

Benny Parks

JD Applicant

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EDUCATION

Columbia College Chicago
BA 08' Film and Video
Dominican University
MLIS 25'

SKILLS

Research & Analysis

Advocacy & Communication

Conflict Resolution

**Metadata & Documentation
(Omeka, Dublin Core)**

Public Speaking

References
available upon request

SUMMARY

MLIS candidate and University of Chicago library worker who has taken the long road through libraries, archives, and creative projects. Experienced in research, advocacy, and community work, with a track record of keeping access open and knowledge alive. Looking to carry that same commitment into law school, with a focus on justice rooted in culture, labor, and everyday democracy.

EXPERIENCE

Library Liaison

UChicago Regenstein Library – May 2023 to Present

- Ensures adherence with access policies and equitable resource use.
- Resolve patron issues and manage conflicts with professionalism.
- Acts as the friendly face of our high volume academic library.

Library Director

Rensing Center, Pickens South Carolina- May 2020 to 2021

- Directed non-profit research library operations and special collections.
- Developed access policies and community partnerships.
- Curated sustainability lectures with Clemson University

Library Service Representative

Technicolor, Hollywood California – May 2011 to 2016

- Managed preservation logistics for a million+ film and video assets.
- Ensured regulatory compliance in archival workflows.
- Liaised between technical teams and clients.

Employment Notes

Resume gaps reflect periods of independent creative work as well as roles in food service, warehouse operations, and an artist residency. These experiences strengthened adaptability, resilience, and the ability to engage with diverse communities and work environments.