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First-Year/Second-Year Student Success Librarian, Assistant Librarian
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EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Youth Literature, 2025

Dominican University - River Forest, IL

Thesis: Every Briar Rose has its Thorn: Depictions of Good and Evil in Retellings of Sleeping Beauty for Children and Young Adults

Master of Science in Information and Library Science, 2018

University at Buffalo, The State University of New York - Buffalo, NY

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies K-6 (Elementary Education), 2013

Middle Tennessee State University - Murfreesboro, TN

Associate of Science in Teaching, 2011

Roane State Community College - Harriman, TN

PRIMARY RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Academic library outreach and engagement
- Information literacy instruction
- Young adult literature
- Fairy tales and fairy tale retellings
- History of children's and young adult literature
- Censorship and intellectual freedom
- Misinformation and disinformation

FELLOWSHIPS

- University of South Alabama Student Success Innovation Advocate, 2026-2027

HONORS AND AWARDS

- University of Southern Mississippi Richard Peck Scholarship, 2026

- Dominican University School of Library and Information Studies Departmental Scholarship, 2025
- Dominican University School of Library and Information Studies Departmental Scholarship, 2021
- Middle Tennessee State University Academic Excellence Scholarship, 2011
- Tennessee Teaching Scholars Grant, 2011
- Roane County Retired Teachers Association Award, 2011
- U.S. Department of Education Academic Competitiveness Grant, 2009

COMMITTEES

- University of South Alabama EAB Leadership Team, 2026-
- University of South Alabama Common Read/Common World Committee, 2026-
- University of South Alabama First Year Experience Committee, 2026-
- University of South Alabama Student Success Team, 2026-
- University of South Alabama Marx Library Student Engagement Committee, 2025-
- Mobile Public Library Management Committee, 2023-2025
- Mobile Public Library Teen Services Committee, 2019-2025
- Mobile Public Library Youth Services Committee, 2019-2023

COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

- Chair, University of South Alabama Marx Library Student Engagement Committee, 2026

STUDENT SUPERVISIONS

- Rachel Patton, School of Library and Information Science, University of Southern Mississippi, Fall 2020 and Spring 2021

PUBLISHED BOOK REVIEWS

- Basler, Z. (2024). [Review of the book *The other ones*, by Fran Hart]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/the-other-ones>
- Basler, Z. (2024). [Review of the book *Fairy godmother: An enchanters tale*, by Jen Calonita]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/fairy-godmother-an-enchanters-tale>
- Basler, Z. (2024). [Review of the book *When haru was here*, by Dustin Thao]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/when-haru-was-here>
- Basler, Z. (2024). [Review of the book *Desert echoes*, by Abdi Nazemian]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/desert-echoes>

- Basler, Z. (2024). [Review of the book *A vile season*, by David Ferraro]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/a-vile-season>
- Basler, Z. (2024). [Review of the book *The great ranch cool Dorito in the sky*, by Josh Galarza]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/the-great-cool-ranch-dorito-in-the-sky>
- Basler, Z. (2024). [Review of the book *The romantic tragedies of a drama king*, by Harry Trevaldwyne]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/the-romantic-tragedies-of-a-drama-king>
- Basler, Z. (2024). [Review of the book *Wrong answers only*, by Tobias Madden]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/wrong-answers-only>
- Basler, Z. (2024). [Review of the book *Happyhead*, by Josh Silver]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/happyhead>
- Basler, Z. (2025). [Review of the book *How to die famous*, by Benjamin Dean]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/how-to-die-famous>
- Basler, Z. (2025). [Review of the book *Dead happy*, by Josh Silver]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/dead-happy>
- Basler, Z. (2025). [Review of the book *Taylor Swift style*, by Sarah Chapelle]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/taylor-swift-style-fashion-through-the-eras>
- Basler, Z. (2025). [Review of the book *The rebel's guide to pride*, by Matthew Hubbard]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/the-rebels-guide-to-pride>
- Basler, Z. (2025). [Review of the book *When love gives you lemons*, by Steven Salvatore]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/when-love-gives-you-lemons>
- Basler, Z. (2025). [Review of the book *King of the neuro verse*, by Idris Goodwin]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/king-of-the-neuro-verse-100004967>
- Basler, Z. (2026). [Review of the book *The hungry forest* by Kaela Rivera]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/the-hungry-forest-100010838>
- Basler, Z. (2026). [Review of the book *Raven, rising* by Christine Hartman Derr]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/raven-rising-100014354>
- Basler, Z. (2026). [Review of the book *An auction of souls*, by Amber Chen]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/an-auction-of-souls-100010829>
- Basler, Z. (2026). [Review of the book *Threads of red*, by Julie Wright]. *School Library Journal*, <https://www.slj.com/review/threads-of-red-100010828>

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Peer Reviewer – The ALAN Review, Assembly on Literature for Adolescents

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Children's Literature Association, 2022 -
- American Library Association, 2021 -
- Young Adult Library Services Association, 2021 -
- Metro-Mobile Literacy Council, 2021 -

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Attendee - University of South Alabama Conference on Teaching and Learning (Mobile, AL), 2026
- Attendee - Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival (Hattiesburg, MS), 2026
- Attendee - American Library Association Annual Conference & Exhibition (San Diego, CA), 2024
- Attendee - Young Adult Library Services Symposium (Baltimore, MD), 2022
- Attendee - Public Library Association Conference (Nashville, TN), 2020

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

First-Year/Second-Year Student Success Librarian/Assistant Librarian, 2025 -
University of South Alabama – Mobile, AL

Adult and Teen Services Department Head/Librarian II, 2023 - 2025
Mobile Public Library – Mobile, AL

Teen Services Librarian, 2019 - 2023
Mobile Public Library - Mobile, AL

Reference/Adult Services Librarian, 2019 - 2019
Mobile Public Library - Mobile, AL

Assistant Librarian, 2016 - 2019
Spanish Fort Public Library - Spanish Fort, AL

Youth Services Technician, 2015 - 2016
Fairhope Public Library - Fairhope, AL

Youth Services Programming Coordinator, 2011 - 2013
Autauga-Prattville Public Library - Prattville, AL