

# M. Alan Thomas II – Curriculum Vitae

## Personal

**Full Name** Michael Alan Thomas II (“Alan”)  
**Location** Saint Louis, MO  
**Website** <http://www.crazydreams.org/>

## Skills

**Information Science** First-order logic, relational database structures, markup languages (including general theory, history, and the TEI markup language)  
**Library Science** Bibliography (enumerative, descriptive, historical, and textual), text digitization, genre and subject classification of anime and manga  
**Legal/Ethical Issues** Federal information policy, legal issues in libraries and information centers, copyright, rare books crime, professional ethics  
**Programming** Various programming languages (including Python and BF), methods and limitations of programming, regular expressions  
**Rare Books** Medieval codicology, bibliography (see above), rare books crime  
**Youth Services** Storytelling, fantasy literature and media for youth  
**XML Standards** XML (including namespaces), XPath (1.0 and 2.0), XSLT (1.0 and 2.0)  
**Web Standards** XHTML 1, HTML 4.01, CSS 2.1, RSS/Atom  
**Operating Systems** Windows, Macintosh, POSIX (Linux/Unix)  
**Other** Capable of working both alone and as part of a team, quick learner, capable of self-teaching

## Education

**Degree** **Master of Science (M.S.)** in Library and Information Science  
**University** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
**Degree Date** August 2009  
**Degree** **Bachelor of Arts (A.B.)** in English Literature  
**Minor** **Certificate in Creative Writing** in Fiction  
**University** Washington University in St. Louis  
**Degree Date** May 2007

## Employment

**Title** **Encoding Supervisor**  
**Dates** August 2006 – August 2007

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(Consultant, August 2007 – May 2008)

Responsibilities    Creating and commenting on guidelines, standards, and instructions  
New encoder training  
Converting documents to TEI-compliant XML  
DTD troubleshooting

Other Achievements    Converted project guidelines to TEI on own initiative

Employer    The Spenser Archive  
<http://www.spenserarchive.org/>  
Joe Loewenstein, General Editor

Mail    Campus Box 1122  
One Brookings Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63130

Phone    314-935-4404

**Title    Student Worker**

Dates    May 2001 – August 2001

Responsibilities    Filing updates in reference binders  
Current Serials maintenance

Employer    Washington University Law Library  
<http://law.wustl.edu/Library/>  
Mark Kloempken, Public Services Librarian

Mail    Campus Box 1171  
One Brookings Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63130

Phone    314-935-7124

### **Design**

Site    Crazy Dreams  
<http://www.crazydreams.org/>

Nature    A personal website for various projects (active and inactive/archival)  
that also serves as a testbed when learning web technologies

Technical Notes    Includes XHTML and RSS/Atom precompiled from XML source via  
XSLT 2.0, per-directory Rewrite Rules, a CGI file written in Python  
(supporting a custom namespace's documentation), a blog installation,  
and Dublin Core metadata

Design Notes    Completely custom, utilitarian design utilizing no prefabricated elements

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## **Articles**

Title Anime and Manga Genre and Subject Headings: Seven Failures  
[working title]

Status In progress