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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR, Sara Robbins, Brooklyn Law School

It's Spring! No, It's Spring Break! No, It's Finals! No, It's ... Summer!!!

Can you believe that it is already the end of the academic year and summer is here? I swear I was just getting together my To-Do List for the semester and now it's all over. The same thing holds true for the Academic SIS -- where did all the time go for me to accomplish what I hoped to accomplish. I suspect it's floating out in cyberspace, limbo or wherever because I certainly didn't see it here.

Even though I wasn't as successful as I hoped to be, I did accomplish one very significant goal -- to meet (mainly electronically) and work with some absolutely wonderful colleagues. Since last Spring, many of you contacted me to offer your assistance with anything I needed. And you all backed up your offers! It's impossible to run any organization alone, and thanks to so many of you, I didn't have to. My only problem was having a regular job at the same time. For some reason, it really got in the way, and my institution was just not willing to let me ignore for the year. Of all the nerve!!!

In terms of this SIS, though, I do think that we have accomplished a very important objective, to create additional opportunities for us to communicate with each other. And we did this through the

development and establishment of both an ALL-SIS listerv and homepage. Now don't go saying that you already belong to too many listservs and you can't even think of signing on to another. It won't work! I know many of us either are or have been members of LAW-LIB, and it can be a very useful group. But how often do you find that it doesn't really meet YOUR needs, especially when you want guidance on more complicated issues. I believe that the ALL-SIS listserv can be a source for more focused, more intellectual and more relevant information for all of us. That is, IF WE START TO USE IT.

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The same holds true for the ALL-SIS homepage. We have the opportunity to make this a useful tool for what WE, as academic law librarians, do in our jobs everyday. Think about it as a place that can provide information or links to information that addresses the academic environment and its specific impact on public services, technical services, legal research education, etc. It would be a great place to put works-in-progress for which you would like comments from colleagues. It is a great place to show visual documents (tables, charts, diagrams, etc.). Its only limitation is our own lack of imagination. And even if you personally don't know how to put something on a web page, you have lots of colleagues who are quite eager to help you out. If this sounds like you, contact our webmaster for any guidance on how to proceed.

As I leave my position as Chair, I charge all of you (and me) to reach out to our colleagues who have so much knowledge and information to share, or who would appreciate having the benefit of your knowledge and information. If we can help each other do our jobs better, we enhance our value to ourselves, our institutions, and our profession. **AND WHAT COULD BE WRONG WITH THAT!!**

Three last notes. First, elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter you will find information about the Academic SIS programs taking place in Baltimore. You will notice that there

are some programs and activities going on that were not in the main section of the preliminary program this year. For some reason, a different format seems to have been used, and these meeting appear on pages 40-41. Don't forget to seek out all of these other events that are happening On the Waterfront in Baltimore.

Second, it's already time to start thinking about programs for next year in Anaheim. If you have any ideas, suggestions, etc., please contact Scott Pagel (George Washington), our incoming chair, or Mark Bernstein (Duke), our Education Program coordinator for 1998.

And last, but not least, I hope you all will join me in thanking Grace Mills for her tremendous efforts in putting out our SIS newsletter. This will be her last issue before she passes the baton on to the next member of the team. It takes a great deal of time and commitment to urge colleagues to write for these publications, to handle the variety of technical issues that arise with differing wordprocessing programs, to use the graphics know-how necessary for a nice looking issue and to actually produce the publication. For all of this, I personally thank Grace for everything that she has done for the SIS over the past several years.

Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing many of you in Baltimore!!

### Public Relations and the ALL-SIS Home Page

The ALL-SIS Public Relations Committee will be setting up an ALL-SIS Activities Table at the Annual Meeting this summer. I encourage each of you to stop by. And I'm looking for volunteers to staff the table! If you're interested, please contact me at (402) 472-8306, beths@unllib.unl.edu.

The Public Relations Committee has a new way to promote ALL-SIS activities -- our own Web page. Our URL is <http://aall.wuacc.edu/sis/allsis>. The web team is looking forward to finally meeting in person in Baltimore to further develop the web page. And when you stop by the Activities Table in Baltimore, you'll have an opportunity to comment on the page.

#### Editor's Note:

After three years as Editor of this Newsletter I am stepping down and continuing involvement in this SIS as a member of the Publications Committee. During these years I have met many fellow AALL and SIS members and these have been invigorating times I won't forget. Consider this position. Contact Gail Winson, Chair, Publications Committee. VOLUNTEER!

**The Nominations Committee**, composed of Margie Axtmann, Merle Slyhoff and Kathy Carrick, conducted its business via e-mail during January and February. The slate was presented to SIS Chair Sara Robbins at the end of February. The nominees for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect are Richard Leiter and Ed Edmonds. The Secretary/Treasurer position continues for another year. Notice of the election was sent to SIS members by postcard, and announcements also were posted on the law-lib and all-sis listservs.

Ballots were mailed to all SIS members in early May. Please remember to vote!

The Nominations Committee is only one of many volunteer activities that support the work of the SIS. The more volunteers we have, the easier it is to get the job done. Service on the Nominations Committee helps to shape the future of the SIS, and it is not a huge time commitment. Please consider volunteering for this or another SIS activity.

## **ACADEMIC SIS COVERS THE WATERFRONTS IN BALTIMORE**

Are you planning to go to Baltimore for the 1997 Annual Meeting? Do you want to be sure to catch all the programs that your SIS has to offer? Look below. We've charted the Academic SIS programs. Tear out the next few pages and take them with you to Baltimore.

### **Academic SIS Programs and Activities of Interest AALL Annual Meeting July 19-24, 1997 Baltimore, MD**

#### **The AALL ACADEMIC SIS and the UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND THURGOOD MARSHALL LAW LIBRARY**

**Invite you to attend an annual reception in conjunction with the Baltimore meeting**

This event will be held in Westminster Hall, a beautifully restored historic building with magnificent stained glass windows. In addition to the opportunity to visit with academic colleagues, elegant hors d'oeuvres and wine with music provided on a restored 1882 pipe organ. Take an entertaining tour of the Hall's famous "catacombs" and visit the cemetery Edgar Allan Poe is buried. Tours of the Law Library will be available.

**WHEN:** Tuesday July 22, 1997 from 5:30 p. m. to 7:00 p. m.

**WHERE:** University of Maryland School of Law  
Entrance at 500 W. Baltimore Street

**DIRECTIONS:**

The School is six city blocks from the convention center. Walk west on Pratt Street past the Marriott. The stadium at Camden Yards will be on your left. Turn right on Paca Street and walk north three blocks. The law school entrance is at the corner of Paca and Baltimore Streets.

## SIS Activities

<b>CONNELL Marketplace -- ALL-SIS Table</b> Saturday, July 19 10:45/11:00 a.m. - Noon (approx.)	<b>Activities Area (Exhibit Hall) -- ALL-SIS Table</b> Throughout conference Exhibit Hall hours
<b>Business Meeting</b> Sunday, July 20 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	<b>Roundtables</b> Sunday, July 20 9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Scheduled Topics: Reasonable Accommodation under the ADA; ABA Site Evaluation & Accreditation Process for Non-Directors; Law Library's Role in Distance Learning
<b>Directors' Luncheon</b> Sunday, July 20 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Middle Managers' Luncheon</b> Sunday, July 20 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
<b>"Let's Do Lunch"</b> -- Informal opportunity for any or all members of the SIS to get together Tuesday, July 22 12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	<b>Reception</b> -- University of Maryland Law School Tuesday, July 22 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

### Roundtables at the ALL SIS Business Meeting in Baltimore

The Roundtables Committee will offer three topics for roundtable discussions this year at the AALL Annual Meeting:

Reasonable Accommodations for Students and Staff under the ADA  
 (moderated by Diane Murley, Boston University)

The ABA Site Evaluation and Accreditation Process for Non-Directors  
 (moderated by George Pike, University of Pittsburgh)

The Law Library's Role in Distance Learning  
 (moderated by Wes Cochran, Texas Tech University)

The roundtable discussions will be held in conjunction with the SIS business meeting on Sunday, July 20, 1997. The discussions will begin at 9:45 a.m. or at the conclusion of the SIS business meeting (if the business meeting runs longer).

**Education Programs** (Coordinated and/or Moderated by members of the ALL-SIS)

Walking on Water: Making a Quality Presentation [A-1]	Navigating Your Career for Optimal Success and Satisfaction: the Art of Smart Moves and Smart Choices [A-2]
From Nutshells to Netscape: Covering the Basics through Research Instruction Programs [Pt. 1] [A-4]	Shrinkwrap: Did I Agree to That? [A-5]
International Legal Regimes and Their Capture in Classes KZ and JZ: Shifting Boundaries -- Changing Traditional Jurisdiction [A-6]	Patriots, Freemen, and Constitutionlists: the Common Law Movement in America [B-2]
Taking a Step Back: How to Deal with Difficult and Demanding People [B-3]	Better Than Bookmarks? Representing Internet Resources in Your Public Catalog [B-6]
Around the World in Eighty Minutes [B-7]	I Know You Can't Read This Slide ... Basic Principles for Effective Visual Aids [C-1]
Elder Abuse: Introduction to a Problem that Won't Go Away [C-3]	Measuring Legal Research Competence [C-4]
Mandating Computer Ownership for Students: Does It Work? [C-5]	Covering the Waterfront -- Africa: a Role for American Law Librarians in Developing Library Services in Africa [C-6]
On Beyond Windows: Today's Workstations, Tomorrow's Clients [C-7]	Is AALL the Bridge Over Troubled Waters? [D-2]
Asian-Americans Facing Discrimination [D-3]	From Nutshells to Netscape: Covering the Details in Advanced Legal Research Courses [Pt. 2] [D-4]
Covering the Waterfront on Statistics [D-5]	Locating Government Document Titles on the Internet: Tracking the Migration from Traditional Paper to the New Electronic Format [D-6]
Foreign and International Law: Monographs and Serials, Vendors and Sources [D-7]	Legislative and Regulatory Update [E-5]
The A to Z of E-Journals: Their Selection, Acquisition, Cataloging, and Maintenance [E-6]	Charting a Course -- Beyond CALR and Word Processing: Preparing Lawyers for the Next Century [E-7]
Winning Grants: How to Plan, Develop, and Write Proposals [F-1]	Doing the Right Thing: Internal Library Ethics [F-2]
Upside Down and Inside Out: Organizational Change in Law Libraries [F-3]	Keeping Watch on the Waterfront: a History of Social Responsibility in Legal and Library Professional Organizations [F-4]
Glanville's World: the Rise of English Common Law (Navigating the Law Through the Ages) [F-6]	Managing Shifting Levels of Support from LEXIS and WESTLAW in the Academic Law Library: Coping Strategies [F-7]
Will There Be Chaos on the Waterfront? Implementation of a Medium-Neutral, Vendor-Neutral Citation Format [G-2]	The Next Wave of International Intellectual Property Law: the WIPO, the WTO, and the New Berne Protocol [G-4]
International Legal Regimes: New International Institutions for Conflict Regulation [G-5]	English Legal Research from an American Perspective [G-7]
United on the Waterfront: Building Relationships and Fostering Cooperation Among Law Librarians of All Types [H-1]	How to Keep Your Library Afloat: Developing and Selling a Workable Budget in Treacherous Waters [H-2]
Videoconferencing and Distance Learning in Law Libraries -- Pragmatics and Potential [H-4]	Legal Periodicals: Past and Future [H-5]
<b>Additional SIS Program</b> High Profile Trials and Their Impact on Libraries: Coping, Surviving, Excelling Wednesday, July 23 3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	

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