

Lee Peoples

Lee Peoples is Associate Director for Faculty, Research and Instructional Services at the Oklahoma City University School of Law Library. He oversees public and faculty services offered by the library, coordinates collection development activities, designs and implements instructional programs including two advanced legal research courses and participates in library administration. Lee holds Bachelor of Arts, Masters of Library and Information Science and Juris Doctor Degrees from the University of Oklahoma. He practiced law for a year and a half before entering law librarianship. His scholarship focuses on the transition from print to electronic legal research, legal ethics research and foreign and international legal research. His publications have appeared in *Law Library Journal*, the *Oklahoma City University Law Review*, the *International Journal of Legal Information*, the *Oklahoma Bar Journal* and Hein's *Legal Research Guide Series* (forthcoming). Lee has made presentations at the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, an FCIL-SIS roundtable and has taught several Continuing Legal Education Courses. Lee is also a contributing editor of Law Librarian Blog and editor in chief of Oklahoma City University Law Library's newsletter, *The Gavel*.

Lee is active in professional organizations. He began his service to ALL-SIS as a member of the Program Committee in 2003 and served as Co-chair in 2004 and Chair in 2005. Under his leadership 10 out of the 25 programs sponsored or co-sponsored by ALL-SIS were selected by the AMPC for the 2006 Annual Meeting. He also pioneered the simultaneous scheduling of ALL-SIS programs along side regularly scheduled AMPC programs at the 2005 Annual Meeting. Lee is also a member of FCIL-SIS and has served on the Committee for Exchanges, Co-chaired the teaching ALR-FCIL Interest Group for two years and collected ALR-FCIL syllabi and course materials and published them on the FCIL-SIS website. Lee is a member of the Mid-American Association of Law Libraries and has served on the Service to the Public Committee.

Statement

Throughout my membership in and service to ALL-SIS I have found it refreshingly different from other organizations. What sets it apart is how responsive ALL-SIS is to the needs of its members. As Chair I would strive above all else to maintain and improve this high level of responsiveness.

I am continually surprised how often I find myself using ALL-SIS products to meet a very specific information need. The Legal Research Sourcebook, Survey of Librarian Status, Marketing Toolkit and handouts from educational programs have come in extremely handy over the years. As Chair I would aim to continue the high quality of the existing tools and create new tools and resources responsive to the needs of our diverse membership.

Most new technologies and services implemented in academic law libraries implicate both the technical and public services departments. Technology has made these two groups more interdependent than ever. Building upon the program, "What Public Services Should Know About Tech Services and Vice Versa" offered at this year's

Annual Meeting, I hope to open up cross-disciplinary dialogue at a national level so we can all benefit from innovative ideas and solutions developed at institutions around the country.

While thirty other academic disciplines have developed information literacy standards, Law has not. A 2003 AALL/Aspen Publishers Grant Study unveiled the information literacy weaknesses of incoming 1L students. Anyone who teaches advanced legal research or a seminar on internet searching knows that all of our patrons are hungry for these skills. ALL-SIS should work to develop a set of information literacy standards for the discipline of Law.

I was fortunate enough to participate in the CONELL program and meet other academic law librarians through CONALL. ALL-SIS should do more to attract new members into the profession and give them the connections and resources to stay satisfied throughout their careers as law librarians.

Nearly 1,800 of the 5,000 AALL members are academic law librarians yet only 62% of these academic law librarians belong to ALL-SIS. As Chair I would continue the current efforts to bring these missing members home to ALL-SIS.

I am honored to be nominated for this position and welcome the opportunity to serve as your Chair.