



# The ALL-SIS Newsletter

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## Scanning the Homestead: What to Include in Director Evaluations?

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### Special Points Of Interest:

- Editor Prepares for Retirement.
- AALL Publications Committee Seeks New Authors.
- ALL-SIS Listserv Information.
- ALL-SIS on the Web.

It's not easy to evaluate an academic law library director, but it is necessary. Otherwise, who knows how great the library director really is?! The problem is deciding what criteria to include that will both inform a dean about what a director does and will make a law school community realize the indispensable role of the director in the law school operation.

As the "blind man and the elephant" fable instructs, everyone has a different idea of what a director is or should be. Deans, faculty, and staff may have difficulty agreeing on the criteria for a perfect, fair, and meaningful evaluation form. Compounding the difficulty are the unique characteristics of the 180+ U.S. law schools and the varying commitment of deans to the evaluation process.

Do we, or should we, care? A few correspondents asked me this question recently after my article on "Evaluating Academic Law Library Directors" appeared in *The Law Library Journal*. They ultimately answered that we should care unless we want to be marginalized or replaced with someone who may not possess the same service ethics as ourselves.

One of the respondents suggested that ALL-SIS work with the directors' group to establish criteria for a standardized form. He suggested that deans would prefer a form which was simple and which

discussions would be scheduled to follow that meeting, to be conducted by email, or by other means. If you agree... if you have ideas for beginning the discussion... if you already have a dandy form to share... please contact Larry Meyer or me at our addresses listed below.

Let me begin the discussion in advance by saying that I know this topic may be controversial. I know this is a time-consuming process. If we can agree, however, on a core set of functions and how to evaluate them, I am willing to commit the time and energy to keep our discussion going. Overall, I believe this task can be fun and I know that it will be instructive.

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could be modified to fit the needs of an individual law school. In addition, I would like to see a form which would instruct deans on our unique role within the law school and which would delineate the criteria we think are important in evaluating performances.

If you are interested in participating in this process, our Chair Tory Trotta suggested that the discussion could begin at the Directors' meeting in Philadelphia. Subsequent

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The ALL-SIS listserv 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, please subscribe! To subscribe, send this message to [listserv@assocdir.wuacc.edu](mailto:listserv@assocdir.wuacc.edu): subscribe all-sis yourfirstname yourlastname  
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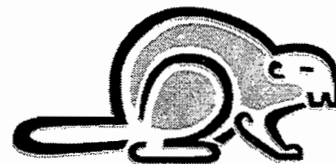
**ALL-SIS on the Web**

ALL-SIS is on the web! Visit the ALL-SIS Home Page at <http://www.aallnet.org/sls/allsis/>. Electronic versions of *The ALL-SIS Newsletter* are available on our website, as well as other vital information. Contact the ALL-SIS webmaster, Beth Smith, at [Beth.Smith@asu.edu](mailto:Beth.Smith@asu.edu).

**Upcoming Deadline for the Next ALL-SIS Newsletter**



Monday, May 1, 2000: This will be the final issue of the 1999-2000 ALL-SIS year. This issue will focus on the 2000 Annual Conference of AALL in Philadelphia. Please submit all articles and announcements to the *ALL-SIS Newsletter* editor on or before this date. Articles submitted after this date may not appear in the upcoming issue because the newsletter editor will be leaving the country shortly after the deadline. Thank you for your contributions and for your consideration.



*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 700 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.*

# ALL-SIS Elections 2000: Our Candidate Statements

The ALL-SIS Nominations Committee has assembled a fine slate of candidates for office, who will serve during the 2000-2001 year. The election slate includes:

## Vice-Chair / Chair Elect

Paul George, Harvard  
Rosalie Sanderson, Emory

## Secretary / Treasurer

Carmela Kinslow, Notre Dame  
Beth Smith, Arizona State

Personal statements from each of our candidates follow. Election ballots will be mailed to ALL-SIS members in the near future.



## Paul George, Candidate for Vice-Chair / Chair-Elect

Paul George has been the Associate Librarian for Research Services at Harvard Law School Library since 1994. He has earned his B.A. and M.S. from the University of Illinois, as well as a J.D. from Duke University. His recent activities include Co-Chair of the Citation Formats Committee from 1998 through the present; Chair of the ALL-SIS Nominations Committee from 1997 to 1998; and member of the Local Arrangements and Program Committee for the NEELCO / LLNE Joint Meeting of 1998.

### Statement:

A successful Special Interest Section has two

important functions; to provide opportunities for involvement for its members and to provide representation on important issues. After years of wondering what was the meaning of its life, the SIS has undergone a strategic planning process. At the same time, numerous volunteers have stepped forward to help form committees such as the education committee and the mentoring committee. Roundtables now provide opportunities for members to exchange ideas on legal research classes, and new members will soon be provided CONELL-type opportunities focusing on academic interests. The result is that

we are now seeing a new and exciting SIS that can provide all of its members opportunities for involvement and for sharing interests. By creating an active SIS, we in turn create an SIS which is capable of having an important voice in issues of concern to academic law librarians and AALL itself. As someone who became involved with this process at its early stage by working on the education committee, I would be honored to continue the work of providing a wide variety of forums for member involvement and a strong SIS to represent its members.

## Rosalie Sanderson, Candidate for Vice-Chair / Chair-Elect

Rosalie Sanderson is Associate Director of the Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, where she has been employed since August, 1997. Previously, she was Assistant Director for Information Services at the Legal Infor-

mation Center at the University of Florida, where she held several different positions from 1979-1984 and later from 1987-1997. Ms. Sanderson has worked in a number of other libraries including the World Bank, the University of Arkansas, and Stanford Uni-

versity. From 1975-1979, she was a law firm librarian at Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco, where she was head librarian before she left in 1979. She received a B.S. in Education from the University of Central Arkansas at Conway,

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## Rosalie Sanderson continued...

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an M.A. in history from the University of Arkansas, and an M.L.S. from the University of California at Berkeley, and a J.D. from the University of Florida.

Ms. Sanderson has been active in the American Association of Law Libraries, SEALL, and COSELL, the consortium of academic law libraries in the Southeast, and is the immediate past Chair of COSELL. She also has served as Vice-Chair of that organization. She has served on several AALL committees and is past Chair of the Placement Committee (1992) and was Chair of the President's Task Force of Placement, Recruitment, and Mentoring (1993).

Ms. Sanderson shared with Jim Hambleton of Texas Wesleyan the West Excellence in Academic Librarianship Award in 1995. She has presented a number of programs at AALL, SEALL, and other organizations over the years, including most recently "The One Shot Training Session: Pedagogical Considerations and Strategies for Effectiveness," at the 1999 AALL annual meeting. For several years, she has coordinated the LEXIS-WESTLAW forum at the AALL annual meeting, sometimes as an ALL-SIS roundtable as in 1999, other times as part of the AALL program. She has written a number of articles relating to research and teaching as well as *Beyond Legal Information: Searching DIALOG on WESTLAW; A Guide for Law Students* (West Publishing Company, 1993) and *The State*

*Media Sourcebook*, with Dolores Jenkins (Brechtner Center for Freedom of Information, 1992).

### Statement:

AALL provides a richer experience for all of us by exposing us to law libraries in all types of institutions: law firms, courts, corporations, law schools, and other organizations. However, as academics, we do have particular and unique interests, issues, and aspirations, and ALL-SIS is the perfect forum in which to address and advance these interests.

In this time of law library transition, I believe we should all strive to make the law library a central and vital force in legal education. ALL-SIS can be a positive force and a source of help for all of us. We can use this organization to help us find ways to deliver information resources more effectively, to provide the library technical and technology support we need, and to teach legal research skills more effectively. ALL-SIS can also provide leadership and guidance in our quest to find ways to integrate the law library into the fabric of legal education.

Fortunately, leaders and members of ALL-SIS have laid a solid foundation upon which to build. The *Newsletter* has become a vital and very interesting source of support. The roundtables at the last annual meeting were exciting, issue-oriented, and very well attended. The current projects, including CONELL for Academics, mentoring, awards, and education will serve our

membership well. The Membership Analysis project and the Strategic Planning group have made major contributions to this foundation as well.

As a Vice-Chair / Chair-Elect, I would emphasize three areas:

- ✓ Membership
- ✓ Programming
- ✓ Strategic plan implementation.

### Membership:

I would like to use the data generated by the Membership Analysis Project to revitalize our membership. We know who current members are; we have some idea of their interests and needs, and I would ask their help in bringing their colleagues into ALL-SIS. A broad membership with representatives of all library functions will only enrich us as a group.

### Programming:

We should build on the work of the Education Committee to insure that the AALL program includes workshops and programs of interest to ALL-SIS. The Roundtables are another venue for programming. Last year, Roundtables were targeted to members' interests and well-attended. We need to build on this foundation and insure that each year we have strong issues-oriented roundtables which address current concerns of our members.

### Strategic Plan Implementation:

I would also like to

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## Rosalie Sanderson *continued...*

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build on the work of the Strategic Planning group. Once the Strategic Plan is adopted, I think we should identify a limited number of strategies which will further the goals of the organization and work to implement them. I am sure that the Strategic Planning group is working diligently to develop a plan which articulates clear goals and objectives for the SIS, and workable strategies to reach those goals. I think that as an organization we should work to identify and execute useful, doable, strategies which will benefit academic law libraries and librarians.

For instance, an example of a strategy which might lead to improved legal research instruction is the development of a web site devoted to Advanced Legal Research Teaching. The site might be similar to Jurist, the Law Professors Network, at <http://jurist.law.pitt.edu>.

The site would cover every aspect of Legal Research Instruction, such as Developing a Course Proposal, Course Development and Topics, Developing Research Problems, Evaluating Student Work Products, Pathfinders, Syllabi, Course Requirements and Teaching Methods. This type of web site would be of enormous benefit to academics teaching Advanced Legal Research courses. Many of us have our syllabi on the web, but we don't have a central site devoted to course development and administration issues. This type of project would be of great benefit.

My experience as Vice-Chair (1995-97) and Chair (1997-99) of COSELL, a consortium of 40-plus academic law libraries in the greater southeast, is my most relevant experience for this post. During the time I was active in COSELL, we worked together to implement our strategic plan and developed more

structure for our annual roundtables, using them to identify potential cooperative projects for the organization. We identified programming needs and developed programs to meet them. We worked to increase purchasing agreements to benefit the consortium, renewing one agreement, initiating another, and examining several potential agreements without adopting them. We also increased our communications effort by setting up a web site. These initiatives were certainly not mine alone, but were all conceived and implemented with the cooperation and input of librarians in member institutions. ALL-SIS is an organization on the move. A great deal has been accomplished and recent leaders have laid the foundation. I'd welcome the opportunity to move forward with this organization, advancing the interests of academic law libraries and their role in legal education.



## Carmela Kinslow, Candidate for Secretary / Treasurer

Carmela Kinslow has been employed as the Head of Access Services at the Kresge Library of Notre Dame Law School since 1990. She earned a B.S. and an M.L.S. from Indiana University, as well as an M.S.A. from the University of Notre Dame. She has been a member of ALL-SIS since 1990, and has participated in the Mentoring Program. She also is a member of the AALL Diversity Committee.

### Statement:

I was pleased to be asked to stand for election for this position. I have been involved with AALL and ALL-SIS since 1990 and have participated in the Mentoring Program and I am currently serving on the Diversity Committee. I have also served as a local arrangements Chair for ORALL and understand the importance of maintaining good financial records and

meeting financial obligations in a timely manner. In addition, I appreciate the importance of keeping the members of an organization well-informed of the business at hand. If I am elected, I will devote my time and energy to sustaining these important functions. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to continue to serve our professional organization.

# Beth Smith, Candidate for Secretary / Treasurer

Beth Smith is the Assistant Director and Head of Public Services at Arizona State University Law Library. She formerly was employed as a Reference Librarian at the University of Nebraska Law Library. She received a B.A. from Centenary College of Louisiana. Later, she earned a J.D. and an M.L.S. at the University of Washington.

Currently, Ms. Smith is the ALL-SIS web-

master and the AALL *Spectrum* membership news editor. Previously, she served as Chair of the ALL-SIS public relations committee, the *MAALL Newsletter* editor, and also served on the AALL placement committee.

#### Statement:

I have enjoyed working with ALL-SIS leaders and other ALL-SIS members over the past few years in my capacity as

ALL-SIS webmaster and would love the opportunity to broaden my contribution by serving as your Secretary / Treasurer. One of the primary responsibilities of the Secretary / Treasurer is communicating with ALL-SIS members, something I've been doing for years as ALL-SIS webmaster and as a former two-term chair of the public relations committee.

## Education Committee Continues to Scout the Ponderosa for Program Ideas

Zero, zilch, nada, not a peep, not a thing, not a one!

That's what we got from our last request. The 1999-2000 Education Committee is busily attempting to develop educational programs for the 2001 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. Get involved in the pro-

cess! Send us your ideas. If you are a member of another SIS and need joint sponsorship for a program of mutual interest, give us a call, send us an email, forward a fax! Help us help you.

— The ALL-SIS  
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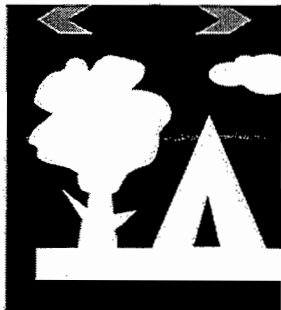
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Caroline Susta

Marjorie Crawford

Paul George (Emeritus)

Ruth J. Hill, Board Liaison



## Member News: Fresh from the Telegraph Office

Fresh from the telegraph office, these bits of news from our colleagues should brighten our days. They're definitely keeping the campfires burning...

- Mark Lambert, Special Collections and Government Documents Librarian at the South Texas College of Law Library in Houston, has been awarded a research fellowship by the Texas State Historical Association. Funds from the "Stephen F. Austin Old Three Hundred Research Fellowship" will assist Mr. Lambert as he travels to various Texas archives, preparing a scholarly article on the life of Moses Austin Bryan, a significant 19th-century Texan.
- Barbara Bintliff of the University of Colorado Law Library is a member of the 1999-2000 Executive Board for the Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS of AALL.
- Al Dong, Law Reference Librarian at the University of Denver, wrote "Uncovering Colorado Legislative Law-Making and Legislative Intent" for *Colorado Libraries*, 25:3, Fall 1999. The full text is available on the CoALL Home Page at <http://www.law.du.edu/coall/>.

# Summer Camp for Research Instructors: TRIAL Conference 2000

LEXIS Publishing, in conjunction with the American Association of Law Libraries, is offering the second Teaching Research in Academic Law Libraries (TRIAL) Conference. The TRIAL Conference will be held July 13-14, 2000 in Philadelphia, PA, as a pre-conference to the AALL Annual Meeting. TRIAL offers a professional development opportunity regarding instruction in an academic setting.

Through a variety of interactive, participatory and problem solving sessions, conference attendees will learn about effective instruction. Enrollment will be limited to 30 participants to maximize the learning and sharing of information. There will be

no registration fee to attend the TRIAL Conference. The application is available at <http://infopro.lexis.com>.

The Advisory Council is responsible for the development of the curriculum and the members include:



➤ Kristin B. Gerdy, Assistant Professor of Law, Temple University, Beasley School of Law.

➤ Ruth J. Hill, Head of Reference Services, Loyola Law School - Los Angeles

➤ Marci Hoffman, International & Foreign Librarian, Georgetown University Law Library

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Register as soon as possible, before the TRIAL Conference reaches its maximum capacity!

## At the AALL General Store: 1999 Salary Survey Available on AALLNET

All the information contained in the printed version of the *Biennial Salary Survey* is available now on AALLNET. This is the first time that AALL has made the salary information available on its Web site, and it is hoped that members will find this electronic version useful. The AALLNET URL is <http://www.aallnet.org>.

Enter the "Members Only" section of AALLNET to locate the survey data.

"The Salary Survey is a valuable tool for ensuring fair compensation for the members of our profession," said Carolyn P. Ahearn (Director of Library Services, Wiley Rein and Fielding, Washington, DC). "Providing the entire

survey report on the Association's Web site represents a significant advance in making the information accessible and useful."

The print version of the *Biennial Salary Survey 1999* also is available for purchase. Contact Ivonne Martinez at 312.939.4770, extension 16, or [imartine@aall.org](mailto:imartine@aall.org).

## Climb to New Heights and Publish with AALL

Do you have an idea for a new electronic or print publication of interest to law librarians? Would you like to grow professionally and personally by creating a new publication

that's useful to colleagues? The AALL Publications Committee currently is seeking publication proposals. AALL publishes or sponsors a variety of materials in print, electronic,

and micro-formats, including:

➤ Periodicals, such as *AALL Spectrum*, and

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"This is the first time that AALL has made data from the *Biennial Salary Survey* available on its website, AALLNET, at <http://www.aallnet.org>."



# Using the CIS U.S. Serial Set Index and Microfiche

The *U.S. Serial Set* is a collection of Congressional and Executive branch documents produced since 1789. A United States House of Representatives' resolution, passed in 1813, ordered the compilation of these documents. The *Serial Set* includes more than 12,880 volumes and more than 11 million pages; and the compilation of these documents is ongoing.

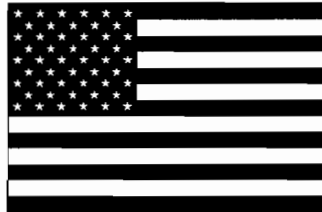
The Congressional Information Service (CIS), a private for-profit subsidiary of Lexis-Nexis, is the major vendor of the *Serial Set*. The *CIS Serial Set* consists of two major parts: the *Serial Set Index* and the microfiche collection containing the documents. The *CIS Serial Set* contains four major classes of documents: Committee Reports, Documents, House and Senate Journals, and the American State Papers.

For a complete description of the entire set, visit the CIS website at <http://www.lexis-nexis.com/cispubs>.

The *Serial Set* is not a complicated tool IF you plan your research and relax as you consult the index. Begin with as much specific information on your research subject as possible. Some types of information will speed your search considerably: the year of the Congress which promulgated the document, the Session of Congress, the Public Law number, the Committee name, and importantly the bill number for the particular Congressional Session.

The A-K volume of each index contains condensed descriptions of the

history, naming and numbering schemes of the *Serial Set*, and a "User's Guide." If you are armed with specific information, you may skip the tortuous history. On the other hand, if you are interested in American history and government, the account pro-



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vides informative reading and a detailed account of a young country in formation.

The key to a painless search of the *Serial Set Index* is a grasp of the organization and indexing scheme. The parts are divided chronologically:

- I. *American State Papers and the 15th - 34th Congresses, 1789-1857.*
- II. *35th - 45th Congresses, 1857-1879.*
- III. *46th - 50th Congresses, 1879-1889.*
- IV. *51st - 54th Congresses, 1889-1897.*
- V. *55th - 57th Congresses, 1897-1903.*
- VI. *58th - 60th Congresses, 1903-1909.*
- VII. *61st - 63rd Congresses, 1909 - 1915.*
- VIII. *64th - 68th Congresses, 1915 - 1929.*
- IX. *69th - 73rd Congresses, 1929 - 1934.*
- X. *74th - 79th Congresses,*

*1935 - 1946.*

XI. *80th - 85th Congresses, 1947-1958.*

XII. *86th Congress - 91st Congress, First Session, 1959 - 1969.*

The indexes for each part (I-XII) of the *Serial Set* consist of:

- ◆ Index of Subjects and Keywords divided into alphabets A-K and L-Z and appearing in their respective volumes.

And two finding lists:

- ◆ Private Relief and Related Actions.
- ◆ Numerical List of Reports and Documents.

In addition, Part XIII contains:

- ◆ Index by Reported Bill Numbers for the years 1817-1969.
- ◆ The U.S. Serial Set Index and Carto-Bibliography of Maps, 1789-1969, Part XIV, and the accompanying maps are in the CIS *Serial Set* microfiche collection. Alternatively, maps may be accessed through the subject indexes using geographical terms as access points.

**Part I: American State Papers and the 15th - 34th Congresses, 1789 - 1857.**

If you are a history buff... if you need an historical overview of some aspect of American legislative or executive action... or if you need a specific document from the period 1789 through 1857... consult the American State Papers. According to the CIS

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# U.S. Serial Set continued...

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web site, "[t]his retrospective assemblage of executive and congressional documents comprises thirty-eight volumes covering ten subject classes (for example: military affairs, public lands, and finance) from 1789 to 1823 or 1838, depending on the document class. " The ten subject areas into which the American State Papers are organized concern foreign relations - especially with England and France, the military establishment, the banking system, and relations with Native American tribes. The ten subject classes are:

- I. Foreign Relations
- II. Indian Affairs
- III. Finance
- IV. Commerce and Navigation
- V. Military Affairs
- VI. Naval Affairs
- VII. Post Office Department
- VIII. Public Lands
- IX. Claims
- X. Miscellaneous

The documents, reports, and journals for the 15th - 34th Congresses are another division within Part I of the *Serial Set*.

## Parts II - XII: 35th - 91st Congresses, 1857-1969

The remaining parts, with the exception of part XIII, cover the period 1857 - 1969. The subject indexes are divided by A-K and I-Z in separate volumes for each part. The finding lists for each part appear in a separate volume after the I-Z subject index volume. The subject indexes are the natural starting point for any research. Once you have found the volume and se-

rial number of any document in the *Serial Set*, you may locate the item in the microfiche collection.

### *The following descriptions and instructions may assist with the "User Guides":*

#### **Subject Index A-K, L-Z:**

A computer-generated index containing subject terms compiled from each of the words in the document titles. The terms include proper names. See "User Instructions" in A-K volume, p. xii, for further details.

Find subject in the index. See document number for the item you want in italics. Go to the "User Instructions" in the "User Guide" at the beginning of volume A-K, p. xv, for a box which explains the meaning of each element in the entry. For example: *Petition of citizens of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania for appropriation to remove to Africa all free Negroes and manumitted slaves. S.doc 151 (24-1) 281.*

In this instance, 151 is the document number assigned by Congress; 24-1 (24th Congress, 1st Session) is the number of the Congressional session; and 281 is the *Serial Set* volume number.

#### **Finding List: Private Relief and Other Actions - Index of Names of Individuals and Organizations**

This index was compiled to weed the Index of Subject and Keywords of voluminous en-

tries concerning individuals and organizations who were the recipients of a single transaction private relief not related to public policy. It provides references to relief affecting specific individuals in specific circumstances. However, the distinction between private and public documents is sometimes difficult to ascertain. A modern example of this relief is the proposal to make six-year-old Elian Gonzalez an American citizen in the wake of a custody dispute between Cuban Americans and the child's father.

The index is alphabetical by proper name of the persons or organizations in the titles of documents where private relief is proposed or acted upon. Each entry contains the publication series number, Congress and Session, and serial volume number. The full titles are not listed but must be obtained from the Numerical List of Reports and Documents. See p. xv of the "User Guide" in volume A-K.

#### **Finding List: Numerical List of Reports and Documents**

In Part I, there are two separate lists. The first is for the American State Papers and uses the ten subject divisions. The second indexes the 15th - 34th Congresses. Generally, these lists supplement the subject and private relief indexes by providing a formal title for the documents in those lists. Depending upon the period of time, documents may appear as

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"Once you have found the volume and the serial number of any document in the *Serial Set*, you may locate the item in the microfiche collection."

## U.S. Serial Set continued...

Senate Documents, Senate Reports, House Documents or House Reports, Miscellaneous Reports, and Court of Claims Reports. The documents are divided by Congress and by Session.

### Finding List: Schedule of Serial Volumes

This list provides an overall view of the organization of the documents in the *Serial Set* and may be useful if you know that extensive reports on an important issue ap-

peared during a particular Congress.

### Part XIII: Index of Reported Bill Numbers

Documents relating to particular bills from the 15th - 91st Congresses, 1817 - 1969.



## Publish with AALL continued...

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- Law Library Journal;
- Indexes, such as *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals*;
- Professional Development Materials;
- Bibliographies and Research Guides;
- Management and Public Relations Resources;
- Occasional Papers on Various Topics;

- Educational Program Materials;
- Results of Research; and,
- Instructional and Training Resources.

You may contact members of the Publications Committee or you may download a proposal form from the AALL Publications Committee website at: <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/publications/>.

AALL is eager to publish new authors. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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**"AALL is eager to publish new materials in a variety of media."**



## An Email to The ALL-SIS Newsletter Editor...

James,

Just wanted to let you know that I recently received Volume 19, Issue 1, of *The ALL-SIS Newsletter*, and it looks FABULOUS! I read it cover-to-cover... (which I can't say that I have done in past years). If you're responsible for the look of the newsletter this year — thank you!

Although I make no promises, I will encourage the staff here at the GW Law School Library to submit pieces for future issues...!

— Leslie Lee, Collections Services Librarian, George Washington University

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Dear Leslie:

*Thank you so much for your kind words. I'm glad to hear that our readers are happy campers. I hope you enjoy this issue equally well.*

*This is my second year as the newsletter editor for ALL-SIS. After the May 2000 issue, I will be relinquishing my crown to the next newsletter editor. See my column on the back page for more information.*

*Thank you for making my day with your cheerful email.*

Sincerely, James

## Visit Philadelphia Without Logging the Mountain: AALL Grants and Scholarship Applications Available

Applications for the American Association of Law Libraries grants and scholarships are now available. For information beyond this article, please contact: Rachel Shaevel, Membership Coordinator, at 312.939.4764, x10, or at <rshaevel@aall.org>.

### GRANTS

AALL Grants Program aims to assist librarians who hold promise of future involvement in the law library profession. Funds are provided by vendors, AALL, and AALL members. Grants cover registration costs at Association-sponsored educational activities, including the Annual Meeting, Institutes, and Workshops. Preference is given to newer, active members of AALL or members of an AALL Chapter.

Application forms are available at the AALL website <<http://www.aallnet.org/services/grants.asp>> or from AALL Headquarters at 312.939.4764. The deadline for grant applications is April 1, 2000.

The AALL Grants Program began in 1952 and is one of the oldest and most successful AALL Pro-

grams. More than 1,000 librarians have received funding to assist them in



attending AALL educational activities. Many of those recipients are leaders in the profession today.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the American Association of Law Libraries scholarships, providing financial support for graduate study in law and law librarianship, are now available.

AALL offers a total of seven scholarship categories. The James F. Connolly Congressional Information Scholarship (CIS) will be awarded to a law librarian who is interested in pursuing a law degree,

with preference given to those demonstrating interest in government publications. The George A. Strait Minority Stipend will be awarded to degree candidates in accredited library or law schools, with law library experience, who are members of a minority group.

Other scholarships are made possible by funding from the John Johnson LEXIS Publishing Memorial Scholarship fund and will include: Type I (*Library Degree for Law School Graduates*), Type II (*Library School Graduates Attending Law School*), Type III (*Library Degree for Non-Law School Graduates*), Type IV (*Library School Graduates Seeking a Non-Law Degree*), and Type V (*Law Librarians in Continuing Education Courses*).

Last year, \$35,000 was awarded in scholarship funds. Application forms are available at the American Association of Law Libraries Web site, AALLNET at <<http://www.aallnet.org/services/scholarship.asp>> or from the AALL headquarters at 312.939.4764. The deadline for all scholarship applications is April 1, 2000.

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## Upcoming ALL-SIS Election Notes

As provided in the ALL-SIS By-Laws, election for the positions of Vice Chair / Chair Elect and Secretary / Treasurer will be by mail ballot. Ballots will be mailed in early April.

Many thanks to Susan Lewis-Somers and to Anna Teller, who served on

the Nominations Committee this year, for assembling an outstanding slate. Thank you to our candidates as well! The candidate statements are located in this issue.

ALL-SIS By-Laws provide that further nominations may be made upon written petition of five (5)

members of the Section and that such petitions must be filed with the Chair and accompanied by written acceptance of the nominees. See <<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/bylaws.html>>. The deadline for the filing of nominations by petition is Friday, April 7. — Marguerite Most



## The ALL-SIS Newsletter Editor Prepares to Retire to a Cabin in the Woods

Imagine a log cabin somewhere outside of Missoula. *The ALL-SIS Newsletter* editor and his faithful feline are curled up in a red plaid blanket in front of a roaring fireplace. Their biggest worry is melting S'mores. Hiking boots are tossed carelessly on the floor next to a canoe paddle. Ahhhhhh..... After two years of faithful service, *The ALL-SIS Newsletter* editor is retiring.

The current editor's final issue will be released in May, 2000. After that issue, your editor

heads for the hills. (In reality, he's headed for the Himalayas and not for the Rockies, but that's another story.)

Don't wait until May, however, to volunteer your services. Call now and be the first to volunteer as the NEW editor of *The ALL-SIS Newsletter*.

Simply contact Ruth J. Hill, the ALL-SIS Chair-Elect, at Loyola University-Los Angeles. Contact Ms. Hill at <[ruth.hill@lls.edu](mailto:ruth.hill@lls.edu)> or by calling 213.736.1174.



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