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Education

2014 - 2018 (expected): Doctorate in Information and Library Science

University of North Carolina

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Research Interest: Contemporary oral communication

2009 - 2011: Specialist in Education in Learning Design and Technology

University of Georgia

Athens, Georgia

Focus: School Library Media

2006 - 2007: Masters in Library and Information Science

University of Alabama

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Focus: Children's Library Services

2002 - 2006: Ars Baccalaureate

University of Georgia

Athens, Georgia

Focus: Latin and English

Study Abroad: Rome, Italy, 2005, UGA Department of Classics

Phi Kappa Literary and Debate Society

Grants and Awards

NSN Member Grant - National Storytelling Network

Carnegie Grant - UNC SILS

Conference Travel Grant - UNC SILS

Akers Fellowship - UNC SILS

Asheim Fellowship - UNC SILS

HOPE Scholarship - Georgia Student Finance Commission

National Merit Scholarship - National Merit Scholarship Corporation

Publications

Sturm, B., & **Nelson, S. B.** (in press). What can folktales teach us about higher education teaching? *Storytelling, Self, Society*.

Nelson, S. B., & Sturm, B. (2017). Storytelling. In J. McDonald & M. Levine-Clark (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science* (4th ed.). Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press.

Jarrahi, M. H., **Nelson, S. B.**, & Thomson, L. (2017). Personal artifact ecologies in the context of mobile knowledge workers. *Computers in Human Behavior*, 75, 469–483.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chb.2017.05.028>

Nelson, S. B., Jarrahi, M. H., & Thomson, L. (2017). Mobility of knowledge work and affordances of digital technologies. *International Journal of Information Management*, 37(2), 54–62. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijinfomgt.2016.11.008>

Sturm, B. W., & **Nelson, S. B.** (2016). With our own words: Librarians' perceptions of the values of storytelling in libraries. *Storytelling, Self, Society*, 12(1).

Refereed Conference Papers

Nelson, S. B., & Kaplan, S. (2017). That's not funny!: Understanding AskReddit users by the jokes they tell, presented at Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago, Illinois, 2017.

Presentations

Nelson, S. B. (2017, July). Presenter, "Voices from Two Renaissances: A Discussion Based on Oral Histories." *National Storytelling Conference*, Kansas City, Missouri

Nelson, S. B. (2017, March). Presenter, "Breathing Life into Read Alouds." *Georgia Conference on Children's Literature*, Athens, Georgia

Nelson, S. B. (2016, October). Presenter, "Meet me on the Porch: Presentation of Research on the Roots of Reality Storytelling." *Stories on the Edge of Night*, Atlanta, Georgia

Nelson, S. B., & Whitehair, S. (2016, July). Moderators, "Getting Personal: A Performance & Panel from the Second Renaissance." *National Storytelling Conference*, Kansas City Missouri

Experience

2014 - Present: Graduate Assistant

University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, North Carolina

- Collaborate on research projects with professors
- Teach courses for undergraduate and masters SILS students

2010 - 2014: Lower School Librarian

The Lovett School - Atlanta, Georgia

- Taught library skills to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students
- Managed the collection
- Assisted students and teachers with location and use of library materials

2008 - 2009: Program Volunteer

2nd Air Division Memorial Library - Norwich, United Kingdom

- Created a collection of American picture books
- Delivered programs on American culture and World War II

2007 - 2008: Children's Library Assistant

Athens-Clarke County Library - Athens, Georgia

- Delivered weekly preschool storytimes
- Created and presented puppet shows and other special programs
- Assisted patrons in location and use of library materials

2006 - 2007: Graduate Assistant

University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa, Alabama

- Organized SLIS periodical collection
- Assisted professor with preparation of class materials

Memberships

Association for Information Science and Technology

Association for Library and Information Science Educators

National Communication Association

National Storytelling Network

Past Board Member

Current board member of SIG: Storytelling in Higher Education

North Carolina Storytelling Guild

Southern Order of Storytellers

Past Board Member

Interests and Activities

Storytelling

- Attendee/performer of the live shows Carapace, The Monti, and The Moth
- Listener of The Moth, Risk!, Story Collider, and Snap Judgement podcasts

Running

- AthHalf - Athens, Georgia, 2014, 2015
- Rock n' Roll Raleigh Half/Full Marathon - Raleigh, North Carolina 2015, 2016
- Le Tour de Carrboro - Carrboro, North Carolina, 2016
- Lakeside Trail Race - Browns Summit, North Carolina, 2017