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## EDUCATION

**Master of Library and Information Science** 2015
San Jose State University, San Jose, CA
*Emphasis in Emerging Technologies and Digital Services*

**Bachelor of Arts, Psychology** 2006
Metropolitan State University, Saint Paul, MN

## ACADEMIC AND LIBRARY POSITIONS

**Collection Management Librarian (Tenure-Track Faculty)** July 2023–Present
California State University, Northridge

**Electronic Resources Management Specialist** April 2022–June 2023
California State University, Northridge

**Electronic Resources Librarian** February 2020–March 2022
Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN

**Science Research and Instruction Librarian** August 2019–February 2020
Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN

**Librarian & Instructional Technology Coordinator** June 2016–June 2017
California Miramar University, San Diego, CA

## PUBLICATIONS AND SCHOLARLY WORK

### *Work in Progress*

anderson. a. & Alwan, A. (in progress). Critical Thinking in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Developing a Library-Led AI Literacy Course in Higher Education. In *Practical Applications and Case Studies for AI-Augmented Library Operations*. IGI Global.

### *Books and Edited Works*

Baham III, N., Boyington, B., Butler, A., Higdon, N., Horgan, K., Huff, M., Robinson, R., Roth, A., anderson, a., & Soto, M. (2022). *The Media and Me: A Guide to Critical Media Literacy for Young People*. New York, NY: Seven Stories Press. https://tinyurl.com/564mrup6

Bautista, A., Manning, C., & anderson, a. (Eds.). (2021). *A call for change: Minnesota environmental justice heroes in action*. DeWitt Wallace Library. https://tinyurl.com/552nycam

### *Book Chapters*

Roth, A., anderson, a., & Huff, M. (2024). Censorship by proxy and moral panics in the digital era. In R. Anderson, N. Higdon, & S. Macek (Eds.), *Censorship, Digital Media, and the Global Crackdown on Freedom of Expression* (pp. 45–64). Peter Lang AG. https://tinyurl.com/4uspy32d

anderson, a., & Roth, A. (2019). Stonewalled: Establishment media's silence on the Trump administration's crusade against LGBTQ people. In M. Huff & A. Roth, *Censored 2020: Through the Looking Glass* (pp. 185–219). New York, NY: Seven Stories Press. https://tinyurl.com/4ajdtuk4

### *Journal Articles*

Ridley, M., & anderson, a. (2025). Censorship, Artificial Intelligence, and AI Literacy: Responding to New Challenges in an Enduring Agenda for Libraries and Librarianship. *Journal of Radical Librarianship*. https://tinyurl.com/yc4ypna5

anderson, a., & Roth, A. L. (2020). Queer erasure. *Index on Censorship*, 49(1), 75–77. https://tinyurl.com/568xf53h

### *Professional and Public Scholarship*

anderson, a. (2026). Look Upstream: AI, Federal Data, and the Politics of What Gets Counted. *Dispatches from Project Censored: On Media and Politics*. https://tinyurl.com/3tj8dwyv

Geracoulis, M., & anderson, a. (2025). Meta Shifts Right: Big Tech, Project 2025, and the Assault on DEI. *Dispatches from Project Censored: On Media and Politics*. https://tinyurl.com/yeymakj3

Roth, A., & anderson, a. (2025). Resources to support newsrooms' responsible use of and reporting on algorithms. *Reynolds Journalism Institute*. https://tinyurl.com/csfuh5rb

Roth, A., & anderson, a. (2024). Recognizing and responding to shadow bans. *Reynolds Journalism Institute*. https://tinyurl.com/yc63kvsu

Roth, A., & anderson, a. (2024). How to Conduct a DIY Algorithm Audit: Six steps to producing newsworthy findings that promote algorithmic accountability. *Reynolds Journalism Institute*. https://tinyurl.com/57jev45z

anderson, a., & Voitl, S. (2024). Blueprint for Regression: Project 2025 Targets Vulnerable Communities, Politicizes Independent Institutions, and Quashes Dissent. *Dispatches from Project Censored: On Media and Politics*. https://tinyurl.com/ye236k38

Voitl, S., & anderson, a. (2023). EARN IT Still Ignores Privacy, Censorship Concerns. *Dispatches from Project Censored: On Media and Politics*. https://tinyurl.com/yc77d4wj

Roth, A., anderson, a., & Huff, M. (2023). Beyond Prior Restraint: Censorship by Proxy and the New Digital Gatekeeping. *Dispatches From Project Censored: On Media and Politics*. https://tinyurl.com/muvm4b9s

anderson, a., & Roth, A. L. (2021). Corporate Media Biases Threaten the Passage of Landmark LGBTQ Protections. *Truthout*. https://tinyurl.com/43ybr4jr

Roth, A. L., & anderson, a. (2019). The corporate media failed to warn us about the Trump admin's attack on LGBTQ workers. *In These Times*. https://tinyurl.com/auc36bd9

### *Conference Proceedings*

Hagar, C., & anderson, a. (2015). Public Library Partnerships with Local Agencies to Meet Community Disaster Preparedness and Response Needs. *ISCRAM 2015 Conference Proceedings – 12th International Conference on Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management*. Kristiansand, Norway: University of Agder (UiA). https://tinyurl.com/mr282fbz

## SELECTED RECOGNITION

2025 — "Censorship, Artificial Intelligence, and AI Literacy" was featured in AI World's "10 Notable Research Papers of the Week" (June 27, 2025), alongside work from Anthropic, UCL, and Mila. https://tinyurl.com/45zfxuxd

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Censorship, Digital Media, and the Global Crack Down on Freedom of Expression. (October 2023). Critical Media Literacy Conference of the Americas: Advances in Artificial Intelligence: Impacts on Education and Media, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina. https://tinyurl.com/bdfcspjj

From "Bathroom Bills" to the Equality Act: Assessing news coverage of LGBTQ issues in the Trump era. (October 2019). Union for Democratic Communications Conference, Hayward, California.

Supporting the humanitarian effort during disasters: Opportunities for LIS students as digital volunteers. (October 2014). Library 2.014 Worldwide Virtual Conference.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

***Course Development***

Critical Thinking in the Age of Artificial Intelligence, CSUN University Library — Under development

***Courses Taught***

The Information Ecosystem, CSUN University Library — Fall 2025–Present

***Library Instruction***

Undergraduate and graduate library instruction, CSUN University Library — 2023–Present
Mathematics, computer science, and engineering library instruction, DeWitt Wallace Library — 2019–2020
Undergraduate and graduate library instruction, California Miramar University — 2016–2017

## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS

**Algorithmic Literacy for Journalists (ALFJ)** — 2025
with A. Roth, K. Horgan, A. Armstrong, and S. Voitl
*Practical toolkit designed to help journalists understand the functions, impacts, and ethics of algorithms.*
https://alfj.org/

## UNIVERSITY AND LIBRARY SERVICE

**California State University, Northridge — University Library**

LibGuides & A–Z Database List Governance Group — 2026–Present
LibGuides Redesign Working Group — 2026
University Library Curriculum Committee — 2026–Present
Alma Governance Group (AGG), Member — 2025–Present
Faculty Senate Library Committee, Member (three-year term) — 2024–2027
Library Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Chair — 2024–Present
Artificial Intelligence Working Group (AIWG), Member — 2024–Present
Library Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Member — 2023–2024
International Education Council, Member — 2023–2024
Systems Librarian Search & Screen Committee, Member — 2023–2024
Library Council, Member — 2023
Continuations Coordinator Search & Screen Committee, Member — 2022–2023

**Macalester College — DeWitt Wallace Library**

Interlibrary Loan Copyright Compliance Policy Group, Member — 2021–2022
TopDesk Implementation Team, Lead — 2021–2022
WorldCat Discovery Interface Modernization & Search Evolution Pilot, Lead — 2021
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Group, Member — 2020–2022
eBook Advocacy Group, Member — 2020–2022
User Experience Group, Member — 2020–2022

Digital Literacies Group, Member 2020–2021
Data Collection & Management Group, Member 2019–2021
Library Specialist, Collections & Interlibrary Loan Search & Screen Committee, Member 2021
Circulation, Interlibrary Loan & User Experience Specialist Search & Screen Committee, Member 2020

**California Miramar University**
Program Advisory Committee, Member 2016–2017
Learning Materials Access and Affordability Group, Member 2016–2017

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND SCHOLARLY ENGAGEMENT

**Library Freedom Project**
AI Working Group, Member 2025–Present

**Ex Libris Users of North America (ELUNA)**
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness in Search Advisory Group, Member 2021–Present

**Project Censored**
Judge 2020–Present
Independent Researcher 2017–Present

**News Enlightenment Initiative (Die Initiative Nachrichtenaufklärung), Germany**
International Jury, Member 2021–Present
Selected contribution: "The Top 5 Most Important but Under-Reported News Stories of 2022–2023: A Global Movement to Restrict the Rights of Women and LGBTQ+ Communities"

**Ithaka S+R**
Instructional Support Assessment Institute January–December 2024

**National Information Standards Organization (NISO)**
Accessibility, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Committee, Member 2021–2023

**ONE Archives at the USC Libraries**
Oral history interview for QS 302: LA in Transit; interview to be placed in ONE Archives

**International Scholarly Engagement**
Provided scholarly mentorship to a University of Warsaw graduate student working with Agnieszka Graff on "Censorship, Obscenities, and Education: Florida's Book Bans as a Part of the Global, Antigender, Far-Right Ideology."

## ADDITIONAL INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Research Librarian** March 2018–January 2019
Reality Labs (Meta), Redmond, WA

**Data Analytics Specialist — Global Intelligence Unit** June 2017–March 2018
Amazon, Seattle, WA

**Corporate Research Librarian** August 2016–October 2016
Qualcomm, San Diego, CA

**Supervisor — Global Intelligence Unit** September 2014–September 2015
Sony, San Diego, CA

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**Food Pantry Volunteer** 2022–2024
AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA), Los Angeles, CA

**Library Operations Volunteer** 2019–2022
Quatrefoil Library, Minneapolis, MN

**Coordinator** 2017
Citizens Oversight Projects, San Diego, CA

**Library Volunteer** 2013–2016
San Diego Public Library — University Heights Branch, San Diego, CA

**Planning & Information Management Lead** 2013–2016
American Red Cross, San Diego, CA

**Classroom Assistant/Tutor** 2003–2005
Hubbs Center for Lifelong Learning, Saint Paul Public Schools, Saint Paul, MN

**Digital Media Volunteer** 2001–2002
Chisholm Senior Citizen Center, Chisholm, MN