

# JEREMY KEEN ABBOTT

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## EDUCATION

**University of California, Los Angeles**, Los Angeles, CA

**PhD**, Information Studies, expected 2026. Graduate Certificate in Urban Humanities, 2021.

**University of California, Los Angeles**, Los Angeles, CA

**MLIS**, Library Studies, 2020.

**The George Washington University Law School**, Washington, DC

**JD**, 2010.

**Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL

**BA**, History, English, Classics, 2005.

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Political economy of United States public libraries

Homelessness and information access

Public space and civic publics

Discourses of patronage

Legal infrastructures of information access

Decarceral librarianship

Liberatory leisure in library spaces

History and theory of copyright

## PUBLICATIONS

Montoya, Robert D., **Jeremy Abbott**, Michelle Caswell, Gregory H. Leazer, Safiya Noble, and Carlin Soos.

“Examining Concepts of the Public: Who Is Served by Information Services?” In *Proceedings of the Association for Information Science and Technology*, 58:619–21, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pr2.512>.

Abbott, Jeremy. “Towards the Slow Library.” *Critical Theory and Information Studies* (blog), March 21, 2021.

<http://criticaltheoryis.blogspot.com/2021/03/towards-slow-library-jeremy-abbott.html>.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

UCLA Graduate Student Working Group Grant, UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, 2022-2023.

Public Library Staff Education Program Award, California State Library, Sacramento, CA, 2019-2020.

Andrew Horn Memorial Scholarship, Department of Information Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, 2017 (declined).

## PRESENTATIONS

“Countering ‘Conditions Which Demand a Perseverance Verging on the Superhuman’: Teaching and Learning Anti-Carceral Librarianship Through Reference by Mail,” panel with Jeanie Austin and Lawrence Maminta, Critical Pedagogy Symposium, Remote, Spring 2021.

“Libraries Minus Librarians: The open+ Model,” poster presentation with Megan Riley, American Library Association CORE Forum, Baltimore, Maryland, Fall 2021 (conference canceled due to COVID-19).

“Examining Concepts of the Public: Who Is Served by Information Services?” panel with Michelle Caswell, Gregory Leazer, Robert Montoya, Safiya Noble, and Carlin Soos, Eighty-Forth Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology, Remote, Fall 2021.

“The Library as Carceral Geography,” with Lawrence Maminta, Critical Pedagogy Symposium, Remote, Spring 2021.

“Libraries Minus Librarians: Automation and the Staffless Model,” poster presentation with Megan Riley, American Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, Summer 2023.

“Libraries Minus Librarians: Automation and the Staffless Model,” poster presentation with Megan Riley, American Library Association CORE Forum, New Orleans, Louisiana, Fall 2023 (accepted, but unable to present).

“The Problem with ‘Problem Patrons’: A Short History of a Long Discourse,” Abolitionist Visions and Intersections: Centering Human Relationships and Building Institutional Connections for Social Justice, American Library Association Social Responsibilities Round Table, Remote, Winter 2024.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**University of California, Los Angeles**, Department of Information Studies, Los Angeles, CA  
*Guest Lecturer*, Public Libraries, Fall 2024

*Teaching Assistant*, Digital Cultures and Society, Spring 2024

*Guest Lecturer*, Issues in Librarianship, Spring 2024

*Guest Lecturer*, Special Collections, Winter 2024

*Guest Lecturer*, Special Collections, Spring 2023

*Special Reader and Guest Lecturer*, Values and Communities, Winter 2023

*Guest Lecturer*, Public Libraries, Fall 2022

*Special Reader*, Artifacts and Cultures, Fall 2022

*Special Reader and Guest Lecturer*, Special Collections, Spring 2022

**California Rare Book School**, Los Angeles, CA

*Instructor and Course Originator*, Copyright Theory and Practice for Libraries, Archives, and Special Collections, Summer 2024.

**University of California, Los Angeles**, UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy, Los Angeles, CA

*Workshop Leader*, Decarcerating Public Libraries: Pedagogy & Praxis, Spring 2023.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**University of California, Los Angeles**, Department of Information Studies, Los Angeles, CA

*Graduate Student Researcher* to Michelle Caswell, copyediting articles and maintaining the Community Archives Lab website, 2021-2022.

*Graduate Student Researcher* to Robert Montoya as part of the Library, Ethics, and Justice Lab, researching California school library history and legislation, 2020-Present.

**California State Library**, Sacramento, CA

*Workshop Participant* in Artificial Intelligence Summit, 2024.

*Researcher* on Value of Libraries Project, evaluating sources and copyediting citations, 2020.

**The George Washington University Law School**, Washington, DC

*Student Researcher* to Dawn Nunziato, researching net neutrality and building index for *Virtual Freedom* (Stanford Law Books, 2009), Winter 2009.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

**University of California, Los Angeles**, Department of Information Studies, Los Angeles, CA

*Graduate Student Researcher – Coordinator*, Information Studies Colloquium Series, Fall 2021 to Spring 2023.

**The George Washington University Law School**, Washington, DC

*Publication Staff*, American Intellectual Property Law Association Quarterly Journal, Fall 2008 to Spring 2010.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Jet Propulsion Laboratory**, Pasadena, CA

*Records Management Specialist*, Winter 2023 to Spring 2024

- Answered dozens of complex Freedom of Information Act requests from the public, expanding access to

- scientific knowledge and promoting government transparency.
- Managed migration of hundreds of NASA project libraries from DocuShare to Alfresco.

**San Francisco Public Library, Remote**

*Reference-By-Mail Intern, Winter 2020 to Summer 2020*

- Researched and responded to reference questions from people enduring incarceration across the United States while adhering to carceral institution.

**Santa Monica Public Library, Santa Monica, CA**

*Library Assistant II, Spring 2017 to Fall 2020*

- Developed daily and COVID-19 staff procedures for central and branch libraries.
- Lowered access barriers for hundreds of youth patrons by designing and leading implementation of an overdue fine elimination program.