

LAUC-I OFFICES MEMBER-AT-LARGE CANDIDATES

Brian Williams, Research Librarian
Criminology, Law & Society
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Candidate Statement:

Brief Biographical Sketch:

Education

JD Law (WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL)
MSLS (WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY)
BA Political Science (UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO)

Work:

UCI. Research Librarian for Criminology, Law & Society and U.S. Government Information.
U SAN DIEGO LEGAL RESEARCH CENTER. Foreign/International Specialist.
SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE (MESA). Adjunct Faculty [Part Time].
ST. THOMAS U SCHOOL OF LAW LIBRARY, Miami. Research & Information Services Coordinator.
PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY. Information Specialist.
DNA-PEOPLE'S LEGAL SERVICES, Window Rock, Navajo Nation, AZ. Law Librarian.
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW LIBRARY, Coral Gables, FL. Head of Reference.

Brief Statement:

I have been Law Librarian for the DNA People's Legal Services, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit legal aid organization working to protect civil rights, promote tribal sovereignty and alleviate civil legal problems for people who live in poverty in the Southwestern United States. I am a member of the ACLU of Southern California and an active member of the State Bar of Michigan.

I believe the celebration of rules for rules' sake throughout librarianship is one of the more potentially destructive constructs of our profession. Such rules limit the creativity of our members and inhibit the best efforts of our user communities.

With freedom to innovate, we have proven ourselves adaptable and capable of building a modern, forward thinking research environment, one that both celebrates and facilitates our user communities' diverse needs as well as our own profession's progress.

LAUC-I is perfectly placed to encourage this creativity via a pragmatic, community first approach. I would be pleased to participate in these efforts as Member at Large, LAUC-I.