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EDUCATION

Pratt Institute, New York, NY, Expected Graduation May 2026

Masters of Information and Library Science

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, Graduated May 2022

BS Information // Focus Area UX Research, Design // Minor Global Media Studies // GPA: 3.92

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION EXPERIENCE

Library Fellow, The Museum of Modern Art

Sep 2025-present

- Support reference services, collection development, and acquisitions for a major modern art research library.
- Contribute to backlog appraisal and remediation to improve access to contemporary art resources.
- Developing a Dadaist research guide integrating archival materials, contextual histories, and user-centered pathways.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Pratt Institute

Jan 2025-present

- Co-teach the graduate classes Knowledge Organization and Art Documentation by supplementing lectures, fielding student communications, and providing one-on-one guidance
- Perform database demonstrations of tools like RDA Toolkit, OCLC Connexion, and Wikidata
- Design and facilitate cataloging exercises to assess and enhance student comprehension
- Maintain accurate, up-to-date course pages in Canvas and monitor student activity

Research Assistant, Semantic Lab at Pratt

Jan 2025-present

- Conduct literature reviews and research for the “Roma - New York 1948-1964” project, identifying entities and relationships that tie archives from the two cities together
- Transform archival materials from the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Archive (RRFA) into linked open data through collaborative data modeling

Research and Access Graduate Assistant, Pratt Institute Libraries

Aug 2024-Jan 2025

- Provided research and reference service to patrons in person, via telephone, email, and chat
- Assisted dozens of students and staff weekly with research exploration and resource location
- Planned and developed three exhibits (about Magical Realism, Cyberfeminism, and Cult, Camp, and Exploitation Cinema, respectively) highlighting the library’s collection and created supplemental materials
- Extended circulation support, assuring regular execution of basic library procedures (scanning materials, statistics collection, and stack maintenance)

Project Manager Associate, Workit Health, Remote**Oct 2022-Aug 2025**

- Conducted user research and user acceptance testing to identify and diagnose current issues in the telehealth app that connects recovering addicts to counseling resources and medication
- Wrote reports combining research, data analysis, and user journeys to present solutions
- Oversaw the integration of a third-party EHR into the product by organizing the project plan with both development and business teams using Agile processes in Jira, created plans for new employee workflows, and managed all bugs and development requests

English Language and Culture Assistant, Ministry of Education**Oct 2022-May 2024**

- Assisted English teachers at CEIP Hermanos San Isidoro y Santa Florentina in Cartagena (October 2022-May 2023) and at CEIP San Jaime in Alicante (October 2023 - May 2024)
- Prepared presentations, stories, and supplemental materials for classrooms for 6 to 12-year-olds

Building and Data Manager, University of Michigan Alumni Association**Jan-Aug 2022**

- Assisted guests of the alumni center by locating materials, answering questions, and guiding them through the use of an interactive database
- Organized and managed archival university materials, including alumni magazines, newsletters, and yearbooks, dating back to 1845
- Answered telephone inquiries, greeted and managed guests, and supported three cross-functional teams as an executive assistant

UX Research and Design Consultant, Media Burn Archive**Sep 2021-May 2022**

- Collaborated with Media Burn, a nonprofit dedicated to housing, organizing, and cataloging documentary film footage, to redesign their website and organize collections of over 8,000 videos
- Conducted an iterative research and design process by leading 6 interviews with new and existing Media Burn users
- Designed a successful final interactive prototype in Figma which cut the amount of time spent searching for videos in half, proven through user testing

Data Analytics Engineering Intern, ViacomCBS**June-Aug 2021**

- Created a real-time data warehouse dashboard using Django to visualize ViacomCBS streaming processes
- Improved data quality monitoring by integrating an alert system into Tableau, reducing the amount of time stakeholders previously had to spend monitoring data quality by 60%
- Held 3 interviews and 3 usability evaluations with department stakeholders to identify dashboard needs
- Developed the required back-end writing SQL queries with excellent data quality and performance

PUBLICATIONS

- Lopatovska I, Mack C, Connors E “iSchool Students’ Mental Models of GenAI.” *Information Seeking in Context (ISIC) 2026*.
- Lopatovska, Irene, Conor Mack, Ellie Connors, Pei Zhu, N. Keller, S. Kaur, Merlyn Koonamparampath, M. Everett, Zoe Zapata, P. Giordano, J. Yang, M. Kim, and N. Shetty. "The Normalization of Unease: The Case Study of GenAI Use by iSchool Students." *Information and Learning Sciences*, ahead-of-print, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.1108/ILS-08-2025-0125>

PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "Pratt School of Information Fellowship Panel." Panelist. Pratt American Library Association, May 2026.
- Connors, Ellie, Conor Mack, Merlyn Koonamparampath, and Zoe Zapata. Organizer and Presenter, "Moral Panic, Practical Use: The Student GenAI Paradox." [Panel presentation]. Pratt School of Information InfoShow, May 2025

DIGITAL AND CREATIVE PROJECTS

- *Machine Divinity*. Web scraping study of politically extreme online message boards. <https://econn170.github.io/machine-divinity>, December 2025.
- *Tongue of the Body: Notes on Desire*. Personal digital zine. tonguegirl.net, May 2024.