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- M.Ag. Natural Resource Conservation
Sul Ross State University, 2020
- M.S. Library and Information Science (ALA accredited)
University of North Texas, 2013
- B.A. English
University of Texas at Austin, 2010

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor, Natural Resource Management, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, 2022 – Present

Director of Library and Archives, Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library and Archives of the Big Bend, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, August 2020 – Present

Director of Access, Instruction, and Outreach, Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, March 2020 – August 2020

Education and Outreach Librarian, Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, September 2016 – March 2020

Adjunct Instructor, First Year Experience, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, 2017– 2018

Adjunct Reference Librarian, Austin Community College, Austin, Texas, 2014 – 2016

Programming Librarian I; Volunteer Services Coordinator; Grant Administrative Coordinator, Austin Public Library System, Austin, Texas, 2012 – 2014

COURSES TAUGHT

- NRM 5322, Sustainability
- NRM 5342, Conservation Biology
- NRM 5320, Environmental Law and Policy
- SRSU 1101, First Year Experience

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

- AASLH, Basics of Archives Course, January 2022
- Graduate, ACRL Information Literacy Immersion Program, 2017
- Certified Zero Waste Community Leader, City of Austin Sustainability Office, 2014

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Current Member, American Library Association
 - Treasurer, Sustainability Round Table, 2014 – 2016
- Current Member, Texas Library Association
 - Committee to create Sustainability Discussion Group, 2021 – present
 - Local Arrangements Committee, 2015
 - Co-coordinator, Cycling4Libraries bike ride, 2015
- Former Member, Association of College and Research Libraries

HONORS, AWARDS, AND LISTINGS

- Innovation Grant, Sul Ross State University Office of Institutional Effectiveness, 2019
- Project of the Year, Austin Public Library, 2015

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Brzozowski, B.S., Evans, B., Gilman, N., Zimmerman, M.L., Kress, J.E. (2023, January). Talking Climate: Resilient Communities Grantees Share their Stories. Presentation at LibLearnX 2023, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Abel, K., Furches, J., Evans, B., Murphy, A., Smith Aldrich, R., Spiro, L. (2021, April). Creating Resilient Communities: Libraries Respond to Climate Change. Presentation at Texas Library Association Annual Conference [online].

Gutierrez, B. & Evans, B. (2019, October). Advancing Sustainability in Conservative Climates: Top-Down and Bottom-Up Approaches. Presentation at the annual conference of the Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, Spokane, WA.

Evans, B. (2019, October). Using Sustainability Principles to Impact Library Education: Information Literacy, Resources and Services. Poster session presented at the annual conference of the Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, Spokane, WA.

Evans, B. Duggan, L. Kalinowski, C., and Adams, S. (2019). The SRSU sustainability survey: A framework for planning sustainable development on campus. 2nd Annual SRSU Undergraduate and Graduate Symposium, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas.

Evans, B. (2019). Improving graphics workflow for efficient, consistent service: SRSU case study. Big Talk from Small Libraries Conference, Nebraska [online].

Evans, B. (2017). Conference report; AASHE Annual Conference, 2017. SustainRT Blog.

Evans, B. (2014). Weeding in libraries survey report: Sprouting green weeding practices in libraries web-based training.

Evans, B. (2014). Poster presentation: Sprouting green weeding practices in libraries. Texas Library Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas.

(2014). Sprouting green weeding practices in libraries: Web-based training. Austin Public Library, IMLS Sparks! Ignition Grant for Libraries Project. Retrieved from <http://library.austintexas.gov/recycled-reads/green-weeding>

UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Member, Keep Alpine Beautiful Committee, January 2017 – May 2018
- Member (founding), Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Sul Ross State University, January 2017 – February 2017
- Annual Resume Contest Judge, Resumaniacs Contest, Office of Career and Testing Services, Sul Ross State University, April 2017 – April 2019
- Coordinator (founding), Nerd Nite Big Bend, September 2017 – December 2019
- Member, Online Distance Education Committee, Sul Ross State University, October 2017 – October 2018
- Member, Native Plant Society of Texas, Big Bend Chapter, October 2017 – December 2022
- Member, Sustainability Subcommittee to the University Strategic Plan, Sul Ross State University, 2018
- Member/Secretary, Big Bend Region Recyclers, January 2018 – January 2019
- Member/Secretary, Sustainability Council, Sul Ross State University, September 2018 – September 2020
- Chair, Sustainability Council, Sul Ross State University, September 2020 – September 2023
- Member/Secretary-Treasurer, Faculty Assembly, Sul Ross State University, September 2018 – April 2022
- Member, Strategic Planning Committee, Sul Ross State University, August 2021 – May 2023
- Volunteer, Meals on Wheels, Sunshine House, October 2021 – October 2022
- Member, Student Publications Team, Sul Ross State University, December 2021 – September 2022
- Vice President, Board of Directors, Alpine Public Library, December 2021 – December 2022
- Member, Access and Excellence Committee, Sul Ross State University, May 2019 – Present
- Member, Board of Directors, Alpine Public Library, December 2019 – Present
- Secretary, Board of Directors, Alpine Public Library, January 2023 – Present