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Education:	University of Pittsburgh MLIS, Medical Specialization	Pittsburgh, PA 2006
	University of Pittsburgh BS in Biological Sciences and Psychology Related Concentration: Chemistry	Pittsburgh, PA 2001

Certifications:	Medical Library Association Academy of Health Information Professionals, Distinguished Member	
	Library Carpentry Instructor The Carpentries	
	American Association of Laboratory Animal Science Registered Laboratory Animal Technician	

Awards:	Medical Library Association, National President's Award	2016
	Medical Library Association, Mid Atlantic Chapter Marguerite Abel Service Recognition Award	2015
	Medical Library Association, Mid Atlantic Chapter Award for Professional Excellence by a New Health Sciences Librarian	2013

Academic:	Health Sciences Library System	Pittsburgh, PA
Appointments:	University of Pittsburgh	
	Assistant Director for Data and Publishing Services	2021 - present
	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Liaison	2006 - present
	Secondary Appointment, Clinical and Translational Science Institute	2014 - present
	Coordinator of Data Services	2016 - 2021
	Dental Hygiene Liaison	2012 - 2017
	Project Leader of Data Management Group	2012 - 2016
	Reference Librarian at UPMC Shadyside Libraries	2008 - 2012
	Reference Librarian at Falk Library	2006 - 2016

Employment:	Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh	Oakland, PA
	Librarian Substitute	2012 - 2013
	Librarian Assistant Substitute	2009 - 2012
	Library Clerk Substitute	2008 - 2009
	Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale	Swissvale, PA
	Library Aide Substitute	2001 - 2008
	Library Aide	1998 - 2001
	Carnegie Library of Homestead	Munhall, PA
	Library Aide Substitute	2003 - 2006
	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine	Pittsburgh, PA
	Department of Neurobiology/Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition	
	Administrator II: Research Coordinator	2006
	Research III: Associate Research Coordinator	2004 - 2006
	Research II: Research Technician II	2001 - 2004

Special	Co-Presenter	2019
Instruction:	Reach out to Elevate Your Research Data Management Services MLA Immersion session during annual meeting	
	Panelist	2016
	Bringing Rigor and Reproducibility to Research Symposium Hosted by: Health Science Library System, University of Pittsburgh	
	Presenter	2013
	Answering the “Why Questions” of Research Data Management Hosted by: National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Middle Atlantic Region	
	Co-Presenter	2011
	Grey Lit 102: Advanced Search Strategies for Grey Literature. Hosted by: Academy Health, Sponsored by: National Library of Medicine Archived at: http://tinyurl.com/GreyLit102	
	MLA CE Course Co-Instructor	2009 - 2011
	Systematic Review Workshop: The Nuts and Bolts for Librarians	

Selected	Supervisor Foundation Skills Program	Spring 2018
Classes:	University of Pittsburgh, Office of Human Resources www.hr.pitt.edu/current-employees/learning-development/supervisor-skills-program	
	LIS 2678 Data Science for Library and Information Professionals (Audit) University of Pittsburgh, School of Computing and Information	Summer 2017
	LIS 2676 Research Data Management (Audit) University of Pittsburgh, School of Computing and Information	Fall 2014

Publications: Contaxis, N., Clark J., Dellureficio A., Gonzales S., Mannheimer S., Oxley P.R., **Ratajeski M.A.**, Surkis A., Yarnell A.M., Yee M., and Holmes K. (2022). Ten simple rules for improving research data discovery. *PLOS Computational Biology*. 18(2):e1009768. doi.org/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1009768

Ratajeski M.A., & Miller R.S. (2022). Adapting to Changes in Publishing When Searching for Alternatives and Reporting on Animal Research: A Librarian's Perspective. *Alternatives to Laboratory Animals*. doi:10.1177/02611929211072862

Ratajeski, M.A., & Miller, R. (2022). Librarians and the IACUC: Practical approaches for performing alternatives searches and providing support. In S.M. Harnett & L.P. Cantwell (Eds.), *Finding your seat at the table: Roles for librarians on institutional regulatory boards and committees*. United States: Rowman & Littlefield.

Sheridan H., Dellureficio A.J., **Ratajeski M.A.**, Mannheimer S., & Wheeler T.R. (2021). Data Curation through Catalogs: A Repository-Independent Model for Data Discovery. *Journal of eScience Librarianship*. 10(3): e1203. doi.org/10.7191/jeslib.2021.1203.

Turner, R.L., Ketchum, A.M., **Ratajeski, M.A.**, & Wessel, C.B. (2017). Leaving the Lecture Behind: Putting Pubmed Instruction into the Hands of the Students. *Medical Reference Service Quarterly*. 36(3), 292-8.

Iwema C.L., **Ratajeski M.A.**, & Ketchum A.M. (2016). Library Support for Data Management Plans. In: Federer L, editor. *The Medical Library Association Guide to Data Management for Librarians*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

Ratajeski, M.A. & Kraft, M.A. (2015). Use of QR Codes to Promote E-Books in Medical Libraries. *Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries*. 12(1), 11-24.

Ratajeski, M.A. (2015). Marketing with Social Media: A LITA Guide edited by Beth C. Thomsett-Scott. *Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries*. 12(1), 92-93.

Saleh, A.A., **Ratajeski, M.A.**, & Bertolet, M. (2014). Grey Literature Searching for Health Sciences Systematic Reviews: A Prospective Study of Time Spent and Resources Utilized. *Evidence Based Library and Information Practice*. 9(3), 28-50.

Saleh, A.A., **Ratajeski, M.A.**, & LaDue, J. (2014). Development of a Web-Based Repository for Sharing Biomedical Terminology From Systematic Review Searches: A Case Study. *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*. 33(2), 167-178.

Ratajeski, M.A. (2014). Learning From Libraries That Use Wordpress: Content-Management System Best Practices and Case Studies by Kyle L. M. Jones and Polly-Alida Farrington. *Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries*. 11(1), 55-56.

Chatfield, A.J., **Ratajeski, M.A.**, Wang, J., & Bardyn, T.P. (2010). Communicating with Faculty, Staff, and Students Using Library Blogs: Results from a Survey of Academic Health Sciences Libraries. *Internet Reference Services Quarterly*. 15(3), 149-168.

Ratajeski, M.A. (2009, February). Internet Resource: Seasonal Affective Disorder. *MLA News*. 413, 8.

Ratajeski, M.A. (2008, June). Internet Resources for the 3Rs. *Tech Talk: The Newsletter for Laboratory Animal Science Technicians*. 13(3), 5.

Datasets: Mazure, E., **Ratajeski, M.**, Gau, K., Brody, E., & Tuttle, B. (2019). Differences Between the PubMed Record and Full-Text Methods Section in in-vivo Animal Research Articles. figshare. <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.7697816.v2>.

Iwema, C., **Ratajeski, M.**, Bower, M., Mattern, E., & Sowa, A. (2018). Library Services for Electronic Lab Notebooks. figshare. <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.7089131.v1>.

Ratajeski, M., Iwema, C., & Ketchum, A. (2017). Data Management Practices of Health Sciences Researchers. figshare. <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.1600993.v1>.

Conference Presentations: **Ratajeski M.A.** & Sheridan, H. (2023, October). Leveraging the DMPTool for Data Management and Sharing Plan Creation and Review. Lightning Talk presented at the Mid Atlantic Chapter Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

Gabrielson S.W., **Ratajeski M.A.**, & Turner R.L. (2023, March). Publishing Methods Protocols: Participating in Open Science. Poster presented at Association of College & Research Libraries Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

Carder, J. & **Ratajeski, M.A.** (2022, December). Conducting and Reviewing 3Rs Literature Searches for Animal Use Protocol. Invited On-Demand Session presented at Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) Annual Conference.

Ratajeski, M.A., & Miller, R. (2020, August). Missing Fields = Misinformed: Why EndNote Customization Is Crucial. Lightning Talk presented at Medical Library Association vConference.

Iwema, C.L., & **Ratajeski, M.A.** (2020, August). Data Availability Statements: Your “In” with Researchers. Lightning Talk presented at Medical Library Association vConference.

Ratajeski, M.A. (2019, November). Facilitating Data Discovery through an Open- Source Data Catalog. <https://osf.io/mrenh/>. Lightning Talk presented at OpenCon Philly 2019, Philadelphia, PA.

Ratajeski, M.A., & Iwema, C.L. (2019, May). Practicing What We Preach: Making Our Own Research Data Open Access. Lightning Talk presented at Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Iwema, C.L., **Ratajeski, M.A.**, & Chattopadhyay, A. (2019, May). Collaborating for Classes: Training Initiatives for the Mutual Benefit of Libraries and Their Institutional Partners. Lightning Talk presented at Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Sheridan, H., **Ratajeski, M.A.**, & Iwema, C.L. (2019, May). Quick, Cheap, Fun: Activities Designed to Gather Feedback and Engage with Patrons. Poster presented at Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Ratajeski, M.A., Akers, K., Contaxis, N., Del Baglivo, M., Lin, N., Sheridan, H., & Read, K. (2019, May). Outreach Strategies and Researchers' Motivations for Sharing Data through a Data Catalog. Poster presented at Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Members of the Data Catalog Collaboration. (2019, May). A Multisite Collaboration to Improve Data Curation and Discovery in Academic Health Sciences Centers: The Data Catalog Collaboration Project. Poster presented at Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Members of the Data Catalog Collaboration. (2018, October). The Data Catalog Collaboration Project. Poster presented at the Mid Atlantic Chapter Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Ocean City, MD.

Iwema, C.L. & **Ratajeski, M.A.** (2018, May). Creating New Research Services: Library Support for Electronic Lab Notebooks. Paper presented at Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Read, K., **Ratajeski, M.A.**, Lin, N., Contaxis, N., Lamb, I., Surkis, A., Del Baglivo, M., Iwema, C.L., Marchewka, J., Courneya, J.P., Zack, A., Hinegardner, P., & Gerhart, B. (2018, May). Leading the Data Discovery Charge: A Cross-Institutional Collaboration to Index Research Data. Lightning Talk presented at Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Iwema, C.L., **Ratajeski, M.A.**, & Chattopadhyay, A. (2018, May). Programming for Biology: Learning the Language to Meet the Needs of Biomedical Researchers. Lightning Talk presented at Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Mattern, E. & **Ratajeski, M.A.** (2017, October). Investigating Roles for Academic Libraries in Supporting Electronic Lab Notebooks. Paper presented at Digital Library Federation Forum, Pittsburgh, PA.

Mazure, E.S., **Ratajeski, M.A.**, Gau, K.H., Brody, E.R., Di Pace, B., & Tuttle, B. (2017, May). Searching for Animal Research Methodology: The Potential Impact of Differences Between the PubMed Record and Full-text Methods Section. Poster presented at Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

Ratajeski, M.A., Ketchum, A.M., Zack, A., & Iwema, C.L. (2017, May). Discovering Data: A Federated Search Portal of Data Journals. Lightning Talk presented at Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

Turner, R.L., Ketchum, A. M., **Ratajeski, M.A.**, Saghafi, E., & Wessel, C.B. (2016, September). Leaving the Lecture Behind: Putting Instruction into the Hands of the Students. Poster presented at University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Med Ed Day, Pittsburgh, PA.

Ratajeski, M.A., & Iwema, C.L. (2016, May). DMPTool Customization for Researchers Writing Data Management Plans (DMPs). Poster presented at: Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada.

Turner, R.L., Ketchum, A.M., **Ratajeski, M.A.**, Saghafi, E., & Wessel, C.B. (2016, May). Leaving the Lecture Behind: Putting PubMed Instruction into the Hands of the Students. Poster presented at: Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada.

Iwema, C.L., **Ratajeski, M.A.**, & Ketchum, A.M. (2015, October). Survey & Statistics: Lessons for Avoiding Survey Design Missteps. Paper presented at Mid Atlantic Chapter Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Asheville, NC.

Ratajeski, M.A., Iwema, C.L., & Ketchum, A.M. (2015, May). Data Management Reciprocity: Librarians and Researchers Teaching Each Other. Paper presented at: Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Austin, TX.

Iwema, C.L., **Ratajeski, M.A.**, and Ketchum, A.M. (2015, May). Surveys & Statistics: Lessons for Avoiding Survey Design Mistakes. Paper presented at: Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Austin, TX.

Ratajeski, M.A., Iwema, C.L., Ketchum, A.M., and Rosario, B.L. (2014, May). You do WHAT with your Data?! Opportunities for librarians to teach data management best practices. Paper presented at: Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Iwema, C.L., Ketchum, A.M., & **Ratajeski, M.A.** (2013, October). Dealing with Data: Surveying Researchers to Understand Their Data Management Practices. Paper presented at Mid Atlantic Chapter Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

Jankovic, J.C., & **Ratajeski, M.A.** (2013, October). On the Go: Usage of a Library's Mobile Resources Web page. Poster presented at Mid Atlantic Chapter Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

Hartman, L.M., Folb, B., Klem, M.L., **Ratajeski, M.A.**, Saleh, A., Wessel, C.B., & Ketchum, A.M. (2013, May). What Happens after: Outcomes of a Systematic Review Course. Paper presented at: Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA.

Ratajeski, M.A. (2012, May). Using QR Codes to Promote E-Books. Poster presented at: Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

Saleh, A., **Ratajeski, M.A.**, & Bertolet, M. (2012, May). Grey Literature Searching in Health Sciences Systematic Reviews. Poster presented at: Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

Ratajeski, M.A., Saleh, A., & LaDue, J. (2011, October). By Librarians for Librarians: A Database to Share Biomedical Terminology and Strategies for Comprehensive Searches. Paper presented at the Mid Atlantic Chapter Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Richmond, VA.

Saleh, A., **Ratajeski, M.A.**, & LaDue, J. (2011, May). Development of a Collaborative Web-based Terminology Database, A Resource for Comprehensive Search Preparation. Paper presented at the Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Ratajeski, M.A. (2008, May). Customizing EndNote for Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Protocol Searches. Poster presented at the Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Ratajeski, M.A. (2007, May). Reduction Search Strategies for Animal Research. Poster presented at the Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Barger, R. & **Ratajeski, M.A.** (2006, May). Understanding User Needs in an Online Environment: What We Can Learn from Electronic Reference Questions. Paper presented at the Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

Ratajeski, M.A. & McDonald, K.A. (2005, November). The Use of Acrylic Privacy Panels to Reduce Stress in Singly-Housed Macaques. Poster presented at the 56th American Association for Laboratory Animal Science National Meeting, St. Louis, MO.

McDonald, K.A. & **Ratajeski, M.A.** (2005, November). Pair Housing of *Cebus Apella* Monkeys on Behavioral Studies. Poster presented at the 56th American Association for Laboratory Animal Science National Meeting, St. Louis, MO.

McDonald, K.A. & **Ratajeski, M.A.** (2004, October). Facilitating Behavioral Training of New World Primates in Laboratories Designed to Accommodate Old World Primates. Poster presented at the 55th American Association for Laboratory Animal Science National Meeting, Tampa, FL.

Kravic, M.A. & McDonald, K.A. (2003, October). Extending the Enrichment Value of Toy Items and Promoting the Arboreal Tendencies in Captive Non-Human Primates through the Usage of PVC Piping. Poster presented at the 54th American Association for Laboratory Animal Science National Meeting, Seattle, WA.

Professional Activities:	DMPTool Editorial Board Member	2023 - present
	Data Discovery Collaboration formerly Data Catalog Collaboration Project https://datadiscoverycollaboration.org/ Steering Committee	2017 - present 2020 - 2022
	Medical Library Association, National Garfield Research Fellowship Jury Member Board of Directors Chapter Council Chair Chapter Council Chair Elect Joint Programming Committee Member for 2016 Meeting Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year Jury Chair Chapter Council Vice Chair	2007 - present 2020 - 2021 2016 - 2019 2016 - 2019 2015 - 2016 2014 - 2016 2014 - 2015 2013 - 2015

Section/Chapter Membership Task Force Co-Chair	2013 - 2014
Kronick Traveling Fellowship Jury Member	2012 - 2013
Membership Committee Chapter Council Liaison	2011 - 2015
Institutional Animal Care and Use SIG listserv Administrator	2011 - 2016
Chapter Council Presents Sharing Roundtables Committee Co-Chair	2010 - 2012
Virginia L. and William K. Beatty Service Award Jury Chair	2010 - 2011
Virginia L. and William K. Beatty Service Award Jury Member	2009 - 2010
MLA Section Program Planning Committee Member	2009 - 2011
Official Blogger for MLA Annual Meeting	2009
Institutional Animal Care and Use SIG Convener	2008 - 2011
Chapter Council Presents Sharing Roundtables Committee Member	2008 - 2010
Medical Library Association, Mid-Atlantic Chapter	2009 - present
Honor and Awards Committee Member	2021 - present
Local Arrangements Committee for Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh	2023
Contributed Papers Committee Member for Annual Meeting in Staunton	2017
Nominating Committee	2016
Contributed Posters Committee Member for Tri-Chapter Meeting in Philadelphia	2016
Contributed Papers Committee Member for Annual Meeting in Ashville	2015
Invited Speakers Co-Chair for Annual Meeting in Alexandria	2014
Contributed Posters Committee Chair for Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh	2013
Hospitality Committee Member for Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh	2013
Honor and Awards Committee Member	2012 - 2015
Chapter Council Representative	2011 - 2015
Contributed Posters Committee Member for Annual Meeting in Richmond	2011
Chapter Council Alternate	2009 - 2011
Love Data Week Campaign Planning Committee Member	2016 - 2017
National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Middle Atlantic Region	
Regional Advisory Committee Member	2012 - 2016
Data Management Task Force Committee Member	2012 - 2014
Medical Library Association, Pittsburgh Regional Chapter	2006 - 2009
Pittsburgh/Mid Atlantic Chapter Merger Committee Member	2008 - 2009
Chapter Council Alternate	2007 - 2009
American Association for Laboratory Animal Science	2002 - 2011