

Sanford Berman - Personal Data and Selected Bibliography (June 2017)

Birth date/place

October 6, 1933/Chicago, Illinois

Higher education

University of California at Los Angeles	1951-1955	B.A. w/ "Highest honors" in Political Science minors: Sociology, Anthropology, English
Catholic University of America Washington, D.C.	1958-1961	M.S. in Library Science minor: History

Professional experience

District of Columbia Public Library	1957-1962	Assistant Chief, Acquisitions Dept. (Supervisory Librarian)
U.S. Army Special Services Libraries, West Germany	1962-1966	Librarian (Administrative)
Schiller College, Kleiningerheim, West Germany	1966-1967	College Librarian
University of California at Los Angeles Research Library	Oct. 1967- Oct. 1968	Periodicals Librarian
University of Zambia Library, Lusaka	Nov. 1968- Nov. 1970	Assistant Librarian (in charge of Periodicals Section)
Makerere University Library, Kampala, Uganda	Apr. 1971- Sep. 1972	Librarian, Makerere Institute of Social Research (Assistant Librarian)
Hennepin County Library, Edina, Minnesota	Jan. 1973- Apr. 1999	Head Cataloger, Technical Services Division (Principal Librarian)

Honors/awards

California State Seal of Merit, 1950
Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honor society, 1955
Beta Phi Mu, Library Science honor society, 1962
Minnesota Librarian of the Year, 1977
Margaret Mann Citation, 1981
Honeywell Project Anniversary Award for Peace and Justice, 1988
American Library Association Equality Award, 1989
Carey McWilliams Award, 1994
Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award, 1996
GALE/EMIERT Multicultural Award, 2000
ALA Honorary Member, 2004

Selected Bibliography

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