### ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIES-SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

### **The ALL-SIS Newsletter**

#### Message From the Chair

Leah Sandwell-Weiss

The Chair of the ALL-SIS Nominations Committee, Ron Wheeler, is pleased to report that we have an outstanding slate of candidates for open positions this year. The board has approved the following candidates for this year's upcoming ALL-SIS election:

#### For Vice Chair/Chair-Elect:

- Elizabeth Outler, Associate Director & Head of Public Services, Chiles Legal Information Center, Levin College of Law, University of Florida
- Christine Hepler, Interim Law Library Director, Donald L. Garbrecht Law Library, University of Maine School of Law

#### For Member-at-Large:

 Cindy Guyer, Law Library-Research Services, Barnett Information Technology Center & Call

- Law Library, Gould School of Law, University of Southern California
- Susan David deMaine, Research & Instruction Librarian, Lilly Law Library, Robert H.
   McKinney School of Law, Indiana University-Indianapolis

In accordance with Article VI, Section 6 of the ALL-SIS Bylaws, Secretary-Treasurer Meg Butler will prepare and distribute 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. I wish to thank Ron and his fellow committee members, Joan Stringfellow and Ed Hart, for all their effort in putting together this fantastic slate.

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

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# Christine Hepler Vice-Chair / Chair-Elect Candidate

#### **Biography**



Christine I. Hepler is currently the Interim Director of the Garbrecht Law Library at the University of Maine School of Law and has served as the Library's Associate Director for seven years. As the Interim Director, she is responsible for the day to day administrative operations of the library as well as the day to day operations of the Public

Services department. She oversees the Collection Development Team and teaches Legal Research as a part of the first year Legal Writing and Research program, Advanced Legal Research, and Legal Research for the Maine Practitioner.

Christine has served on the Executive Board of Law Librarians of New England, for several years, in several capacities, including serving as President for the organization in 2010-2011. She currently is a member of that organization's Government Relations Committee. Christine has been actively involved in AALL since 2002. She was a 2012 Fellow in the AALL Leadership Academy. As a member of ALL-SIS, Christine has served on the Program Committee for the 2013 AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle, the ALL-SIS Legal Research and Sourcebook Committee, and was a member of the Planning Committee for the ALL-SIS Legal Research Roundtable for the 2009 Annual Meeting.

#### **Personal Statement**

I am honored to be considered for the Vice Chair/Chair-Elect position of ALL-SIS.

The collegiality, mentoring, and learning opportunities ALL-SIS offers has served me well as I have progressed in my career as a law librarian. I have learned a great deal from my ALL-SIS colleagues, for which I am very grateful. I look forward to leading this vital organization, in the hopes of enhancing and expanding the services ALL-SIS offers its membership, to insure the organization's continued growth, and to continue the vital role this organization has played in the promotion and progression of our profession. I believe I have the leadership skills and work ethic to make this happen. It would be an honor to serve the section in this way. Thank you for your consideration.

# Elizabeth Outler Vice-Chair / Chair-Elect Candidate

#### **Biography**



Elizabeth Outler is Associate Director and Head of Public Services at the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center at the Fredric G. Levin College of Law, University of Florida (UF). She received a J.D. from UF's Levin College of Law in 2005, and M.L.I.S. from Florida State University in 2007. She has a B.A. in English from Smith Col-

lege in 1992. Between college and law school, she had a variety of interesting work experiences, including office manager, bookkeeper and volunteer coordinator for the local Habitat for Humanity chapter, teaching remedial reading comprehension to aspiring community college students, and working as a data warehouse consultant.

Elizabeth began her law library career at UF as a Visiting Reference Librarian shortly after receiving her J.D. She became Head of Public Services in 2008, and was appointed Associate Director in October 2011. She has routinely taught Advanced Legal Research and is part of the team of librarians pioneering a new Legal Research course in the first-year curriculum at UF Law.

Elizabeth currently chairs the Scholarship Committee for the Southeastern Chapter of AALL (SEAALL), and serves on the ALL-SIS Programs Committee, the ALL-SIS Scholarly Communication Task Force, and the CS-SIS Recruitment & Involvement Committee. In August 2012, she completed her term as Chair of the AALL Continuing Professional Education Committee, after serving three years on the committee. From 2008 to 2012, Elizabeth served on the statewide Public Ser-

vices Planning Committee of the Council of State University Libraries, serving as Vice-Chair in 2010 and Chair in 2011. Past service also includes the RIPS-SIS Program Committee, the ALL-SIS Continuing Status & Tenure Committee, the SEAALL Community Service Committee, and chairing the SEAALL Education & Publications Committee.

Elizabeth attended the AALL Leadership Academy in 2008, and along with Jessica de Perio Wittman, is a contributor to the Law section of the *Guide to Reference* (now an online publication).

#### **Personal Statement**

Preparing this statement has afforded me an opportunity to think about the ways my experiences have led me to this point. For example, when I thought about my jobs before I found law librarianship, I can see how I was building the knowledge and skills that prepared me for what I do now. My career today is very different from what I ever planned for or expected, but it has somehow worked out just right. I believe that we are always preparing ourselves for the next thing, whether we know it or not. On the one hand, that's obvious; the actions we take today lead us inevitably into the consequences of those actions. But as actors in the moment, we don't know what's coming. This is a time of great change in the profession, as so many people have said. For ALL-SIS, this has become even more pointedly true in the last year. First, AALL has engaged in reforms that have significant effects on the roles of special interest sections and our ability to carry out our mission the way we are accustomed. Second, the ongoing criticism and reexamination of legal education, coupled with severely declining enrollments, means that real change is on the horizon in law schools, and it must be expected that the effects on academic law libraries and their staffs will be significant. It is during this time that

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### Cindy Guyer Member-at-Large Candidate

#### **Biography**



Cindy Guyer is a Research Services Librarian at the University of Southern California (USC) Gould School of Law. She is fortunate to have varied responsibilities that include reference work, faculty outreach and re-

search, teaching courses, supervision of research assistants, collection development, creating library displays, managing reference statistics, and maintaining e-guides.

Cindy joined USC in 2007 after working in academia for several years. She taught substantive law courses and paralegal classes at three other institutions via both traditional and online classrooms, bringing fresh perspectives to academic law librarianship. Her recent articles include "Teaching SMARTly<sup>TM</sup>: Technologies in Legal Research Instruction" (AALL Spectrum, 2012) and "Experiential Learning: Context and Connections for Legal Research – A Case Study" (<u>Legal Refer-</u> ence Services Quarterly, forthcoming 2013). Last year, Cindy also presented programs on best practices, including "Diversify Your Teaching Portfolio with Online Tutorials!" (AALL Annual Meeting) and "Coordinating Legal Research Instruction from 1st Year Law Student to 1st Year Associate" (All-California Joint Institute).

Cindy is active in AALL, ALL-SIS and the Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL). She is a mentor for the AALL Membership Development Committee Program. At Annual Meetings, she has served as a legal research expert for the ALL-SIS New Members Roundtable, blogged for The Hub, and tabled for ALL-SIS. Cindy is a member of the SCALL Newsletter Com-

mittee and Library School Liaison Committee, providing additional opportunities to mentor.

Before pursuing her career in academic law librarianship, Cindy was a civil rights attorney, representing individuals with disabilities. After practicing law, she was a writer and editor for California's largest legal newspaper, <u>Daily Journal</u>.

#### **Personal Statement**

When I attended my first Annual Meeting, I was awestruck by the welcome I received from other law librarians, especially ALL-SIS members. I realized quickly that I was part of a section founded on principles of support, service, and collaboration.

I am honored to be considered for the position of Member-at-Large. I am eager to share all that I have learned about academic law librarianship, and to learn as well. It is an exciting time for us, one filled with many serious changes, such as decreasing budgets, increasing mobile demands, and the replacement of human resources by technologies. I welcome the opportunity to work on behalf of all our concerns at the section and national levels. Knowing that diverse ideas inspire even greater ideas, I value collaboration immensely. By joining the Executive Board, I hope to increase collaboration and participation of all ALL-SIS members. Given my teaching and writing experiences, I am particularly interested in promoting scholarship and programs as means to collaborate within and outside our section. If elected, I will work diligently to further the principles of support, service, and collaboration.

### Susan deMaine Member-at-Large Candidate

#### **Biography**



Susan deMaine is a Research and Instruction
Librarian at the Indiana
University Robert H.
McKinney School of
Law. She teaches the law
school's required, forcredit, online legal research class, works with
several faculty members
in their research and
writing, and facilitates
the Faculty Writers' Cir-

cle. She also works with the Environmental and Natural Resources Law certificate program, providing both students and faculty with customized support. Other projects include co-directing the redesign of the law library's website and managing the implementation of LibGuides by the library. Susan has also taught the first-year legal writing class.

Before coming to Indiana University, Susan clerked for the late Honorable David A. Nelson on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. She also spent several years advising and working with nonprofit corporations specializing in education. Susan received her J.D. as well as her master's degree in library and information science from the University of Kentucky. While at UK, she served as the Special Projects Editor of the Kentucky Law Journal. She was also awarded the Bert T. Combs Scholarship and, upon graduation, the Faculty Cup for Outstanding Contributions to the Law School.

Susan is currently a member of the newlyformed ALL-SIS Research and Scholarship committee and has been instrumental in the development of the committee's website/wiki. She is also a member of the inaugural class of the Indiana Library Leadership Academy. Her recent work includes publication of the *App'late Review*, a weekly review of iPad apps; presentations for the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries and the National Business Institute; and upcoming presentations at the Southeastern AALL meeting in April and the AALL conference in July. Her research interests include online instructional design, ediscovery, knowledge management, and technology and legal ethics.

#### **Personal Statement**

After several years away from the field of law librarianship, I recently reentered the profession with fresh eyes, energy, and experience. I am excited and humbled to have been nominated for Member-at-Large of the ALL-SIS Executive Board at this point in my career as a law librarian. I am particularly keen to be considered for service at this time because, while pleased with the work I do in my corner of the world, I appreciate the opportunity to serve the profession at the national level. It is a time of rapid change in legal education, information, and practice, and thus an exhilarating time to step into a national leadership position among law librarians.

I believe that with our training in information science and our day-to-day use of information management and law-related technologies, law librarians can and will be in the vanguard when it comes to understanding what skills law students will need in adapting to new forms of legal practice, and how to teach those skills. In fact, On February 6, 2013, AALL sent a letter to the ABA Task Force on the Future of Legal Education pointing out just this—that law librarians have a unique combination of skills that can help prepare students for a legal career shaped by technology and data management. These skills make us invaluable members of our institutions with so much to offer. As the ALL-SIS Member-at-Large, I will promote this view of law

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## Elizabeth Outler(cont'd) Vice-Chair / Chair-Elect Candidate

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involvement in ALL-SIS is most important. Our relationships with each other and our commitment to the profession are the things that will carry us forward, and we should focus on our ability to work today on building the things that will make ALL-SIS a robust and relevant organization in the future. I don't know if I can say that I am the person best able to lead those efforts, but if elected, I believe my experiences have prepared me for this work, and I will be very pleased to serve you as Vice -Chair/Chair-Elect.

# Susan deMaine(cont'd) Member-at-Large Candidate

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librarians, furthering the interests of those who do the many different tasks that continue to make law libraries (virtual and physical) the laboratories of law schools across the country.

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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 approximately 1200 members and is the 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 en-

## 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. To read or post to the discussion group go to http:// community.aallnet.org/aallnet/ communities/viewcommunities/ viewallcommunities. If you are not logged into AALLNET, you will have to do so. You can then choose the ALL-SIS Group from the list of eGroups. For more information consult the **AALL My Communities Quick** Start Users' Guide available at

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## Newsletter Information & Deadlines for 2012 - 2013 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 the June issue is May 21. Thank you for your contributions and for your consideration.