Kara Dunn

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# Education

**MLIS** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign December 2015

**JD** University of Washington School of Law June 2009

**BA** University of Washington, English Literature June 2006

# Experience

**Seattle University Law Library**, Seattle, WA July 2022 - Present

**Digital Acquisitions Coordinator & Reference Librarian**

* Evaluate digital resources in the law library collection and negotiate license and contract terms when acquiring new digital resources.
* Provide in-person and virtual research assistance to students, faculty, staff, and alumni.
* Conduct legal and interdisciplinary research to support faculty scholarship.
* Teach law students legal and interdisciplinary research skills in both formal and informal instructional sessions.
* Serve as faculty advisor for student law journals.
* Serve on law school and university committees as needed.
* Teach Advanced Legal Research as an adjunct professor.

**Lane Powell**, Seattle, WA 2016 - 2022

**Research Analyst**

* Provided legal, business, and public records research assistance to attorneys and staff.
* Conducted formal and on-demand trainings for summer associates, attorneys, and paralegals.
* Led Research Services orientations for new attorneys and staff members.
* Created online research guides for attorneys and staff members.
* Tested and evaluated new electronic resources.

**University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL Summer 2015

**Judith M. Wright Fellowship**, D’Angelo Law Library

* Created online research guides and screencast tutorials for law students.
* Conducted assessment of research guide collection to identify gaps and priorities for updating.
* Transitioned existing research guides to new version of Springshare LibGuides system.
* Assisted with reference requests as needed.

**Northwestern University**, Chicago, IL 2014 - 2015

**Reference Associate,** Pritzker Legal Research Center

* Staffed the reference desk during evening and weekend shifts to provide research assistance to law students, faculty, and alumni.
* Assisted librarians with special projects as needed, including faculty research requests and researching best practices for creating effective research guides.

**Office of the Executive Inspector General for the**

**Agencies of the Illinois Governor**, Chicago, IL 2012 - 2014

**Assistant Inspector General**

* Managed investigations into allegations of state employee misconduct.
* Worked with a team of investigators to develop investigative plans, conduct interviews, and analyze documents.
* Researched relevant laws and policies, and drafted final reports providing recommendations for disciplinary action.

**Alaska Supreme Court**, Anchorage, AK 2011 - 2012

**Law Clerk** to Justice Craig Stowers

**Washington Court of Appeals, Div. II**, Tacoma, WA 2009 - 2011

**Law Clerk** to Judge David Armstrong

# Teaching

**Seattle University Law School**, Seattle, WA June 2022 - Present

Adjunct Professor

* Advanced Legal Research, Spring 2023
* Online Advanced Legal Research, Summer 2024

Guest Lecturer

* Legal Writing I
* Workers’ Rights Clinic
* Judicial Externship Seminar
* Civil Externship Seminar
* Criminal Externship Seminar
* Legislative Externship Seminar

# Selected Presentations

*Legal Research Reboot:* *Sharpen Your Skills and Update Your Resources*, WSBA CLE, Seattle, WA, Dec. 2022.

One hour presentation on “Researching Washington Legislative & Regulatory History for Free.”

*Legal Research Reboot:* *Sharpen Your Skills and Update Your Resources*, WSBA CLE, Seattle, WA, Oct. 2020.

One hour presentation on “Researching Washington Legislative & Regulatory History for Free.”

*Legal Research Reboot:* *Sharpen Your Skills and Update Your Resources*, WSBA CLE, Seattle, WA, Oct. 2019.

One hour presentation on “Online Sleuthing: Finding Information on People and Businesses.”

*Legal Research Tune-Up*, Seattle University Law School, May 2018 & May 2017.

A legal research workshop for rising 2L and 2L students before starting their summer jobs. Taught sessions on assignment intake, research strategies, dockets, and trial court documents.

# Publications

Kyle Brown, Kara Dunn, Maya Swanes, & Alena Wolotira, *Washington Legal Researcher’s Deskbook* (4th Edition) (forthcoming 2024).

# Professional Training

**Fundamentals of Collection Assessment**

American Association of Libraries, August 2023

A six-week online course introducing key concepts in library collection assessment including: techniques and tools, assessment of print and electronic collections, and project design and management.

**Teaching the Teacher’s Conference**

Houston, TX, May 2023

Selected to attend a conference focusing on evidence-based instructional strategies and instructional design for law librarians. Provides introduction to cognitive theory, backward design, and assessment creation, as well as opportunities to develop class materials under the guidance of experienced legal research instructors.

**Fundamentals of Electronic Resources Acquisitions**

American Association of Libraries, August 2022.

A four-week online course providing an overview of acquiring and providing access to electronic resources, including: product trials, licensing, purchasing methods, pricing models, and the relationship between vendors, publishers, platform providers, and libraries.

# Professional Affiliations and Service

**Law Librarians of Puget Sound (LLOPS),** 2014 - Present

* Treasurer, 2023 – 2025
* Contributor to the LLOPSCited member newsletter, 2017 - 2018
  + *Member Profile: Sara Dunaway*, LLOPSCited, vol. 29, no. 1 (2017).
  + *Member Profile: Dr. Virginia Tucker*, LLOPSCited, vol. 28, no. 2 (2017).
  + *Member Profile: Laurel Evans*, LLOPSCited, vol. 28, no. 3 (2018).
  + *Member Profile: Rob Mead*, LLOPSCited, vol. 28, no. 4 (2018).
* Professional Development Committee Member, 2016 - 2017

**Conference Co-Organizer**

*Unique Perspectives in Law & Librarianship*, LLOPS Professional Development Conference, Mar. 24, 2017.

**Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL)**, 2014 - 2015

CALL Bulletin Committee, Member

* *Library Research Guides: Best Practices*, CALL Bulletin, July 7, 2015, available at <https://bulletin.chicagolawlib.org/contributor/dunn-kara/>.
* *Art History: Office Art with Interesting Backstories*, CALL Bulletin, Mar. 19, 2015, available at <https://bulletin.chicagolawlib.org/contributor/dunn-kara/>.
* *Meet New CALL Member, Miriam Heard*, CALL Bulletin, Mar. 19, 2015, available at <https://bulletin.chicagolawlib.org/contributor/dunn-kara/>.
* *CALL Member Heidi Kuehl Appointed NIU Law Library Director*, CALL Bulletin, Dec. 12, 2014, available at <https://bulletin.chicagolawlib.org/contributor/dunn-kara/>.
* *Meet New CALL Member Clanitra Steward*, CALL Bulletin, Oct. 8, 2014, available at <https://bulletin.chicagolawlib.org/contributor/dunn-kara/>.

**American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)**, Member, 2014 - Present

**Western Pacific Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (WestPac)**, Member, 2022 - Present