

# The ALL-SIS Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Jack McNeill

2010 - 2011 ALL-SIS Chair

It seems as if I have just finished writing my first message from the Chair and I am now called to write my last message. My first message began with a conversation about beginnings and ends. As my time ends, I have been struck by the concept of continuity. The realization was triggered by the birth of my second grand nephew Liam Michael Irving and the thought that, with luck, he could be around to party like its 2099. Continuities weave the fabric of life.

There is continuity, too, at All-SIS. I have been extraordinarily blest in having Beth Adelman as mentor and Kumar Jayasuriya as Chair-Elect. The both exemplify the old adage that “if you need help

ask a librarian.” Well, if it is not an old adage let’s make it one. They have generously stepped up when I needed help the most. I also want to thank the other members of the board who have been equally generous with their time and ideas, our Treasurer Ed Hart, our Member-at-Large Margaret Schilt. The board could literally not have accomplished what it did without their efforts; my deeply heartfelt thanks to all of you.

At the same time I want to congratulate the newly elected board members: Leah Sandwell-Weiss as incoming Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and Debora Person as Member-at-Large. They will take their place in a line of academic law librarians who have given an extra measure to ensure the continuity of

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Well, we made it... made it through my inaugural year as Editor of the ALL-SIS Newsletter. It has been a tremendous learning experience for me in many ways, ranging from learning to use Microsoft Publisher to strengthening connections with committee members and others who contributed articles.

Notice I wrote “WE” made it. This is and will continue to be a group endeavor. The Newsletter Committee has written the bulk of the articles this year, and I am very grateful to all of them for al-

ways being willing and able to produce articles when I reach out to them. There are a few that have become ‘regular’ columns: we all look forward to the Member News (Sue Kelleher), Survey Round-Up (I-Wei Wang), and Law Librarian in the Dark (Yasmin Sokkar Harker). I hope they will continue their contributions.

But the “we” of the Newsletter also includes so many of you who have con-

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## ALL-SIS Programs at the 2011 Annual Meeting

Darla Jackson, Oklahoma City Law Library

While the number of submitted proposals for both ALL-SIS and AALL was slightly down, the ALL-SIS Programs Committee nonetheless received an excellent selection of program proposals on a wide variety of topics. I would like to thank all of the individuals who took the time to submit a proposal. The Programs Committee members, Molly Brownfield, Rosemary LaSala, Debora Person, Ron Wheeler, and I, carefully reviewed each of the proposals. The ALL-SIS Program Committee forwarded its recommendations to the AALL Annual Meeting Program Committee for review. A total of six ALL-SIS sponsored programs were accepted. Additionally, on the Program Committee's recommendation, the ALL-SIS Executive Board selected four additional programs for independent sponsorship.

### **E-6: Teaching Advocacy in International Commercial Arbitration Research is Essential**

**Date, Time, & Room:** Monday, July 25, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m., Philadelphia Conference Center (PCC) Room 204(C)

**Program Track:** Teaching

**Audience:** Academic law librarians and law firms librarians who support international commercial arbitration practice groups

In the past, most international commercial arbitrators and practitioners came from a few international law firms. With the explosion of international commerce, international commercial arbitration (ICA) has become much more prevalent and more generalists have become involved. In a field that is qualitatively different than other areas of law, more research and practice instruction is necessary. Law librarians have unique qualifications to assist in this instruction. The program will explore the reasons favoring and disfavoring ICA as a dispute resolution tool. The program will also discuss how the characteristics of ICA create challenges to effective research and advocacy. The program will discuss sources of law in international commercial arbitration, how to locate these sources, and the use of these sources in ICA advocacy.

### **F-6: Meeting Employers' Expectations: Are Library Schools Doing Everything They Can?**

**Date, Time, & Room:** Monday, July 25, 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Philadelphia Conference Center (PCC) Room 204 (C)

**Program Track:** General or Core Programs

**Audience:** This program is designed to attract law library educators, students, and directors interested in how we can best meet the needs of today's library employers, while preparing LIS students to be leaders in the law library profession.

What are the skills and knowledge at the core of law librarianship in our digital global market? The panelists will be asked their views on library school curricula and on best strategies to give voice to faculty, students, and employers' in designing the LIS curricula. The panelists will share their opinions about how to improve law library curricula while balancing new market demands and digital directions with the profession's core competencies.

## ALL-SIS Programs at the 2011 Annual Meeting, Cont'd

### **H-6: Making the Grade: Assessing Legal Research Skills in the Classroom and Firm**

**Date, Time, & Room:** Tuesday, July 26, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., Phila. Conference Center (PCC) Room 204(C)

**Track:** Teaching

**Audience:** Academic Law Librarians, Firm Librarians, and Public Law Librarians

This program will feature law librarians actively involved in assessment in law schools and in law firms. David Armond, Senior Law Librarian at the BYU Law Library, will address the use of pre-teaching feedback such as using the results of TWEN quizzes before lectures to shape in-class instruction, and using practicums as effective assessment tools. Though his focus will be on assessment in a first year legal research course, the tools presented apply to all librarians who instruct patrons. Molly Brownfield, Head of Reference Services at Duke Law Library, will address assessment in the context of a specialized upper level research course, including concrete examples of research assignments and corresponding grading sheets. Additionally, she will speak to administrative aspects, such as grading according to a forced curve, and will show how tools in Excel can facilitate this process. Linda-Jean Schneider, Director of Libraries & Research at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, will discuss assessment activities she has undertaken in connection with her firm's associate training program, including the assessment of associates' legal research skills and the assessment of the training program itself.

### **J-1: Developing and Using Patron Satisfaction Surveys**

**Date, Time, & Room:** Tuesday, July 26, 1:00 - 1:30 p.m., Phila. Conference Center (PCC) Room 108(AB)

**Track:** Reference, Research and Client Services

**Audience:** Librarians interested in focusing their library services to best meet the needs of their patrons

The Student Services Committee of ALL-SIS is undertaking a project to collect and compile student satisfaction surveys from member libraries. The result will be a compilation of the contributed surveys and a sample "best" survey culled from the responses. A web page of the surveys and a sample "best" survey will be posted to the ALL-SIS web page upon completion of the project. This program will be a direct result of the workings of this Committee. It will include discussions on the benefits of a satisfaction survey, how to determine what information you want to get from the results, the best way to ask the questions to get the answers, the sample "best" survey, and what to do with the results. The presenters for this program will be pulled from the surveys we collect from ALL-SIS members. Although based on information from members of ALL-SIS, we see the results as being of value to all library settings.

### **J-5: Feeling Good about Medical Legal Research**

**Date, Time, & Room:** Tuesday, July 26, 1:00 - 1:30 p.m., Philadelphia Conference Center (PCC) Room 204 (B)

**Track:** Reference, Research and Client Services

**Audience:** Any Law Librarian who would like a step-by-step plan for conducting medical legal research in medical databases.

Most Law Librarians will have to locate and find appropriate medical or health-related research during the course of their careers. However, many of us are intimidated by medical or scientific information and do not know how to get started. This program provides an introduction for law librarians to locating and

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evaluating medical information. Topics covered include defining evidence-based medicine, applying the methods of evidence-based medicine to the process of medical research and evaluating information retrieved. Effective searching of MEDLINE using the controlled vocabulary MeSH (the National Library of Medicine's Medical Subject Headings) will be covered.

### **J-6: What's Happening in Green Acres?: The Struggle for Information Access and Instruction in Less Populous Areas**

**Date, Time, & Room:** Tuesday, July 26, 1:00 - 1:30 p.m., Phila. Conference Center (PCC) Room 204(C)

**Track:** Reference, Research and Client Services

**Audience:** Law Librarian interested in services to less populous and rural areas.

Law schools and legal institutions in rural settings have a unique perspective on access to legal resources and instruction of legal professionals. Some vendors no longer support institution-specific representatives for smaller schools. Primary legal resources in low-population states are limited, and secondary sources may be non-existent. New attorneys going into rural law offices will have neither the resources of large firms nor the benefits of additional training by firm librarians. Given these realities, there is a need to address three central questions. What differences are legal institutions with significant rural populations noticing, and can these differences be documented? What is being done to accommodate for them? Where is it possible to affect change? Many law librarians in rural states are finding ways to benefit from this environment and making resources available to a grateful audience of legal professionals. This program is intended to illuminate the weaknesses of supply and raise awareness among librarians and vendors who service rural areas with a goal toward improvement.

## ALL-SIS SPONSORED INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS

### **Supporting Librarian Scholarship**

**Date, Time, & Room:** Sunday, July 24, 1:30 - 2:45 p.m., Phila. Conference Center (PCC) Room 203(B)

**Competency/Track:** Library Management and Administration

This program examines three successful programs for supporting the scholarship of librarians. Creators and administrators of these programs will discuss how the programs were implemented and give advice on how they could be replicated by other libraries or groups. Successful participants in each program will discuss how the programs helped them produce publishable scholarship.

The three programs represented are (1) the Boulder Conference, (2) Georgetown Law Library's Scholarly Writing program, and (3) AALL research grants. The Boulder Summer Conference on Legal Information: Teaching and Scholarship allowed librarians to workshop their papers related to legal research pedagogy. Georgetown's new program of a mini-sabbatical and library support group was established in response to an increasing interest in scholarly writing. AALL research grants provide support to librarians doing a wide-range of research.

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### Questioning the Paper Chase: Why Should Law Librarians Obtain a Law Degree?

**Date & Time:** Sunday, July 24, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., Philadelphia Conference Center (PCC) Room 111(B)

**Competency/Track:** General or Core Programs

For many years the requirement that a law librarian possess a law degree was almost exclusively seen in job postings for academic positions, usually at a supervisory level. However, this requirement is now often associated with even entry level jobs in all types of law libraries. This program posits two fundamental questions; do we need law degrees to do our job, and is a law degree a sound financial and professional investment for a law librarian today? A panel of librarians will provide differing viewpoints in answering these and other questions regarding the place of the JD in the profession.

### We're All in This Together: Achieving Success Through Collaboration with Non-Library Staff

**Date & Time:** Monday, July 25, 8:45 - 9:45 a.m., Philadelphia Conference Center (PCC) Room 102(A)

**Competency/Track:** Library Management and Administration

In 2003 at Chicago-Kent, part of the law school's faculty support staff began reporting to the Library Director, which created an unusually rich opportunity for collaboration. Now the librarians and faculty support work together to expand library and educational technology services. This program will discuss how the librarians trained and collaborated with the faculty administrative assistants and how both groups have worked together on everything from course websites, to posting articles to SSRN and ExpressO, to creating a Library Virtual Tour (seen here: <http://bit.ly/dtclibrarytour>), a production that would not have been possible without extensive expertise of both librarians and faculty administrative assistants, and a collaborative attitude from all involved.

### Empiricist or Empirical Reference Librarian?: Structuring an Empirical Legal Research Program

**Date & Time:** Monday, July 25, 2:15 - 3:30 p.m., Philadelphia Conference Center (PCC) Room 102(A)

**Competency/Track:** Library Management and Administration

Fordham Law Library hired a Reference Librarian/Empirical Research Specialist and other academic law libraries are including knowledge of empirical research methods into their reference librarian job descriptions. At the Harvard Law School Library, there are two empirical research positions: Empirical Research Fellow and Empirical Research Consultant. Duke University School of Law has an Empirical Research Associate position, as well as a reference librarian who coordinates the library's Empirical Legal Research Program. These are a few examples of how law libraries are responding to faculty's increasing demand for empirical legal research support. While other sessions have focused on resources for doing empirical work, this program focuses on how academic law libraries are meeting the needs of faculty members by creating empirical positions within or in conjunction with the library. It will address the factors that led these institutions to create the empirical legal research programs and the structures of these programs. Panelists will discuss how the programs were implemented and will evaluate the programs' strengths and weaknesses.

## Hot Topic Announced

### WikiLeaks, Intelligence, and the Law of Secrecy

Anne Myers, Yale Law Library

We are delighted to be able to present this fascinating program as part of the 2011 Annual Meeting educational programming. The session will be held **Sunday, July 24, 2011 from 4:15-5:15 in PCC-Room 201(A)**. Hope to see you there!

#### Program Description:

Secrecy often poses difficulties in democracies where the transparency of government operations is the norm. Claims to secrecy are viewed with suspicion and questions arise as to whether the cloak of secrecy hides, not secrets essential for national security, but evidence of malfeasance and incompetence. With the detention of Army Private Bradley Manning for the suspected release of classified information to WikiLeaks, many have viewed his role as one of whistleblower, rather than lawbreaker or spy.

In the program, the presenters will discuss how information is classified, who has the authority to classify and declassify information, and who has access to classified information. Focusing on intelligence operations, the presenters will also describe the importance of secrecy in protecting the national security of the United States and the damage resulting from breaches of secrecy.

#### Learning Outcomes:

1. Identify federal statutes, executive orders, and Department of Defense regulations and directives that apply to the classification of information and the disclosure of classified information
2. Identify the various levels of security clearances possessed by federal employees

3. Identify historical situations where the unauthorized disclosure of classified information has jeopardized intelligence operations and describe scenarios in which secrecy is an essential factor in protecting national security.

#### Speakers:

**1st Lt. Christopher Vallandingham:** Foreign and International Law Librarian at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. He is an officer in the United States Army Judge Advocate General Corps (JAG) and the President of the International Intelligence Ethics Association. He teaches the law of foreign intelligence gathering at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. From 1984 -1990, he was an Arabic linguist for United States Army Intelligence as an enlisted soldier.

**Dr. Jan Goldman:** Dr. Goldman has worked in the intelligence community for almost 30 years and is currently revising the intelligence analysis course at the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Dr. Goldman was a long-time faculty member of the National Defense Intelligence College prior to leaving the Department of Defense in 2010 and moving to the Department of Justice. He is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University in Washington, DC., where he teaches courses on the ethics of intelligence. Dr. Goldman is the author or editor of numerous articles and books on intelligence and national security.

## ALL-SIS AWARDS

Ruth Levor, University of San Diego Legal Research Center

The Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section Awards Committee is delighted to announce the following award and grant recipients for 2011:

**The Frederick Charles Hicks Award** for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship recognizes an individual or group that has made outstanding contributions to academic law librarianship through continued efforts to improve law librarianship. The award is named in honor of Frederick Charles Hicks, the first great American law librarian/scholar who was also the first academic law librarian to serve as president of AALL.

**Margaret Leary**

Director of the Law Library, Librarian and Adjunct Lecturer  
University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

**The ALL-SIS Outstanding Article Award** honors a section member for contributions to the enhancement of academic law librarianship through publishing. Articles are evaluated on relevance of topic to some aspect of academic law librarianship.

**Terry Ballard,**

Assistant Director of Technical Services for  
Library Systems,  
New York Law School

AND

**Anna Blaine**

Reference Librarian  
New York Law School

“The Changing Face of Current Awareness Reporting in Law Libraries” (2010), *New Library World* 111 (3/4) 104,

The **Regular Member Stimulus Grant** is given to a law librarian with demonstrated financial need. The grant is in the amount of \$500 and is intended to aid the recipient in attending the AALL Annual Meeting. This year’s winners are:

**Deborah Darin,**

Reference Librarian/Legal Research Instructor  
Loyola University, Chicago

AND

**Ping Tian**

Circulation Librarian  
New York Law School  
New York, New York

Finally, the **ALL-SIS CONELL Grant** is given to a newer law librarian to attend CONELL. The grant covers the cost of CONELL registration and a hotel room for one night. The purpose of the CONELL Grant is to promote participation by newer academic law librarians in AALL and the ALL-SIS. The two recipients of the **CONELL Grant** are:

**Irene Crisci**

Reference Librarian and Digital Archivist  
Touro College  
Central Islip, N.Y.

AND

**Jingjing Zhang**

Peking University School of Transnational Law  
Shenzhen, China

Please join us in greeting and congratulating all of the winners at the **ALL-SIS reception in the Marriott Liberty Ballroom Salon AB at 6:30 P.M. on Sunday, July 24.**

## Collection Development Meetings and Activities at the 2011 Annual Meeting

Paul Moorman, University of Southern California Law Library

This year's Annual Meeting in Philadelphia offers a multitude of programs for librarians interested in collection development issues. This year's programs cover topics as diverse as electronic resource evaluation, budget cuts, resource sharing, license agreements, vendor contract negotiations, collaborative collection development, and e-book publishing trends. I highlight these programs below:

### **A6: Best Practices for Evaluating a New Electronic Resource**

**Date, Time, & Location:** Sunday, July 24, 1:30-2:45 pm, PCC-204(C)

This program will highlight the best practices to use when evaluating a new electronic resource for acquisition. These best practices are gleaned from the library literature, published surveys, and the experiences of the presenters. Best practices include: "try before you buy," obtaining stakeholder involvement, benchmarking, and using an electronic resource evaluation checklist, among others. The program will focus on four areas: 1) the electronic resource evaluation checklist, 2) selection and coordination of a trial focus group, 3) the cost-benefit analysis, and 4) subscription versus ownership and other licensing options. Other considerations to be examined include: authentication, user interface, content appropriateness, search capability, browsing capability, currency and archives, vendor support, training, user statistics, bill back mechanisms, online documentation, and formatting. In addition, the program will present questions to be asked of other stakeholders in the acquisitions process (e.g., the IT department, catalogers, public services). Program materials will include a sample electronic resource evaluation checklist and bibliography. Coordinator/Moderator/Speaker: Robert R. Myers, Jr., Case Western Reserve University Law School Library; Speaker: Judith A. Kaul, Case Western Reserve University Law School Library.

### **C4: Cutting Beyond the Bone: Managing in an Age of Austerity**

**Date, Time, & Location:** Sunday, July 24, 4:15-5:15 pm, PCC-204(A)

Library budgets are stagnant or being reduced, and administrators are faced with making hard choices of "what" and/or "whom" to cut. In the current economic climate, libraries are often targeted for reductions because everything is perceived as being "online." An informative dialogue role-play will be presented by a director and a technical services head in a law library that suffered two recent 10 percent budget cuts, with another one in the offing. How do you deal with these budget reductions? Do you eliminate or decrease the quality of services, stop binding, buy fewer materials, or reduce staff? This program will offer a range of ideas to cope with stagnant or reduced budgets, when you already feel like you're "down to the bone." Coordinator/Moderator: Alan Keely, Wake Forest University Professional Center Library; Speakers: James S. Heller, College of William & Mary, Wolf Law Library; Jean M. Pajerek, Cornell University Law Library; Jennifer E. Sekula, College of William & Mary, Wolf Law Library.

### **D4: Partnering with Membership Libraries for Cost-Sharing and Just-In-Time Access to Information Resources**

**Date, Time, & Location:** Monday, July 25, 8:45-9:45 am, PCC-204(A)

Membership libraries serve a critical role in the legal information community, but many librarians are simply unaware of the services they offer. Law firms are moving away from a model that emphasizes

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ownership of information resources to one that emphasizes just-in-time access. In response, membership libraries are embracing innovative ways of offering responsive, collaborative services, such as API (Application Programming Interface) technologies, to fulfill the information needs of attorneys and other legal professionals. This session brings together representatives from two prominent membership libraries along with a user of their services to talk about how looking outside the walls of one's own library and firm can be key to ensuring firm-wide access to legal information, especially for minimally staffed branch offices, while keeping costs in check. Coordinator/Moderator: Ralph A. Monaco, New York Law Institute; Speakers: Mikhail Koulikov, New York Law Institute; Steven Antonio Lastres, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP; Regina L. Smith, Jenkins Law Library.

### **G4:** Anatomy of a License Agreement

**Date, Time, & Location:** Monday, July 25, 2:15-3:30 pm, PCC-204(A)

Librarians are regularly faced with reviewing and approving license agreements for the acquisition of online information sources. Lack of uniformity among publisher agreements can confuse the most-seasoned librarian and put the library at risk should a completed contract not meet expectations. In this session, a panel of experts will conduct a detailed review of the elements of a license agreement, including language restrictions and their meaning, payment terms, authorized users and uses, performance obligations, indemnification provisions, and definition of key terms. Panelists will also summarize relevant provisions of the Principles for Licensing Electronic Resources and the AALL Guide to Fair Business Practices. Coordinator: Michael G. Bernier, BNA; Moderator: Christine L. Graesser, Connecticut Legislative Library; Speakers: Lesley Ellen Harris, Copyrightlaws.com; Katherine Lowry, Baker & Hostetler; Tracy L. Thompson-Przylucki, New England Law Library Consortium, Inc.

### **H1:** Getting to Yes for Your Library: Negotiating Vendor Contracts in Your Favor

**Date, Time, & Location:** Tuesday, July 26, 9:00-10:30 am, PCC -108 (AB)

Vendor contracts are getting more complex, with finer print. Many librarians are involved in the contract negotiation process and need to be able to read and comprehend often complex contracts in order to get the most favorable terms for their libraries and institutions. Two attorneys who are involved in their large firms' vendor contract negotiations, along with their library directors, will discuss contract best practices, what elements to look for in a contract, and which clauses or provisions will render a contract unworkable. They will offer practical tips on negotiation skills, and on reaching a workable agreement with service vendors. Coordinator: Jane R. Baugh, Woods Rogers PLC; Speakers: Clare D'Agostino, Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP; Loretta F. Orndorff, Cozen O'Connor; Scott B. Schwartz, Cozen O'Connor; Connie Smith, Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP.

### **I2:** Collaborative Collection Development: What Should Academic and Law Firm Libraries Know About Each Other?

**Date, Time, & Location:** Tuesday, July 26, 10:45-11:30 am, PCC-201(A)

The findings of both the MacCrate Report and the Carnegie Report have emphasized the need to incorporate practical legal skills within the law school curriculum. These findings extend to both the teaching of

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legal research skills and law school collections, both print and electronic, that support these efforts. Law library collections need to reflect both the analytic process of legal analysis, as well as the application of practical skills. Academic and law firm librarians, as well as skilled practitioners, can effectively collaborate in efforts to provide legal collections and instruction that best support the findings of the MacCrate and Carnegie reports. In doing so, both private and academic law libraries can achieve effective resource sharing and optimal cost effectiveness in the utilization of resources. Coordinator/Moderator/Speaker: Helen N. Levenson, Thomas M. Cooley Law School Library; Speakers: Ellen S. Brondfield, Steptoe & Johnson LLP; Melanie J. Dunshee, Duke University School of Law, J. Michael Goodson Law Library.

### **I3: E-Books and the Future of Legal Publishing**

**Date, Time, & Location:** Tuesday, July 26, 10:45-11:30, PCC-201 (C)

The future of e-books in law libraries is still unclear, despite the surging popularity of dedicated e-book readers such as the Kindle. Legal publishers have taken a cautious approach in developing e-books to date. In addition, e-book licensing, particularly in economically difficult times, will provide new challenges to law librarians. Representatives from leading legal publishers and e-book vendors will discuss what they see as the future of e-books and how it will change law libraries. Coordinator: June Hsiao Liebert, John Marshall Law School; Speaker: Steven W. Sutton, YBP Library Svcs., A Baker & Taylor Company.

In addition to these programs, the ALL-SIS Collection Development Roundtable and Meeting are two excellent opportunities to meet and network with other academic librarians interested in collection development issues. These events take place on the following dates and times:

### **The ALL-SIS Collection Development Roundtable**

E-Books, E-Resources, E-Readers, E-Nevitable: Has the Time Come to Officially Prefer Electronic Over Print Resources in Our Collection Development Policies?

**Date, Time, & Location:** Tuesday, July 26, 11:45-12:45, PCC-304

This year's roundtable will discuss whether the time has finally come to officially prefer electronic over print resources in our collection development policies. It promises to be an interesting and thought provoking discussion. All librarians with an interest in collection development issues are encouraged to come to the meeting and share your thoughts on this and other issues that may come up.

### **ALL-SIS Collection Development Committee Meeting**

**Date, Time, & Location:** Sunday, July 24, 12:00-1:15 pm, PCC-104(B)

At this meeting, we will discuss future program planning and projects for the committee. All are welcome to attend. Please email Paul Moorman (pmoorman@law.usc.edu), the current ALL-SIS Collection Development Committee Chair, if you have any questions.

You'll want to mark your calendars with these wonderful programs and events. On behalf of the entire ALL-SIS Collection Development Committee, we hope to see you in Philadelphia!

## Phabulous Philadelphia Phacts

Lauren E. Schroeder, University of Houston Law Center, O'Quinn Law Library

In preparation for the upcoming AALL Annual Meeting, I've gathered together some bits and pieces about the City of Brotherly Love to add to your excitement about this year's host city:

- Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence in about three weeks at the home of Jacob Graff, Jr., which can be found on the corner of Seventh and Market streets.
- The Assembly Room in Independence Hall served as the location for many of the defining events in the creation of this country: the site of the Second Continental Congress, George Washington being appointed commander in chief of the Continental army, the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the design of the American flag was determined, and both the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution were drafted there.
- The famous Liberty Bell is cast with a quote from Leviticus 25:10: "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."
- Christ Church, located on Second Street, was the country's tallest building until 1856, and the bells that declared America's independence are still rung weekly.
- Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston, but ran away to Philadelphia at the age of 17. Some highlights of his life include: he learned the printing trade from his brother, beginning as an apprentice at age 12, invented the lightning rod and bifocals (among other items), was named the first United States Postmaster General by the Second Continental Congress, and is the only Founding Father to have signed all 5 documents related to the independence of the United States.
- The city served as the nation's capital while Washington D.C. was under construction.
- The first United States Mint was opened there in 1792.
- The Merchant's Exchange is the nation's oldest stock exchange building.
- Pennsylvania Hospital, founded by Dr. Thomas Bond and Benjamin Franklin in 1751, was America's first hospital.
- The Mütter Museum is packed with all sorts of medical oddities, including the tallest skeleton on display in North America, an exhibit devoted to the health problems of various U.S. presidents, and the Chevalier Jackson Collection of Foreign Bodies Removed from the Food and Air Passages.
- Philadelphia's City Hall is the largest municipal building in the country, with more than 14.5 acres of floor space.
- The Philadelphia Inquirer, begun in 1829, is the third oldest surviving daily newspaper in the country.
- Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church is on the oldest land parcel continuously owned by African Americans.
- Bartram's Garden is the oldest surviving botanic garden in North America.



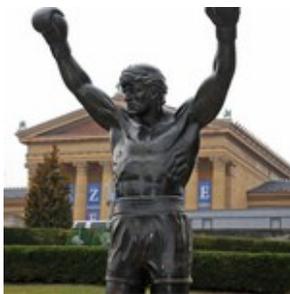
**PHILA. CITY HALL**

## Phabulous Philadelphia Phacts Cont'd

- Eastern State Penitentiary is considered the world's first true penitentiary, with the separate confinement of inmates intended to reform them and make them capable of rejoining society.
- The Philadelphia International Flower Show is the largest indoor flower show in the world.
- According to the U.S. census, approximately 42,000 Philadelphia residents work in either the legal or education, training and library occupations.
- There are 6 law schools in the city and surrounding areas: University of Pennsylvania Law School, Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Rutgers University School of Law - Camden, Villanova University School of Law, and Widener University School of Law.
- The Library Company of Philadelphia, founded in 1731 (with Ben Franklin as one of the founding members), was the first lending library in America, and is now the only remaining Colonial library. It is still possible to purchase a "share" in the library today.
- Philadelphia's public library was chartered in 1891, and opened to the public in 1894. It now has 54 branches throughout the city, many funded by a \$1.5 million donation from Andrew Carnegie in 1903.
- Cowboy (1908), the only large bronze sculpture by Frederic Remington, can be found in Fairmount Park.
- The Rodin Museum has the largest collection of his work outside of France.
- The Dream Garden, a 15 by 49 foot Tiffany glass mosaic based on a painting by Maxfield Parrish, has been located in the lobby of the Curtis Center since 1916. There are only 2 other pieces from Tiffany Studios like it in the world, and it contains over 100,000 glass pieces in 260 colors.
- Philadelphia has franchises in 4 major league sports: the Flyers (hockey), Eagles (football), 76ers (basketball), and Phillies (baseball).
- The Philly cheesesteak was invented by Pat Olivieri in 1930. Pat's King of Steaks and its rival restaurant across the street, Geno's, have been competing with each other for 40 years. Both are open 24 hours a day, so you can determine whose you think is best whenever the urge strikes you.
- It has 10 sister cities: Florence and Abruzzo (Italy), Tel Aviv (Israel), Torún (Poland), Aix-en-Provence (France), Tianjin (China), Incheon (South Korea), Douala (Cameroon), Kobe (Japan), and Nizhny Novgorod (Russian Federation).
- Philadelphia is the home of: Betsy Ross, Louisa May Alcott, Grace Kelly, Margaret Mead, Alexander Calder, Mary Cassatt, Ethyl, John and Lionel Barrymore, Marian Anderson, Chubby Checker, John Coltrane, Patti LaBelle, Joan Jett, Mario Lanza, Pink, The Legendary Roots Crew (the house band on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon), Will Smith, Dick Clark, Tina Fey, Kevin Bacon, and Bill Cosby.

## Philly Phacts, Cont'd

- The Rocky Statue and "Rocky Steps" can both be found at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Go ahead - run up the stairs pretending you're Rocky Balboa, dance around and yell "Yo, Adrian!" You know you want to.



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our Section and our profession. We should all thank them in advance for their service and offer them our own time and efforts generously.

Academic Law Schools have existed since the 1100's when the university system was first developed. AALL itself was founded over 100 years ago. We all, then, carry on traditions formed by others and work to shape those forms to new circumstances. This is the meaning of professionalism, to work in and towards something greater than your own immediate needs. Our members are such professionals and when the time arrives ALL-SIS will party like its 2099.

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tributed articles. I thank you on behalf of myself and the ALL-SIS for sharing your knowledge and events with us all. "We" also include our SIS Chair, Jack McNeill. Thank you, Jack, for sharing your vision and thoughts of academic law libraries with us, and being a terrific leader. And I cannot forget our Webmaster, Creighton Miller who not only posted the PDF version I sent him, but actually converted the Word documents to post in HTML also. Thanks for your help and guidance, Creighton.

My very special thanks, however, go to Leah Sandwell-Weiss, former Newsletter editor and recently elected Vice-Chair / Chair Elect. She so graciously gave her time to help me learn how to put the Newsletter together and even finished the first issue for me in September. I am eager to continue working with her in her new role, although I will miss having her on the Newsletter Committee.

So, WE made it, and now WE must look to the fu-

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## More at AALL 2011

### AALL Book Drive

Once again the Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section organized the annual AALL Book Drive, to run through the end of the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia (July 26, 2011).

The theme of this year's Book Drive is "Give Me Liberty and Give Me Books!" The book drive will benefit Philadelphia Children's Foundation, <http://www.philadelphiachildrensfoundation.org/index.php>. The Philadelphia Children's Foundation (PCF) is a non-profit educational-support organization connecting students and their families to resources and opportunities in the Philadelphia area. The books from this drive will benefit PCF's Read for Success program. The Read for Success program makes 2-3 large book donations per year to Philadelphia schools serving students from Kindergarten to the 8th Grade. Typically, the recipient schools have small library collections or no library at all, so these books truly go to students in need. The Read for Success program seeks books geared towards K through 8th graders on any and all subjects. The PCF is really excited that AALL via the SR-SIS has selected them as a donee organization for its annual book drive. In these times of austerity budgets, governments are slashing their educational funding, so there is now more than ever a clear need for the work of organizations like the PCF.

How can you help PCF provide books to children in need?

- Order a book online from "[2011 AALL Book Drive for the Philadelphia Children's Foundation](#)" wish list on Amazon.com. (Search for "AALL")
- Send a check or bookstore gift card (from any bookstore) to the book drive co-organizer in Philadelphia (see address below).

- Drop off books, gift card, or a check in Philadelphia during the AALL Annual Meeting at the Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section table in Exhibit Hall.

Book Drive co-organizer in Philadelphia:  
John Cannan  
Legal Research Center, Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel  
3320 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104-3397

For more information regarding this book drive, please contact Sarah Jaramillo, [sjaramillo@law.fordham.edu](mailto:sjaramillo@law.fordham.edu) or John Cannan, [jc3238@drexel.edu](mailto:jc3238@drexel.edu)

### Roundtable Discussion for New Academic Law Librarians

Kathleen Darvil, Chair ALL-NEW Membership Committee

As the Annual Meeting is rapidly approaching, the ALLNEW/Membership Committee would like to invite new academic law librarians to attend a round table discussion with seasoned academic law librarians.

Topics to be addressed during this discussion include:

- ◆ Law Library Management
- ◆ Career Counseling
- ◆ Legal Research Instruction
- ◆ Tenure/Peer Review
- ◆ Non-JDs in an academic law library
- ◆ Law Technology

The event will take place on **Sunday, July 24, 2011, from 5:30-6:30 pm, in Convention Center Room 304.** Committee members will escort attendees to the ALL-SIS reception immediately after the event.

We, the members of the ALL-NEW/Membership Committee, are looking forward to meeting new academic law librarians and sharing our experiences.

## A Law Librarian in the Dark

Yasmin Sokkar Harker, CUNY Law School Library

### Review of *4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days*

Happy Spring and welcome to A Law Librarian in the Dark. Now in its third year, this column discusses movies for law libraries and law library feature film collections. Movies about lawyers, law schools, litigation, famous trials, crime and punishment, or movies that contain “legal themes” are all possible topics. If you have a DVD title that you would like me to review, e-mail me at [yasmin.harker@mail.law.cuny.edu](mailto:yasmin.harker@mail.law.cuny.edu).

In this issue, I will be highlighting a 2007 Romanian film that won the Golden Palm award at the Cannes Film Festival. Set in a bleak, crumbling Romanian city in the 1980’s, *4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days* follows a young woman as she helps her roommate and friend arrange an illegal abortion, and illustrates the problems faced by young women who must venture into a criminal underworld in order to obtain an abortion.

At the beginning, we are introduced to the loyal, determined Otilia. In a stark, cheerless dormitory room Otilia is helping her distraught roommate Gabita pack her suitcase. As we follow Otilia from the dormitory through the gritty streets, we slowly learn that she is helping her friend secure items for her appointment with a doctor. Gabita has arranged an illicit abortion with a Dr. Bebe and must have money and a hotel room ready for the procedure. Gabita herself is too upset and helpless carry out the errands necessary for the meeting, so it falls on her friend Otilia to carry them out.

The movie focuses on the struggle Otilia must endure as she prepares for the appointment while trying to keep her activities a secret, appease her boyfriend, and attend an obligatory family event. We watch her as she secures cash for the doctor

and barter for soap and cigarettes. We see her navigate the high-rises and worn out crumbling city in search of a motel where the doctor can perform the procedure. In one protracted scene, we witness her arguing with a hotel clerk, trying to obtain a room that she can afford, while the clerk acts simultaneously suspicious and dismissive of her.

When the two women finally meet Mr. Bebe, the reality of their vulnerable position and their lack of ability to bargain are confronted. With his arrival, the potential for blackmail and exploitation becomes a reality, and Otilia is forced to make a sacrifice she had not imagined.

Directed by Cristian Mungiu, *4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days*, is clearly informed by a “show don’t tell” philosophy. The movie doesn’t make any explicit statements about the legal status of abortion, instead concentrating on the actions taken by women whose situation makes them easy to exploit.

The DVD for *4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days* was released in October 2008 by IFC Studios. It is in Romanian and subtitled in English.

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ture. I look forward to continuing in my role as newsletter editor, and hope that many more of you will join us in creating content. As I noted last summer, ALL-SIS is blessed with over 1300 members and if even 10% of you write an article, that’s 130 articles a year! Feel free to contact me ([traubb@stjohns.edu](mailto:traubb@stjohns.edu)) with your ideas. This is OUR newsletter so we all have a responsibility for its success.

## CRIV-Sponsored Programs in Phila.

Rob Myers, Case School of Law

As you finalize your plans for this year's AALL Annual Meeting, please keep in mind that the Committee on Relations with Information Vendors (CRIV) is presenting two educational programs and co-sponsoring a third program. The programs carry the common themes of electronic resources and license agreements. The programs are presented as a trilogy with each program building off the previous program. Each program, however, also stands on its own and does not require attendance at the prior one.

- The first program, **A6**, is titled “Best Practices for Evaluating a New Electronic Resource” and will be held on **Sunday, July 24, from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. in PCC-Room 108(AB)**
- The second program, **G4**, “Anatomy of a License Agreement” is scheduled for **Monday, July 25, from 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. in PCC-Room 204(A)**
- The third program, **H1**, “Getting to Yes for Your Library: Negotiating Vendor Contracts in Your Favor,” proposed by Jane Baugh and Connie Smith and co-sponsored by the Private Law Libraries Special Interest Section and CRIV, will be held on **Tuesday, July 26, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in PCC-Room 108(AB)**

Your attendance at one, two, or all three of these educational programs is sure to broaden your knowledge when it comes to evaluating, negotiating, and acquiring electronic resources. See you at the meeting!

## Program Planning for 2012

Anne Matthewman, 2012 AMPC Co-Chair

The theme of the 2012 conference is “Learn, Connect, Grow” and we plan to develop a superb offering of programs that support this theme.

We can only do that with your help and ask you to consider proposing programs by the deadline of September 15th, 2011. Again we will welcome programs at an advanced level. Be sure to include descriptive information outlining why your proposal is placed at the basic, intermediate or advanced level.

As during the 2011 conference, programs will be tracked and scheduled based on the AALL Core Competencies, which apply across different types of libraries. These tracks are:

- ◆ General or Core Programs
- ◆ Library Administration and Management
- ◆ Research, Reference, and Client Services
- ◆ Information Technology
- ◆ Collection Development and Cataloging
- ◆ Teaching

Watch for the AMPC blog and information on the proposal planning process coming soon. The AMPC liaison to ALL-SIS is Jessie Burchfield of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. We look forward to hearing from you!



## Member News

### Kenneth J. Hirsh Award

Monica Sharum, Univ. of Pacific McGeorge School of Law

The CS-SIS is pleased to announce June Liebert is this year's winner of the CS-SIS Kenneth J. Hirsh Award.

This award honors a CS-SIS member who has made outstanding contributions to the SIS, to AALL, and who is well regarded for his or her service to the profession. The inaugural award recipient was Ken Hirsh, in whose honor the award is named.

June Liebert is currently Assistant Professor and the Director of the Louis L. Biro Law Library at The **John Marshall Law School** in Chicago. June served the CS-SIS section for many years. Starting in 2003 as a Member at Large on the CS-SIS until culminating as Chair in 2008-2009. June was the long-time CS-SIS webmaster and completely revised the Website using Web standards. She also initiated the successful Web 2.0 challenge series while she was CS-SIS Chair. In addition, June has presented several times at AALL on behalf of the CS-SIS section including the program "Turning the Page: e-Book Readers in Law Libraries" at the 2010 Annual Meeting and will be coordinating and moderating a follow-up program at the 2011 Annual Meeting titled "E-books and the Future of Legal Publishing".

### Other Awards

**Nancy Babb**, Cataloging Librarian and Web Manager at the **University at Buffalo**, Charles B. Sears Law Library, recently received the State University of New York (SUNY) Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship. Congratulations, Nancy! This is a well-deserved honor.

On May 14, 2011, Prof. **Rhea Ballard-Thrower**

was given the Warren Rosmarin Professor of Law Award of Excellence in Teaching and Service. The award is given each year to a member of the faculty by the **Howard University** School of Law and is named in honor of former law library director, Warren Rosmarin. Prof. Ballard-Thrower is the first law librarian to be given the award.

**Michelle Cosby**, Faculty Services Librarian at **North Carolina Central University** School of Law Library is the 2011 recipient of the AALL Minority Leadership Development Award.

### New Positions and Promotions

**Femi Cadmus**, **Cornell Law Library**, is the new Edward Cornell Law Librarian and Associate Dean for Library Services at Cornell Law Library. She will begin at the end of the summer.

**Rebecca Lutkenhaus** became Reference Librarian at **Drake University Law Library** on June 1. Rebecca had been the Electronic Services Librarian at the University of Iowa Law Library since 2006. She started her career in law librarianship at Drake as Acquisitions Librarian a dozen years ago after she earned her law and library science degrees at the University of Iowa. After leaving Drake she gained additional experience at the University of Northern Iowa and Thomson West. Drake faculty and staff are delighted to welcome Rebecca back. She fills the position vacated by Sara Lowe who is now the Electronic Resources Librarian at the Claremont University Consortium.

The Earle Mack School of Law at **Drexel University** recently hired two new Research & Instructional Services librarians: **Stephanie Huffnagle** will start in June. She is a recent graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo's MLIS program and a 2006 graduate of the Albany Law School of Union University. **Lindsay Steussy** will start in July. She is a re-

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cent graduate of the Hamline University School of Law, and a 2006 graduate of Indiana University's MLIS program.

**Elizabeth Farrell** has been promoted to Associate Director at **Florida State** as of May 27, 2011.

**Thomas (TJ) Striepe** is the new Faculty Services Librarian at the **University of Georgia** Alexander Campbell King Law Library. He earned a Masters in Information Resources and Library Science from the University of Arizona and a Juris Doctorate from Arizona State University. For the past two years, TJ has been a Law Library Fellow at the University of Arizona College of Law. Previously, he practiced law in Minnesota.

The **University of Kentucky** Law Library welcomes two new reference librarians:

**Franklin Runge**, Faculty Services Librarian, began May 16; and **Tina Brooks**, Electronic Services Librarian, will be onboard July 1.

It is with great pleasure that **Roger Williams University** School of Law announces that **Raquel M. Ortiz** will assume the position of Assistant Dean for Library and Information Services and Associate Professor of Law. Raquel comes to Roger Williams from the Pappas Law Library at Boston University School of Law where she was the Associate Director. She will assume her responsibilities at the beginning of August.

**Scott Childs** is the new Associate Dean for Library and Technology Services and Associate Professor in the Law Library at the **University of Tennessee** College of Law, and will begin his duties July 1. He succeeds William Beintema, recently retired. Scott was previously Deputy Director at the University of North Carolina School of Law Library.

In May, **Elizabeth Hilkin** joined the Tarlton

Law Library at the **University of Texas** School of Law as Archivist and Reference Librarian. In addition to having received her M.S.I.S. from the University of Texas School of Information, Liz received her J.D. from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law, and her B.A. from Iowa State University

**Eugenia Charles-Newton** is the new Reference and Electronic Services Instruction Librarian at **Texas Tech** Law Library. She began her new position on May 2, 2011. Eugenia received her JD from the University of Kansas School of Law in 2008 and her M.A. in Information Resources and Library Science from the University of Arizona in 2009. At U of A, Eugenia was a member of Cohort 7 in the Knowledge River program which focuses on bridging the cultural gaps in the library world.

**Cassie Bruner** became the newest Public Services librarian and Assistant Professor at the **Texas Wesleyan** University Dee J. Kelly Law Library in June 2011. Cassie earned a Master's degree from the University of North Texas in Library and Information Science with a specialization in law librarianship and legal informatics. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Texas State University. Cassie has been a member of the staff of the Dee J. Kelly Law Library since January 2010.

**Lisa A. Goodman**, Head of Public Services, was unanimously approved by the **Texas Wesleyan** University Board of Trustees for tenure. **Wendy Law** received a promotion to Head of Collection Development.

### Publications/Presentations

Prof. **Aliza Kaplan** and **Kathleen Darvil**, Reference/Access Services Librarian, **Brooklyn** Law School have written an article. "Think (and Prac-

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rice) Like a Lawyer: Legal Research Instruction for the New Millennials" will be published in Volume 8 of the *Journal of the Association of Legal Writing Directors* this fall. It was also recently selected to be published in the second volume of the Legal Writing Institute's Monograph Series. Here is the link to the article's abstract on SSRN: [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1831842](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1831842)

**John Edwards**, Associate Dean for Information Resources and Technology and Professor of Law at **Drake University Law Library**, and **Karen Wallace**, Circulation/Reference Librarian and Professor of Librarianship, are co-authors of *Iowa Legal Research*. The book is part of the Legal Research Series by Carolina Academic Press. It is the first of the series to have four co-authors, including Melissa Weresh, Director of Legal Writing and Professor of Law at Drake, and Sara Lowe, former Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor of Librarianship (now Electronic Resources Librarian at the Claremont University Consortium). The four also have completed two CALI lessons on Iowa Legal Research, one for primary resources and one for secondary.

Cataloging Services Librarian **Suzanne Graham**, Alexander Campbell King Law Library at the **University of Georgia School of Law**, co-presented a program on Community Tagging with Gretchen Caserotti of the Darien Public Library at the 2011 Computers in Libraries Conference in Washington, D.C., in March. **Carol Watson**, Director of the Law Library, demonstrated Pecha Kucha presentations while co-facilitating a workshop titled "Spice Up Your Training!" at the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries held in Calgary in May. The librarians at the Alexander Campbell King Law Library presented a day-long program on Internet Legal Research for the Georgia Insti-

tute of Continuing Legal Education in March.

### Retirements

**Alison Ewing** is retiring from the **Arizona State University, Ross-Blakley Law Library**. **Tory Trotta**, Associate Dean for the Ross-Blakley Law Library, characterized Ewing as a "spark plug" who is courteous, vivacious and fun. "She professionalized the library's access services department," Trotta said. "She led that department, she taught, and she was president of the Arizona Association of Law Libraries." As its library liaison, Ewing was especially fond of and worked closely with the law school's Indian Legal Program.

Before joining the law school, Ewing was the law librarian at Brown & Bain and at Meyer, Hendricks, Victor, Osborn, & Maledon, was a Lexis-Nexis representative and held various positions in law-firm marketing and recruiting. She is a member of the American Association of Law Libraries and the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries.

### New Member Profiles



**G. Patrick Flanagan** has worked at **Columbia University's Arthur W. Diamond Law Library** since September 2010. Patrick is currently a reference librarian and Lecturer-in-Law at the Law School. This position is well-suited to Patrick because he enjoys the challenges of teaching legal research to law students and of working on a very busy reference desk, answering diverse and difficult questions. Patrick feels that his transition from law practice to law librarianship was one the best decisions he has ever made.

Before starting library school in 2009, Patrick spent six years practicing law in Fort Worth and Houston, Texas, focusing mainly on criminal defense. In his law practice, Patrick saw the uneven

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research abilities of his colleagues and hoped that, someday, he could help a new generation of lawyers have a firmer understanding of the law. Patrick caught the library bug in law school while he worked as a research assistant in the faculty services department of the library. The librarians he worked with were an inspiration to Patrick, as was the work he did for faculty members. One of his most interesting and challenging projects was developing a bibliography on oil and gas law for a faculty member who was consulting with the newly created Russian Federation. This project underscored Patrick's interest in supporting academic scholarship which, in the best of times, influenced local and global communities.

Patrick holds a B.A. in Spanish from Rice University and earned his J.D. from the University of Houston in 2003. He received his M.L.I.S. from the

University of Washington's Information School in August 2010.



**Jamie Baker** has worked at **Thomas M. Cooley Law School's Lansing Campus Brennan Law Library** since

May 2007. She has worked in various capacities throughout the Library. Jamie started out in the circulation department as a student assistant and eventually became a research assistant to the reference librarians, where she performed advanced legal research on a wide array of topics including assisting with faculty liaison work. After graduating from law school and passing the bar exam, Jamie was hired as a reference librarian in March 2010. When Jamie started law school, she had the intention of becoming a law librarian. She realized early on that law librarianship would allow her the opportunity to assist law students, faculty, and pro se litigants with

their research needs, as well as afford her the opportunity to teach.

During law school, Jamie also interned for a district court judge, performed legal research for a solo practitioner and was employed at the State Court Administrative Office's Friend of the Court Bureau. She wanted to truly be sure that law librarianship was the field for her, and it has turned out to be just that. She is a great addition to the profession, and her passion for librarianship will serve her well. In her spare time, Jamie rides motorcycles, travels and collects vinyl records.

Jamie holds a B.S. from Central Michigan University in Political Science and a J.D. from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She is expected to receive her M.L.I.S. from Wayne State University's School of Library and Information Science later this year.

## 'LINK ROT' AND LEGAL RESOURCES ON THE WEB: HAVE WE REACHED A PLATEAU?

**THE CHESAPEAKE GROUP'S FOURTH ANNUAL ANALYSIS FINDS THAT LINK ROT IS SLOWING, BUT STILL PRESENT IN MORE THAN 30% OF URLS**

Does the rate at which Web pages are lost to "link rot" slow down over time? The latest link-rot study conducted by the Chesapeake Digital Preservation Group shows that this might be the case.

During National Preservation Week 2011 (April 24–30, 2011), the Chesapeake Digital Preservation Group released the results of its fourth annual analysis of link rot among the original URLs for law- and policy-related materials published to the Web and archived by the Chesapeake Group. After three years of observing the rate of link rot nearly double on an annual basis, the Chesapeake Group found that link rot in its sample of URLs originally collected in 2007 and 2008 increased by only 2.5 percent in 2011. The sample includes URLs primarily

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from state government (.state.\_\_.us), government (.gov), and organization (.org) top-level domains.

The Chesapeake Group is a shared digital archive for the preservation of Web-published legal materials, which often disappear as online content is reorganized or deleted over time. Participants include the Georgetown and Harvard Law Libraries and the State Law Libraries of Maryland and Virginia.

The 2011 analysis reveals that 30.4 percent of the online publications in the sample have now disappeared from their original Web pages but, due to the group's Web preservation efforts, remain accessible via permanent archive URLs. This sample of online publications was first analyzed in 2008 and showed link rot to be present in 8.3 percent of the publications' original URLs. In 2009, the same sample showed an increase in link rot to 14.3 percent, and in 2010, link rot in the sample jumped to 27.9 percent.

Although the 2011 link-rot rate of 30.4 percent represents a significant loss of content over the four-year period, the increase observed from 2010 to 2011 is less than three percent and deviates from the pattern of steadily increasing link rot observed in previous years.

The analysis also explores the prevalence of link rot among top-level domains. A detailed summary of the study is available at <http://legalinfoarchive.org/>.

The Chesapeake Group is a founding member of the Legal Information Preservation Alliance (LIPA) Legal Information Archive, a collaborative digital preservation program for the law library community. For more information, visit the LIPA Web site at [www.aallnet.org/lipa](http://www.aallnet.org/lipa) or the Chesapeake Group at [www.legalinfoarchive.org](http://www.legalinfoarchive.org).

## ALL-SIS Committee Reports

### News from the Faculty Services Committee

Suzanne Thorpe, Chair

The 2010-2011 Faculty Services Committee (Barbara Bean, Theodora Belniak, Stephanie Davidson, Cynthia Lewis, David McClure, Lisa Peters, Ted Potter, Leslie Street, and Jessica Wimer) had a busy year.

Last fall, we updated the directory of faculty services web pages on the ALL-SIS website at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/committees/faculty/materials/webinfo.asp>. A directory of this type requires constant updating, so if you know of additional faculty services pages that should be added or corrections that should be made, please contact the chair of the committee.

During the past few months, we directed our time and attention to creating a Faculty Services Toolkit. The toolkit will give basic information that is aimed at newer academic law librarians who support faculty members. It will include overviews of organizational models, types of services, methods and procedures, and marketing. We have gathered information from a number of librarians and plan to include sample documents along with links to relevant library websites and citations to helpful literature. Our goal is to make the toolkit available on the ALL-SIS website in by the time of the annual meeting in Philadelphia.

We will round out our year by convening the **annual faculty services round tables**, where members get together to informally discuss issues arising in our work with law school faculty members. Please mark your calendars to join us on **Monday, July on Monday, July 25th from 12:00-1:00 in the Philadelphia Convention Center Room 304**. Topics include:

- Lexis Advance & WestlawNext – what do we tell the faculty and when?

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### Faculty Services, Cont'd

- Proactive faculty services – what role should the library play in informing the faculty of resources that could benefit their teaching and scholarship?
- Working with Research Assistants – how can we make the best use of their time ...and ours?
- Drawing the line – when and how can we diplomatically say no?
- Making library users out of resistant faculty members – how can we market our services to faculty who do not fully realize the wealth of resources and support the library has to offer?

We hope to see you there for what promises to be a lively and informative discussion!

### ALL-SIS Continuing Education Committee

Carol A. Watson, Chair

The ALL-SIS Continuing Education Committee has been working on submitting a successful proposal for the BNA Continuing Education Grant Program this year. The Committee began the year by surveying the ALL-SIS membership on their preferences for webinar topics by offering the choices of project management, networking the room or time management/stress free productivity tips. Project management received 55 votes from individuals indicating they would be most likely to attend the program. Time management received 34 votes and networking the room received 10 votes. Consequently, the Committee made the decision to pursue proposing a grant on the topic of project management.

The Committee researched potential speakers and identified James Hassett, the founder of LegalBizDev, as an expert speaker. Mr. Hassett regularly gives presentations to law firms, bar associations and other legal organizations on the topic of legal project management. Mr. Hassett has recently released a second edition of his popular text *Le-*

*gal Project Management Quick Reference Guide.*

In November 2010, the Committee negotiated a speaker's fee with Mr. Hassett and submitted a continuing education grant proposal for conducting a webinar on the topic of legal project management. Unfortunately, this proposal was not accepted because we could not negotiate to record the presentation and provide unlimited access to the recording by the AALL membership.

In April 2010, the Committee approached Mr. Hassett with a different proposal. Rather than a presentation, we suggested a Q & A format on the topic of legal project management. Mr. Hassett accepted our request and agreed to the recording of the presentation for future viewing by AALL members. In May 2010, we resubmitted the grant proposal with a revised description of the format. We are optimistic that this program proposal may be selected for presentation as a webinar.

I would like to thank the members of this year's committee for all of their hard work and patience: Anna Blaine, Christine Brown, Karen Nuckolls, Rashid Humayun, Sally Irvin and Sara Repinski.

### Task Force for the Review of ABA Standards for Accreditation

Betsy McKenzie, Chair

The ALL-SIS has had two Task Forces formed to prepare comments on the proposed ABA Standards for Accreditation. The earlier one was chaired by Barbara Bintliff and submitted comments in the fall of 2009 (<http://tinyurl.com/63a72q4>). Then, in the fall of 2010, another Task Force was formed, this time, composed of Betsy McKenzie as chair, with Paul Callister, Gail Daly, Kristina Niedringhaus, Victoria Szymczak and Marcia Zubrow. We worked hard to develop some consensus among this group to deliver a strong statement on

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### Task Force on ABA Standards, Cont'd

the controversial standards affecting libraries: 600, "General"; 601, "Library as an active, responsive and integral force in the educational life of the law school"; 603, "Library Director"; 603(c) "Full time directors with dual degrees"; 603(d) "Status of Library Director"; 606, "Core Collection". We also included comments on the standard which has been most controversial, Standard 405 on academic freedom and security of position (or tenure).

At the end of March, the ALL-SIS was invited to again submit comments in preparation for the meeting of the ABA Standards Review Committee. Unfortunately, the subcommittee on Libraries was due to report at the April 2-3 meeting! The same Task Force was again convened, and attempted to pull together further comments as a committee. Unfortunately, we were unable to achieve complete consensus. Comments were submitted in the names of Betsy McKenzie, Gail Daly, Kristina Niedringhaus, Victoria Szymczak and Marcia Zubrow. I believe the comments were also supplied to the AALL representative who attended, in case they helped for oral testimony for the Association. Here is the link for the second comments: <http://tinyurl.com/6b67q2x>. This second set of comments focused on Standards: 405, Academic freedom and security of position (or tenure); 601, General; 602, Administration; 603, Director of the Library; 604, Personnel; 605, Services; 606, Collection; 702, Law Library (in the Facilities section, where the seating capacity had been); 703, Research and Study Space; and 704, Technological Capacities.

### Newsletter Committee

Barbara Gellis Traub, Chair

The 2010 - 2011 Newsletter Committee consisted of Barbara Gellis Traub, Chair, Rittenberg Law Library, St. John's University School of Law; Leah

Sandwell-Weiss, University of Arizona College of Law Library; Sue Kelleher, Texas Tech University School of Law Library; Yasmin Sokkar Harker, CUNY Law School Library; Jennifer Allison, Pepperdine Law School; Steven Robert Miller, Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis; Lauren Schroeder, University of Houston, O'Quinn Law Library; Julia F. Jaet, Marquette University Law Library; and I-Wei Wang, UC Berkeley School of Law Library. Our Board Liaison was Margaret Schilt. Our three regular issues this year were published on September 16, 2010, February 20, 2011, and approximately June 16, 2011; the election issue was published on March 25, 2011.

Highlights of this year's issues:

- The Fall 2010 issue was almost entirely devoted to reviews of programs and activities at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Denver. Committee members and 6 other ALL-SIS members wrote articles covering more than 17 programs and other activities;
- Coverage of the Faculty Services Showcase Showdown hosted by Harvard Law School Library, an article discussing new CALI projects (with a call for CALI volunteers), and an article examining critiques of advanced legal research courses (Winter 2011);
- Articles on ALL-SIS and other programs, awards, and activities scheduled at the upcoming annual meeting, little known facts about Philadelphia, some new member profiles, and a report of a "link rot" analysis (Summer 2011).

The indexing project, which received funding in 2009-2010, was completed in October 2010. The indexer retrospectively indexed nearly 30 years of the Newsletter. The Newsletter page of the ALL-SIS website now contains a search box with which

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to locate articles on the topic of your choice. Yasmin was instrumental in making this happen and I would like to thank her for her hard work.

I would like to thank all the committee members for their hard work and their articles. We wouldn't have had a newsletter without their contributions.

- ◆ Sue again collected and wrote the Member News for all three issues.
- ◆ Leah wrote a review of the 2010 Hot Topic from the Annual Meeting for the Fall issue.
- ◆ Yasmin continued her column, A Librarian in the Dark, on DVDs of interest to law librarians, with a review of 4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days in the Summer 2011 issue.
- ◆ I-Wei wrote Looking Up From the Bottom: Bankruptcy Law and Research and Communicating with Patrons: The Best of the Best for the Fall 2010 issue and continued her column, Survey Roundup.
- ◆ Lauren wrote a review of Behind the Scenes at the U.S. EPA for the Fall 2010 issue and Phabulous Philadelphia Phacts for the Summer 2011 issue.
- ◆ Jennifer reviewed Navigating Your Way to the Classroom: Law Librarians Teaching New Law School Classes, Training U.S. Law Students to Work in a South African Legal Aid Clinic, and the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers for the Fall 2010 issue.

I'd also like to thank the many ALL-SIS members who submitted articles this year for publication, including Theodora Belniak (2 articles), Theresa Strike, Katy Stein, Donna Nixon, Charles A. Pipins II, David Lehman, Kris Niedringhaus, Michele Thomas, Susan Nevelow Mart, Lisa Junghahn, Thomas Sneed, Mary Godfry-Richards, Darla Jackson, and Robert Hu. It is gratifying to see how many ALL-SIS members submitted articles for publication, and I hope this spirit will continue and grow throughout 2011

and 2012.

Finally my sincere thanks, again, to Leah for guiding me through the process of learning to edit and get the Newsletter posted. I am sure that with her leadership, ALL-SIS will continue to go "from strength to strength".

Barbara Gellis Traub  
Chair & Editor, ALL-SIS Newsletter

## AALL Announcements

Julia O'Donnell, AALL Director of Membership  
Marketing and Communications

### Unraveling the Mysteries of the Law Firm Marketing Department

Third in a series of five programs moderated by the Private Law Libraries Special Interest Section (PLL-SIS), the recorded video, Unraveling the Mysteries of the Law Firm Marketing Department, features the chief marketing officer and director of client relations from the law firm of Morrison & Foerster. Moderator Kathy Skinner also manages the research and intelligence department at Morrison & Foerster, which reports to the marketing department, making each of these three speakers uniquely qualified to discuss the role of the library within the larger organization.

This program is part of a two-year program undertaken by [PLL-SIS](#) with the goals of identifying significant changes taking place in the legal world, understanding how these changes provide opportunities for assuming leadership roles, and developing concrete plans for librarians to become leaders within their organizations. The culmination of these efforts, the **Change as Action Summit, will take place at the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on Saturday, July 23.**

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## Survey Roundup

I-Wei Wang, UC Berkeley School of Law Library

This article compiles the results reported from informal surveys circulated via the ALL-SIS listserv from January through mid-May 2011. Questions posed via the forum which received minimal response or which elicited qualitative or narrative responses that could not be readily quantified have been omitted.

Both questions summarized for this reporting period relate to electronic resources (one old and one new, but nothing borrowed or blue).

### *New Publications, Resources & Technologies*

**Question: Are law libraries buying Proquest Legislative Insight?**

**Summary:** 10 respondents –

- Not stated: 1
- Not purchasing: 6
- Purchasing: 3
- Commonly mentioned pros/cons:
  - Ease of use/teaching: 6
  - Unique content (not in other digitized PDFs): 5
  - Content lag/unclear expansion plans: 3
  - Content duplication/overlap: 6

**Source:** Sibyl D. Marshall, Reference Librarian at the University of Tennessee Joel A. Katz Law Library.  
**Posted:** May 6, 2011. **Subject:** ProQuest Legislative Insight Responses

### *Faculty/Student Services & Programs*

**Question: Are law libraries paying for SSRN subscription and services?**

**Summary:** 49 respondents –

- University library pays: 1
- Law school pays: 12
- Law library pays: 26
- Split costs between law library and law school: 10
  - Downloads (subscription) paid for by law library, uploads (Research Paper Series) paid for by law school/faculty: 8
  - Other split cost arrangements: 3

**Source:** Beth Adelman, Associate Director & Head of Collection Management at the University at Buffalo Law Library.

**Posted:** May 3, 2011. **Subject:** Summary of Responses Re: SSRN

## AALL Announcements, Cont'd

### Unleash Your Inner Leader October 28-29

New law librarians in the early stages of your career—achieve your leadership potential by attending the [2011 AALL Leadership Academy](#), October 28-29 in the Chicago area. Designed as an intensive learning experience aimed at growing and developing leadership skills, the academy program will help you discover how to maximize your personal leadership style while connecting with other legal information professionals.

The program will feature speakers Gail Johnson and Pam Parr. Johnson is a widely regarded leadership and communications expert and holds a Master of Arts in Communication Studies. Parr has extensive business management and customer service expertise. They have conducted many leadership programs for library organizations and will speak at the 2011 American Library Association Annual Conference.

Applications are due by June 30.



### Get a Free Year of AALL Membership with Nonmember Annual Meeting Registration

AALL offers nonmembers a complimentary one-year membership when they register for the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference, to be held July 23-26 in Philadelphia. The membership includes:

- Career resources, such as the online Career Center and continuing education to help you learn new skills to advance in your career
- Access to specialized information created just for law librarians, such as the Biennial Salary Survey and the Price Index for Legal Publications
- Subscriptions to the monthly magazine, AALL

Spectrum, and quarterly journal, Law Library Journal, to help you keep up on the latest trends in law librarianship

- The opportunity to network and connect with other law librarians from across the country who share similar interests and are facing the same challenges
- Discounted rates on all AALL products and services, such as publications, webinars, and online job postings

[Annual Meeting registration](#) is now open. Be sure to take advantage of this special offer for nonmembers.

### Renew Your AALL Membership

AALL's new membership year just began on June 1. If you haven't renewed already, be sure you do today so you don't miss out on valuable member benefits.

[AALL2go](#), your online center for professional development, brings continuing education programming to your desktop, available 24/7. There are already more than 80 free programs for AALL members, with new content added monthly. Look for the 2011 Annual Meeting and Conference programming to be available on August 5.

In addition to the new and improved [AALLNET](#) (see separate announcement in this article), AALL's online [Career Center](#) provides advanced resume and job search features, whether you're looking to find or fill a law library position.

**AALL is offering a discounted membership rate for AALL members who are recently unemployed** (\$57 instead of \$226). Unemployed AALL members should fill out the [online form](#).

Following is the 2011 membership renewal schedule:

- May: Second dues invoices mailed out.

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- June: Final dues invoices mailed out.
- July: Expiration notices emailed to all members—individuals and those paid by institutions.
- August 1: Expired members deleted from the AALL membership database and access to the AALLNET members only content and Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum subscriptions discontinued.

For more information or to renew your membership online, view the [application form](#) on AALLNET. If you have any questions about your membership renewal, contact AALL Headquarters at [membership@aall.org](mailto:membership@aall.org) or 312/205-8022.



### AALL2go Pick of the Month

AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: [Federal Regulatory Information and Where to Find It](#).

In this one-hour video, David Pritzker of the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Regulatory Information Service Center provides a handy tutorial on the federal rulemaking process, including where the public can find access to federal regulations. The GSA Regulatory Information Center publishes a semiannual unified agenda on regulatory actions under development. The fall publication of the agenda includes a regulatory plan identifying current regulatory priorities and highlighting significant regulatory actions expected in the coming year. The center also helped establish Reginfo.gov to provide a “regulatory dashboard” of current information on the regulatory process, which includes handy FAQs on the regulatory process and hyperlinks to govern-

ment sources for the regulations.

Pritzker's presentation explains the evolution of public access to regulatory information (including the genesis of the Code of Federal Regulations and Federal Register), how the Administrative Procedure Act creates a legal framework for the adoption of regulations in a manner allowing for public input, and where to find regulatory information, including new, free web-based government resources.

**Find this and more than 80 other free continuing education programs and webinars for AALL members on [AALL2go!](#)**

### New and Improved AALLNET Now Live

In May AALL launched the redesigned [AALLNET](#) where you'll discover a new layout, easy-to-use navigation, more features and functionality, and a stronger brand.

The new AALLNET will allow you to:

- Easily navigate the site to browse for information or complete a specific task, such as register for an event or apply for a grant.
- At a glance from the homepage, view the latest news, events, job postings, and AALL's Twitter feed.
- Use the search box to find specific information; results can also be further refined or used to discover related resources.
- Collaborate electronically with your special interest sections, caucuses, and committees and network with like-minded members by using our online network called My Communities.

Visit [AALLNET](#) today and explore the new resources available for you!

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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](mailto:all-sis@aallnet.org). Please direct any questions to the forum moderator at [owner-all-sis@aallnet.org](mailto: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](http://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/](http://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 2011 - 2012 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 next year's issues will be set at the Annual Meeting. Thank you for your contributions and for your consideration.