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From the Chair...

Pamela Melton, 2004-05 RIPS-SIS Chair

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One of the more enjoyable tasks that I am occasionally called upon to perform is writing letters of recommendation for my former students. Most of the time, they are interviewing for their first summer clerkships at a law firm or with a judge. A couple of years ago, the requester had left law school and was applying to an Eastern European graduate program in history. Today, I have just finished writing a letter of support for a very bright young woman who has decided to go to library school after she graduates from law school this May. It gives me real pleasure to see all my students succeed in their chosen career paths, but this one makes me especially glad. I foresee great things for this embryonic law librarian. How gratifying it is that she looks at those of us who teach and work in the library and wants to be one of us. It has been my experience that this is a very good place to work and that law librarianship is a very satisfying career. I'm glad that it shows.

This student is applying for a West Excellence in Law Librarianship Scholarship and the AALL Educational Scholarship. For information about these scholarships, see <http://west.thomson.com/librarian/scholarships/> and <http://www.aallnet.org/services/scholarships.asp>. She will be encouraged to attend our local chapter (SEAALL) meeting, because it is an effective way to meet colleagues, begin to network, and add to her professional education. Information about the upcoming SEAALL meeting can be found at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/meeting/index.htm>. Very soon, I hope she will attend the AALL annual meeting. If she needs financial assistance to make that happen, she can apply for a travel grant from AALL (http://www.aallnet.org/committee/grants/grant_application.asp) or from SEAALL (<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/Scholarship.htm>). It would be wonderful if she could be at the 2006 annual meeting to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of AALL.

Speaking of the Centennial Celebration, RIPS is forming a committee to plan our celebratory events. The year long celebration will kick off at the meeting in San Antonio and culminate at the 2006 meeting in St. Louis. If you are interested in serving on the committee, or have ideas and suggestions about ways to observe this milestone, please contact me (melton@law.sc.edu) or Kelly Browne (kbrowne@saclaw.org). If you have never volunteered for a RIPS committee before, here's your chance. We know there are many talented and creative RIPS members out there and we'd like to hear from you. It will be fun.

Oh, a second year law student stopped me in the hall last week to ask how she could become a law librarian. I hope to be writing letters for her a year from now. I've seen the future of AALL, and it looks very bright!

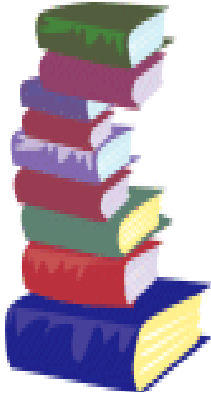
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RIPS Book Review Corner

Joseph Janes, Introduction to Reference Work in the Digital Age (Neal-Schuman 2003).
By Shaun Esposito, Head of Public Services, University of Arizona Law Library



- Editor's Note:
This book review is the first of what I hope will be a regular series of reviews on topics of special interest to RIPS members. To suggest a book for review or volunteer to review a book, please contact Jennifer Murray at murrayj@gtlaw.com.

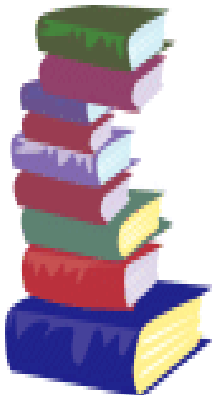
In this book, Joseph Janes, Associate Professor and Chair of Library and Information Science at the Information School of the University of Washington, places the current move to provide reference services in a digital environment in historical context. In only some two hundred pages of text, Prof. Janes traces the history of reference service and examines what is involved in the process of providing reference services, digital or otherwise. He raises many thought provoking issues with enough humor to make the book an interesting and enjoyable read.

The book is less a step-by-step guide of how to implement digital reference services than a good starting point to raise questions that must be addressed before a library undertakes such services. The author was a founding director of the Internet Public Library, so he writes with a good amount of experience in providing digital reference services. He includes a discussion of the various technologies available to provide reference services digitally, ranging from simple email accounts to complex synchronous real time interactive software.

Ultimately, Prof. Janes points out that there is no one size fits all for every library wishing to provide digital reference services. Libraries must start with a sound understanding of their user community and its information needs and then plan for meeting those needs with the most appropriate technology.

As with other books dealing with librarianship in general, many of the considerations raised do not apply directly to the unique circumstances of legal reference services. I would recommend this book as a good starting point for beginning a discussion of the methods for designing and implementing digital reference services in a law library. In addition, I would consult the law library literature to find a discussion of digital reference services in the law library environment. See below for some suggested readings.

Selected annotated bibliography of periodical literature dealing with digital reference services in the law library environment, prepared by Heather Phillips, Library Fellow, Law Library, Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona.



Duggan, James, E. *The New Reference Librarian: Using Technology to Deliver Reference Services*. *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*. v19 n 3/ 4 (2001) p 195-202.

This article explores recent changes in technology and their effects on reference librarianship. It concludes that librarians must continue to adapt to these new technologies so that the role of the librarian does not become obsolete or superseded.

Harris, Patricia Jean. *Online Ready Reference at an Academic Law Library: a Project Discussion*. *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*. v5 n4 (1986) p 65-86.

This article details a project at Case Western Reserve University involving the answering of brief reference questions through accessing online databases. The article evaluates the databases in terms of search system, cost/time analysis and ready reference content.

Leiter, Richard A. *Virtual Reference: An Idea Whose Time Has come?* *Legal Information Alert*. v21 i10 (2002) p 13.

Given the benefits and the move toward widespread implementation of virtual reference, libraries need to be aware of and plan for some of the practical considerations of virtual reference. This article explores questions regarding implementation, staffing and practice of the virtual reference desk.

Matheson, Scott, *Library Lawline: Collaborative Virtual Reference in a Special I Library Consortium*. *Reference Librarian*. 2004. p 101-114.

In 2001 the New England Law Library Consortium (NELLCO) planned a collaborative virtual reference project. This article outlines the planning, design and implementation of the project. It includes details on policies, training and evaluation.

Thorpe, Suzanne. *Trends in Law Library Public Services: Have You Seen Your Patrons Lately?* *AALL Spectrum* v6, n5 p6.

As digital/virtual/distance reference becomes more prevalent, human contact with library patrons decreases. In response to this, libraries are moving toward a real-time virtual model, to decrease the lag time between question and response that occurs with earlier methods to virtual reference. Not only have reference services gone virtual, so have circulation and ILL, to some degree. This increased virtuality has increased the number of nontraditional (public) patrons that a law library deals with. These changes dictate that libraries change their services – from staffing to providing technical assistance, but also creating virtual reference guides, FAQs and other tools.

Things are Bigger in Texas

By Monica M. Ortale, M.L.I.M., J.D.

Faculty Services & Reference Librarian The Fred Parks Law Library, South Texas College of Law



Planning on attending this year's AALL Annual Meeting? Look no further for tips on where to go while you're in the Lone Star State! YEE HA!!!

"Things are Bigger in Texas!" Just take a look at the giant sized boots outside North Star Mall. A tribute to just two of my not so secret vices, shopping and shoes! San Antonio has fabulous shopping, and La Villita is next to the Hilton, a complex of 27 restored buildings on the site of a Coahuiltecan Indian Village. Each building showcases various artists. There's painting, jewelry, pottery and beautiful weavings, all unique to the region.

Just a short trolley ride down Commerce St. is El Mercado, a veritable warehouse of pottery, and then there's the farmer's market. If you don't get enough to eat browsing the stalls, then head to the restaurants. La Margarita is my favorite, and I can picture it now as the colorful waiter carries the sizzling fajitas platter, the steam streaming behind and, oh, the aroma! But, for those with a car, head north on I-35 for about 30 minutes and be prepared to visit the mecca of all shopping. The factory outlet stores of San Marcos, hundreds of them, too many to mention, but definitely worth the trip when you consider the savings.

Ah, but I digress. For those who love shopping for footwear, there are marvelous bootmakers. Try Lucchese, hand made bootmakers since 1883, or Crazy Horse custom boots, both in San Antonio.

For me, shoes are everything, and the factory outlet shoe stores are an option. But, if you want something closer to the convention center, then Dillard's & the shops in RiverCenter have a wonderful assortment. When all are tried on and bought, there's nothing like relaxing at a table on the Riverwalk level, watching the tourists and the riverboats, sipping a Starbucks coffee, knowing that the bags surrounding you are full of shoes just waiting for the right occasion, like, the General Business meeting.

My 10 Favorite Things About Texas By Mary Forman, Semi-Native

My great-great-great uncle, Thomas Jefferson Chambers, came to Texas in the 1820s. Chambers County in east Texas is named after him. I, however, am a relative newcomer. Although I've only lived in Texas for 10 years, I have compiled quite a list of things I love about Texas. Here are 10 of them focused almost exclusively on San Antonio – 10 reasons for you to come to AALL in July – and to come back and visit again. As Texas singer/songwriter Gary P. Nunn (famous for the *Austin City Limits* theme song – *London Homesick Blues* aka *Home with the Armadillo*) would say, “You ask me what I like about Texas.... Well, I could tell you, but we'd be here all night long.” So I've limited it to 10....

10. **Patio dining** – Eating outside – good Mexican food – a cold beverage – well, it's a favorite pastime of many. When it's hot, you sit under an umbrella. When it's cold they fire up the heaters. We eat outside all year long.

9. **Boat cruise on the San Antonio River.** Yep, even the locals ride it! It's great fun and you always learn something new.

8. **Gruene, Texas, and the Guadalupe River.** Great shopping (and I don't even like shopping!), lunch at the Gristmill Restaurant, and a stop at Gruene Hall (Texas' oldest dance hall) to listen to whoever's playing, or tubing down the Guadalupe River, taking out at Gruene and then doing the above. Old or young, it's a fun way to spend the day!

7. Walking through the **King William District** and having breakfast (preferably on the patio) at the **Guenther House.**

6. **Music, music, music.** Country, symphony, you name it, we've got it – and I love it all.

5. **Steak Night in Waring, Texas.** Wednesday night is steak night at the country store in Waring, Texas. Come back sometime and experience it!

4. **The Majestic Theatre.** Arguably the most beautiful theatre in Texas (maybe the world?).

3. Visiting any **Texas State Park.** Three of my nearby favorites include Garner, Lost Maples, and Enchanted Rock.

2. **Wildflowers.** They start in March with bluebonnets, but they continue on throughout the spring, summer, and fall. Lady Bird Johnson was on to something....

1. **The people.** They come in all shapes, sizes, colors, cultures, and personal beliefs, but despite their differences, there is something that draws them together – something my buddy, Gary P. Nunn, calls “the spirit of the people who share this land.”

Welcome to Texas!

Marc Silverman, Former RIPS Chair Celebrates Silver Anniversary at the University of Pittsburgh's Barco Law Library

Marc Silverman celebrated twenty-five years of service at the University of Pittsburgh's Barco Law Library on October 15, 2004. Ever a font of hilarious stories about growing up in the perilous wilds of Ohio among inept and clumsy playmates, many of whom grew up to be criminals and mental cases, Marc has been a kind and respectful guide to generations of public patrons at the library--one of whom, a homeless man, has been there nearly as long as Marc. More than that, Marc has taught and mentored scores of young librarians and lawyers. Well-loved and revered by all, Marc is a former RIPS President and the author of a recent "Briefs in Law Librarianship" title: *Survey on Circulation Practices & Procedures*. Below is the text of an interview with Marc Silverman conducted this past summer when the law library was undergoing major reconstruction:

Twenty-Odd Years An Interview With Marc Silverman

Q: Well, Marc, they're going to fill-in the ceiling well between the fourth and fifth floors in the next few weeks, what do you remember most fondly about it?

A: On nice warm days like this, I remember back when students used to fly paper airplanes down through that hole from the fifth floor. They'd plant themselves where we couldn't see them, but sitting at the reference and circulation desks, we could hear them cheering about the flight paths.

Q: Didn't that make you mad?

A: Well, it wasn't as bad as the year some students had a football tournament in the library. A student would stand by the Circulation Desk and toss a football to another student up through that well to the fifth floor. They'd toss it back and forth until I made them stop.

Q: At least they were quiet in the library.



A: Oh sure, it was better than the times people had fights by the circ desk. There was one time when a boyfriend and girlfriend were both in law school together. They were yelling so loud at each other that a whole big crowd gathered around the well on the fifth floor and watched them duking it out down on the fourth floor--like it was a boxing ring.

Q: Did YOU ever get in any fights in the library?

A: Not exactly fights, but a couple of us had to tackle a guy we caught stealing once.

Q: I'm told that they're going to cut-up the circ desk to get it out of the building. Does that make you sad?

A: No. I've cut into it myself in the past. I can't tell you when or for what because a union will come after me. Suffice it to say we used to have a spring-style book drop, the gates used to hang crooked because the springs were too small, and there weren't always computers and so many cords at that desk.

Q: What is one thing the staff look forward to with the new circulation desk?

A: Leg room.

Q: So, you're moving your public services down to the third floor during the construction period. How do you like the third floor?

A: At least it's not as creepy as it used to be. Originally, it was really dark down there because the building was built during the energy shortage and they didn't want to use too much electricity for lighting. Then, for a few years the custodian turned his closet into a voodoo shrine where he would smoke pot. For a long time that floor was used as the smoking floor where few dared to enter. Whenever you opened the door to go from the stairway into the third floor stacks, you're breathing would immediately be compromised and you'd have to grope your way through the tobacco haze.

Q: And, one last question: If these walls could talk, what do you think they'd say?

A: What are you still doin' here, Marc? Dog, you look excellent!



ONLINE ELECTIONS COME TO RIPS!

The Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section is ready to hold its first online election. Last year's changes to our bylaws make it possible to take advantage of the online election system developed by AALL. Voting will occur between May 2 and May 13, 2005. All RIPS members in good standing may cast ballots for Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and Member-at-Large at this web site: <http://www.aallnet.org/vote/sis.asp>

Please read the candidates biographies and statements and be prepared to vote when the election web site goes live!

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Announcing the RIPS-SIS 2005 Election Candidates

Vice-chair and Chair Elect:

- *Jessie Cranford, Circulation Librarian, UALR Law Library
- *Christopher Vallandingham, Foreign and International Law Librarian, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Member at Large:

- *Coral Henning, Director, Sacramento County Law Library
- *Lynn Murray, Public Services Law Librarian, University of Mississippi Law Library

Secretary/Treasurer

- *Irene Good, Legal Information Librarian/Lecturer in Law, Boston College Law Library
- *Jennifer Murray, Greenberg Traurig, Phoenix, AZ

*RIPS Nominations
Committee Report*



Vice-chair and Chair Elect Candidates

Jessie Cranford

Education:

B.A. University of Arkansas at Little Rock
M.L.S. Texas Womans University
J.D. University of Arkansas at Little Rock (May 2005)

Employment:

Circulation Librarian, UALR Law Library, 1997-present
Bryant Branch Librarian, Saline County Public Library, 1995-1997
Circulation Assistant, UALR Law Library, 1990-1995

Professional Association Memberships:

AALL, MAALL, SWALL, Arkansas Library Association

RIPS Activities:

Program Committee 1998-2000, Co-Chair 2001-2002, Chair 2002-2004
Bylaws Revision Committee 1999-2000
Patron Services Committee Chair 2000-2001
Public Relations Committee 2003-2004

Selected Publications:

AALL Mentoring Program: How It Really Works, 4 AALL Spectrum 30 (April 2000). (Co-authored with Ruth Levor).

Library Police: Drafting and Implementing Enforceable Library Rules, 19 Legal Reference Services Quarterly, 147 (2001).

Federal and State Court Rules Governing Publication and Citation of Opinions, 3 Journal of Appellate Practice and Process (2001). (Co-authored with Melissa Serfass).

Survey on Food and Drink in Law Libraries, (Briefs in Law Librarianship, Vol. 6, AALL Publications Series No. 56, William S. Hein & Co., 2002)

Loislaw User's Guide (Aspen Law & Bus. 2002). (Co-authored with Melissa Serfass).

Selected Presentations:

Speaker, *Meeting Them at the Crossroads: How to Motivate and Nurture Student Workers*. AALL (July 1999).

Participant in *Greeting Our Lay Patrons at the Gateway: Who Are They and How Can We Help Them?* AALL (July 2000).

Actor, *A Day at the Plenary Fudge Law School Library*, CONALL Skit & discussion for new members, AALL (July 2003).

Statement:

At my 2nd-ever annual meeting, I followed my friends Melissa and Kelly into a room at Georgetown, and suddenly I was on the RIPS strategic planning task force! I haven't been able (nor have I wanted) to get out of RIPS-related work ever since! Seriously, the RIPS membership has done a lot for me in terms of providing camaraderie and helping me grow professionally, and I would be delighted to have an opportunity to give back. I have some wonderful examples to follow, and I would try to continue building on the great work that's already on-going.



Vice-chair and Chair Elect Candidates

Christopher Vallandingham

Education

Diploma Defense Language Institute, Monterey, CA, 1985 (Egyptian Arabic)
B.A. University of South Florida, 1989
J.D. Levin College of Law, University of Florida, 2000
M.S. Florida State University, 2003

Employment

University of Florida Levin College of Law
Foreign and International Law Librarian, 2005 –
Faculty Services Librarian, 2004-
Electronic Services Librarian, 2001-2004
Courses taught:
Advanced Legal Research, 2002-
Strake Jesuit College Preparatory School, Houston, TX
Teacher (World History and Theology), 1995-1996
Collège de la Sainte-Famille, Cairo, Egypt
Teacher (English), 1993-1995
United States Army
Arabic Linguist (including 2 years in the 101st Airborne Division and temporary duty in Crete, Greece),
1984-1990

Professional Activities

AALL
Member, 2001-
ALL-SIS, Legal Research Committee, 2003-
Recruitment to Law Librarianship Committee, 2001-2004
SEAALL
Member, 2001-2004
Membership Committee, 2001-2003
Association of Former Intelligence Officers
Secretary (North Florida Chapter), 2005-
Member, 2003-
American Bar Association
Member, 1997-
International Law Section, 2004-
National Security Committee, 2005-
International Human Rights Committee, 2005
Florida Bar
Member, 2000-
Student Education and Admissions to the Bar Committee, 2003-
National Military Intelligence Association
Member, 2004-



Vice-Chair/Chair Elect Candidates

Publications

Vallandingham, Christopher, "Pre-statehood Florida: Tracking down Legal Sources in the Land of Ponce de León," (Haworth Press, accepted for publication).

Vallandingham, Christopher, "Propagating the Species: Will Librarians Go the Way of the Dodo Bird?," *AALL Spectrum*, 7 (5), 16-20, 32, 2003 <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/rllc/vallandinghamarticle.pdf>.

Vallandingham, Christopher, "E-Reference Services Program Weights the Pros and Cons of the 24/7 Connection," *AALL Spectrum*, 7(1): 12, 27, 2002.

Presentations

Let Me "Edutain" You: Game Shows And Other Unconventional Teaching Techniques In Legal Research Classrooms, American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 90-minute presentation, July 2004, Boston, MA.

How to Encourage Faculty To Use Online Resources, Computer-assisted Legal Instruction (CALI), 60-minute presentation, June 19, 2004, Seattle WA.

Understanding The USA Patriot Act: Should We Fear the Expansion of the Surveillance Powers of the Federal Government?, Southeastern Association of American Law Libraries (SEAALL) Annual Meeting, 90-minute presentation, March 2004, Richmond, VA.

How to Research English Law, 90-minute presentation at the Southeastern Association of American Law Libraries (SEAALL) Annual Meeting, March 2003, Lexington, KY.

How to Locate Legislative Information on the Internet, Northeast Florida Library Information Network (NEFLIN) headquarters in Orange Park, FL, November 4, 2002. I gave a day-long presentation. 9-4.

Statement

I am very pleased to have been nominated recently for Vice Chair/Chair Elect of the RIPS SIS. Research instruction and patron services place us on the 'front lines' in our libraries and we are usually the first librarians that patrons encounter. Collaborating with other librarians by means of RIPS can help us develop the professional skills necessary to adapt to a rapidly changing world, where the traditional means of serving patrons may no longer serve the patrons to the extent they once did. I welcome the opportunity to facilitate and enhance the activities of RIPS and promote greater collaboration with other AALL entities and also non-librarian groups such as the ABA and AALS. I look forward to helping RIPS realize its full potential as a forum for innovative teaching methods and developing new strategies for assisting patrons in an electronic age.



Member at Large Candidates

Coral Henning

Coral Henning, Director, Sacramento County Public Law Library. J.D. Golden Gate University School of Law, MLIS San Jose State University. Coral has worked in law libraries for over 20 years. She has taught numerous classes on legal research for a varied clientele: law students, paralegals, the public, librarians and legal secretaries. Coral is a member of American Association of Law Libraries, RIPS Listserv owner, the committee chair of the Public Access to Legal Information Committee of the Northern California Association of Law Libraries, Special Libraries Association and the Sacramento County Bar Association.

I am honored to have been nominated to run for RIPS Executive Board Member at Large. I have been the RIPS listserv owner for many years and am excited to have the opportunity to become more actively involved in the organization. I was the Training Coordinator for the Sacramento County Public Law Library before being promoted to Director last year and have seen first-hand how positive research instruction can make the public more effective at legal research, and the legal system therefore more just. I look forward to bringing my unique perspective to the RIPS Executive Board and learning, in turn, from all of you.

Lynn Murray

Education

B.A. Belmont University

J.D. University of Tennessee

M.L.I.S. University of Washington

Employment

University of Mississippi Public Services Law Librarian, 1999-present

Southern Methodist University Underwood Law Library Head of Research Services (beginning May 2005)

Selected Publications

Pre-Statehood Tennessee Legal Materials (forthcoming, Haworth Press).

Mississippi Author, Permanent Public Access to Government Publications, a Project of the American Association of Law Libraries (2004).

Pre-1900 Mississippi Legal Authority, 73 Miss. L.J. 195 (2003) (with Michael H. Hoffheimer & Kris Gilliland).

Selected Presentations

Computer Assisted Legal Research, Mississippi Judicial College Annual Seminar, January 2004

Basic Legal Research, Mississippi Court Clerks Annual Seminar, October 2001

Low-Cost Alternatives to Lexis & Westlaw, University of Mississippi Continuing Legal Education, April 2000

Choosing & Using the Best Resources, University of Mississippi Continuing Legal Education, April 1999

Statement

I am thrilled to be nominated for RIPS' Member at Large position. The opportunity to contribute to RIPS is very exciting to me. My library experience includes teaching legal research, providing reference services, supervising inter-library loan & document delivery operations, and maintaining library websites. I have also been involved with the RIPS Sourcebook project, and was very impressed with how RIPS members are eager to share instructional materials, knowledge, and ideas with each other. As Member at Large, I hope to facilitate even greater collaboration.



Secretary Treasurer Candidates

Irene R. Good

Education:

Boston College BA, 1986

Boston College Law School JD, 1989

Syracuse University MLS, 1999

Employment:

Boston College Law Library, Newton, MA

Educational Technology Specialist, 2003-Present

Legal Information Librarian/Lecturer in Law, 1996-Present

West Publishing Corporation, Boston, MA

Academic Representative, June 1993-March 1996

Hanify & King, P.C., Boston, MA

Associate, September 1989-May 1993

Courses Taught:

Boston College Law School

Immigration Law Legal Research

First-Year Legal Research

Professional Activities & Service:

Chair, NELLCO Collaborative Web Site Committee, 2003-Present

Member, Grants Committee, Computer Services SIS, 2004 Present

Editor, Association of Boston Law Librarians Newsletter, 1998-2000

Member, Core Competencies Revision Committee, RIPS SIS, 2001

Publications:

Combining Legal Research Instruction with Analysis. *The Second Draft: Bulleting of the Legal Writing Institute*, May 2000.

Understanding the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Children. *ERIC Information Guide*, February 1998.

Co-author David L. Evans. "Pre-Award Security in Arbitration." *Boston Bar Journal*, January-February 1992.

Presentations:

Crossing Borders: Teaching a Distance Education Research Course. American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, July 2004.

Asynchronous Legal Research Courses: Two Case Studies (Panel Member). Computer Assisted Legal Instruction Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, June 2004.

Practical Legal Research Exams: Making the Connection Between Theory and Practice (Panel Member). American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, July 2002.

Do Students Need to Know About Performing Legal Research on the World WideWeb? Yes. Legal Writing Institute Conference, Knoxville, TN, May 2002.

Teaching Techniques for Immigration Research. Southeastern Chapter AALL Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL, April 2002.

Immigration Research Instruction (Panel Member). American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, July 2001.

It's Not Just for 1LS Anymore: Integrating Legal Research Instruction into the Upper-Level Curriculum. Legal Writing Institute Conference, Seattle, WA, July 2000.

Statement:

I am excited to be running for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the RIPS SIS. RIPS has given me the opportunity to collaborate with librarians who share my interests in teaching legal research and in providing reference services. I've served on RIPS committees to propose revisions to the Core Legal Research Competencies and to maintain our web site. I've also benefited from the "Legal Teach-In" materials prepared and distributed by RIPS. This and other RIPS programs have allowed me to remain up-to-date with the latest legal research tools. If elected I look forward to serving and to continuing the RIPS tradition of providing excellent materials and training to our members.



Secretary Treasurer Candidates

Jennifer S. Murray

Education

M.L.S., University of Arizona, 2001
J.D., Arizona State University, 1998
B.S., Political Science, Arizona State University, 1994

Employment

November 2004 – present	Librarian, Greenberg Traurig LLP, Phoenix, AZ
June 2003 – November 2004	Reference Librarian, Ross-Blakley Law Library, Arizona State University
July 2002 – May 2003	Senior Reference Librarian – Research and Instructional Services and Assistant Adjunct Professor of Law, Asa V. Call Law Library, University of Southern California
February 2001 – July 2002	Reference Librarian, Asa V. Call Law Library, University of Southern California

Classes Taught

First Year Legal Research
Advanced Legal Research

Professional Participation

AALL Mentoring Committee
2004-2005, Committee Chair
2002-2004, Member
Academic Law Libraries – Special Interest Section, Member
2004-present, Legal Research Committee Co-Chair
Research and Instruction Patron Services – Special Interest Section, Member
2004-present, Newsletter Editor
2004 RIPS AELIC Ad Hoc Committee Chair
Arizona Association of Law Libraries, Member, 2003-present
2004-present, Treasurer
State Bar of Arizona, Member, 1998-present

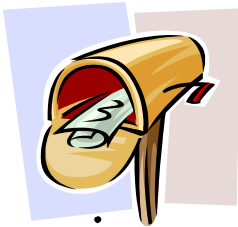
Research and Dissemination

The Zen of the Law Librarian Interview: How to Interview for the Job and How to Interview the Job, 96 Law Library Journal 295 (2004)
Gerontology and the Law: A Selected Annotated Bibliography: 1999-2001 Update, 76 Southern California Law Review 699 (2003) (with Diana C. Jaque and Jessica Wimer)
Print Citator Instruction: What to Do?, 95 Law Library Journal 139 (2003)
CONNELL: A New Librarian's Key to AALL, 6:1 AALL Spectrum 4 (2001)

Statement:

I am grateful for the opportunity to run for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the RIPS-SIS. It has been my pleasure to interact with other RIPS members in my various capacities within RIPS over the last few years. We all share a passion for research instruction and patron services, and our projects reflect this dedication. As Secretary/Treasurer, I would hope to offer my perspective as a law firm librarian to achieve a diversification of the RIPS membership. I pride myself on being an invigorating force for any group efforts in which I participate. If elected, I promise to bring this vitality to the RIPS Secretary/Treasure position. Thank you for your consideration.

MEMBER NEWS



Got a new job?

Give a
presentation
recently?

Let RIPS know about
your news!

- Email the RIPS Newsletter Editor, Jennifer Murray, at murrayj@gtlaw.com to have your news included in the next newsletter.

Kelly Brown was hired as the new Assistant Director for Public Services of the Sacramento County Law Library. Kelly's new email address is kbrowne@saclaw.org.

Coral Henning was promoted to Director of the Sacramento County Law Library in August 2004.

Jennifer S. Murray began working as a law firm librarian with Greenberg Traurig in Phoenix, Arizona in November 2004.

Kory Staheli is the Associate Director for Collection Development and Faculty Outreach at Brigham Young University Law Library.

Julie A. Stuckey is the Reference Librarian for the new Liberty University School of Law in Lynchburg, Virginia.



MENTORING COMMITTEE PROMOTES MENTORING PROJECT

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