

2000 AALL Annual Meeting

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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ALL-SIS Schedule

Here is a summary of the ALL-SIS events that will take place in Philadelphia. Check the convention program for room assignments. Please attend as many as possible.

Saturday, July 15		ALL-SIS Executive Committee/Committee Chairs Meeting
Sunday, July 16	7:00 - 8:45 a.m. <i>yes, a.m.</i>	ALL-SIS Business Meeting (BYOB or C)
	10:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Convocation for Newer Academic Law Librarians (CONALL)
	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Educational Program : Teaching Advanced Legal Research: Law Librarians as 'Leaders of the Pack'
	11:45 - 1:00 p.m.	ALL-SIS Section Luncheon (Ticketed event; partially sponsored by West Group)
	2:15 - 3:45 p.m.	Educational Program : The ABA Reaccreditation Visit: Process and Preparation
	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	ALL-SIS Roundtable: Dialog with Lexis Publishing and West Group
Monday, July 17	7:00 - 8:45 a.m.	ALL-SIS Directors Breakfast (Ticketed event)
	7:00 - 8:45 a.m.	ALL-SIS Middle Managers Breakfast (Ticketed event)
	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Educational Program : Train Your Staff for the Institution as Well as the Job
	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	ALL-SIS Roundtable: Continuing Status/Tenure
Tuesday, July 18	3:45 - 5:15 p.m.	Educational Program : Gateway to Career Renewal: Paths for the Experienced Librarian

	5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	ALL-SIS Roundtable: Statistics
	5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	ALL-SIS Roundtable: Legal Research
	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	ALL-SIS Reception : Biddle Law Library (sponsored by Lexis Publishing)

Summoning the Novitiates: The Convocation for Newer Academic Law Librarians

Are you new to academic law librarianship? Are you puzzled by some of the jargon and acronyms your colleagues toss about? Are you a veteran of the academic endeavor, but sometimes still unclear on who's who or what's what? Do you work in another type of law library and want to know more about academia? If so, this program is for you!

Convocation for Newer Academic Law Librarians -CONALL for short- is intended to clear up the mysteries of academic law libraries, law schools, and their universities. Come with Alice as she explores LawLibraryLand, with the aid of her guide, the White Rabbit. Meet Dean Queen, Tweedledee and Tweedledum, and other exotic inhabitants of the realm.

Following Alice's adventures, participants will have ample opportunity to ask questions of the CONALL Committee and the inhabitants of LawLibraryLand. Finding your way around the law school can be confusing, and sometimes you don't want to ask questions of your colleagues. Ask them here! The goal of the program is to make academic law librarianship more understandable to beginners and experienced librarians alike.

The leadership of the Academic SIS will be introduced, and the editors of many law librarianship publications will be available to informally answer questions about publishing and scholarship.

*NOTE: This program is **not** a substitute for CONELL, AALL's long-standing orientation for newer law librarians scheduled for Saturday, July 15. There will be little, if any, overlap between the two programs. Those new to law librarianship can benefit from both programs.*

Convocation for Newer Academic Law Librarians
Sunday, July 16, 2000
10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Barbara Bintliff,
University of Colorado



Sitting at the Feet of Pandits: ALL-SIS Educational Programs in Philadelphia

The Education Committee urges you to attend the four programs being sponsored at the Philadelphia Annual Conference by ALL-SIS:

At 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, we offer "Teaching Advanced Legal Research: Law Librarians as 'Leaders of the Pack.'" Ruth Levor and Stephen Sepinuck will discuss ways to create innovative lesson plans and interesting and effective research exercises for advanced legal research classes.

Later, at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, Kristen Cheney, Donald Dunn, and Richard Hurt will provide new directors and middle managers with an overview of the reinspection process and offer strategies for readying the library for reaccreditation in "The ABA Reaccreditation Visit: Process and Preparation."

"Train Your Staff for the Institution as Well as the Job: The Gateway to a More Knowledgeable Staff" is our Monday program. At 4:00 p.m., Paul George, Phyllis Askey, and Thea Robinson will show how the staff training model from the Caterpillar corporation might improve training in libraries by giving the staff member a better idea of how he or she fits into "the big picture" of the library and law school.

Our final program, "Gateway to Career Renewal: Paths for the Experienced Librarian," will occur Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. Roger Jacobs, Joan Howland, William Lindberg, and Rosemary Richardson will explore how experienced librarians can retain enthusiasm and drive in their careers even after they've already "done it all."

Thanks go to Education Committee members Paul George, James Duggan, and Patricia Cervenka for giving us this fine variety of programs in the areas of leadership, management, and resources. Support them with your attendance!

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Directors' Breakfast: A Discussion of Directors' Evaluations

The article by Bobbie Studwell in the last issue of the newsletter has generated interest in having a discussion during the Directors' Breakfast regarding director evaluations. The breakfast is scheduled for Monday, July 17, from 7 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Tentatively, a panel discussion on director evaluations is scheduled for 7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. We would like one more director volunteer to be on this panel. If you are interested, please contact:

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Brahmin or Untouchable?: The ALL-SIS Working Group on Continuing Status/Tenure

As an academic librarian, have you ever struggled with the issues of status, rank, tenure, benefits, or even everyday respect? Many institutions have well-established policies that recognize the value of librarians. Knowledge of such policies may aid other librarians who are struggling with these issues. Every institution is different and must establish and maintain policies for librarians that are appropriate for them. Librarians who have "fought the battle" or have garnered professional respect within their universities may be able to aid others with strategy or simply moral support.

Please attend the roundtable discussion at the annual AALL meeting in Philadelphia on Monday, July 17, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The discussion will focus on what course ALL-SIS should take to promote and advocate the value of academic law librarians as we face issues dealing with status, rank, tenure, and benefits.

Susan T. Phillips
Texas Wesleyan University School of Law Library



Counting Prayer Beads of Tulsi Wood: Statistics Roundtable Scheduled for July 18

A roundtable on statistics is scheduled in Philadelphia for Tuesday, July 18, 5:15-6:15 p.m. Please consider this an invitation to all academics. This year's working group, composed of Pauline Aranas, Mark Folmsbee, Larry Meyer, and Mila Rush, hope that you can, and will, come. Agenda items at this point:

1. Any further follow-up on the previous day's discussion of the revised ABA statistics.
2. What measures will academic law libraries need other than those asked for by the bodies (ABA, ARL, IPEDS, etc.) we are obligated to report statistical figures to? Can we compile these at this roundtable, or do we need an after-the-Annual Meeting survey? Please do some homework with your respective libraries, so that we can expedite the compilation. If you can not come to the meeting, please give your thoughts, written (if possible) or verbally, to any of the working group members.
3. Review a prototype of an interactive statistical form.
4. Review the recommendations of this year's working group for the future of statistics in ALL-SIS, and get a feel of what the field things. The latter can help guide the SIS's decision-making.

Mila R. Rush
University of Minnesota Law Library.



Staring at Our Bellybuttons: ALL-SIS Roundtable on Legal Research

Join us to brainstorm on how ALL-SIS can take a greater leadership role on legal research topics. Come and let us hear your thoughts on issues like these:

- How to bring ALL-SIS into the center as a co-sponsor of legal research instruction programs, such as TRIALL or PDC workshops/institutes or other programs?;
- How can ALL-SIS members cooperate more effectively on legal research syllabi and instructional programs?
- How can ALL-SIS develop a program to provide feedback on what works best in 1st year instruction and advanced legal research classes?
- How can ALL-SIS members mentor and aid each other to improve our own expertise as instructors, i.e., to better train the trainers?
- What should be added to the ALL-SIS website to better assist members and our colleagues?
- How can ALL-SIS position members as resources when their expertise is needed by AALL and other professional organizations?

Let's keep the enthusiasm started last year going! See you in Philadelphia!

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Faye Jones
Hastings College of Law Library



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