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EDUCATION

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Ph.D. in Library and Information Science, October 2013

Dissertation: *The Public Library in an Immigrant Neighborhood: Italian Immigrants' Information Ecologies in Newark, New Jersey, 1889-1919*

Advisor: Dr. Marija Dalbello

M.L.I.S., School of Communication and Information, Rutgers University

B.A., Rutgers College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

William Paterson University, Department of Educational Leadership and Professional Studies.

Assistant Professor, 2013-Present

Instructor 2012-2013

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Part-time Lecturer 2007-2012

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2014 Assigned Release Time, William Paterson University. Awarded 12 credits over 4 semesters.

2010 Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Beta Phi Mu: International Library & Information Studies Honor Society, \$3000.

2009-2010 Immigration History Research Center Grant-in Aid Award, \$250.

2006 ASIS&T Best Chapter Publication of the Year Award for *NJ-ASIS&T, 1975-2005: A Historical Note* (co-author Marija Dalbello).

PUBLICATIONS

Knowlton, S., **Pozzi, E.**, Sly, J., & Spunaugle, E. (Eds.) (2023). *Libraries without Borders: New Directions in Library History*. ALA Editions.

Mohamad, G. & **Pozzi E.** (2023). Students' informational needs: Applying the principles of Universal Design to address inequity in high-needs schools during virtual learning. In H. An & D. Fuentes (Eds.), *Digital Learning in High-Needs Schools: A Critical Approach to Technology Access and Equity in PreK-12*. Routledge.

Pozzi, E., Mohamad, G., Gander, L. (2021). Why Can't We Just Use the Classics?: Bringing Diverse Books to Teachers and Librarians. In *Teaching Diverse Youth Literature to Pre-Service Professionals*, ed. Danielle Hartsfield. IGI Global.

- Pozzi, E. (2021). Historical Research (sidebar). In *Research Methods in Library and Information Science*, 7th Ed., eds. Lynn Connaway and Marie Radford, Libraries Unlimited.
- An, H. and **Pozzi, E.** (2018). Developing a Makerspace as a Vehicle for Partnership Building: The Role of Teacher Education Programs in Guiding Teachers, Librarians, and Communities. *The STEAM Journal* 3(2). doi: 10.5642/steam.20180302.12
- Hinkle, M., Fuentes, D., **Pozzi, E.** & Urgolo-Hukvale, M. (2018). Making the Road by Walking: Building Our Own Community of Practice. In *Dignity of the Calling: Educators Share the Beginnings of Their Journeys*, ed. Andrew T. Kemp. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing, Inc. j
- Pozzi, E. (2016). Historical Research (sidebar). In *Research Methods in Library and Information Science*, 6th Ed., eds. Lynn Connaway and Marie Radford, Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited.
- Martens, M. & **Pozzi, E.** (2015). SHARP Antwerp 2014: SHARP Reception at the Plantin-Moretus Museum (review). *SHARP News*, Vol.24 (1): 6.
- Pozzi, E. (2013). "Going to 'America': Italian Neighborhoods and the Newark Free Public Library, 1900-1920." In *Libraries and the Reading Public in Twentieth-Century America*, eds. Christine Pawley and Louise Robbins, Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press.
- Pozzi, E. (2008). "Illustrated Fiction: The Conundrum of Shelving." *Children and Libraries: The Journal of the Association for Library Service to Children* 6, no. 3: 23.
- Dalbello, M. & **Pozzi, E.** (2005). "Information Science Practice in a Historical Perspective: Preliminary Findings of an Oral History Project." In *Proceedings of the 69th ASIST Annual Meeting*, Vol. 42 (2005): pp.1339-1342. CD-ROM.
- Dalbello, M. & **Pozzi, E.** (2006). *The New Jersey Chapter of the American Society for Information Science and Technology, 1975-2005: A Historical Note* (co-author Marija Dalbello). New Brunswick, NJ: NJ-ASIS&T.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS

Bookji Research Study: Examining Middle School Reading Motivation, Engagement, Peer Influence, and Emoji Use

Grimes, N. & **Pozzi, E.** *Bookji Research Study: Examining Middle School Reading Motivation, Engagement, Peer Influence and Emoji Use*. Presentation at the 2023 American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Conference, Tampa Bay, Florida, October 21, 2023.

Diversity and Technology in Award-Winning Children's Nonfiction. Paper presented at the Society for the History of Reading, Authorship and Publishing (SHARP) annual conference, Victoria, Canada, June 9-12, 2017.

Foreign Language Books in American Public Libraries at the Turn of the 20th Century. Paper presented at the Society for the History of Reading, Authorship and Publishing (SHARP) annual conference, Paris, France, July 18-21, 2016.

Spreading the Word of Americanization: The Library Faith and Immigrants, 1876-1920. Paper presented at the Society for the History of Reading, Authorship and Publishing (SHARP) annual conference, Antwerp, Belgium, September 17-21, 2014.

Multicultural Nonfiction: Cultural Competence and the Common Core. Youth Service SIG Lightning Talks, ALISE Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA. January 21-24, 2014.

“Protesting Negative Stereotypes in Children’s Literature: From the ‘All White World’ of 1965 to the Present.” Paper presented at the Center for the History of Print and Digital Culture bi-annual conference, Madison, WI, September 28-30, 2012.

Foreign Language Books In American Public Libraries: Service to Immigrant Populations. Paper presented at the Society for the History of Reading, Authorship and Publishing (SHARP) annual conference, Dublin, Ireland, June 26-29, 2012.

The History of the Business Branch of the Newark Free Public Library. Paper presented at the American Library Association (ALA) annual conference, Library History Round Table panel, New Orleans, LA, June 23-28, 2011.

The Place of the Public Library in Immigrant Information Neighborhoods, 1880-1920. Paper presented at the Library History Seminar XII: Libraries in the History of Print Culture, Madison, WI, September 10-12, 2010.

Gramsci, Italian Immigrants & Subaltern Studies. Paper presented at the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading & Publishing (SHARP) annual conference, Helsinki, Finland, August 17-20, 2010.

Reading Fiction in An American Public Library: 1889-1919. Paper presented at the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading & Publishing (SHARP) annual conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, June 23-27, 2009.

An Early Model of Youth Services Cooperation Between Public Libraries and Schools. Paper presented at the American Library Association (ALA) annual conference, Library History Round Table panel, Chicago, IL, July 9-15, 2009.

REFEREED POSTERS

The Public Library in an Information Neighborhood: A Case Study of Italian Immigrants in Newark (NJ). Jean Tague Sutcliffe Poster Competition at the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) annual conference, San Diego, CA, January 4-7, 2011.

Subaltern Studies; Metatheory and Method for Capturing Experiences of Immigrant Library Users. Work-in-Progress Poster Session at the Association for Library and Information Science (ALISE) annual conference, Boston, MA, January 12-15, 2010.

Information Science Practice in a Historical Perspective: Preliminary Findings of an Oral History Project (co-author Marija Dalbello) at the 2005 ASIST annual meeting, Charlotte, NC, November 1, 2005.

PRESENTATIONS

Use of Technology and Student Engagement in the Classroom (with Michelle Hinkle). William Paterson University Research and Scholarship Day: Creating and Sharing of New Knowledge and Culture, April 2, 2015.

Historical Research: Newark Public Library and Service for Italian Immigrants. Rutgers School of Communication and Information MLIS Program Associates Meeting, November 19, 2009.

The Immigrant Reading Experience and the American Public Library. Princeton-Trenton Special Library Association Meeting, April 14, 2009.

PANELS

Book Challenges, Censorship and Your Library (with Tricina Strong-Beebe, Mary Moyer, and Tara Weiss). NJASL Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ, December 5-7, 2021.

Methods, Practice, Theory: Researching Human Information in the Context of Migration (with Nadia Caidi, Lisa Quirke, and Jessica Lingel). Iconference 2013, Fort Worth Texas, February 13, 2013.

APPLIED SCHOLARSHIP

ALSC's Notable (Outstanding, Distinguished, Just Plain Great!) Children's Books. (with Elizabeth Burns). NJLA Annual Conference. Atlantic City, NJ. May 29-31, 2024.

ALSC's Notable (Outstanding, Distinguished, Just Plain Great!) Children's Books. (with Elizabeth Burns). NJASL Annual Conference. Atlantic City, NJ. December 3-5, 2023.

Using Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in High Needs Schools. (with Gigi Mohamad). NJASL Annual Conference. Atlantic City, NJ. December 4-6, 2022.

Celebrating Diversity Through the Power of Story! (with Karen Grant). NJASL Annual Conference. Atlantic City, NJ. December 4-6, 2022.

ALSC's Notable (Outstanding, Distinguished, Just Plain Great!) Children's Books. (with Elizabeth Burns). NJASL Annual Conference. Atlantic City, NJ. December 4-6, 2022.

Celebrating Diversity Through the Power of a Story! (with Karen Grant). NJEA Convention. Atlantic City, NJ. November 10-11, 2022.

Selection and Challenge Policies: What You Need to Know. West New York School District, September 8, 2022.

Books That Celebrate Diversity. Hard Truths: Leading the Way to Reading Freedom, TCNJ, June 4, 2022.

"Just Google It: Digital Natives and Digital Literacy. Keynote, NJSL Digital Literacy Forum, Online, May 12, 2022.

Book Tasting: Sampling Books that Celebrate Diversity (with Gigi Mohamad). COE Workshops, William Paterson, February 16, 2022.

How to Celebrate Cultural Heritage Months All Year Long (with Karen Grant). NJASL Annual Conference. Atlantic City, NJ. December 5-7, 2021.

A Taste of Online Tools: An Introduction to Selected Apps for the Classroom. The 11th Annual WP Educational Technology Conference, William Paterson University, November 13, 2020.

Examining Gender and Culture in Traditional Folk and Fairy Tales (with Yvonne Roux). NJASL Annual Conference, Long Branch, NJ, December 3-4, 2018.

ALSC's Notable (Outstanding! Important! Distinguished! Just Plain Great!) Children's Books (with Liz Burns). NJASL Annual Conference: Librarians. Long Branch, NJ, November 16-17, 2017.

Disability in YA Literature. The Institute for Teaching, Learning and Leadership 11th Annual Adolescent Summer Literacy Institute: Adolescent Engagement with Culturally Responsive Literature. William Paterson University. July 10-12, 2017.

ALSC's Notable (Outstanding! Important! Distinguished! Just Plain Great!) Children's Books (with Liz Burns). NJLA Annual Conference. Atlantic City NJ, April 24-26, 2017.

Choosing Diversity: Evaluating & Selecting Titles for Your Library's Collection (with Sharon Rawlins & Liz Burns). NJLA Annual Conference. Atlantic City NJ, April 24-26, 2017.

ALSC's Notable (Outstanding! Important! Distinguished! Just Plain Great!) Children's Books (with Liz Burns). NJASL Annual Conference: Librarians. Long Branch, NJ November 17-18, 2016.

LGBTQ Inclusive Curriculum (with Yvonne Roux). The Institute for Teaching, Learning and Leadership 10th Annual Adolescent Summer Literacy Institute: Teaching Adolescents to Read Complex Text: Building Skills and Motivation. William Paterson University. July 11-13, 2016.

Creative Practices for Teaching with Blackboard (with Robert Harris and Chris Weaver). Sponsored by CTLT and CTE, William Paterson University, April 14, 2016.

ALSC's Notable (Outstanding! Important! Distinguished! Just Plain Great!) Children's Books (with Liz Burns). NJLA Annual Conference: All Together Now. Atlantic City NJ, May 16 – 18, 2016.

Bringing Teens into the Library. PALS Plus Workshop: Teens, Treats and Tape. Borough of Totowa Public Library, Totowa, NJ, May 2, 2016.

ALSC's Notable (Outstanding! Important! Distinguished! Just Plain Great!) Children's Books (with Liz Burns). NJASL Annual Conference: Librarians: Lifeguards of the Information Ocean. Long Branch, NJ November 15-17, 2015.

Research in the Library: Results of Recent M.Ed. Projects (Moderator of panel including Mary Stratton, Christina Moawad, and Angela DeLuccia). NJASL Annual Conference: Librarians: Lifeguards of the Information Ocean. Long Branch, NJ November 15-17, 2015.

Going Beyond Common Core Exemplars: Diverse Fiction (with Yvonne Roux). The Institute for Teaching, Learning and Leadership 9th Annual Adolescent Summer Literacy Institute: Long Live Fiction: Engage Adolescents through the Use of High Quality Young Adult Literature. William Paterson University. July 6-8, 2015.

Let's Talk Books: The Native American Experience (with Yvonne Roux). William Paterson University's 7th Annual Diversity Conference: Authentic Voices: The Native American Experience. Wayne, NJ. March 27th, 2015.

Multicultural Nonfiction and the Common Core. NJEA Convention. Atlantic City, NJ, November 7, 2014.

The Power of Nonfiction Graphic Novels in the Classroom (with Yvonne Roux). NJASL Annual Fall Conference: Taking Charge of Your Destiny, Long Branch, NJ, October 26-27, 2014.

'Un'Common Core: Finding Fabulous Nonfiction (with Carol Simon Levin). The 24th Annual Youth Services Forum: A Day of Hot Topics and Issues in Library Services to Children and Young Adults. Monroe Public Library, October 1, 2014.

Reading and Writing with Nonfiction Graphic Novels (with Yvonne Roux). The Institute for Teaching Learning and Leadership 8th Annual Adolescent Summer Literacy Institute: Exploring Informational Texts: Reading and Writing for Real Purposes. William Paterson University, July 7-9, 2014.

How to Speak Common Core (with Arlen Kimmelman). New Jersey Library Association Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ. June 4, 2014.

International Children's Books (with Yvonne Roux). William Paterson University's 6th Annual Diversity Conference: Global Perspectives on Social Justice Education. Wayne, NJ. March 28th, 2014.

The Many Faces of Fiction. Keynote Address. 2013 Ocean County Library Reader's Services Committee Book Discussion Leader's Tea. Ocean County Library, New Jersey. October 26, 2013.

LibGuides and Live Binders—Virtual Information Organizers (with Yvonne Roux and Jennifer Keneally). NJASL Fall Conference, Rider University October 5, 2013.

Windows and Mirrors: Multicultural Informational Texts and the Common Core. The Institute for Teaching, Learning and Leadership 7th Annual Adolescent Summer Literacy Institute: Engaging Adolescent Minds: Integrating Non-Fiction Texts across the Curriculum. William Paterson University, July 8-10, 2013.

Evaluating and Acquiring Multicultural Books for Your Library. Ocean County Library, NJ, Staff Development Day, June 6, 2011.

Where IS Waldo and Why Would Anyone Ban a Children's Book? Where's Waldo Week, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, April 2, 2009.

Using Picture Books with Older Children (with Paula Lefkowitz). New Jersey Library Association annual conference, Long Branch, NJ, April 15, 2007.

Not Too Old for Picture Books: Using Illustrated Books (with Paula Lefkowitz). New Jersey Association of School Librarians annual conference, Long Branch, NJ, October 29, 2006.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Faculty Senate Vice-Chair, 2023-2024
- Governance Council, 2021-2023
- College Curriculum Committee, 2022-Present
- College Council
- Administrative Assessment Council
- Senate Spring 2017-Spring 2019
- Search Committee Chair, EDLP, Fall 2018-Spring 2019

- COE MakerDay Co-Chair 2016-2017
- Search Committee, EDLP, Fall 2016-Spring 2017
- COE Tech Committee, Fall 2016-Spring 2018
- College Council, College of Education, 2015-Spring 2018; 2020-Present
- Student Success Team 2014-2016
- TAC Committee Fall 2014-Spring 2015
- COE Tech Committee Fall 2014-Spring 2015
- Library Liaison and Advisory Committee, Fall 2012-Present
- College of Education Diversity Committee, Fall 2013-Spring 2015
- College of Education Curriculum Committee, 2013-2014
- Book Tasting Committee, Spring 2014
- Union Representative for ELPS, 2013-2014

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Councilor, American Library Association, 2022-2025
- Robert F. Sibert Award 2020 Committee Member
- Co-Chair, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, NJASL, 2019-Present
- Co-Chair, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Task Force, NJASL, 2019-2020.
- AASL CAEP-SPA Reviewer, Fall 2018-Present
- Co-Convener, Youth Services SIG, ALISE, 2016-2017
- Chair, Library History Round Table, 2016-2017
- Webmaster, Library History Round Table, 2017-2022
- Chair, Urban Libraries Committee, NJASL, 2015-2018
- Chair, Garden State Children Book Awards, NJLA, 2015-2016; Member 2000-2018
- Member, Co-Convener, School Library SIG, ALISE, 2014-2016
- Underserved Student Populations Task Force, AASL, 2014-2015
- Member, Ad-Hoc LHRT Volume Task Force, ALA, 2014-2016
- Judge, Jean Tague-Sutcliffe Doctoral Student Poster Competition, ALISE Annual Conference 2014
- Co-Convener, Historical Perspectives SIG, ALISE, 2010-2013
- Secretary/Treasurer, LHRT, 2013-2015
- Member, Donald G. Davis Article Award Committee, LHRT, 2010-2012
- Chair, Garden State Children's Book Awards, NJLA, 2005-2006
- Doctoral Student Representative, LIS Curriculum Committee, Rutgers, 2007-2010
- Member, Children & Libraries Editorial Advisory Committee, ALA, 2008-2010
- President, Children's Services Section, NJLA, 2008-9.
- Co-Organizer, Panels and Guest Speakers, Where's Waldo Guinness World Record Breaking Event Week, Rutgers, March/April 2009.

RECENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- AASL-CAEP Program Reviewer Training, ALA Annual Conference, January 20, 2017
- AASL-CAEP Program Reviewer Training, ALA Annual Conference, June 23, 2017
- AASL-CAEP Program Reviewer Training, ALA Annual Conference, June 26, 2015
- Virginia Hamilton Conference, Kent State University, April 2015
- AASL-CAEP Program Reviewer Training, ALA Midwinter Conference, January 30, 2015
- AASL-CAEP Program Reviewer Training, ALA Annual Conference, June 27, 2014

- WAC Pedagogy and Critical Thinking Workshop, William Paterson University, August 26-28, 2013
- Online Pedagogy Institute, William Paterson University, Summer 2013

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Children's Collection Development Librarian, Baker & Taylor, Inc., 2005-2006
- Reference Librarian, Washington Township Public Library (NJ), 2004
- Head of Youth Services, Washington Township Public Library (NJ) 2002-2004
- Sr. Library Assistant, Youth Services, Washington Township Public Library (NJ), 1999-2002