Narrowing the Scope:
Transitioning from general librarianship to specialized subject liaisons.

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Teaching as a pathway to subject librarianship.

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Ohio University sits on the land of the Shawnee, Iroquois, and Miami cultures.
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Master of Library and Information Science
First position:
- Faculty status
- Very small library
- Intense undergrad instruction
Faculty committee work
How the sausage is made.
Many aspects of academic librarianship.
- Even many sub-sections within instructional librarianship.
My position description.

Reality of what my job entailed.
Found out I love teaching.

Difficult to focus on T & L when doing so many other things.
I got bored/frustrated not being able to delve deeply into any single aspect of my job.
Learn how to say “No”.

White male privilege.
Reflective practice.

Come up with a plan.
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Keep moving.
Never stop growing.
Talk to peers about their practice.
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Collaborate with others:

- Teaching faculty
- Subject librarians
- Even librarians outside of your institution.
Find conferences that have an impact on you.
Regional and national service.
Attend conferences within liaison areas.
SME in teaching!

- Limited.
- Very little teaching on evaluation.
- No relation.
- Teaches concepts.

- Deeper understanding of research process.
- Point of need.
- Better outcomes.
- Teaches concepts.
Larger library myths:
Thank you.

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