

# PAPD: "Spotlight On..."



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Shirley started as an LTE in the Physical Education Department in August 1978. She then worked in the School of Psychology for a year and transferred to the Financial Aid Office for 7 years. She spent the next 17 years in the Music Department and then her last 10 in the Biology Department. Shirley retires this spring on June 4th.

**What is your favorite book or movie?** \* I enjoy mysteries & romances as well as science fiction.

**What is the most unique job you've ever had?**

\* I've been a waitress at a dairy bar, a student employee in the Admissions Office at UW-Eau Claire, and a secretary forever.



**What is your favorite place in the La Crosse area?**

\* The usual places: the bluffs, river, restaurants, and at University activities. Also, the lock and dam and boat excursions.

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?**

\* I would love to go to England and to Australia.



**Who has been an encouragement/mentor for you here at UW-L & why?**

\* This is tough because there have been so many. Most have retired but are cherished by me because of their enthusiasm and willingness to share ideas and shortcuts. I am also awed by the PAPD Steering Committee members (Krista Shulka, Susan Butterfield, Lori Hanson, Ingrid Iverson, Susanne Koehler, Maureen Spencer, Cyndi Taylor, Marge Troka, Becky Yoshizumi, and Lea Elskamp) for their dedication and willingness to work towards better communication on campus.

**What are you most proud of, your greatest work achievement?**

\* In August 1992, I graduated with a Master's Degree in College Student Personnel after working on the degree part-time while continuing to work full-time. I have been very successful working on shadow books for the Music and Biology Departments. This has aided our professors in keeping track of their grants, course costs, etc..

**What do you enjoy most about work?**

\* The students, of course, and the teachers as well as other support staff. No two days are ever the same, and there are always challenges when learning new systems.

**What work tip would you like to share?**

\* Keep a positive attitude, and don't take others too seriously. There are always others who have to be number 1 and always be on top — enjoy being second or third.

**What do you like to do to relax or have fun?**

\* Read a book, watch a movie, go out to eat, go to the casino, and talk to friends.

**If you were allowed to have one superpower, what would it be?**

\* The ability to stop others from complaining so that they can see life is precious and too short. Also, to be able to spread a smile to those around me.

