

Bunker Hill Community College

Library & Learning Commons

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Our library is a welcoming place located on the third floor of the E-Building on the Charlestown campus of Bunker Hill Community College.

We are open during the summer, so come on in.

Our website can found here:

<https://www.bhcc.edu/library/>



Summer Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:00am – 8:00pm

Friday: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

The library welcomes our new staff:

Bethany Croteau, Instruction & Research Support Librarian

Kelsy Martinez, Instruction & Research Support Librarian

Christine Kromer, Access Services Librarian

Their biographies are on pages 2, 3 and 4.

For more information on the staff at the library, please take a look at the following webpage:

<https://www.bhcc.edu/library/about/meettheteam/>



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Bethany Croteau



I came to librarianship the way I think many people do. After earning my undergraduate degree from Emerson College, I wasn't sure what was next so I took a good job but not one I planned to make a career. For me, that job was in academic publishing.

I learned a huge amount about the industry of scholarship but quickly developed a sense of injustice at the way information is bought and sold. Considering the impact of money on access to information, combined with a love of research and desire to learn about anything and everything, librarianship seemed like a natural fit.

After completing my MSLIS at the University of Kentucky, my first library job was at Middlesex Community College. I knew I wanted to work in instruction and reference but MCC is where my love of community colleges was born.

After a brief detour as the director of the medical library at North Shore Medical Center, I came back to community colleges, first at North Shore Community College and now at Bunker Hill Community College. I'm thrilled to have started at the BHCC Library in June, 2019.

As an Instruction and Research Librarian, I see my role as being an advocate for information literacy, for teaching in the library, and for student success. I love working with students both one on one and teaching classes that come into the library.

By sharing my passion for information and library research, I want students to really feel that the library is a place where you can always come for help. You're never bothering a librarian by asking a question – that's why we're here!

Working in the library, we don't always get to see how much students learn over the course of the semester or their program; we see snapshots of where they are as they come in for instruction or assistance.

There's nothing I love more than when a student comes back to share their success - completing a project, earning a good grade or just making it through a challenging course. If I've done my job well, students will know that I'm excited about and invested in their success.

Kelsy Martinez



I decided to accept my admission to Simmons University in the summer of 2016 before ever having visited Boston! I packed up my things and headed across the country, moving from Phoenix, Arizona to the Fenway area of Boston. There I pursued my life-long goal of becoming a fully credentialed librarian!

My interest in librarianship stems from a love of research and the passion to help others succeed in academia and develop skills applicable to the realities of the world. Before graduating in May of 2018, I gained experience working at MCPHS (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science), MIT, and even at a consulting firm in the Prudential.

I had my eye on BHCC for a long while. Coming from a community college myself, I appreciate the mission and vision of Massachusetts' community colleges. I also have a background in English literature so becoming liaison to the English department is such a bonus for me.

Since beginning part time at BHCC in February, 2019 and moving to full time in June, 2019 I have helped to curate our many book displays, weed our collection and suggest new titles, and my favorite, of course, teaching classes and working with students and faculty!

As I continue to grow and learn as a professional, I hope to get to know our faculty, staff, and students here at our beautiful and diverse BHCC. I plan to work with Beth Croteau closely so that we may implement a truly effective information literacy program and assess the program so that our students are prepared for the future.

Christine Kromer



I have always loved libraries but growing up, and even in college, I never imagined I'd actually become a librarian! I worked at the circulation desk at the library for my work-study job while I was getting my bachelor's degree but after college, I didn't know exactly what I wanted to do.

I worked at various positions, mostly at colleges, in the Boston area for a few years after I graduated and then in San Francisco.

While in the Bay Area, I realized that I wanted a career instead of just a job. I also noticed that all of my librarian friends really loved what they did for work. I enjoyed working with undergraduates back in Boston and thought maybe I should become an academic librarian.

I applied for my Master's in Library and Information Science at San Jose State University and graduated two years later with my MLIS.

My first job as a professional librarian was at a health sciences university in the Bay Area, and while I liked working with the students, faculty and staff there, I realized that I really wanted to work with undergraduates rather than graduate students.

I applied for and got a job at a community college in Pittsburg, CA, Los Medanos College. I started working there in 2011 and absolutely loved it.

When I decided it was time to move back to New England to be closer to my family, I was thrilled to see a job opening at the Bunker Hill Community College Library. After working at Los Medanos, I couldn't imagine not working at another community college.

Happily for me, I am now the part time Access Services Librarian at BHCC. I'm looking forward to meeting and working with our students, faculty and staff in the coming semesters!