

## **Rory B. Litwin – Curriculum Vitae**

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### **Major Professional Experience**

*Publisher, Litwin Books – 2006 to present.* Litwin Books, LLC, is a small company I started, through which I publish scholarly books on communication and communication history, as well as other related topics, and, through the imprint Library Juice Press, books on library science for an audience of librarians, academics, and students.

*Assistant Librarian, University of Minnesota, Duluth – 2004 to present.* This is a reference, instruction, and collection development position with subject responsibilities in sociology, anthropology, philosophy, foreign languages, art, and theatre. Special activities have included the leadership of a Reference Tech team, which explores experimental applications of technology for library service; participation on the Copyright Team; assistance in organizing the annual Northeast Minnesota Book Awards; the initiation of a professional reading group; and the initiation and organization of a Library Student Video Contest.

*Consulting Librarian, California Labor History Map project, California Research Bureau, California State Library – 2002-2003.* This position included a mix of original historical research and research support in labor history using primary, secondary, and tertiary sources, as well as coordination of the project's advisory committee. Research support involved database design and maintenance as well as ongoing reference consultation with the project historian.

*Reference Librarian, California Research Bureau, California State Library – 2001-2002.* This position involved reference service to staff members of the California Legislature involving complex questions under time-pressure, team-based participation in the production of a policy-related current-awareness service, and reference service to Bureau policy analysts.

*Library Services Director, National Hispanic University, San Jose, California, 1999-2001.* This position involved library management and solo provision of professional service in a small, unique academic library. Special accomplishments during this job were preparation for a visit from the regional academic accrediting association; a major weeding project; completion of retrospective cataloging; and the design and implementation of an experimental credit course in information literacy.

## **Educational Background**

Masters in Library and Information Science, San Jose State University, 1998

Graduate Certificate in Fine Art, with a focus in photography, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1993

Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy, with College Honors and Departmental High Honors, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1991

## **Books**

Litwin, Rory, compiler, and Wallace, Martin, ed. *Speaking of Information: The Library Juice Quotation Book*. Duluth: Library Juice Press, 2009. (In Press)

Litwin, Rory, ed. *Library Juice Concentrate*. Duluth: Library Juice Press, 2006.

Litwin, Rory, ed. *Library Daylight: Tracings of Modern Librarianship, 1874-1922*. Duluth: Library Juice Press, 2006.

## **Published articles**

Litwin, Rory. "Moving the Cheese: The Critical Approach to Thinking About Change," *Library Worklife: HR E-News for Today's Leaders*, Vol. 1, No. 10 (October, 2004)

Litwin, Rory. "Radicals Defending Tradition: An Appeal to the Baby Boom Generation," In West, Jessamyn and Roberto, Katia, eds., *Revolting Librarians Redux* (McFarland, 2003), pp. 88-91.

Litwin, Rory. "Neutrality, Objectivity and the Political Center," *Progressive Librarian* 21 (Winter 2002).

Litwin, Rory. "Classic and Neo-Information," *Information for Social Change* 13 (Summer 2001).

Of numerous articles I have written for *Library Juice* over the years, the following were cited in peer-reviewed journals:

Litwin, Rory. "The Central Problem of Library 2.0: Privacy," *Library Juice*, May 22, 2006. (This article is reprinted in my *Library Juice Concentrate*)

Litwin, Rory. "On Google's Monetization of Libraries," *Library Juice* 7:26, December 17, 2004. (This article is reprinted in my *Library Juice Concentrate*)

Litwin, Rory. "Questioning Questia," *Library Juice* 3:27, July 19, 2000.

## **Presentations**

Litwin, Rory. "Exploring the Ethical Implications of Technological Change through the Thought of Walter Ong and Other Media Theorists" (Paper presented at Media in Transition 6: Stone and Papyrus, Storage and Transmission, Cambridge, MA, April 24-26, 2009)

Poster session on library widgets, 2009 Library Technology Conference, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN.

Litwin, Rory. "From Duality to Dilemma: Balancing the Library on Missions, Community, and Democracy," (Keynote lecture given at SIRLS 4<sup>th</sup> Graduate Symposium, 2009, University of Arizona, March 6, 2009)

Litwin, Rory. (Presentation at the ALA Diversity Office-sponsored panel, "New Visions, New Voices: New Leaders Speak on the Future of Libraries and Librarianship," at the ALA Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, 2004)

## **Voluntary Professional Service**

### *American Library Association*

Member at large, ALA Council, 2005-2008

Member at large, ALA/SRRT Action Council, 2001-2007; Coordinator, 2002-2005

Member, ALA Website Advisory Committee, 2002-2004; Chair, 2002-2003

Juror (twice), ALA Elizabeth Futas Catalyst for Change Award

Juror (twice), ALA Equality Award

### *Progressive Librarians Guild*

Member, Editorial Board, *Progressive Librarian*, 2001-2007

Member, PLG Coordinating Committee, 2003-2007

### *Information for Social Change*

Member, editorial collective, 2007 to present

## **Miscellaneous**

Profiled in *Library Journal's* first annual "Movers and Shakers" supplement in 2002: "The Importance of Being Earnest," *Library Journal*, Vol. 127, Issue 5, Supplement (March 15, 2002).