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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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2007 - 2008 ALL-SIS Chair

The ALL-SIS Nominations Committee has submitted the following slate of candidates to the ALL-SIS Executive Board:

For Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

- Beth Adelman, Associate Director and Head of Collection Management, University of Buffalo Law Library
- Kristina L. Niedringhaus, Associate Dean of Information Resources & Technology; Associate Professor of Law, Phoenix School of Law Library

For Secretary/Treasurer

- JoAnn Hounshell, Director of Bibliographic Services, Chicago-Kent College of Law Library
- Sara Sampson, Head of Reference, Georgetown University Law Library

As there is no member-at-large vacancy this coming year, the vote on this position will be postponed until next year's election.

I am grateful to Nominations Committee members Carol Bredemeyer (Chair), Laura Cadra, Michele Finerty, Richard Humphrey, Alison Shea, and Colleen Williams for their excellent work in developing this slate and to the nominees for their interest in serving as ALL-SIS officers.

In accordance with Article VI, Section 5 of the ALL-SIS Bylaws, Secretary-Treasurer Linda Ryan, will prepare and distribute the official ballots to all members of ALL-SIS by April 1. Ballots must be marked and returned to the Secretary by April 25. All candidates shall be notified of the results of election by May 5.

Keep an eye out for an ALL-SIS posting by Linda Ryan containing information about procedures for voting. Please vote - it is quick and easy!

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Beth Adelman Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Candidate

Biography



Beth Adelman is Associate Director and Head of Collection Management at the University at Buffalo Law Library. Before joining the University at Buffalo, Beth was employed at the Georgia State University College of Law Library for five years,

first, as a Reference Librarian and, later, as Head of Public Services. Beth's prior professional library experience includes Research Librarian at the Atlanta law firm, King & Spalding, Reference Services Librarian at Schenectady County Community College (New York), and Data Librarian and Webmaster for the Center for Social and Demographic Analysis (University at Albany).

Beth has taught Legal Bibliography and is planning to co-teach an online Advanced Legal Research course in the fall. She is the co-author of *Georgia Legal Research* and is currently working on another book, *New York Legal Research*. In addition, Beth has authored articles, book reviews, and CALI Lessons.

Beth is an active member of professional library associations. She is currently a member of the AALL Mentoring Committee and will serve as chair of the CONELL Committee next year. Beth is also a member of the ALL-SIS CALI Committee and has been a member of the CALI Editorial Board since 2004. Beth served, first, as a member and, later, as chair of the SEAALL Scholarship Committee.

Beth holds three degrees. She earned her B.A. in History (1992) and her M.L.S. (1993) from the University at Buffalo, and her J.D. from Albany Law School (2001) where she was a Sandman Fellow and member of the *Albany Law Review*.

Personal Statement

Academic libraries are in a constant state of change. From budget cuts and new technology to construction projects, we are in an uphill battle to provide our patrons with good library services. There are at least three long-term agendas that ALL-SIS can provide for our members to address such challenges. First, as new members enter the profession, ALL-SIS can provide more support through mentoring. Not only will we benefit from mentoring our future leaders, we will also glean fresh perspectives to persistent challenges unique to academic libraries. Second, the Special Interest Section can be strengthened by expanding its membership to include all academic librarians. Third, we must encourage continued dialogue among our members. The better job we do listening to each other and learning from one another's experiences with our changing environments, the better off we will be as individual librarians, but also as a collective pursuing excellence. It would be an honor to chair the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section.

Kristina L. Niedringhaus **Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Candidate**

Biography



Kris Niedringhaus has served as Associate Dean of Information Resources and Technology and Associate Professor of Law at Phoenix School of Law since July 2005. She is currently teaching Advanced Legal Research and has research interests in the areas of library services innovations, management techniques, and cultural artifact law.

Kris has served on several law school committees including Faculty Appointments and Creative Works. She has also served on AALL committees and SIS committees including as Co-Chair of the ALL Membership Committee and Chair of the ALL CALI Committee.

Kris' work at Phoenix School of Law has included helping to build a new law school library with all the excitement and challenges that brings. Prior to PhoenixLaw, she worked at several other law school libraries in a variety of positions. After law school, Kris worked as a University Judicial Administrator enforcing the Honor Code and student disciplinary code. She came to her senses fairly quickly and happily found her life's work in academic law librarianship.

Professor Niedringhaus received a B.A. with honors in economics and political science from Washington University in St. Louis, a J.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an M.A. from the School of Information Science and Learning Technologies at University of Missouri – Columbia.

Personal Statement

I am truly honored to have been nominated to run for the position of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect. I have received so much outstanding assistance from the resources and members of ALL-SIS throughout my career and I welcome the opportunity to serve my colleagues in this way.

As information resources, and the way they are provided, continues to change it is important that ALL-SIS provide support and leadership to our members as they strive to be recognized at the forefront in their home institutions and in the profession. The members of ALL-SIS have the creative vision and expertise to work toward solutions to issues such as licensing and contract clauses, escalating prices, status and tenure, and attracting new members academic law librarianship. ALL-SIS can facilitate bringing together our collective knowledge to address these, and other, issues.

ALL-SIS is a community through which we share our knowledge and experience to make the whole stronger and wiser. It is crucial that we continue to recruit new members and nurture their involvement in the professional so that we continue to infuse our discussions with new ideas. If I am honored to be elected Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect I will work hard, as a member of the larger team, to advance the interests of academic law libraries and librarians.

JoAnn Hounshell Secretary Candidate

Biography



JoAnn Hounshell has served as the Director of Bibliographic Services at the Chicago-Kent College of Law Library since April 2003. She holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Virginia College at Wise, and a master's

in library and information science from Catholic University of America.

Prior to joining Chicago-Kent, JoAnn was the Head of Acquisitions at the Pritzker Legal Research Center at the Northwestern University School of Law, and the Acquisitions Manager at George Mason University School of Law Library.

Professionally, JoAnn has been an active member of AALL, CALL, as well as ALA. She is a past chair of the TS-SIS, and has served as the treasurer of CALL. Currently, JoAnn is a member of CRIV and chair of the TS-SIS Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Development. Before relocating to Chicago, JoAnn was a member of LLSDC, SEALL, and VALL.

Personal Statement

Everyone is talking about change. But if you think about it, nothing has really changed for academic law libraries - except for everything we do and how we do it! Our profession is experiencing changes in technology that impact how libraries provide the most basic research and teaching support to faculty, as well as, changes in the traditional organizational structures of our libraries and law schools.

Depending on your point of view, these changes are exciting opportunities or unwelcome developments. Personally, I see these as exciting and exhausting times for librarians. ALL-SIS is an important resource for the membership. Through development of innovative continuing education programs, grants and scholarships, and publications, the SIS has the ability to provide the tools that ensure that our members remain in the center of, and relevant, in a changing environment. I would consider it a wonderful opportunity to serve as the ALL-SIS secretary.

Sara Sampson Secretary Candidate

Biography



Sara Sampson is the Head of Reference at Georgetown University Law Library and has served in that role since 2006. As head of reference, she leads a busy reference department and oversees the library's instructional

services. In addition, she currently serves as an adjunct professor at both the Georgetown Law Center and the Catholic University of America's School of Library and Information Science, as well as an instructor in Georgetown University's Paralegal Studies Program. At Catholic University, the classes that she has taught or is scheduled to teach include Legal Literature (the introductory legal research class) and Law Librarianship.

Before joining the Georgetown Law Library, Sara was a reference librarian at the Ohio State University Moritz Law Library and taught sections of Legal Research as well as Legal Writing & Analysis. During her time at Ohio State, Sara was part of the Election Law @ Moritz program, which won the 2005 Outstanding Research Award of the Ohio Bar Foundation. Sara also spent three years as the Weekend Reference Librarian at the Capital University School of Law Library.

Sara has published several articles and book reviews related to legal research and election law research. She is currently co-authoring a book on Ohio Legal Research (part of the state-specific legal research texts from Carolina Academic Press) with Kathy Hall.

She received her B.S. and J.D., with honors, from The Ohio State University and her M.L.I.S. from Kent State University. She is a member of the Ohio bar. Before becoming a librarian, Sara clerked at the Ohio Fourth District Court of Appeals.

Sara has been an active member of ALL-SIS since becoming a full-time librarian. She is currently the chair of the Program Committee and has been a member of the committee for two years. She was one of the original members of the Faculty Services Roundtable and co-chaired the Faculty Services Committee. Under the leadership of Sara and her co-chair, Michelle Kristakis, the committee developed a series of online discussions of hot topics in faculty services.

Personal Statement

Academic Law Librarians have many roles, but one that we all share is teaching, which takes many forms. We may teach student workers how to check in serials or check out books, help new librarians and staff members learn their jobs, or teach law students how to conduct legal research inside or outside of a classroom. I am deeply honored to be nominated for Secretary of the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section. In this capacity, I would like to assist ALL-SIS in continuing its active role in helping law librarians excel in teaching and instruction. I also think it is important for academic law librarians to develop relationships with other groups, such as the Legal Writing Institute, who also share the desire to improve teaching and instruction skills.

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General Information

ALL-SIS was established in 1979 to promote interest in and to address issues of common concern to those employed in academic law libraries. The SIS serves as the umbrella organization for all interests--administration, collection development, consortia, directors, fees for service, interlibrary loan, public services, technical services, middle management, etc.

ALL-SIS provides opportunities for all librarians to contribute to the overall betterment of the entire academic law community. ALL-SIS has grown to more than 800 members and is the second largest SIS in AALL. Our members come from all aspects of academic law librarianship. Because of the SIS's broad coverage and subtopic focus, all those working in academic law libraries can benefit from membership and are encouraged to join.

The ALL-SIS Discussion Group

The ALL-SIS discussion group, aka mailing list, is used for official ALL-SIS announcements, news from AALL, and discussion of topics of interest to our members. If you're a member of ALL-SIS, you should be automatically subscribed! To send a message to the list, address the message to all-sis@aallnet.org. Please direct any questions to the forum moderator at owner-all-sis@aallnet.org. For more information, see *ALL-SIS Discussion Group Instructions*, 23 ALL-SIS Newsletter 18 (Summer 2004), available at www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/newsletter/23_3/

Discussiongroup.htm.

ALL-SIS on the Web

ALL-SIS is on the web! Visit the ALL-SIS Home Page at www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/. Electronic versions of *The ALL-SIS Newsletter* are available on our website, as well as other vital information.

Newsletter Information & Deadlines for 2007 - 2008 Academic Year

Please submit all articles and announcements to the ALL-SIS Newsletter Editor. Are you working on any interesting special projects? Have you attended a meeting and learned something you want to share

with colleagues? Do you just want to rant and rave about some problems related to academic law librarianship? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please send your thoughts. Any format, printed, faxed, or e-mailed will do, but it would be easiest for Newsletter production if the article is sent either as an attached text or word processing file or as the body of an e-mail. The **deadlines** for this year's remaining issue is **May 14, 2008**. Thank you for your contributions and for your consideration.