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## President's Message by Lee Peoples

Happy New Year! It seems like just yesterday that we were all meeting in Lincoln for the 2007 Annual Meeting. Those of you who attended know what an excellent experience it was. There were over ninety-five members and others in attendance.

Rich Leiter and all the librarians and staff at the Schmid Law Library did an amazing job and made it all look so effortless. Rich collected some of the best photos from the meeting and has posted them at: <http://theleiters.net/leiterweb/MAALL2007.html>. If you attended the meeting and have photos to share please add them to the page.

The meeting featured a variety of educational programming that hopefully appealed to the range of law libraries represented in MAALL. Roy Mersky's keynote address delivered in the elegant legislative chamber of the Nebraska State Capitol was something to remember. I must thank all of the

speakers who did an outstanding job with their programs. They are a testament to the abundance of knowledge and expertise among the ranks of our membership. MAALL has also produced a number of national leaders in the law library profession and several of them were in attendance in Lincoln. We were fortunate to have the current AALL President Ann Fessenden, a member and former president of MAALL, as our keynote speaker at the breakfast business meeting. Also in attendance at the meeting was the incoming AALL president, another MAALL member and former MAALL president, James Duggan.

Mark your calendars now for the 2008 Annual Meeting scheduled for October 16 through 18 in Fayetteville Arkansas. The Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by Lorraine Lorne, has been working hard to plan an excellent meeting. They have secured a really swank and modern hotel, the re-

cently remodeled Cosmopolitan in downtown Fayetteville (<http://www.cosmofayetteville.com/index.html>). Arkansas is well known for its beautiful fall foliage, which hopefully will be on full display during our meeting. The Education Committee, Chaired by incoming MAALL President Joe Custer, is hard at work planning the educational programming for the meeting. As you can see the meeting is already shaping up nicely—you won't want to miss it.

The MAALL Luncheon and Business Meeting at AALL is scheduled for Monday, July 14. If you are attending the Annual Meeting in Portland this year make plans to attend.

Before taking over the reigns as president, I was hard at work making appointments to MAALL Committees. The current list of committee members is available at: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/maall/committees.htm>. Thanks

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to everyone who agreed to serve this year. The committees really are the lifeblood of the organization. Each committee performs vital functions for MAALL, but I wanted to mention a few in particular.

A new committee that has just been formed is the **Digitization and Regional Retention Coordination Committee**. In a time when library collections are transitioning from print to electronic resources and looking to save space by getting rid of print sources it makes sense to collaborate in this area. The committee is chaired by Richard Amelung, who has graciously taken this on in addition to his duties on the Grants Committee.

Andrew Evans of Washburn University Law Library has taken over as chair of the **Government Relations Committee**. Andrew and the committee members will be working diligently over the next year to keep us informed of legislative and regulatory developments that impact us all.

The **Nominations Committee** is chaired by Randy Diamond this year with Darrin Fox and Stefanie Pearlman serving as members. If you are interested in a leadership position, or know someone who would be a good candidate for a position, please contact someone on the Nominations Committee.

2008 is shaping up to be a great year for MAALL. I hope to see all of you in Portland and Fayetteville!

## From the Vice-President by Joe Custer

A Couple Words from the VP

The Education Committee wants to hear from you. We need the input of the most important people in MAALL...its members, to help make next Fall's programs the most helpful and interesting. Programs that will meet your professional needs and your expectations of quality.

Please email [jcuster@ku.edu](mailto:jcuster@ku.edu) with any suggestions. Make them early and often so the Education Committee will have the opportunity to make it a program to remember...in a good way.

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## AALL President Attends IALL Meeting in Mumbai, India

By: Ann Fessenden, AALL President & Circuit Librarian  
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I represented the American Association of Law Libraries at this year's meeting of the International Association of Law Libraries in Mumbai (formerly Bombay), India. This was an extremely fascinating journey on many levels. The trip provided opportunities to learn about the legal system and culture of India and the lives of the people, to see historic, religious, and governmental sites, and to meet law librarian colleagues from throughout the world. Since the group was relatively small (about eighty-five delegates), there was ample opportunity to become acquainted or better acquainted with both international and American colleagues. (Americans made up about one-third of the attendees.)

My husband accompanied me on the trip, which began on Wednesday, November 28. After a quick hop from St. Louis to Chicago, we embarked on an American Airlines flight of approximately fifteen hours (direct) from Chicago to Delhi. India is eleven and one-half hours later than U.S. Central Standard time, so we departed Wednesday evening and arrived (with some delay) after 10:00 p.m. Thursday! We spent the night in Delhi, and then took a domestic flight the next morning from Delhi to Mumbai. That two-hour flight was very nice, and included a full meal service with china and linen (even though we were not in first class!).

The conference didn't start until Saturday evening, so we had some time to rest, to begin adjusting to our environment, and to do a little sight-seeing. We were overwhelmed by the traffic, in which a myriad assortment of small cars and motorcycles jostled for position, getting within inches of each other and honking their horns constantly! This proved to be typical of Indian traffic, and one of our drivers later explained that they drive by "instinct, not by rules!" Forms of dress were very different for women. Most wore either colorful saris or equally colorful long tunics over matching pants. Both forms of dress included long, flowing scarves. For the most part men wore Western dress. One thing that didn't require much adjustment was language. Although the official language is Hindi, English is very widely used in both speech and writing, though we did have to listen very carefully in order to understand English spoken with an Indian accent. Saturday afternoon we visited

the Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (formerly Prince of Wales) Museum, a Victorian building that featured historic Indian art, especially from western India.

The opening conference event on Saturday included a colorful presentation of traditional Indian dances, plus a modern "Bollywood" number. Over the next three days, there were presentations by Indian judges, law professors, and practitioners on a wide range of topics, including constitutional and administrative law, human rights, women's rights, legal education, legal literature, and many others. India has a common law system, but with unique aspects based on traditional Indian values.

One particularly fascinating aspect of Indian law was the use of "Directive Principles of State Policy." These are principles that are recognized as being unenforceable, but yet are guaranteed by the Indian Constitution ([http://india.gov.in/govt/constitutions\\_india.php](http://india.gov.in/govt/constitutions_india.php)) as fundamental rights, and are used as the basis for governance decisions. The cornerstone is Article 21, which states: "No person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to procedure established by law." It was explained that the concept of "life" in Article 21 has been expanded to include everything that makes life desirable, including economic, social, and cultural rights. Among these are the rights to shelter, dignity, gender justice, health and medical aid, education, and the right to earn a livelihood.

Despite the Indian government's legal commitment to human rights, extreme poverty, homelessness, and unhealthy conditions continue to be widespread. Beggars and peddlers, many of them children, are commonplace, and often bang on car windows when cars are stopped in traffic. In the cities makeshift shelters occupy any available space, and in the older sections of cities and in villages animals run loose and trash is everywhere.

Another extremely interesting aspect of Indian law was the power and functioning of the judiciary. Although their court structure sounds very similar to ours, with a Supreme Court and "High" Courts in each state (though there are not separate federal and state systems), the courts are not limited in the same way by separation of powers or standing. Courts are

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free to launch their own investigations or fashion remedies whenever injustices are brought to their attention or they find that rights are being violated. Also, juries are not used; cases are decided by the judges. However some matters such as domestic disputes and wills are covered by “personal laws” based on various religious codes.

There were also several library tours, including one public and two special research libraries. They felt like a trip back in time. Although the libraries did have some computers, there were card catalogs (one of them with handwritten paper cards). The libraries were dark, dreary and un-air-conditioned. (And December highs in Mumbai were about 90°F, which is cooler than the summer.) But the public library was packed with people and the research libraries had such treasures as a fourteenth century manuscript written on palm leaf.

The last day featured an excursion by boat to Elephanta Island, where we visited a cave temple devoted to the Hindu God Shiva the Destroyer. The temple carvings date from the fourth to ninth centuries, and the caves are now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On the island we also saw wild monkeys and freely wandering cattle. (At another site we saw wild parrots as well.)

The travel company that handled arrangements for the conference also offered several optional excursions, and my husband and I had booked the “Golden Triangle” tour, which features many historic sites in Jaipur, Agra, and Delhi. We flew from Mumbai to Jaipur to begin our tour, and then had our own driver for the trips from Jaipur to Agra and Agra to Delhi, and our own guide in each location. We saw incredibly beautiful and ornate historic forts, palaces, and tombs, including the Taj Mahal.

The road trip also provided a glimpse of rural Indian life, which appeared to have changed little in thou-



*Ann and her husband*

sands of years. We saw women doing manual labor in the fields, drawing water from wells, and carrying huge burdens on their heads. In the villages, we saw people living in tiny structures that clearly had nothing even remotely related to modern conveniences, and crowded marketplaces with wandering animals and a myriad of people, products, and vehicles that overwhelmed the senses! On the roads we saw every possible type of conveyance—camel-drawn carts, motor-driven vehicles of every size, shape and age, bicycle rickshaws, and loaded carts pushed and pulled by people. We also saw animals wandering on their own

or herded by their owners—cows, water buffaloes, goats, pigs, sheep, elephants.

Our guides were not only very helpful in explaining the sites, but they were also eager to help us understand Indian culture and religion. We learned much about the dominant religion (approximately 80 percent of the population is Hindu), about the caste system (which still exists culturally, though not legally), about how most marriages are still arranged, and about how the divorce rate is low and extended families live together. We found India to be a land of contrasts—from incredible beauty and wealth, to abject poverty and filth. It was an amazing experience!

We had some significant delays on the return trip (including an unscheduled refueling stop in Boston), so the return flight lasted about twenty hours rather than the scheduled sixteen. We arrived home at last on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 11, very tired and very appreciative of life in the United States, but also very grateful for having had the opportunity to visit India!

## Filling Holes and Building Foundations with WorldCat Collection Analysis

By: Darin Fox, Director and Associate Professor of Law  
University of Oklahoma Law Library

Collection development is both an art and a science. At the University of Oklahoma Law Library, we try to approach it as a science, to the extent we can. We diligently review green slips and yellow slips (or rather the online equivalents—Hein’s Electronic Green Slips and YBP’s GOBI service). We receive catalogs of new publications from university presses and commercial publishers. We read book reviews and watch for bibliographies. We look at Ken Svengalis’ book, *The Legal Information Buyer’s Guide and Reference Manual*, to make sure our looseleaf and treatise collections contain the titles we need. We pour over the annual edition of *Recommended Publications for Legal Research* to make sure we have received every “A,” “B,” and “C” title that fits our collection development policy. Finally, we make sure that all interlibrary loan requests from faculty are funneled through the Acquisitions Department so that we can opt to buy those titles that the faculty need for an extended time or that are more cost-effective to own.

However, despite our best efforts, we miss important or helpful titles. This can happen for a variety of reasons. For instance, the title may simply not have jumped out when we reviewed the slips. How many times have you written “maybe” on a green slip or yellow slip? Perhaps a title just wasn’t included in GOBI or the catalogs we review, or perhaps the main campus library had already purchased it, and we decided to forgo a copy for the law library.

Another major event that can cause gaps in collections is lack of funding. We all go through budget crunches. During the “bubble burst” years (2001–2004), our library reduced its monograph purchasing drastically. During two of those years, the library primarily processed only faculty requests, and very little book selection was done. To make matters worse, the law school had just undergone a major renovation in the preceding two years. While the new building was being built, the library was relocated to an old movie theater. During this time, very little collection development was done. When the budget started to improve in Oklahoma in 2005, we began looking at the collection. Not surprisingly, we discovered that the monograph collection needed some attention. The budget constraints and past

space considerations during the construction had left some holes in the collection. We began looking for tools to help us evaluate the collection and figure out what we were missing. WorldCat Collection Analysis (WCA) by OCLC is one of the tools we are using to “fill holes.”

However, filling holes and keeping up with new publications are not the only challenges that collection development librarians face. Another aspect of collection development involves building specialized collections in specific subject areas. Most libraries have subject areas in which they have historically developed rich collections. For instance, Native Peoples law is very important in Oklahoma, and we have collected everything we possibly can in this area for many, many years. We also have rich collections in energy law and agriculture law. Both are areas of importance to the state of Oklahoma. However, there are other events that can cause a library to begin developing a deeper collection in a specific area from scratch. For instance, the law library may receive a large gift from a donor or collector. I worked at a library that received a large gift of materials on Abraham Lincoln, and we started collecting Lincoln materials after that. More commonly, a law school will hire a new faculty member who has research interests in an area that the library has not collected extensively in the past.

WorldCat Collection Analysis (WCA) can help with both of the challenges described above—locating recent titles you may have missed and building deeper collections in areas that relate to your mission. WCA is designed to allow you to generate both internal reports analyzing your own collection and external reports that compare your collection to other OCLC member libraries.

With regard to your own collection, WCA allows you to examine your collection based on publication date, subject area, language, and other criteria. So, for example, if your library was starting a special collection in energy law, and you wanted to prepare a brochure stating the number of titles in your collection, you could do that with WCA. You could also look at the energy law subject area by date of publication to see how much historical material the library owns. Finally, if you wanted to determine how many “unique” titles were owned by the library in a certain

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subject area—titles which no other OCLC library owns—you could do that too. WCA makes it easy to generate statistics and graphs that describe your collection.

WCA can also generate reports comparing your collection to other library collections. This can be helpful in a number of ways. Above, I mentioned how the OU Law Library went through two challenging periods when very few monographs were selected and many treatises were cancelled. We began looking for ways to try to fill the holes that were created during these budget crunch years. Certainly, we used the Svengalis book to evaluate our treatise collection, and we also used *Recommended Publications for Legal Research* to identify monographs that were published during this period and that were highly rated. In addition, we used WCA to help with identifying those materials that a group of libraries had purchased but we had not. Here's how it works.

With WCA, a library can create a comparison group of two to five libraries, and it can identify those titles that all five libraries purchased but your own library did not purchase. So, for instance, OU Law Library could identify five “peer” libraries, and then run a report to identify titles that were published between 2001 and 2004 and that are held *by all five peer libraries* but are not held by OU Law Library. The idea here is that our library may be interested in purchasing a title that all five of our peer libraries already purchased. Now, we may not automatically buy everything that five other libraries had purchased, but odds are that the titles identified by this report are ones that might be of interest to us. If you wanted to cast a slightly larger net, you could instruct the report to generate a list of titles that are held by three of the five peer libraries in the comparison group and are not held by OU Law Library. Some may say—“Yes, but what if the libraries in your comparison group were also experiencing a budget crunch during those years?” This is certainly a potential limitation, and something to keep in mind. However, one of the nice aspects to WCA is that it is an annual subscription. You don't have to pay for each report. So, you could run a report comparing your library to other peer libraries, and you could run another report comparing your library to a group of libraries with more comprehensive collec-

tions.

WCA can also be used to develop a richer research collection in a specific subject area. As I mentioned above, the OU Law Library has a strong collection in Native Peoples law. We try to buy every title that relates to Native Peoples law, politics, and government. WCA can help us to build an even deeper research collection in this area. Here's how it works. Begin by identifying other academic libraries that have strong collections in Native Peoples law. Next, add those libraries to a comparison group in WCA. Now, instruct WCA to generate a report that looks only at the relevant subject area. Finally, instruct the report to generate a list of those titles that are held *by at least one library* in the comparison group. In this way, you can cast a very wide net. If just one library from your comparison group has purchased a title in this subject area, it appears on the report. If you wanted to tighten the net a little, you could instruct WCA to make a list of those titles that were held by at least two of the five libraries in the group, or you could limit the report by date of publication.

In terms of the usability of the system, WCA is completely web-based. You don't have to download or install any software. You customize your reports by choosing from a series of checkboxes and drop down menus. It doesn't require any advanced knowledge of databases to use. It looks and feels a lot like a simplified version of Microsoft Excel with rows and columns. OCLC has an online tutorial that walks you through configuring the most common types of reports. The pricing is gradually coming down. At last check, the price for this service was a flat fee of \$1,100 per year, which allows the library to run an unlimited number of reports. As a cost saving measure, libraries can certainly opt to subscribe every other year or every few years as needed.

In conclusion, WorldCat Collection Analysis is a helpful tool for identifying key titles that your library may have missed during its routine selection process. It can also help you to build deeper research collections in specific subject areas by casting a wide net to see what titles are held by a group of five different libraries. In this way, you can virtually pick the brains of five other collection development teams to discover titles that might further enhance your own research collection.

# Member News

## Arkansas

Kathryn C. Fitzhugh (reference/special collections librarian, University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law Library) compiled the "Trust Bibliography" chapter of Arkansas' new *Revocable Trust Handbook for Arkansas Practitioners*, which was published by the Arkansas Bar Association in September 2007. In October Kathryn served as a speaker at the National Business Institute's CLE, "Find It Free and Fast on the Net: Strategies for Legal Research on the Web." Kathryn's topic was "Government Internet Resources: Federal, State, and Local."

During the past year, Susan Goldner (technical services librarian, University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law Library) created indexes for three Arkansas Bar Association publications: *Domestic Relations Handbook*, *Handling Appeals in Arkansas*, and *Revocable Trust Handbook for Arkansas Practitioners*.

## Iowa

Cheryl Gritton (librarian, 8th Circuit Library, Des Moines Branch) will be leaving her position, effective January 25, 2008. She has taken a new position as director of the library on Pope Air Force Base in Fayetteville, North Carolina. The library serves the command of the air base, the service members, and all of their dependents.

## Kansas

News from the Johnson County Law Library: The Kansas legislature authorized increased filing fee funding authority for Sedgwick and Johnson County law libraries. This was the result of a three year effort initiated by Sedgwick County Bar Association and County Law Library. Legislators from both urban counties worked to pass this important legislation. In October, Bonnie Kanter retired after seventeen years with the law library. Bonnie will be missed, but we know she is enjoying her retirement. Anne Stroud replaced Bonnie Kanter as assistant to the librarian. Anne has a JD and experience working in a high school library setting. Her responsibilities include financial accounting, GLAS cataloging, acquisitions, attorney registration and reference. The law library and the district court switched from Lexis to Westlaw in November. We have five Westlaw public access computers.

## Missouri

Sabina Assar has joined the staff of the Thompson Coburn Library as competitive intelligence analyst. Sabina has extensive experience in the legal information industry, including positions as manager of competitive analysis & quality assurance at Shepard's Citations and as competitive intelligence manager, North American Legal Market for LexisNexis. As competitive intelligence analyst, she provides company research and data analysis on industries, clients, and prospective clients.

Phill W. Johnson is the new associate director of the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Library. He will also retain his previous positions as director of electronic services and communications, and adjunct professor of law.

Kansas City Association of Law Libraries (KCALL) held its annual election via e-mail in November. Congratulations to Brian Larios, Glenn Higley, Judy Esrig, and Eric Brust in their election to the 2008 KCALL Executive Board! The 2008 KCALL Executive Board includes: president Frances Schach (Armstrong Teasdale), vice-president/president-elect Brian Larios (Lathrop & Gage), treasurer Glenn Higley (UMKC), secretary Judy Esrig, 2007–2008 board member Nancy Stancel (UMKC), 2008–2009 board member Eric Brust (Jackson County Law Library), and immediate past president Debbie Steele (Jackson County Law Library).

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### Nebraska

Jeri Kay Hopkins received a MA degree in Library Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia in December 2007. Jeri is the branch librarian for the U.S. Courts Library, 8th Circuit, in Omaha.

Creighton University Law Library hired George Butterfield as a reference librarian.

The Omaha Chapter of the Special Library Association changed its name to the Nebraska Chapter, effective 2008. Out-going president Maureen O'Riordan (Koley Jessen) received a paperweight at the December meeting. Incoming officers include: president Mary Stultz (Baird Holm) and president-elect Stephanie Ewen (Stinson Morrison Hecker). Our January meeting was held at the U.S. Courts Library and hosted by Jeri Hopkins.

### Oklahoma

In October 2007, the University of Texas Tarlton Law Library hosted "Teaching the Teachers: Effective Instruction in Legal Research." The content of the conference was a useful mix of programs that covered theoretical, practical and technological issues about teaching. Oklahoma MAALL members attending were Darla Jackson and Karen Kalnins from Oklahoma City University Law Library, along with Darin Fox, Jennifer Gerish, and Joel Wegemer from the University of Oklahoma Law Library.

In January 2008, the staff of the Mabee Legal Information Center at the University of Tulsa welcomed new technical services librarian Richard Todd. Richard has fifteen years as a solo-practitioner professional librarian with Halliburton in Duncan, Oklahoma. He was quite pleased with accepting a job where there are co-workers!

## Meet MAALL Members

Meet...Barbara Ginzburg  
by Stefanie Pearlman and Matt Novak

Barbara Ginzburg has worked in law libraries for twenty years. She began her journey in law librarianship as a student worker at the University of Kansas Law Library. Six months after her college graduation, she returned to the University of Kansas Law Library as a cataloguing assistant. Currently, Barbara is the electronic services librarian at Washburn University, where she has worked for the past two and a half years.

She shares her enthusiasm and knowledge of the profession in numerous ways. Barbara serves as the chair of the MAALL Library School Liaison Committee, where she helps promote law librarianship and MAALL within library schools. In addition, she teaches at Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Science and is an AALL mentor.

Barbara also recognizes the importance of applying new trends in technology to law librarianship. She acted as chair of the MAALL Web Page Committee from 2000 to 2003. She will display her knowledge of electronic resources in Portland, where she is scheduled to present "Cool Tools: Energizing Law Librarianship with Web 2.0" with several other librarians at the 101<sup>st</sup> AALL Annual Meeting and Conference.

## News From Other Chapters

### **AZALL (Arizona Association of Law Libraries)**

*AzALL NewsLetter* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/azll/2007-09news.pdf>

Fall 2007 Volume 2007 Number 1

An impressive twenty-two pages long, this issue addressed topics such as strategic planning, highlights of the AALL Annual Meeting, and online government documents. Beth Schneider gave a recap of the SWALL meeting in April and Lynn Murphy's guide to resolving difficult situations presented librarians with a constructive way to handle conflict.

### **CALL (Chicago Association of Law Libraries)**

*CALL Bulletin* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/publications/callbull204.pdf>

Summer 2007 Number 24

In celebration of this chapter's sixtieth anniversary, this summer issue contained a variety of articles, pictures, and helpful hints. Julie Pabarja and Holly Lakatos summarized their experiences at the AALL Management and Leadership Institute. Julienne Grant dug into the library literature and pulled together a list of helpful articles. Finally, Heidi Frostestad Kuehl described how librarians can help attorneys learn new technologies.

### **CoALL (Colorado Association of Law Libraries)**

*CoAll Scuttle* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/scuttle.asp>

Fall 2007 Volume 17 Issue 4

Janet Ellen Raasch, a consultant and writer, discusses the importance of coaching in law libraries. She describes the stages in the coaching process: (1) focus in on one problem during a coaching session; (2) discuss all possible solutions, even the obvious; (3) choose a solution to try and make a plan of action; (4) remove any barriers to success; and (5) review the session and chart next steps.

### **HALL (Houston Area Law Librarians)**

*Houston Area Law Librarians Newsletter* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/hall/Newsletter/MayJun07.pdf>

May/June 2007 Volume 24 Number 3

Focused on publishing the chapter's business, this newsletter provided summaries of meeting minutes and photographs of significant events for the chapter. In addition, Mariann Sears summarized her experiences at the AALL Management and Leadership Institute. Lastly, the editors publicized Tarlton Law Library's Actual Innocence Database.

### **LLAM (Law Library Association of Maryland)**

*LLAM News* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llam/publications.htm>

September 2007 Volume 27 Number 1

Stacy Digan, Saul Ewing LLP library director, offers a step-by-step research process for finding historical stock quotes in the "Best Practices in Legal Research" feature.

### **LLNE (Law Librarians of New England)**

*LLNE News* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/LLNENews/index.htm>

2007-2008 Volume 27 Issue 1

This issue of *LLNE News* focuses on the AALL conference in New Orleans.

### **LLOPS (Law Librarians of Puget Sound)**

*LLOPSCited* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llops/committees/newsletter/fall07.pdf>

Fall 2007 Volume 18 Issue 1

Marcus Hochstetler began the issue with an article entitled "Exploring the Digital Future of the *Washington State Register*" which described a recent program with the code reviser and editor of the *Washington State Register*. Next, Amy Eaton recapped the experiences of the Marketing Committee at the AALL Annual Meet-

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ing in New Orleans. In two articles about student internships, Amy Eaton gave the firm library's perspective while Philippe Clotier viewed the experience from the student's perspective.

### **LLSDC (Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C., Inc.)**

*Law Library Lights* <http://www.llsdc.org/en/cms/?32>

Fall 2007 Volume 51 Number 1

This education-themed issue includes Ellen Callinan's description of her three-credit elective Law Firm Research, offered at Georgetown. John Cannan (Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library) offers his perspective on the "Top Ten Things I Learned From My First Year as a Law Librarian."

### **MALL (Minnesota Association of Law Libraries)**

*MALL Newsletter* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/mnews.htm>

September/October 2007 Fall Edition Volume 34 Issue 2

Don Zhou and Anne Poulter discuss the future of the library catalog in this issue. They believe that the catalog is a dying breed primarily because it cannot provide access to all the library's resources, but also because cataloging is so expensive and the MARC format is rigid in construction and exists separately from a document.

November/December 2007 Early Winter Edition Volume 34 Issue 3

This issue includes an interesting article by Lindsay Hutchins Matts regarding intergenerational workplaces and dress codes – a conversation sparked by the 2005 *Spectrum* winning photograph of the shelver with the "popped" foot. For those teachers and trainers, check out the overviews of the "Teaching the Teachers" conference at the University of Texas School of Law.

### **NOCALL (Northern California Association of Law Libraries)**

*NOCALL News* <http://nocall.org/nocallnews/archives.html>

November-December 2007 Volume 26 Issue 2

Looking for a good read? This issue has some great reader's advisory suggestions, both in the "just-for-fun" category and for professional journal articles.

### **ORALL (Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries)**

*ORALL Newsletter* <http://www.orall.org/newsletter/index.htm>

September 2007 Volume 2007 Number 3

This issue contains summaries of two sessions from the 2007 AALL annual conference: "Collection Analysis Made Easy: OCLC's WorldCat Collection Analysis Service" and "New Challenges Demand New Skills: Negotiation 101 for Librarians."

### **SEAALL (Southeastern Chapter of the American Assoc. of Law Libraries)**

*The Southeastern Law Librarian* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/newsletter.htm>

Fall 2007 Volume 32 Issue 4

Brian Barnes at the Mississippi College School of Law Library describes an innovative new online service offered by the library. They host the Mississippi Appellate Court Video Archive. The archive hosts videos of oral arguments for cases argued before the Mississippi Supreme Court. As they become available, decisions and case documentation are added to the archive.

### **SANDALL (San Diego Area Law Libraries)**

*SANDALL News* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/sandall/newsletter2007-09.pdf>

September 2007 Volume 10 Issue 1

Echoing the importance of conducting competitive intelligence research, Marianne Sterna focused on a recent program about the topic in "Competitive Intelligence Brownbag." The interesting and timely topic of Federal

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## News From Other Chapters *(continued from page 11)*

Rule of Appellate Procedure 32.1 was the topic of another article by Marianne Sterna. This rule stated that courts cannot restrict attorneys from citing to unpublished opinions.

### **SCALL (Southern California Association of Law Libraries)**

*SCALL Newsletter* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/scall/newsletter/NewslettersepOct2007.pdf>

October 2007 Volume 35 Number 1

This issue turned its attention to the sights and sounds of New Orleans and the members' experiences at the AALL Annual Meeting. In "Our Day at the Museum" Hugh J. Treacy gave the volunteer's perspective about the tasks they performed at the Louisiana State Museum. Another highlight of this newsletter were the high-quality photographs depicting people and places in New Orleans. An article about Cindy Chick, book review, and challenging crossword puzzle rounded out this issue of the newsletter.

### **SFALL (South Florida Association of Law Libraries)**

*SFALL Newsletter* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/sfall/newsletters/fall07.pdf>

Fall 2007 Volume 31 Issue 1

To locate information about people, Ron Hudson presented a helpful compilation of resources in "Researching People on the Internet to Build a Profile." Lexis and Westlaw presented their latest updates on a page entitled "New from: Westlaw and Lexis." The members spotlight contained an introduction by Katie Brown, the new vice president/president elect for SFALL.

### **SNELLA (Southern New England Law Librarians Association)**

*Ober Dicta* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/snella/ObiterDictaSeptOct.pdf>

September 2007 Volume 23 Number 8

Short but sweet described the contents of this newsletter. In addition to a list of key Internet sites for 2007, Steve Mirsky gave a summary of an upcoming program in an article entitled "How CT Librarians Said No to PATRIOT Act Demands and Why it Matters Today."

### **WPLLA (Western Pennsylvania Law Library Association)**

*WPLLA Newsletter* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/wplla/newslettersu7.pdf>

Summer 2007

Dr. Joel Fishman, a 30-year veteran of the Allegheny County Law Library gives an interesting overview of the history and growth of that library during his tenure there.

## Travel Grant Recipients Report on the 2007 MAALL Conference

Five travel-grant recipients take a look at the MAALL Annual Meeting for 2007. What will they say? Was it a total wash? Did they find it eye-opening and enlightening? Read on to find out!

### **Cindy Bassett, Electronic Services Librarian – University of Missouri Law School Library**

I came to MAALL with several years of experience as a librarian under my belt, but new to legal librarianship. I recently attended AALL in New Orleans after having been in my position as electronic services librarian at the University of Missouri for less than two weeks. It was a great experience, but felt slightly overwhelming. It did give me a chance to attend CONNELL, to meet members of MAALL, to start making the intellectual connections between the principles of legal librarianship and my previous work experiences, and to begin to understand the electronic resources that are key in this profession. It also wiped out my travel budget for the fiscal year!

I was advised by my colleagues that the MAALL meeting would be a great conference to attend to connect with colleagues in our region. They were right. I found MAALL to be a lovely conference, full of camaraderie and friendly librarians eager to welcome a new member, particularly (at the blink of an eye) into committee work. Because it was a smaller group, I found it easier to get to know many of the people whom I vaguely remembered from AALL. Because everyone was so welcoming, I can easily imagine myself giving a presentation at some point in the future.

I was happy to note that there was an interesting mix of practical and theoretical sessions, both broad and narrow in scope. I have little experience in preservation and conservation, so I appreciated the overview session in that area, especially in light of my new duties in digitization. I also relished the ideas and comments made at the roundtable discussion on training first year law students on the use of LexisNexis and Westlaw.

So, what would I have missed if I had not come to the annual meeting? I would have missed *you!* Thank you for the grant that allowed me to come be a part of a great conference.

### **Cathy Chick, Reference Librarian – University of Arkansas Young Law Library**

I was very interested in many of the programs that were presented. I particularly enjoyed hearing the speaker at the opening luncheon, Rivkah Sass, director of the Omaha Public Library in Omaha, Nebraska. She gave some insightful observations of the library of the future, as well as the library user of the future. She said that we need to make libraries fun, easy, and convenient. For example, she knows of a library in Baltimore that is open twenty-four hours a day. She made the point that libraries need to provide service from inside out not outside in.

Another highlight of the meeting for me was a program given by a law librarian, Travis McDade, who has written a true-crime novel *The Book Thief: The True Crimes of Daniel Spiegelman* involving a theft of library books and other materials from Columbia University in the early 1990s. Mr. McDade's main idea in writing the book had been to point out the extraordinary decision of the court to increase the punishment from the Federal Sentencing Guidelines. The author described his research, which included trips to Columbia University from where the materials were stolen, as well as conversations with people in Europe where the case was broken by a map dealer in the Netherlands, who was able to identify the thief and help in his capture.

Another author that I enjoyed hearing was James Hewitt, professor of history at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. Mr. Hewitt described the research that he applied to the writing of his book, *Slipping Backward: a History of the Nebraska Supreme Court*, published by the University of Nebraska Press. His book describes some interesting Nebraska Supreme Court cases that were handled during the terms of four Chief Jus-

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tices from 1938 to 1995.

I benefited by attending a program that was given on the assessing and promoting of rare books. I was inspired to think about the possible unique and rare materials that are housed in the University of Arkansas School of Law Library and how one could work to identify and preserve the materials as well as promote the materials both in the library and on the Web.

I enjoyed a tour of the Nebraska State Capitol and also a tour of the Joe Christensen printing plant, which is a company that prints many of the law reviews in this country. In addition to the interesting programs and tours, I was able to attend the MAALL Education Program Committee meeting, which enabled me to share ideas with other committee members in preparation for the 2008 MAALL Annual Meeting to be held in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

I have very vivid memories of the meeting and of the many and varied programs that I attended. Thank you very much to MAALL for giving me the opportunity to experience a great meeting.

### **Karen Kalnins, Reference Librarian – Oklahoma City University School of Law**

Grateful for MAALL's generous travel grant, I looked forward to attending the educational sessions at the conference and also getting to know Nebraska's state capital. However, the trip to Lincoln gave me more than a glimpse of the Great Plains. Our visit and reception at the Capitol provided a memorable opportunity to hear interesting speakers, tour the Capitol, and enjoy camaraderie with colleagues in the court library.

Opportunities to gain new skills and ideas were easily available. For instance, Karen Wallace's session on training new employees gave insight into how to best orient a new employee to their job. Likewise, Diane Murley from Arizona State University gave attendees new ideas for integrating technology into the classroom.

Lastly, the unexpected but valuable conversations with other library professionals gave me a sense of the MAALL community. These formal and informal conversations helped me develop relationships and deepened my appreciation of these librarians' experiences and insights.

### **Debbie Steele, Technical Services Librarian – Jackson County Law Library (Kansas City, MO)**

I had not attended a MAALL conference for seven years—since Fayetteville, Arkansas, in 2000. After this long absence, it was refreshing to reunite with old colleagues and befriend new ones. Since I work in technical services at my library, I attended mostly programs with an emphasis on electronic resources and cataloging (such as the program on authority control), although I did branch out with Karen Wallace's program on new employee orientation. All of these programs offered a wealth of information to apply to my current position, as well as to skills for the future. I learned about different technologies that are being used in legal research instruction, techniques for authority control, issues with access services, and how to welcome new employees to the job (and how NOT to do so!).

It was a treat to tour the Nebraska State Capitol building and Nebraska State Library, as well as the University of Nebraska Law Library; the law students are very fortunate to have such a beautiful facility. I was also impressed with the great staff offices (especially for technical services—there's always the joke about them being stuck in the basement, not the case here!). The dine-around with Laura Headrick's group was a lot of fun; it was a great opportunity to get to know one another and "talk shop" about our libraries. I would like to thank everyone involved with the local arrangements and programs for their hospitality and hard work, and of course, I would like to thank the Grants Committee for awarding me this generous grant to attend MAALL and

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further my professional development.

### **Joanne Vogel, Head of Access Services and Assistant Professor of Legal Research – Saint Louis University Law Library**

I have been a member of MAALL for a long time and the 2007 MAALL Annual Meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska, was one of the best conferences I have attended in years. Without the MAALL grant, I would not have been there and that would have been a great loss for both me and Saint Louis University Law Library. Lee Peoples and the Education Committee did an excellent job. Every program slot had an interesting or especially useful topic and choosing just one presentation each time was challenging.

I could have spent the entire afternoon on the very first program, “Circulation and Beyond: Access Services is Where Things Happen,” but then I would have missed learning about initiative and referendum research, a timely topic during an election process! Tom Duggan’s program on Gen X, Gen Y, created an interesting inter-generational discussion, and I am excited about including Karen Wallace’s suggestions as we create a customized orientation program for new employees. Having worked in archives and special collections for many years, I was happy there were two sessions devoted to archives and rare books. Ann Kitchel’s light box demonstration has inspired me to build my own. My only complaint? Programs needed more time. Often, we barely scratched the surface and it was time to move on to the next program!

I know how much work goes into planning a conference and the Lincoln librarians provided a wonderful conference venue, good food, and interesting activities. I thoroughly enjoyed the docent led tour of the Nebraska State Capitol, the opening reception, and Roy Mersky’s look at the “Role of Legal Dictionaries.” Delicious steak and great conversation prevailed at Misty’s and Marie Weichman was a gracious and fun dine-around hostess. I have a new office, so the highlight of my Saturday morning library tour was Brian Striman’s decorating style! My house is filled with musical instruments, computer parts, and interesting items—perhaps I will get a ladder and put all of it on my office walls.

The trip to and from the conference was spent in a van with five of my colleagues—about fourteen hours total. We are still talking to each other! Thank you, MAALL, for a good time and a great conference.

## James R. Jackson, 1942 – 2007

James Royce Jackson, sixty-five, died Wednesday, November 28, 2007, of ALS at his home in Fayetteville. He was born in San Diego, California, on October 6, 1942, the son of Royce and Pearl Elizabeth Newman Jackson. He grew up in Paul's Valley, Oklahoma, where he was a clarinetist and drum major in the school band and became an Eagle Scout. He earned a BA in philosophy from Southern Methodist University in 1965. He served in the Peace Corps at the health-training center in the village of Ramanagaram in Mysore State, (now Karnataka), India from 1965 to 1967. Upon his return, he was drafted into the U.S. army and served in Vietnam. He wrote an engaging memoir about these two disparate experiences: *Two Corps: Peace and War*. With other returned Peace Corps volunteers, he worked in the Model Cities Program in Texarkana, Arkansas, in the early 1970s, where he met and married the mother of his children, Virginia "Ginny" M. Neely, who died in 1997.

He moved to Fayetteville in 1973 to attend law school at the University of Arkansas, and earned his JD in 1976. He was particularly interested in environmental law and in mediation as an alternative to litigation. He practiced law for fifteen years in Fayetteville and Springdale, and then enrolled in the library and information studies program at the University of Oklahoma, earning his MLIS degree in 1992. He worked in the Rogers Public Library before joining the faculty of the Young Law Library of the University of Arkansas School of Law in 1996 as a law reference librarian. He was a Matthew Bender Fellow and a member of the American Association of Law Librarians and the Native American Librarians Association.

A kind, thoughtful, loving and compassionate man with a quiet and reserved manner, Jim had deep and wide-ranging intellectual interests; he was a gifted poet, a creative artist, a skilled and hilariously funny story-teller, a talented musician, and an inspired teacher. But the role he loved most and what he may have been best at was being a father. His children meant everything to him, and he was a completely caring, engaged, involved and loving parent.

A truly wonderful father, grandfather, husband and friend, Jim is survived by his wife, Barbara G. Taylor of the home; his son, Keefe N. Jackson of Chicago; his daughter, Margaret "Margot" E. E. Jackson of Fayetteville; his step-daughter, Jennifer E. Enos and husband Henry of Springdale; his step-son, Lev K. Desmarais and wife Joanna Richardson of Parker, Texas; three grandchildren, Corinne T. McKimney, Nathan T. Enos and Kailani R. Enos; a brother, Stephen K. Jackson, and step-brother, J. Michael Taylor, both of Oklahoma City; several aunts, uncles and cousins, numerous friends, world-wide, and by Sophie Fluffy Dog Jackson, who is also a member of the family.

He was a Senior Dharma Teacher in the Kwan Um School of Zen, and he and his wife Barbara founded the Morning Star Zen Center in Fayetteville in 1986.

The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in Jim's memory to the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship Endowment, American Association of Law Libraries, 53 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 940, Chicago, IL 60604; to the Friends of India, 34915 Gordy Road, Laurel, DE 19956; to the Kwan Um School of Zen, 99 Pound Road, Cumberland, RI 02864; or to another charity.