**Candle M. Wester**

**EDUCATION:**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Master of Science in Library and Information Science, May 2006

University of Nebraska College of Law, Lincoln, Nebraska, Juris Doctorate with Concentrated Study in Alternative Dispute Resolution, May 2004

Nebraska Wesleyan University, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, May 2000

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**August 2024 to Present** – Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor of Law, Southern Illinois University Simmons School of Law

Responsibilities include budgeting and financial management; hiring, supervision, and development of library faculty and staff; strategic planning with respect to the future growth and development of the library; initiating and monitoring library policies, programs, and services; and representing the library in the Law School, the University, and before the public.

**February 2023 to August 2024** – Interim Director of the Law Library, University of South Carolina School of Law

**July 2017 to August 2024 –** Associate Director for Faculty Services and Administration

**June 2017 –** Tenure awarded

**July 2012 to July 2017** – Assistant Director for Faculty Services

Responsibilities included planning, implementing, and coordinating the delivery of research to law school faculty; developing outreach initiatives to introduce and educate law school faculty about library services; recruiting, hiring, training, and supervising faculty services research assistants; reviewing and approving invoices, payment requests, and travel expenses; providing human resources support, coordination, and management; reviewing the budget; managing the facilities maintenance of the law library; coordinating, overseeing, and preparing reports and surveys for external and internal organizations and entities; and supervising the Law Library Access Services Department.

Responsibilities as the Interim Director included managing an academic law library, an independent department within the School of Law, and supervise nine faculty librarians and five staff; managing an approximately $2.6 million annual budget; serving on the senior administrative team and the Dean’s Advisory Committee; and teaching in the first-year legal research and writing program.

**December 2006 to June 2012** – Access Services Librarian and Assistant Professor, Southern Illinois University School of Law

Responsibilities included managing, coordinating, and supervising circulation, interlibrary loan, document delivery, reserve, microform/audiovisual, and stacks maintenance; reference and instructional services to law faculty, students, and staff, the university community, and general public; and teaching legal research to first-year law students and co-teaching Advanced Legal Research.

**May 2005 to November 2006** – Graduate Assistant, Illinois Fire Service Institute Library

Responsibilities included reference, circulation, current awareness, and interlibrary loan services to the faculty, staff, and students of the Illinois Fire Service Institute and Illinois firefighters; maintained and checked in periodicals; and processed acquisition orders.

**January 2005 to October 2005** – Independent Research Consultant

Constructed research strategies for effective and efficient data retrieval; and investigated and clarified copyright issues.

**August 2004 to October 2006** – Graduate Assistant, Reference Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Responsibilities included reference desk services; assisted the Interlibrary Loan department by finding hard to locate items that had been requested by university affiliates; prepared handouts and documentation for various projects; conducted library tours; and taught library introduction sessions for ESL classes.

**June 2003 to June 2004** – Research Assistant, University of Nebraska College of Law

Provided research assistance for Professors John M. Gradwohl and William H. Lyons for their article titled “Constitutional and Other Issues in the Application of the Nebraska Uniform Trust Code to Preexisting Trusts” 82 *Nebraska Law Review* 312; Updated and corrected the fifth edition of Professor Rich Leiter’s book, *National Survey of State Laws*; investigated and gathered information for scholarly projects for law faculty; and interpreted various legal materials for law faculty.

**October 2000 to August 2002** – Electronic Reference Assistant, Love Library, University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Responsibilities included reference desk services; performed moderate computer maintenance; and supervised student assistants.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

**July 2012 to August 2024 – University of South Carolina School of Law,** *Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing course*, *Legal Research In-Class instruction; Research Assistant Training; Advanced Legal Research course; Legal Research for Practice Workshop course; Supervised Legal Research faculty advisor.*

**August 2007 to May 2012** – Southern Illinois School of Law, *Lawyering Skills course; Advanced Electronic Legal Research course; Independent Study faculty advisor; Legal Research In-Class instruction.*

**PRESENTATIONS:**

*Developing a Winning Strategy for Library Facilities Management in Three Easy Steps . . . Well, more than three, but who's counting . . .* – Presenter, MAALL Annual Meeting, October 2018

*Library Facilities Management: The Physical, The Theoretical, and The Practical...or Who Moved These Chairs?* – Presenter, SEAALL Annual Meeting Institute, April 2018

*Mentoring: How Giving Back Moves Your Career Forward* – Presenter, SEAALL/ SWALL Joint Annual Meeting, April 2016; MAALL Annual Meeting, October 2016

*We Are Family – I Got All My Mentors and Mentees with Me: The Family Tree of Mentoring* – Presenter, SEAALL Institute, April 2014; MAALL Annual Meeting, October 2014

*You have learned well, Grasshopper – Mentoring and Preparing Students Interested in Careers in Law Librarianship,* Moderator, MAALL Annual Meeting, November 2011

*MALLCO Roundtable for the Reference/Faculty Services Interest Group,* Moderator,November 2011

*Using LexisNexis Academic to Find Background Information*, Presenter, September 2009

*WorldCat Collection Analysis Webinar*, Co-Presenter, June 2009

*Practical Electronic Legal Research*, CLE Program, Presenter, October 2008

*Professional Development Workshop: Career Seminar*, Co-Presenter, February 2008

* + Topic: Business Etiquette & Social Networks

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Work in Progress, *Physician-Assisted Death: Four Views on the Issue of Legalizing PAD: A Legal Research Guide*, 2nd ed. (William S. Hein & Co.).

Work in Progress, *Stewardship & Mentoring: A Responsibility to the Profession*

Book Review, *Principles of Legal Research, Second Edition,* 108 L. LIBR. J. 464 (2016).

Co-Author, *The Mentoring Family Tree: How intergenerational concepts can inform and improve our mentoring relationships*, Spectrum, July 2015 at 25.

Co-Author, CALI (Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) lesson on Illinois Secondary Resources, (Summer 2015).

MAALL/SWALL Conference Report on “Managing the Flow of Information into Your Office: Juggling Social Media, Productivity, and Sanity,” MAALL Markings, (December 2011).

*Waters and Water Rights: Glossary*,(Robert E. Beck, Editor-in-Chief, Lexis Publishing, 3rd ed., 2009).

*Physician-Assisted Death: Four Views on the Issue of Legalizing PAD: A Legal Research Guide*, (William S. Hein & Co., 2009).

*Oh, What a Difference a Year Makes*, MAALL Markings (Mid-America Association of Law Libraries Newsletter), August 2007 at 5.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & DEVELOPMENT:**

University of South Carolina

* University Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions, Member, 2013-2016
* Women’s Mentoring Network, Mentor, 2014-2015
* University Honorary Degrees Committee, Member, 2016-2019
* Faculty Senate, Senator, 2016-2018 (fill unexpired term)
* Provost’s Advisory Committee on Women’s Issues, Member, 2018-2022
  + Mentoring and Professional Development Subcommittee, Member, 2018-2022
* LEAD: Supervisory Essentials Program, Completed 2018

University of South Carolina School of Law

* LLM Working Group, Member, 2013-2014
* ABA Self Study Group on Faculty Research Support, Member, 2014-2015
* School of Law Academic Technology Committee, Member, 2015-2016
* School of Law Art Committee, Member, 2018 to present
* Strategic Planning Cultural Working Group, Member, 2019-2021
* Library and Academic Technology Committee, Member, 2021-2022
  + Ex Officio, spring 2023-2024
* Faculty Advisory Committee, Ex Officio, spring 2023-2024

University of South Carolina School of Law Library

* Collection Development Committee, Member, 2012 to 2024
* Search Committee for Reference Librarian, Member, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2021
* LibGuides Working Group, Member, 2015
* Search Committee for Access Services Librarian, Chair, 2017
* Search Committee for Catalog and Serials Librarian, Member 2017
* Search Committee for Acquisitions Librarian, Member 2016-2017
* Search Committee for Access Services Librarian, Chair, 2022
* Digitization Project Committee, Member, 2023-2024

Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL)

* Discovery, Reference & User Experience Working Group, Member, 2018-2020
* Executive Board, Member, 2021-2024
  + Finance Committee, Member, 2021-2024

American Association of Law Libraries

* Member, 2005 to present
* Annual Meetings Attended: St. Louis, 2006; New Orleans, 2007; Portland, 2008; Washington, D.C., 2009; Denver, 2010; Philadelphia, 2011; Boston, 2012; Seattle, 2013; San Antonio, 2014; Philadelphia, 2015; Chicago, 2016; Austin, 2017; Baltimore, 2018; Washington, D.C., 2019; Denver, 2022; Boston, 2023; Chicago, 2024
* CONELL (Conference of Newer Law Librarians), 2007
* Leadership Academy, 2008
* ALL-SIS Faculty Services Committee, Member, 2013-2015
* RIPS-SIS Public Relations and Recruitment, Member, 2014-2016
* Management Institute, 2015
* PEGA-SIS Marketing Committee, Chair, 2015-2016
* Leadership Academy Mentoring Program, Mentor, 2015-2018, 2022
* Emerging Leader Award Jury, Member, 2018-2019
* ALL-New Committee, Member, 2018-2020
* PEGA-SIS Publication & Outreach Committee, Member, 2018 to present
  + Author of *The Nook: Simple Tips for Self Care* for the PEGA-SIS Newsletter
* PEGA-SIS Executive Board, Past Chair, 2021-2022; Chair, 2020-2021; Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, 2019-2020
* AALL Annual Meeting Program Committee, Member, 2020-2021

Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries

* Member, 2012 to August 2024
* Annual Meeting Attended: Decatur, 2013; Knoxville, 2014; Dallas, 2016; Nashville, 2018
* Annual Meeting Program Committee, Member, 2013-2014
* Strategic Planning Committee, Member, 2014-2016
* Membership Committee, Member, 2016-2018
* Placement Committee, Member, 2018-2020
* Local Arrangements Committee for 2021 Annual Meeting, Co-Chair, 2018-2021

Mid-America Association of Law Libraries

* Member, 2006-2012; 2014 to present
* Library School Liaison Committee: Member, 2007-2012; Chair, 2010-2012
* Annual Meetings Attended: Lincoln, 2007; Fayetteville, 2008; Columbia, 2009; Iowa City, 2010; Lawrence, 2011; Chicago, 2014; Oklahoma City, 2016; Memphis, 2018

Mid-America Law Library Consortium

* WorldCat Collection Analysis Taskforce, Co-Chair, 2008-2009

The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction

* Annual Meeting Attended: Chicago, 2013; Cambridge, 2014; Atlanta, 2016; Columbia, 2019

Innovative Users Group

* Annual Meeting Attended: Chicago, 2010; Chicago, 2012

Beta Phi Mu – International Library and Information Science Honor Society

* Member for Life, 2006 to present

Association of American Law Schools

* Member, 2007 to present
* Annual Meeting Attended: New Orleans, 2013

American Bar Association

* Member (non-practicing), 2007 to present

Phi Alpha Delta

* Member, 2010 to present

Basic Mediation Skills Training, February 2008