

DERONICA GOLDSMITH

History seems to be in Deronica's blood and she is in a great position to pursue her interest. She has been on campus since 2001, working in the University Library. Her first five years were spent working at the circulation desk, and for the past three years, she has been working the Reference desk and in Archives. Her official title is Library Services Assistant, Senior.

Deronica and her family live on the Bulger family farm in Walworth. The farm has been in the family for at least 130 years. She has been able to trace her family history back to her great-great grandfather, James Bulger. Her work in Archives has provided a great resource as she establishes her genealogy. Deronica's husband, Tim, is a long-haul trucker, working for WW Trucking out of Darien. While he may be gone a few days at a time, she says he is usually able to be home on weekends, so the family still gets to spend some quality time together. They have three children – two daughters (nine-year-old Demeka and five-year-old Zuri), and one son (three-year-old Viktor). What would a farm be without some animals? They have a pet rabbit, Serenity, and eight cats. The three adult cats are Husko, Sandy and Daisy. Five kittens round out the feline ensemble.

Camp counseling and youth groups are some of Deronica's interest outside of work. She has spent several years as a Girl Scout Leader, both with Brownie and Junior levels. She also works with the Quest Youth Group, affiliated with The Brick Church in Walworth. She attends meetings and provides leadership to young people at the junior high and high school levels. She has been a camp counselor at Camp Tamarack in Waupaca, on various occasions. She takes advantage of opportunities to search out historical data regarding her family background. Her interest in her family ancestry nicely weaves her work and home life together.

Job duties for Deronica include archival responsibilities and referencing tasks. She assists individuals with finding documentation of historical information and is currently working on indexing Walworth County Court Records. The library staff is planning on moving the Archives department to the lower level of the building, so she will be helping to make certain that the environment is properly prepared so that it provides safe and organized storage for the materials that will be housed in that area. Deronica also helps to provide coverage at the reference desk several hours a week. Duties include reshelving items from the reference collection, processing new reference books, and maintaining various periodical issues. She supervises up to seven student employees during the school year, keeping them busy with data entry, shredding, and other projects.

Deronica finds satisfaction in being able to help people locate information related to their personal genealogies. For her, it's like putting together individual puzzles. She enjoys the staff with whom she works and she especially likes being on the day shift, which allows her to be home to spend more time with her children.

What she likes most about UWW is the friendly atmosphere. For her, it's a safe, beautiful campus that offers opportunities to attend some great theatrical events. As for the changes steadily occurring on campus, she feels that UW-Whitewater is striving to stay current with technology and to create an environment that will continue to attract students. She also believes that the university tries to reach out to the community and maintain a good connection there, as well.