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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Filippa Marullo Anzalone 2008 - 2009 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

- Jack McNeill, Associate Library Director, Pace
- Paula Tejeda, Associate Law Librarian and Head of Technical Services, Charleston School of Law

For Member at Large:

- Peter Egler, Interim Director, Drexel University School of Law
- Karen Nuckolls, Head of Technical Services, University of Kentucky Evans Law Library

Margaret Schilt, Faculty Services Librarian,
 D'Angelo Law Library, University of Chicago
 Law School

I am grateful to Nominations Committee members Gordon Russell (Chair), Aletha Honsowitz, Jim Kelly, Cynthia Myers, and Mary Ann Nelson 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 Sara Sampson, 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 Sara Sampson containing information about procedures for voting. Please vote - it is quick and easy!

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Jack McNeill Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Candidate

Biography



Jack McNeill is the Associate Library Director at Pace. Jack received his undergraduate degree from New York University, his law degree

from New York Law School, and his library degree from the University of South Florida. Before becoming a law librarian, Jack worked in private practice, specializing in construction law. As a law librarian, he held positions at St. Thomas University School of Law Library in Miami, Florida. Jack served as President of South Florida Association of Law Libraries and has twice presented at AALL annual meetings on the topics of Immigration Law and Library-Created Databases. Jack has published articles in AALL Spectrum on Library Salaries and Library Architecture.

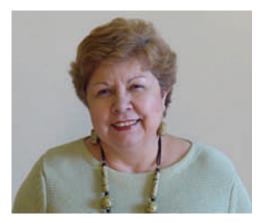
Personal Statement

We all recognize that change and innovation are constants in academic law libraries. ALL-SIS has made great strides in collaboration with AALL and other special interest sections in reordering the way we count our resources and measure the quality of our programs. Individual libraries have moved to increase the instructional components of their programs. All of these measures will maintain librarian relevance and our ability to provide convincing proof of our value. There are other challenges ahead that effect the environment in

which all academic librarians work. These challenges include the status of librarians and the significant increases in the cost of resources. Some law school deans are using library director status as a way of eroding the tenure structure of law schools. Today, a number of our most prestigious institutions have non-tenured administrative staff directing their law libraries. These schools, with the their national missions, have otherwise maintained strong support for their libraries. I do not believe the same would be true when this trend arrives at schools with more local missions. Added to this are the striking increases we have seen in the cost of materials. Concentration of the legal publishing field has given publishers monopoly or near-monopoly power to increase prices at will. With pressure coming down from the deans and up from material costs, law libraries will be tried as never before to maintain their collections and staffs in a manner that adequately addresses the needs of their communities. We must be able to effectively inform our communities that the quality of the library is not just about the building, it is not just about the collection, it is fundamentally about the quality of the librarians.

Paula Tejeda Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Candidate

Biography



Paula Tejeda is Associate Law Librarian and Head of **Technical** Charleston Prior to joining the founding team

at the Charleston School of Law, Paula worked for 18 years as the Associate Law Librarian for Administration and Technical Services at St. Thomas University Law Library in Miami. During the 1970s and early 80s, Paula worked as technical services and public services librarian working in academic and special libraries in Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic.

During her years in Florida, Paula was an active member of the Florida library community. She was appointed as Chair and Co-chair of several committees of the Regional Library Consortium SEFLIN. As a member of the Dade County Library Association she held the offices of Newsletter Editor and President Elect/President. Paula is also a member of the Caribbean University Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) and its Law Libraries Special Interest Group.

A SEAALL member since 1987, Paula has been active as the Chair of the Membership Committee from 1993 to 1995; SEAALL's Registered Agent from 1995 to 2004; and the Chair of the Registration Committee of the SEALL 2002 Local Arrangements Committee.

Paula joined AALL in 1987 and shortly after that she became involved in several of the Special

Interest Sections and their committees: TS-Serials SIS, TS-OBS SIS, and ALL-SIS. During the past 19 years, Paula has been active as Chair of the TS-SIS Serials Special Committee on Statistics from 1992 to 1994; OBS SIS Executive Board during 1996/97 to Services at the 1997/98; TS-SIS Acquisition Committee; TS-SIS Serials Committee, Subcommittees working on a School of Law, second revision of the definitions of serials titles/ subscriptions and Part 1 of the ABA Questionnaire from 2005 to 2008; TS-SIS Education Committee 2005/06.

> Paula has also coordinated and/or moderated programs during the 1996, 2005 and 2007 AALL Annual Meetings.

Personal Statement

I firmly believe that nothing can happen in a library without the magic touch of a librarian, even a Google search if refined by a librarian works better. The interaction between patron, faculty and librarians in academic institutions is the key to the success of any school and any program. A positive and productive interaction between librarians is the key to a successful library and it is our role to build the grounds for this success to continue.

We have a wealth of knowledge and experience among AALL members that can and should be shared with the new generation of librarians. We also have a wealth of knowledge among the new generation of librarians that needs to be shared with other to set the foundation for that successful library and library programs. As the Vice-President/ President Elect I would work on programs, projects, etc., to incorporate all of our knowledge and skills.

Peter Egler Member at Large Candidate

Biography



Peter currently serves as the Interim Director at Drexel University's Earle Mack School of

Law. He started at Drexel in January, 2008. He has also served as the library's Faculty Services Librarian and the Head of Research Services. Peter co-teaches the law school's Advanced Legal Research Class.

From 2002 to 2007, Peter worked as a reference librarian and later as the Head of Reference at the University of Houston Law Center library. During his time in Houston, he also served on the board of the Houston Area Law Librarians.

From 1997 to 2002, Peter worked as a reference librarian at the Sacramento County Public Law Library. From 1988 to 1997, Peter was a practicing attorney at his family's law firm in Pittsburgh, PA.

Peter attended Villanova University for college (graduating in 1985) and Catholic University for law school (graduating in 1988.) He received his Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1997.

Peter's publications include:

 A Selected Annotated Bibliography of Delaware State Documents and Other Resources Used in Delaware Legal Research (published in 2008 as part of the AALL

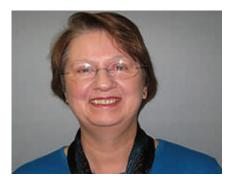
- Government Documents SIS State Documents Bibliography series).
- "So You Think You Want To Be an Academic Library Supervisor?", in *Beyond* the Books: People, Politics, and Librarianship(Leslie A Lee & Michelle M Wu eds., 2007).
- "What Gives Cities and Counties the Authority to Create Charters, Ordinances, and Codes?", in *Perspectives: Teaching Legal* Research and Writing, Spring 2001, at 145.

Personal Statement

Over the past several decades, the development of the Internet and the entire electronic information revolution have created fabulous new opportunities for academic law libraries. These events have also at times threatened to reduce or even eliminate the academic law library's role in legal education. Academic law libraries need to take advantage of the opportunities provided by the current information environment and reassert themselves as a vital part of academic legal education. Maintaining the status quo is not an option. Libraries that fail to make the necessary adjustments will see their relevance (and budgets) severely reduced. The Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section should serve as a vehicle that allows academic law librarians to join forces and share experiences and ideas as we travel this exciting if perilous journey together. For these reasons, I would be very honored so serve on the board of ALL-SIS.

Karen Nuckolls Member at Large Candidate

Biography



Karen A.
Nuckolls has
been involved
with libraries,
academic,
public, and law
firm, for over
thirty years.

While initially specializing in cataloging, she moved up to Head of Technical Services, systems, and administration in several of these libraries.

Within the last seven years her interest in library management, organization and collection management has grown, and she has spent some time researching these topics within the profession.

She has been involved in several technical services reorganizations, and collection development and management projects, including several international law section reclassifications and a compact shelving installation. Her interest in the shift from print to electronic/digital materials has led to an ALL-SIS-sponsored program at this year's AALL annual meeting, "Weed, Shelve or Store."

Recent Publications:

- "Technical Services Reorganization in Law Libraries", in More Innovative Redesign and Reorganization of Library Technical Services, Bradford Lee Eden, editor, Westport, CT, Libraries Unlimited, 2008.
- "Review of [program] D-2: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Rethinking Bibliographic Services in the 21st Century", in AALL Spectrum, v. 13, no. 1, September/October 2008.

 "Change in a Small Law Library: How We Moved Our Department into the 21st Century", in Information Outlook, April 2005, 23-24.

Professional Activities:

- American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)
- Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (ALL-SIS)
- Collection Development Committee, 2005 -
- Technical Services Special Interest Section (TS-SIS)
- Cataloging & Classification Committee, Chair, 2005 - 2006; 2008 - 2009
- Education (Program) Committee, ex-officio member, 2005 - 2006
- Education Committee, Member, 2007-2009
- Executive Board, 2005 2006; 2008 2009

Personal Statement

What is a member-at-large? Typically, a member-at-large represents the general membership on issues of interest or concern, particularly those that arise outside of the standing committee structure.

The Member-at-Large listens to membership and communicates their issues, needs and interests to the committee. As one of the members-at-large for ALL-SIS, I would work with the you, the members, on current problems and goals as a team member and assist in developing action plans for projects, as selected and assigned. I hope that you will allow me to work for ALL-SIS, and therefore, you.

Margaret A. Schilt Member at Large Candidate

Biography



Margaret Schilt is the Faculty Services Librarian at the D'Angelo Law Library of the University of Chicago Law School. Educated

primarily at the University of Michigan (undergraduate and law), she also has an M.A. in history from Northwestern University and an M.L.I.S. from Dominican University.

Margaret administers the faculty reference, research and document delivery programs at the D'Angelo Law Library and acts as liaison to the faculty for current awareness programs, serving a talented and exceptionally productive faculty. She participates with the other reference librarians in teaching the legal research component of the first year legal research and writing program, providing training and assistance for student research assistants and research programming for the Law School's L.L.M. students, as well as serving on University Library committees for Library outreach and instruction, electronic resource implementation and assessment initiatives.

Margaret has been a member of the American Association of Law Libraries and the Chicago Association of Law Libraries since 2000. She cochaired the CALL Public Affairs Committee for two years and has been active as a member of the ALL-SIS Faculty Services Committee, working as co-chair with Marianne Alcorn in 2006 - 2007. She currently serves on the AALL Research and Publications Committee. An enthusiastic attendee

of AALL Annual Meetings, she has been a speaker and coordinator of educational and roundtable programs at AALL Annual Meetings. She has contributed several articles to the ALL-SIS Newsletter and the CALL Bulletin and has authored articles on faculty services in the law library and the impact of blogging on legal scholarship.

Personal Statement

AALL in general and ALL-SIS in particular have been crucial to my personal development as a law librarian. The annual meetings and conferences introduced me to other law librarians and widened my perspective on issues and problems I encountered in my own library. AALL and ALL-SIS encouraged me to think about larger issues, not just in the context of what was happening in my own library but in their impact on the profession and on access to legal information for the legal profession and the public generally. The law library is essential to legal scholarship and lawyer education, serving the needs and interests of our students and faculty with new tools and new methods. A quick glance at the ALL-SIS webpage reveals many of the ways that ALL-SIS assists us all in doing a competent and occasionally inspired job. The Statistics Committee's work with the ABA in revising the library-related sections of the ABA questionnaire, the collection and posting of Collection Development policies, ALL-SIS' work on the status of law librarians, and ALL-SIS' activities on vendor relations are all examples of the value ALL-SIS provides to librarians in the field making decisions for our individual institutions. I hope to have the opportunity to contribute to these and other ALL-SIS activities as a member of the ALL-SIS Executive Board.

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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 <u>all-sis@aallnet.org</u>. Please direct any questions to the forum moderator at owner-allsis@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.

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Newsletter Information & Deadlines for 2008 - 2009 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 deadline for this year's remaining issue is May 20, 2009. Thank you for your contributions and for your consideration.