

# James Lowell Weinheimer

## Education

- M.L.I.S.**                      **Graduate School of Library and Information Science**  
*Aug. 1988*                      University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas
- Sept. 1979-*                      **Graduate Study in Russian Languages and Literatures**  
*May 1980*                      University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
- Summer 1978*                      **Leningrad State University**  
Saint Petersburg, Russia  
CIEE Summer Language Program
- May 1978*                      **B.U.S. University of New Mexico**  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

## Work Experience

*June 2011*                      **Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, Rome, Italy.**  
Statistics Division

Consulting on creating reference citations for online statistical databases.

*Sept. 2005-2011*                      **American University of Rome, Rome, Italy**  
**Director of Library and Information Services.**

Responsible for the day-to-day and strategic management of the library. Responsible for library budget. Supervise one staff and six students. Successfully prepared the library for Middle States accreditation. To keep current with the latest developments in information organization and retrieval.

- Installed and enhanced a new ILMs based on the open-source product Koha to modernize library processing and to give increased access to items in other collections in Rome and on the World Wide Web.
- Introduced Web2.0 technologies for library use, including blogs, wikis, instant messaging.
  - Installed and configured a Course Management System based on ATutor, also using it for electronic reserves
- Reoriented the library to concentrate on acquiring and giving access to digital materials
- Introduced Blackwell's Collection Manager for improved control of acquisitions.
- Created a series of Information Literacy workshops for students, and put them into the library's wiki.
- Created several short tutorials for patrons using Flash technology and embedded them in an innovative way into the other resources created by the library
- Set up an Open Archive based on Eprints for papers by AUR aculty and students
- Reference service to students and faculty
- Selection and weeding of library's collection

*Feb. 2002*                      **Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, Rome, Italy.**  
*Aug, 2005*                      **Library and Documentation Systems Division.**  
**Information Management Specialist**

**Consultant in Documentation Group.** Reorganize the work of five staff, two permanent and three consultants, whose task is to provide description and subject indexing of all of the internal documentation produced by FAO world-wide.

- Responsible for selection of FAO items into the online catalogue of institutional memory, and the international AGRIS system.
- Designed and created subject indexing training course for use in the IMARK Resource Kit. A web-based, modular resource kit for improving access to information by key stakeholders involved in agricultural development and food security. See: [http://www.imarkgroup.org/index\\_en.asp](http://www.imarkgroup.org/index_en.asp)
- Created new guidelines for selection and cataloguing based on a changing publication climate and the availability of electronic documents.
- Designed and implemented an updated workflow and guidelines within the Documentation Group to raise productivity. Responsible for revision of cataloguing rules.
- Increased cooperation with other FAO divisions and units to exchange metadata. Included sharing of XML metadata with the Document Repository.
- Led team to create a new interface for FAO Catalogue users.
- Created serials check-in system, used with a browser.
- Created new online utility for FAO cataloguing and indexing processing. Wrote and created a new electronic version of the cataloguing and indexing manual designed for increased efficiency and enhanced sharing of knowledge.
- Trained new staff in cataloguing and indexing applying FAO cataloguing rules. Developed a syllabus for training
- Catalogued and indexed FAO information in all formats.
- Designed new uses for CDS-ISIS, including creation of expanded authority files.
- Solved content problems in catalogue encountered by users and cataloguer/indexers.
- Collaborated the formulation of 'Agstandards' specifications, a standard for metadata in accordance to Dublin Core Metadata Initiative for the use with agricultural online information resources, develop an encoding schema (XML DTD). (USMARC, UNIMARC, INTERMARC, AgMES).
- Researched and developed alternative methods of cataloguing, indexing, and computer system design that take full advantage of new technologies.

*Aug. 2001-*        **Temple University, Rome Italy**  
*Feb. 2002*        **Trainer**

- Trained local Italian librarian in American librarianship, including principles of selection, reference and cataloging, AACR2, MARC21, LCSH

*Aug. 2001*        **American Academy in Rome, Rome Italy**  
**Cataloger**

- Cataloged collection of Slavic books in musicology
- Created finding aid for papers of Oliver Strunk (musicologist) in preparation of a conference in his honor

*Aug. 1988-*        **Princeton University Library, Princeton, New Jersey**  
*July, 2001*        **Primary Slavic Cataloger/Web Designer**

- Primary original and copy cataloger of Slavic language items for the library. Created NACO, SACO records. Created PCC records. Reorganized the workflow of Slavic language materials to include acquisitions and cataloging for greater efficiencies.
- Responsible for editing, design, creation and maintenance of online Princeton University Library's Cataloging Procedures
- Responsible for researching and experimentation with metadata
- Editor of web pages for Princeton University Library Technical Services Division

- Member of committee for design and creation of Princeton University Library's Web Page
- Implemented new workflow for processing of Slavic-language materials for greater productivity
- Created and conducted workshops for bibliographic instruction, database searching, HTML, metadata
- Designed and conducted PowerPoint demonstrations for general orientation of new library staff
- Helped establish an electronic reserve system
- Princeton coordinator for experimental CORC metadata project from OCLC
- Trained and supervised students for special projects, including support for Slavic cataloging and web pages
- Selected chess books and answers reference questions for the library's chess collection

*June, 1982-*      **Safeway Stores, Inc.**, El Paso. Texas  
*July 1987*              Grocery and produce clerk

*March 1981-*      **Dibble's IGA**, Topeka, Kansas  
*May 1982*              Produce Manager

*Aug. 1979-*      **University of Kansas, Anthropology Department**  
*May 1980*              Research Assistant

- Compiled bibliography of Siberian ethnography from Soviet anthropology journals

*Aug. 1978-*      **University of New Mexico, Russian Department**  
*Dec. 1978*              Instructor

- Russian language instructor

## **Consulting**

*2010*              *Vatican*

*2009*              *ICCROM*

*2007*              **Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, Rome Italy**

- Facilitator of international discussion group concerning IMARK, an online course for digital librarians, hosted by FAO

*2006*              **Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, Rome Italy**

- Wrote position paper for the future of metadata services and the library for FAO

*2001*              **Unione Romana di Biblioteche Scientifiche (URBS), Rome Italy**

- Adviser for creation and maintenance of website(s) for major consortium of Italian libraries

*2000*              **Centre Canadien d'Architecture, Montreal, Canada**

- Trained person in details of creating records for description and access of Slavic language materials

*1999*              **National Endowment for the Humanities, United States**

- Peer reviewer

*1997*              **SICOR Inc.**

- Designed and produced web site for SICOR Inc.

## **Additional Training**

- July 1996      **Workshop on Web Design and Structure**  
Parson's School of Design, New York City, New York
- May 1998      **Managing Metadata for the Digital Library**  
ALCTS, LITA, ALA, Washington D.C.
- Sept. 1998    **Understanding and Using Metadata**  
OCLC, Dublin Ohio
- July, 2000     **Adobe Photoshop Workshop**  
Princeton, New Jersey
- Aug. 2000     **Web Design and Development Workshop**  
Princeton, New Jersey
- March 2005    **Metadata "Train the Trainers"**  
ALA, Chicago, Illinois
- March 2007    **Online Course on Electronic Collection Development**

## **Special Skills**

- Languages*      Excellent reading and speaking knowledge of Russian. Good understanding of French, Italian. Good reading knowledge of other Slavic languages. Good reading knowledge of German, Dutch and Italian
- Computer Skills*      HTML, DHTML, CSS, XML/XSL, Perl, Javascript, Adobe Photoshop, PowerPoint. Word processing (MS Word, Word Perfect). HTML-Template, PHP. Knowledge of Unix, Windows NT, MacIntosh, SQL, ASP Bibliographic database searching.

## **Professional Activities**

- Sept, 1998      Delivered paper: *Princeton's Slavic Cataloging Manual and Related Applications*, AAASS Meeting, Boca Raton, Florida
- Jan. 1999      Delivered paper: *The Slavic Cataloging Manual* ALA Midwinter, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Oct. 1999      Participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> Dublin Core Metadata Workshop, Frankfurt, Germany
- 1998-2005      Moderator of Listserv for Information Architecture SIG of the **American Society of Information Science & Technology**
- July, 2000      Delivered Paper: *Cataloging and Metadata: Searching for Relevance in an Online World* RBMS Preconference, Chicago, Illinois
- 2003-2005      Papers on Dublin Core and FAO given in Norway and Shanghai
- 2005-2007      Various presentations to the Italian Library Association on library applications of OpenURL, XML/XSL, and the new catalog at AUR

Former Member of **Task Group on PCC Participant and Training Documentation, American Library Association**

## Other Information

Translated *The New York 1927 Chess Tournament* by A. Alekhine from German into English  
Translated *The History of the Library-Bibliographic Classification* by E. Shamurin from Russian into English  
Currently translating: *The International Chess Tournament in Moscow, 1925* by E.D. Bogoljubow from Russian into English.  
Curator of exhibition, "The Art of Chess," 1997. Princeton University.  
Co-curator of exhibition celebrating the 50th anniversary of Firestone Library, 1998

## Creator of the following Training Sessions/Seminars

MARC Format Workshop  
Bibliographic Information Workshop  
Recon at Princeton  
Editions Workshop  
Knowledge Access Management  
HTML Workshop  
Metadata Workshop Series  
Metadata and CORC  
Dublin Core--Latest Developments  
**Short Courses on Slavic Cataloging**  
FRBR and its effect on FAO  
Information Literacy at AUR

## Publications

Maintain a blog on library issues: **First Thus**, plus a podcast series, **Cataloging Matters**  
<http://catalogingmatters.blogspot.com/>

- 2011                      *To be published Dec. 2011 in Library Trends*: an article on the current methods and tools I have created at the AUR Library.
- 2011                      *To be published 2011 in Serials Librarian*: an article on the effect of RDA and FRBR on cataloging generally and on continuing resources in particular.
- 2011                      Paper read at the RDA@yourlibrary online conference, hosted by the Amigos consortium. Title: *RDA: the wrong solution to the wrong problem*.  
<http://rda.amigos.org/node/5>
- 2010                      Sanchez, Elaine. 2011. *Conversations with catalogers in the 21st century*. Santa Barbara, California: Libraries Unlimited. Wrote the chapter: *Realities of standards in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*.
- 2009-                      Creator of the **Cooperative Cataloging Rules Wiki**, with the associated *Blog* and *Groups* pages.  
<http://sites.google.com/site/opencatalogingrules/>  
<http://coopcatwiki.blogspot.com/>  
<http://groups.google.com/group/open-cataloging-rules>
- 2004                      *Metadata Exchange without pain: the AGRIS AP to harvest and exchange quality metadata*  
*Paper given at Dublin Core 2004 (Shanghai, China)*  
[http://www.dublincore.go.kr/dcpapers/pdf/2004/Paper\\_10.pdf](http://www.dublincore.go.kr/dcpapers/pdf/2004/Paper_10.pdf)
- 2003                      *Structured Metadata for Direct Resource Location: A Case Study*  
*Paper given at Dublin Core, 2003 (Seattle, Washington)*  
[http://www.dublincore.go.kr/dcpapers/pdf/2003/404\\_Paper84-color.pdf](http://www.dublincore.go.kr/dcpapers/pdf/2003/404_Paper84-color.pdf)

- 2003 *A Framework for Unified AuthorityFiles: A Case Study of Corporate Body Names in the FAO Catalogue*. Published in: Traugott Koch, Ingeborg Sølvsberg (Eds.): *Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries, 7th European Conference, ECDL 2003, Trondheim, Norway, August 17-22, 2003, Proceedings. (Lecture Notes in Computer Science 2769) Springer 2003, Paper given at EDCL 2003 (Trondheim, Norway)*
- 2000-2001 Columnist for *Atlantic Chess News*
- 1999 *How to Make the Discipline of Librarianship Relevant in the Age of the Internet* **Vine Magazine**, April, 2000
- 1998 *Kingly Books of a Royal Game*, **Biblio**, May 1998  
(received Cramer award from the *US Chess Federation* for best article of 1998)
- 1996 *Finding Calasio, Princeton Library Catalogs, 1760-1996*. **Princeton University Library Chronicle**, Autumn, 1996
- 1993 **Slavic Cataloging Manual**  
published on the Internet at  
<http://library.princeton.edu/departments/tsd/katmandu/sgman/smtocs.html>, now donated to *American College and Research Libraries* of the American Library Association and latest version is at  
<http://www.indiana.edu/~libslav/slavcatman/>

Also, a frequent contributor to several library listservs.

## Citizenship

United States

## Portfolio

(a few examples of innovation in the AUR Library)

### **2-Minute Tutorials**

<http://www.galileo.aur.it/opac-tmpl/npl/en/tutorials/tutlist.html>

(where people can see the innovations in:)

The AUR Library Catalog

<http://www.galileo.aur.it/opac-tmpl/npl/en/tutorials/AURCatalog/>

Extend Search

<http://www.galileo.aur.it/opac-tmpl/npl/en/tutorials/ExtSearch/>

The AUR Library Information Wiki

<http://aurlibrary.wetpaint.com/>

Academic Skills for Scholarly Research (*peer-reviewed information literacy handbook*)

<http://aurlibrary.wetpaint.com/page/Academic+Skills+for+Success+in+Scholarly+Research>

Online Virtual Exhibitions

<http://www.galileo.aur.it/opac-tmpl/npl/en/exhibitions/exlist.html>

News Feeds

<http://aurlibrary.wetpaint.com/page/News+Feeds>