

Rory B. Litwin – Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Experience

Publisher, Litwin Books, Duluth, Minnesota, USA – 2006 to present. Litwin Books, LLC, is a small book publishing company that I started. We publish scholarly books about communication and communication history, as well as other related topics. On our Library Juice Press imprint, we publish books on library science for an audience of librarians, academics, and students. We published ten titles in 2009. As a measure of our achievement in scholarly publishing in a short time, we have been added to the core list of approval-plan publishers of both Blackwell Book Services and YBP Library Services, the two largest vendors of books to academic libraries.

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 partnership with members of our systems team for the development of technology applications for library service; participation in a copyright policy revision project; assistance in organizing the annual Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards over several years; the initiation of a professional reading group; and the organization of a Library Student Video Contest.

Consulting Librarian, California Labor History Map project, California Research Bureau, California State Library, Sacramento, California, USA – 2002-2003. This position included a mix of original historical research and research support in labor history, as well as coordination of the project's advisory committee. Research support involved database design and maintenance and a close working partnership with the project historian.

Reference Librarian, California Research Bureau, California State Library, Sacramento, California, USA – 2001-2002. This job consisted of 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 our Research Bureau policy analysts.

Library Services Director, National Hispanic University, San Jose, California, USA – 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; planning and oversight of a retrospective conversion cataloging project, and the design and implementation of an experimental course in information literacy, which we offered for course credit.

Various temporary library positions through Advanced Information Management, Mountain View, California, USA – 1997-1999. These positions included reference service in public libraries; library assistance at the Center for Advanced Studies at Stanford University; a position in the library of Nortel Networks; a knowledge-management related project at the software company Intuit, Inc.; and a position in the document delivery service of the Boalt Hall Law Library on the U.C. Berkeley campus.

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

André Cossette, author, and Rory Litwin, translator. *Humanism and Libraries: An Essay on the Philosophy of Librarianship*. Duluth: Library Juice Press, 2009

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

Litwin, Rory, author and editor. *Library Juice Concentrate*. Duluth: Library Juice Press, 2006.

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

Published articles

Litwin, Rory. "The Library Paraprofessional Movement and the Deprofessionalization of Librarianship," *Progressive Librarian* 33 (in press)

Litwin, Rory. "Censored 2010: The Top 25 Censored Stories of 2008-09 (book review)" *Journal of Information Ethics*, vol. 19, no. 1 (Spring 2010) (in press)

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).

Presentations

Litwin, Rory. "From Duality to Dilemma," (invited talk at the iSchool at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, August 11, 2009)

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, MIT, 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 4th 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

ALA Council: Member at large, 2005-2008

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

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

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

ALA Equality Award: Juror (twice)

Progressive Librarians Guild

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

Coordinating Committee: Member, 2003-2007

Information for Social Change

Editorial Collective: Member, 2007 to 2009

Honors

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).