting, 2008 [Book Review].” *BROADSIDE, a newsletter of Theatre Library Association*. 37 (2) 2010, 17.
- “Old West in the Old World [Book Review].” *True West Magazine*. 53 (9), 2006, 77.

#### **Poster Sessions - National**

- “Students’ Five Minutes of (Research Skill) Fame.” American Library Association Annual Conference. Orlando, FL, 26 June 2016.

#### **Poster Sessions - Regional**

- “Reference Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.” TLA *1001 Ways to L.E.A.D. Out Loud*. 2014 Texas Library Association Conference, San Antonio, April, 8, 2014.

#### **Presentations – International**

- “Collaborate to Educate: Designing Cross-Discipline Information Literacy Instruction for First-Year Students.” Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy. Savannah, GA., September 25, 2015.

#### **Presentations – National**

- “Understanding Deaf and Hard of Hearing Student Research Needs in Higher Education.” *Research on Library Use and Users, Library Research Roundtable*, American Library Association Annual Conference. Anaheim, CA. 24 June 2012.
- “How I Landed My First Position.” *New Members Round Table*. American Library Association Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA. 27 June 2011.

#### **Presentations – State**

- “Access for All: Working towards Universal Access in Academic Libraries.” Texas State Library and Archives Commission Meeting. Beaumont, TX, October 15, 2015.

- “Understanding Deaf and Hard of Hearing Users.” *Texas Library Association Library Instruction Roundtable Summit*. Beaumont, TX. 30 Sep. 2011.

### **Presentations – Local**

- “Research Skills in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology.” Southeast Texas Speech and Hearing Association. Beaumont, Texas, September, 4, 2014.

### **Presentations – University**

- “Transforming Library Research.” LU Blastoff, Lamar University. August 19, 2014.
- “Taking the Guesswork out of Citations.” Academic Enhancement Workshop, Lamar University. March 4, 2014.
- “Creating Effective Library Assignments.” LU Blastoff, Lamar University. August 20, 2013.
- “High School to College Transition.” *Faculty Learning Communities Showcase*. Lamar University. Beaumont, TX. 14 May 2012.

### **Selected Talks - Local**

- “*She Kills Monsters*, Post-Show Discussion.” Panelist. Beaumont Community Players. *Betty Greenberg Center for Performing Arts*. Beaumont, TX. 22 Oct. 2016.
- “*Butcher Holler, Here We Come*, Post-Show Discussion.” Moderator. Ad Hoc Beaumont Theatre Company. *Betty Greenberg Center for Performing Arts*. Beaumont, TX. 5 and 12 June 2014.
- “*A Streetcar Named Desire*, Post-Show Discussion.” Panelist. Beaumont Community Players. *Betty Greenberg Center for Performing Arts*. Beaumont, TX. 10 Apr. 2014.
- “*Dead Man’s Cell Phone*, Post-Show Discussion.” Panelist. Beaumont Community Players. *Betty Greenberg Center for Performing Arts*. Beaumont, TX. 1 Nov. 2012.
- “*The Orchid Thief*.” Panelist. *Stark Museum of Art*. Orange, TX. 4, OCT. 2011
- “*art,*’ Post-Show Discussion.” Panelist. Beaumont Community Players. *Betty Greenberg Center for Performing Arts*. Beaumont, TX. 26 Feb. 2011.
- “*The Medici Giraffe*.” Panelist. *Stark Museum of Art*. Orange, TX. 6 Nov. 2010.
- “The Tulip Allure in Art and Horticulture.” Panelist. *Stark Museum of Art*. Orange, TX. 18 May 2010.

### **AWARDS**

Presidential Faculty Fellow in Teaching Innovation – “Research Savvy Cardinals: Student-Created Academic Research Tutorials.”	2014
Graduate School Fellowship, University of Minnesota	2002

## SERVICE

**University Committees**

Director of Library Services Search Committee	2017 – Current
Student Retention and Advising Council	2017 – Current
Faculty Senate	2015 – Current
Academic Issues Committee	2015 – Current
Accessibility Issues Committee	2014 - Current
University Honors Council	2013 - Current
Academic IT Committee	2011 – 2013
Faculty Learning Committee	2011 – 2012
Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee	2010 - 2011

**Departmental Committees**

Library Instruction Committee, <b>Chair</b>	2017 – Current
Library SACs Accreditation Committee	2017 – Current
Strategic Planning Committee	2016 - Current
Library Accessibility Committee, <b>Chair</b>	2014 – Current
Library Marketing Committee	2014 – Current
Institutional Effectiveness Committee	2011 – Current
Library Faculty Committee	2009 – Current
Library Management Committee	2009 – Current
Library Program Review Committee	2015 – 2016
Library Week of Welcome Committee	2015 - 2016
Strategic Planning Committee, <b>Chair</b>	2013 – 2015
Ad Hoc Social Media Committee, <b>Chair</b>	2010 – 2014
Library Instruction Committee	2009 – 2014
Ad Hoc LIRT Summit Presentation Committee	2011 - 2012
Ad Hoc Libqual Committee	2011 - 2012
Ad Hoc Library Website Committee	2010 – 2011

**Professional Committees**

American Library Association - Library Instruction Roundtable – Awards Committee, <b>Chair</b>	2015 – 2017
American Library Association - Library Instruction Roundtable – Awards Committee, <b>Chair Elect</b>	2014 – 2015
Texas Library Association – Library Instruction Roundtable – Zimmerman Stipend, <b>Chair</b>	2012 - 2014
American Library Association	2010 – Current
American Library Association – Library Instruction Roundtable, Liaison	2010 – Current
American Library Association – New Members Roundtable, Liaison	2010 – 2015

Texas Library Association	2010 – Current
Theatre Library Association	2008 – Current

***Community Service***

Beaumont Community Players – Summer Reads Program, <b><i>Program Coordinator</i></b>	2015 – Current
Beaumont Community Players – Strategic Planning Committee, <b><i>Chair</i></b>	2014 – 2015
Beaumont Community Players – Marketing Committee	2014 – Current
Beaumont Community Players - Season Selection Committee	2011 – Current
Beaumont Community Players - Executive Board	2010 – Current
Studio 33 Theatre Troupe - Executive Board	2012 – 2014