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Professional Preparation:

- University of Virginia: Ph.D. in English, 1988
- Boston University: M.A. in English, 1982
- Amherst College: B.A. Magna Cum Laude in English, 1981

Appointments:

- Dean and Professor, Graduate School of Library and Information Science (also Professor, Department of English and Professor, Library Faculty), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2003-present
- Associate Professor, Dept. of English, University of Virginia, 1993-2003 (tenured 1996)
- Director, Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities, University of Virginia, 1993-2003
- Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, North Carolina State University, 1989-1993

Projects & Publications:

1. Enhancing Knowledge Discovery for Humanities through the Software Environment for the Advancement of Scholarly Research (SEASR). Co-PI. Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
MONK: Metadata Offer New Knowledge. PI. <http://www.monkproject.org/>. Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
2. Nora: text-mining in humanities digital libraries. PI. <http://www.noraproject.org/>. Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
3. Our Cultural Commonwealth: The report of the American Council of Learned Societies Commission on Cyberinfrastructure for the Humanities and Social Sciences, John Unsworth (Commission Chair), with commission members and Marlo Welshons (editor). ACLS: New York, 2006.
4. Electronic Textual Editing, co-edited with Lou Burnard and Katherine O'Brien O'Keeffe. New York: Modern Language Association, 2006.
5. A Companion to Digital Humanities, co-edited with Susan Schreibman and Ray Siemens. New York: Blackwells, 2004.
6. "The Next Wave: Liberation Technology," from The Chronicle of Higher Education's Chronicle Review, January 30, 2004.
7. "The Crisis in Scholarly Publishing in the Humanities," ARL: A Bimonthly Report on Research Library Issues and Actions from ARL, CNI, and SPARC. June 2003. 1-4.
8. "What is Humanities Computing, and What is Not?" in Jahrbuch für Computerphilologie 4, Georg Braungart, Karl Eibl & Fotis Jannidis, eds. Paderborn: mentis 2002.
9. "Launching a scholarly electronic imprint," Logos 13.1 (2002): 43-48.
10. "The Importance of Failure," in The Journal of Electronic Publishing, 3.2 (December, 1997).

Synergistic Activities:

1. ACLS Cyberinfrastructure report: This report seeks to extend a process begun in the Atkins/NSF report on cyberinfrastructure to historically underserved and underrepresented disciplinary communities, in cyberinfrastructure design and development, namely the humanities and qualitative social sciences.
2. I3: As a member of the original planning group and the subsequently appointed steering committee, I worked with Marc Snir, Paula Kaufman, and Thom Dunning to plan and establish the Illinois Informatics Initiative as a major strategic research initiative of the UIUC campus. We are now working together to launch the undergraduate minor in informatics and to set up

- other teaching, research, and public engagement programs under this Initiative.
3. Nora & MONK: These sequentially related research projects, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, is developing software for text-mining in humanities digital libraries; in both, and in SEASR, we work with the National Center for Supercomputing Applications and their D2K data-mining software.
 4. IATH: The Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities at the University of Virginia was my primary occupation and responsibility during the first ten years of its existence, from 1993-2003. Its purpose was to propagate the application of advanced computing technology and methodology to humanities research problems.
 5. SDS: Supporting Digital Scholarship was a Mellon-funded project that looked at the technical and policy challenges involved in collecting born-digital scholarly publications into academic research library collections. It provided key early-stage funding for the development of FEDORA, the digital object repository software that originated with Carl Lagoze et al., at Cornell University.

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