



In the Custody of the Law

An Interview with Louis Myers, Librarian-in-Residence at the Law Library of Congress

Louis Myers, BA '10, MLIS '20, Akron, Ohio, was selected for one of nine short-term positions offered in 2020 by the Library of Congress through its Librarians-in-Residence Program, which aims to develop the next generation of librarians and information professionals. He was interviewed for the Law Librarians of Congress blog, *In Custodia Legis*.

Describe your background. I am originally from Akron, Ohio. My interest in becoming a librarian started at a young age, but it took some time to make it a profession. In my free time I am an avid skier in the winter, and I try to ride my bike any day it's not raining during the warmer months.

What is your academic/professional history? I attended Kent State University, receiving a BA in history in 2010. I also attended the University of Idaho College of Law, earning a JD in 2017. While in law school, I worked for two years as a circulation assistant, which reignited my interest in becoming a librarian with a focus on law. After graduation, I moved to Alaska and worked for the judiciary in Kodiak as a law clerk. Then I transitioned to a staff attorney position for a nonprofit organization in Anchorage. I moved back to Ohio to be closer to family and took a position through AmeriCorps at our local food bank while earning my MLIS at Kent State in 2020. I was then given the amazing opportunity to join the Law Library of Congress as its Librarian-in-Residence.

How would you describe your job to other people? I work on a wide variety of projects within the Public Services Division. I try to pick up an Ask-a-Librarian question each day and work on other specific projects as needed. I have taught an orientation webinar, co-authored a legal report, written a *Global Legal Monitor* article and have been involved with several LibGuide projects. I hope to continue to grow my skills while providing top-notch legal reference to all the researchers who use our services.

Why did you want to work at the Law Library of Congress? To me, the Library of Congress is the most well-respected library in the world. I think the opportunity to work with the largest legal collection on the planet and to learn from the expert law librarians here will be a defining moment in my career. It will create a framework I will carry with me no matter where law librarianship takes me.

What is the most interesting fact you've learned about the Law Library of Congress?

Our foreign law collection is so large and comprehensive that foreign governments sometimes ask us to share our copies of their laws when they need to do primary source research. That is pretty cool!

What is something your co-workers don't know about you? During undergrad I played bass and keyboards in several acid-rock and reggae-style bands. I still play the piano occasionally, but I am way out of practice.

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Mark Greer, MM '09, Akron, Ohio, was recently announced as a new board member for Tuesday Musical of Akron. Currently, he coordinates the City of Akron's Great Streets initiative, managing 12 neighborhood business districts to promote increased business development and retention, safer neighborhoods, enhanced aesthetics, urban design and public space, improved transportation conditions and greater community engagement.

He also serves on the Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance Planning Committee and is a member of Torchbearers Class of 2020, serving on both the Leadership and Development Committee and the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force. He previously served as program coordinator at Leadership Akron, where he led the Diversity on Board program, aimed at increasing minority representation on public and nonprofit boards. A past winner of Tuesday Musical's Annual Scholarship Competition, Greer is an accomplished pianist and composer, making his Carnegie Hall debut at Weill Recital Hall in 2006.

Trey Kauffman, BA '09, Columbus, Ohio, wrote, "I host The Mosaic Life Podcast, which breaks down the fundamental question, 'How can we be better?'. As of August 2020, The Mosaic Life Podcast has released more than 50 episodes, and with its growing success has

pivoted to focus on happiness. The Mosaic Life Podcast releases episodes every Sunday, and you can subscribe wherever you get your podcasts. Be sure to find us on Instagram, Facebook and at <https://OneMosaic.life>.

"I'm also an entrepreneur running my web design firm full-time, <https://2237Design.com>. I help coordinate Red, White & BOOM! each year, in which we put on the biggest fireworks event in the Midwest, and I volunteer with Community Refugee & Immigration Services (CRIS) to help plan their annual fundraising 5K, which happened virtually this September. CRIS helps refugees resettle into the Central Ohio community by providing resources not given by the government.

"Recently, I was selected to take part in the fall Columbus Impact Academy, which is a four-month program designed to provide a comprehensive experience for emerging leaders, facilitated by the Columbus Young Professionals (CYP) Club twice per year.

"My warm regards to anyone who was around Black Squirrel Radio or the *Kent Stater* 10 years ago."

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Elizabeth "Liz" Campion, BA '12, MLIS '15, Cleveland, recently received the "25 under 35" award from her high school, Saint Joseph

Academy in Cleveland. She works at Kent State's Special Collections and Archives as the May 4 Archivist and assistant professor with a focus on the 1970 Kent State shootings and their aftermath. Campion says she is honored to be entrusted with the stewardship of this historic period, knowing it can result in a better understanding of the turmoil, grief and healing the nation went through. She also demonstrates compassionate leadership in her volunteer efforts with the Alzheimer's Association. As a team leader for the Walk to End Alzheimer's, she has raised tens of thousands of dollars in honor of her grandmother.

JoAnna Schofield, MLIS '12, Stow, Ohio, is branch manager at the DeHoff Memorial Branch of Stark County District Library, and has been selected to serve on the American Library Association's 2021 John Newbery Book Award Committee. This committee selects the most distinguished written contribution to literature for children in 2020.

Mitch Dandurand, BS '13, MPH '15, Tiffin, Ohio, was featured on Ohio Governor DeWine's press conference on Sept. 22, 2020—and he gave a shoutout to Kent State on the air. Dandurand, an epidemiologist who works at Lorain County Public Health, is part of an interview team who is contacting people with ▶