

# ERIKA WEIR

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## Education

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University of Illinois | *M.S. in Library & Information Science*

- January 2018 – May 2019

University of Illinois | *B.S. with Distinction in Earth, Society, and Environmental Sustainability & B.A. with Highest Distinction in Sociology*

- August 2012 – December 2015

## Academic Experience

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Michigan State University | *Physical Sciences Librarian*

2019 - present

- Manage and select items for the Library's Chemistry, Physics, and Astronomy collections
- Provide instruction on the use of library resources for Physics and Chemistry courses
- Teach and provide technical support for EndNote, SciFinder, and LaTeX
- Create original instructional materials including guides and videos on the use of STEM library resources

Slavic Reference Service | *Outreach and Engagement Graduate Assistant*

2018 - 2019

- Led outreach and engagement efforts on behalf of the SRS including webinars
- Provided reference services for faculty, scholars, and students seeking information in our subject area
- Provided library instruction for undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and visiting scholars
- Collected and presented data related to SRS's reference and outreach activities

University of Illinois Press | *Strategic Taxonomy Practicum*

January 2019 – May 2019

- Identified incorrectly assigned subject terms for the UI Press's corpus of articles in JSTOR
- Collaborated with JSTOR to refine AI rulesets in order to improve subject term classifications
- Collected and presented data demonstrating the value of scholarly review of AI-assigned subject terms

International and Area Studies Library | *Graduate Hourly*

2018 - 2019

- Updated and maintained [The Russian Empire and Soviet Union: A Guide to Manuscripts and Archival Materials in the United States](#)
- Verified and corrected archival holding information
- Collaborated directly with donors and archives

University of Illinois Sociology Department | *Undergraduate Research Assistant*

2014 - 2015

- Transcribed, coded, and analyzed interview data from the Englewood Black Mother's Research Project

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- Processed data with Atlas.ti and IBM SPSS software
- Collaborated with a team to create relevant public policy solutions to community problems raised in interviews and surveys from the sample

University of Illinois College of Business | *Undergraduate Research Assistant*  
2015

- Transcribed and analyzed data for a marketing research project on the topic of belonging

## Professional Experience

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Museum of the Grand Prairie | *Doris K. Wylie Hoskins Archive for Cultural Diversity Intern*

Summer 2018

- Cataloged and digitized archival items related to the history of the African American community in Champaign County, Illinois
- Assisted in the creation of an updated finding aid

Personal PAC | *Event Assistant*

2017

- Organized and maintained the organization's donor database
- Assisted with the planning and execution of the organization's yearly luncheon

Guaranteed Rate | *Wellness Coordinator*

2016 - 2017

- Developed and executed health and wellness initiatives for Guaranteed Rate employees
- Composed materials for the employee recognition program and various other internal communications projects
- Created an employee resource guide for the company's intranet
- Coordinated volunteer and community outreach initiatives on behalf of the company

## Awards & Honors

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- 2018 DLF Forum Fellow
- 2015 Fred S. Bailey Undergraduate Scholar
- Alpha Kappa Delta National Honor Society in Sociology

## Professional Associations & Service

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- Special Library Association (SLA)
  - New Initiatives Review Advisory Council Member
- Michigan Academic Library Association
  - STEM Interest Group Secretary
- MSU Libraries
  - Faculty Affairs Committee
  - Staff Association Treasurer
  - Library Environmental Committee

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## Skills

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- Experience with Python & SQL
- Proficiency with IBM SPSS