# MARY ABDONEY, MLS

## EDUCATION

University of Florida | Gainesville, Florida
*Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology (1999)*

University of South Florida | Tampa, Florida
*Master of Arts, Library and Information Science (2001)*

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

### 2023-present: Washington and Lee University Library | Lexington, VA

*Research and Instruction Librarian for Science/Associate Professor*

→ Subject liaison for Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Earth & Environmental Geosciences, Math, Physics & Engineering, Cognitive & Behavioral Science, Theater & Film, and Writing Program
→ Performs collection management duties for departments listed above
→ Delivers synchronous and asynchronous library instruction for department listed above
→ Performs drop-in and appointment based reference service to students and faculty in departments listed above, as well as others when needed
→ Teaches in the University Library's minor, Digital Culture and Information (DCI)

### 2021-2023: Washington and Lee University Library | Lexington, VA

*Head of Research Services and Science Librarian/Associate Professor*

→ Retained most Instruction Coordinator/Science Librarian responsibilities, listed below
→ Supervised a team of 3 faculty liaison librarians (Research Services team)
→ Facilitated communication, collaboration, projects among team members as well as between the team and other library units
→ Helped hire one full time visiting faculty librarian
→ Led Research Services team in developing annual goals each summer
→ Served on University Library's Operations and Strategies Team, representing the interests of Research Services team
→ Taught in the University Library's minor, Digital Culture and Information (DCI)

## 2013-2021: Washington and Lee University Library | Lexington, VA

*Instruction Coordinator and Science Librarian/Associate Professor*

→ Retained most Science Librarian responsibilities, listed below
→ Responsible for library instruction program, coordinating research help desk service, developing a peer mentor program based at the Research Help Desk, facilitating curriculum development, supporting digital studies, coordinating professional development
→ Chairs regular Liaison Meetings for library faculty, focusing on curricular issues, departmental relationships, and other faculty-related matters
→ Supervise 7 student employees who staff the Research Help Desk during daytime and evening hours
→ Manages a modest budget for the library instruction program, including student wages
→ Member of two Teacher-Scholar Cohorts: Active Learning in STEM and Multimedia Storytelling
→ Taught in the University Library's minor, Digital Culture and Information (DCI)

## 2006-2013: Washington and Lee University Library | Lexington, VA

*Science Librarian/Assistant Professor*

→ Subject liaison for Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Math, Physics & Engineering, Psychology, and Writing Program
→ Managed collection for Telford Science Library, including deselection for a major downsizing project, and removal of print journals from the science library that were available in JSTOR as a pilot project for the main library
→ Responsible for coordinating library instruction efforts among library faculty
→ Participated in weekly rotation at the reference desk and provided library instruction to STEM students and faculty
→ Supervised one professional staff member
→ Participated in faculty committees

## 2001-2005: Eckerd College Library | Saint Petersburg, Florida

*Science Reference/Interlibrary Loan Librarian/Assistant Professor*

→ Participated in weekly rotation at the reference desk and provided library instruction to science students and faculty
→ Performed collection development in the sciences
→ Supervised staff and students in the Interlibrary Loan department, including a graduate intern from a local university
→ Taught regularly in the General Education program as a faculty member, participated in faculty committees, and served as an evaluator on the Writing Committee

## 2001-2005: E-Streams.com

*Reviewer*

→ Reviewed science and technology reference books for an e-zine designed for collection development librarians. Reviews submitted via email.

## 2001: USGS Center for Coastal Geology | Saint Petersburg, Florida

*Graduate Intern*

→ Organized specialized scientific materials into a usable library, including a web-based catalog
→ Created a specialized classification system for a collection with a very specific subject range
→ Created a searchable database for users to quickly locate library materials
→ Provided reference and instruction services

## 2001: Tampa Bay Library Consortium | Tampa, Florida

*Assistant Cataloger*

→ Contributed to an electronic cataloging project for academic and public libraries in the Tampa Bay area

# COURSES

→ DH 190: Web User Experience in Action (Spring 2018)
→ DCI 180: First Year Seminar: Black Mirrors in Digital Culture (Fall 2018, Winter 2019, Fall 2019, Fall 2020)
→ DCI 190: Conventions of Scholarship: Past, Present, and Future (Fall 2021)
→ FYE 100: First Year Experience (Fall 2021)
→ DCI 180: Introduction to DCI (Winter 2023)

# CONFERENCES

→ ACRL Immersion 2002
→ Learning Conference 2003
→ Information Literacy and Assessment 2005
→ American Library Association National Conference
   o 2004
   o 2006
   o 2007
   o 2020 (virtual)

- → American Library Association Midwinter Conference
  - o 2007
  - o 2017
- → Oberlin Group Science Librarians Meeting
  - o 2007
  - o 2009
- → [Library Assessment Conference 2012](#)
- → [ACRL 2013 Conference](#)
- → [ACRL 2021 Virtual Conference](#)
- → [Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy](#) 2014
- → [The Innovative Library Classroom](#)
  - o 2014
  - o 2015
  - o 2016
  - o 2017
  - o 2022
- → [Digital Pedagogy Lab Institute](#)
  - o 2017
  - o 2018

## GRANTS

- → Inclusive Pedagogy for Library Instruction (Funded by Associated Colleges of the South)
- → Inclusive Library Faculty (Teacher-Scholar Cohort grant funded by W&L Office of the Dean)

## SCHOLARSHIP

- → Abdoney, M. (2003). Approaches to information literacy: Accommodating student needs in higher education. *International Journal of Learning*, 10, 2715–2722.
- → Abdoney, M. (2007a). Finite Spaces: JSTOR vs. Print at Washington and Lee University. Presented at the Ripped from the Headlines: An ALCTS Forum, American Library Association Midwinter Conference. Retrieved from [http://library2.wlu.edu/abdoney/midwinter2007/](http://library2.wlu.edu/abdoney/midwinter2007/)
- → Abdoney, M. (2007b). Finite Spaces: JSTOR vs. Print at Washington and Lee University. Presented at the Oberlin Group Science Librarians' Meeting.
- → Abdoney, M. (2009). Scopus vs. Web of Science. Presented at the Oberlin Group Science Librarians' Meeting. Retrieved from [http://bit.ly/ogslm09](http://bit.ly/ogslm09)

- → Abdoney, M. (2010a). Student Satisfaction with the University Library: A Survey at Washington and Lee University. Washington and Lee University. Retrieved from http://libguides.wlu.edu/ld.php?content_id=3467248
- → Abdoney, M. (2010b). Weeding the General Collection in Telford Science Library. Presented at the Science and Technology Section Assessment Committee Roundtable, American Library Association Annual Conference. Retrieved from http://bit.ly/2nMPd0r
- → Abdoney, M. (2011). Report of Faculty Satisfaction with the University Library 2011. Washington and Lee University. Retrieved from http://libguides.wlu.edu/ld.php?content_id=3467245

# ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE

*National*
- → American Library Association (ALA) 2001 to present
- → Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) 2001 to present
- → ACRL Instruction Section (ACRL IS) 2003 to present
- → ACRL College Libraries Section (ACRL CLS) 2008 to present
- → ACRL CLS Leadership and Management Discussion Group co-chair 2016 to 2017
- → ACRL IS Policy and Publications Review Committee 2006 to 2007
- → ACRL Science and Technology Section (ACRL STS) 2001 to present
- → ALA Library Instruction Roundtable (LIRT) 2006 to 2010
- → LIRT Transitions to College Committee 2006 to 2008
- → ALA Library Research Roundtable (LRRT) 2006
- → Alpha Xi Delta Alumnae Association 1999 to present

*Local and Regional*
- → Virginia Library Association 2014 to present
- → W&L Writing Program Advisory Committee 2010-2013
- → W&L Information Technology Advisory Committee 2009-2016
- → Multimedia Storytelling Teacher-Scholar Cohort 2017-2018
- → Active Learning in STEM Teacher-Scholar Cohort 2016-2018
- → CARPE/Harte Center Advisory Board 2018 to 2021
- → University Sustainability Committee 2017 to 2021
- → University Librarian Search Committee 2019-2020
- → University Library Transition Team 2019 to 2021
- → University Benefits committee 2020 to present
- → Research Services Librarian Search Committee (chair) 2022