The ALL-SIS Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Carole L. Hinchcliff
2004 - 2003 ALL-SIS Chair

Greetings ALL-SIS Members,

I trust that your academic year is off to a flying start. I am confident that ALL-SIS is set for a productive year. Attendance at our traditional roundtable sessions in Boston exceeded expectations, and currently, more members than ever, both new and familiar faces, are participating in committee work. This year's committee meetings in Boston were attended by both the 2003 - 2004 and the 2004 - 2005 committee members, which made for a smooth transition from last year's work to this year's work. See the article beginning on this page for the 2004 - 2005 Committee Members and Committee Charges.

Preparations are underway for the next AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio. The staff of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library at St Mary's University School of Law School has agreed to host the annual reception on Tuesday, July 19th. Watch the ALL-SIS listserv and this year's issues of the ALL-SIS newsletter for more information about our activities in San Antonio.

If you have questions about ALL-SIS or ideas for activities to better serve the ALL-SIS membership, please contact me at Hinchcliff.1@osu.edu or (614) 292 0903.

ALL-SIS Committee Members and Charges

NOTE: In addition to the specific charges for each committee, each committee is also charged to submit one column to the ALL-SIS Newsletter.

ALL-SIS Listserv Members:

Board Liaison: Susan Lewis-Somers
Mark Folmsbee, List Manager

Charge:

- Maintain the ALL-SIS listserv
- Ensure that all SIS members are members of the list

Archives Committee Members:

Board Liaison: Carole Hinchcliff
Mark Podvia, Chair
Arturo Torres

Message from the Chair, Cont'd

I can't resist ending with a book recommend-dation for *Eats, Shoots and Leaves* by English author Lynne Truss. I never imagined that I would be laughing out aloud while reading a book about of all topics, punctuation. As I prepare to teach Introduction to Legal Research, I can't help but wish that someone would write as entertaining a book about legal citation!

With Best Wishes for the New School Year,

Carole L. Hinchcliff

Successful CONALL at Harvard Law School

Paul Moorman, Reference/Electronic Services Librarian
Pepperdine University School of Law

Over 60 newer academic law librarians and their mentors attended the Convocation of Newer Academic Law Librarians (CONALL) program at the Harvard Law School in Cambridge on Tuesday, July 13, 2004. Starting with the 2000 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, CONALL has been held immediately preceding the ALL-SIS reception to give newer academic law librarians a chance to meet their colleagues. This year, in addition to all newer academic law librarians, the ALL-SIS Mentoring/CONALL Committee decided to broaden those invited to attend CONALL to include those from academic libraries who participate in AALL's Mentoring Program. This allowed numerous Mentor/Mentee pairs to attend the event together and further their budding relationships as well as adding numerous voices of experience to the discussion. The committee intends for this change to become a regular part of future CONALLs.

This year's event primarily consisted of a group of short skits introduced by The Wizard of ALL Librarians. These skits were intended to raise issues peculiar to academic law librarianship for further discussion by the group. Marian F. Parker, the chair of the committee, played the Wizard, and

with her magic wand, introduced various scenarios and characters (performed by Erika Wayne, Melanie Dunshee, and Paul Moorman) encountered in an academic law library setting. After each skit, the Wizard encouraged discussion and debate about the issues brought up by the skit. Following CONALL, the group as a whole then walked the short distance in the rain to Harvard Law School's beautiful library to enjoy the festivities at the ALL-SIS reception and awards ceremony. Raizel Liebler, a current library school student at the University of Illinois in Urbana/Champaign, was a first time annual meeting and CONALL attendee. She was quite pleased she was able to attend CONALL and found it very useful. Ms. Liebler especially appreciated the chance to meet a few of her colleagues before the ALL-SIS reception. As we all know, a large reception can be quite intimidating to newer members; CONALL provides the opportunity to meet some people and break the ice before the big event.

The committee wants to express its appreciation to Harvard Law School for hosting the event, to BNA, Inc. for providing transporta-tion to CONALL, and especially to all the attendees who made this year's CONALL such a success. The committee is looking forward to another successful CONALL next year in San Antonio! Please make plans to join us!!!

Sally Wise & Amy Osborne, at the ALL-SIS CONELL Table in Boston

Coggins, Carter, & Cordon Receive ALL-SIS Awards

James E. Duggan, Director of Information Technology
Southern Illinois University School of Law Library

ALL-SIS recently presented three prestigious awards to academic law librarians from Virginia, California and Texas during the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting. Receiving the awards were Timothy L. Coggins, Nancy Carol Carter, and Matthew Cordon. The awards were presented during the ALL-SIS Reception, held at the Harvard Law Library.

Hicks Award 2004 Winner Poster, with "interesting" photos of the winner

Timothy L. Coggins, Director & Professor of Law at the University of Richmond School of Law Library in Richmond, Virginia, is the 2004 recipient of The Frederick Charles Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship, sponsored by the Academic Law Libraries SIS (ALL-SIS). The award recognizes distinguished, sustained service to academic law librarianship, and is named in honor of Hicks, the first great American law librarian/scholar and first academic law librarian to serve as President of AALL. Tim was nominated by Sally Hill Wambold, who praised Tim's service to the academic law librarianship profession, "[Tim] has shown what an academic law librarian can offer to the community." Tim has been an active member of both AALL and the Southeastern Chapter of AALL (SEALL). He chaired the 1999 AALL Annual Meeting Program

Committee, was twice chair of the AALL Professional Development Committee, and served as President of SEALL in 1991. He received the "Service to SEALL" award in 1995.

Nancy Carol Carter, Director & Professor of Law at the University of San Diego School of Law & Research Center, and Matthew C. Cordon, Reference Librarian and Associate Professor of Law at Baylor University Law Library in Waco, Texas were the recipients of the 2004 Academic Law Libraries SIS (ALL-SIS) Outstanding Article Award. The awards recognize section members for contributions to the enhancement of academic law librarianship through publishing. The winning articles were judged on the quality of writing, effectiveness of communication technique, and relevance to law librarianship. Professor Carter's winning article, "The Special Case of Alaska: Native Law and Research", was published in 22 *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 11 (2003). Professor Cordon won for "Beyond Mere Competency: Advanced Legal Research in a Practice-Oriented Curriculum", published at 55 *Baylor Law Review* 1 (2003).

The 2004 ALL-SIS Awards committee consisted of Pamela Deemer (Emory University), Sally Holterhoff (Valparaiso University), and James E. Duggan, Chair (Southern Illinois University).

ALL-SIS Collection Development Committee Roundtable

Shaun Esposito, Head of Public Services
Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona

A standing-room only crowd attended the ALL-SIS Collection Development Committee Roundtable in Boston on July 11, 2004. The topic, "Coping with Budget Cuts", generated an hour of thought-provoking discussion. The Roundtable started with an explanation by Mike Chiorazzi of the University of Arizona's law library and Georgetown's Doug Lind of how those schools have coped with dwindling budgets. Georgetown faced a twenty-five percent cut in the book budget which led to a cancellation of many items including duplicate serials, many digests, and most print Shepard's. Arizona has instituted similar cuts, and is moving towards emphasizing service to faculty and students above collection size.

Comments from other librarians from a variety of public and private law schools indicated similar actions have been taken throughout the academic law library community. Many law libraries are working towards greater cooperation with main campus libraries and other means of cooperative collection development.

With only an hour allocated for discussion, all in attendance agreed that the discussion of how to deal with shrinking budgets and increasing costs needs to continue. Ideas for continuing discussion include another Roundtable at next year's AALL meeting in San Antonio and perhaps a program proposal for a future AALL meeting. If you have any ideas or suggestions for further discussion on this topic, please contact Collection Development Committee Co-Chairs Doug Lind at lindd@law.georgetown.edu or Connie Lenz at lenzx009@umn.edu.

ALL-SIS Advanced Legal Research Instructors Workshop

Beth DiFelice, Assistant Director & Head of Public Services
Ross-Blakley Law Library, Arizona State University

The first ALL-SIS Advanced Legal Research Instructors Workshop was a huge success. Wendy Scott and I (coordinators of the program) were amazed at the turnout. We were expecting 20 - 30 attendees and had close to 100! We had to make last-minute adjustments to the room setup, dividing the group into three circles, with Wendy, Gail Partin, and myself serving as discussion leaders.

Participants had many questions for the group about how advanced legal research is taught in the various institutions. We learned that there is a real need for us to get together and share ideas about teaching.

We had some prepared discussion topics for the three groups, which were:

- Integrating print and electronic research
- Teaching online commercial services: who does the training; do you include services other than Westlaw and Lexis
- The use of instructional technologies
- Interdisciplinary research instruction
- Reviewing material students should have learned as 1Ls
- Topic-specific research courses
- Determining students' grades
- Team-teaching

Look for the workshop in San Antonio. This time, we'll plan for a large turnout and have the room setup correctly from the beginning! Also look for several articles in *Spectrum* this year by the ALL-SIS legal research on topics of common interest that came up during the workshop.

ALL-SIS Legal Research Committee Activities

Anne Cottongim, Public Services Librarian
Arthur Neef Law Library, Wayne State University

Approximately ten people attended the Legal Research Committee meeting on Monday July 12, 2004, in Boston at the annual AALL conference. Co-Chair Wendy Scott introduced her new co-chair Jennifer Murray and thanked Beth DiFelice for her prior service as co-chair. Beth and Wendy worked together to develop this year's Advanced Legal Research Instructors Workshop/ Roundtable and Beth will be submitting an article about it for the next AALL Spectrum.

Jennifer Murray announced that the committee had decided to rename the Advanced Legal Research Sourcebook to the Legal Research Sourcebook in order to include a broader selection of materials. The new URL for the Sourcebook is http://www.aallnet.org/members/ legalresearchsourcebook.html.

Jennifer is currently compiling a portion of the Legal Research Sourcebook but is still in need of any legal research course materials that members would like to provide. She is also thinking of how to best package the sourcebook for search capability. The current thought is to create an access database within the current AALL webpage in order to restrict access to AALL members. She needs volunteers with Access experience to assist in the process of transferring the course materials that the committee has collected to a database. The committee was thrilled to have a member of RIPS in attendance who expressed the desire to work with ALL to ensure that the Sourcebook and the Legal Research Teach In materials that they compile annually are better coordinated and open to each group. Several meeting attendees had been to TRIALL before the conference and were also excited to explore whether their materials could somehow be included or referenced in the Sourcebook. The committee's major goal for the year is to increase contributions to the sourcebook so please consider contributing whatever course materials you have.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Sourcebook or the process of submitting materials please feel free to contact Wendy or Jennifer. They are very interested in hearing if there are any specific reasons people have not contributed material in the past.

- Wendy Scott – wescott@law.syr.edu
- Jennifer Murray – jennifer.murray@asu.edu

As I noted above, Wendy was instrumental in developing the Legal Research Committee's Advanced Legal Research Instructors Workshop/ Roundtable in Boston. The workshop was very successful in giving participants an opportunity to discuss their teaching experiences. The attendance was overwhelming particularly given its 7:00 am starting time. Wendy requested assistance in coordinating next year's event in San Antonio, working with the ALL-SIS PR committee to promote the workshop, and, with publicizing other committee activities by preparing articles and reports.

Wendy will also be working with a group of committee members to prepare substantive articles on issues of legal research for the ALL-SIS newsletter.

Everyone at the meeting appeared to be very interested in working with the committee to meet its goals for the upcoming year. I hope that any of you who were not able to attend the conference or the meeting but are interested in assisting Jennifer or Wendy will let them know as soon as possible at the email addresses listed above.

Negotiating with the Bizarre

Sally Wambold, University of Richmond
Law School Library

Amy Hale Janeke, San Diego County Public Law Library, and Sharon Blackburn, Texas Tech University School of Law Library, presented this light, but informative program at the AALL Convention. Ms. Janeke and Ms. Blackburn taught useful lessons in a way that could be easily assimilated.

First they introduced the audience to the Bizarre Reference Pyramid, which shows a progression of bizarre patrons:

Not all there
Unusual Belief
Sane but Stubborn
Sane but Angry
Sane but Misguided

Interspersed with the program were tips or coping strategies. Two strategies for coping with the bizarre are: the over-the-glasses look and keeping the desk between you and him/her. Ms. Janeke also recommended WHY PEOPLE BELIEVE WEIRD THINGS, by Michael Schermer; it's available from Amazon.

Anecdotes were generously presented in this program. One that particularly amused was the story of the patron who wanted to copyright his name so that it couldn't be used on a court document. That way no one could sue him without his permission!!!

The following characteristics help in distinguishing between the sane and the insane:

- Dress (do they wear everything they own or dress morbidly in black?)

- Smell
- Unusual perceptions
- Do they listen when no one is speaking?
- Do their eyes rapidly shift around?
- Do they speak to invisible people?
- Sudden mood swings
- Inappropriate personal questions
- Can't stay on point

The program gave three mental health web sites to consult for information:

- http://pdf.uchc.edu
- http://www.nami.org
- http://www.nmha.org

A full section of the program was also devoted to how to cope with the reference questions of the bizarre. First, treat their questions seriously. Secondly, treat the patron respectfully. Then, clarify their questions. Ask them to tell you more. Tell them, "I'm not sure I understand." If they appear to be sane, analyze their questions; identify resources; ask follow-up questions.

The program presented two negotiation approaches. The first was Dr. Phil or the bottom line. This approach takes less time. Using it, set out no more than three choices to which there will be four possible responses from the user. These responses are

1. "OK."
2. "You're part of the conspiracy."
3. They amuse themselves in the stacks.
4. They escalate.

With this approach, they usually don't come back.

The second approach is the empathetic or validating approach. Establish an emotional connection with the user. This approach takes more time. It leads to more choices. The patron usually leaves calm and usually comes back.

Negotiating with the Bizarre, Cont'd

Two more coping solutions were suggested: one was to treat questions of the bizarre routinely; the other was to tell them the answer is a secret (to be successful with the second suggestion, practice saying the absurd with a straight face is essential).

Ms Janeke and Ms Blackburn presented some reminders: We should never argue about their reality. It's fruitless and they get angry. It is helpful to repeat, repeat, repeat our limitations and our policies. Don't forget to call in a colleague for moral support and/or a diversion. Remember boundaries: there are no inappropriate questions; we must do what is necessary to stay on track.

They gave tips to cope with feelings. You must recognize your feelings: guilt, anger, frustration. You must also realize that you can't help everyone. It is very helpful to recall successes. Finally, look on these experiences as a chance to grow and as the material for GREAT STORIES and email your weird stories to ahale@sdcll.org and sharon.blackburn@ttu.edu. (There was some threat of a reward for stories.) The PowerPoint slides from the presentation are available at www.sdcll.org/presentations/NegBiz/Negotiating%20with%20the%20Bizarre.ppt.

Support for Law Journals Roundtable

Lisa Peters, Chair 2003 - 2004
(Alice Bell, Committee Member 2004 - 2005, & Sarah Sampson)

The discussion was based on participant's questions and concerns. We discussed the training for journal editors and staff, circulation, and policy issues. Two interesting ideas came out for ensuring students came to training: taking the editors to lunch and only granting extended circulation privileges to those who have taken training. It seems like for every school there was a different set of circulation policies. One school gives each article a patron record. At another school, the article editor is responsible for checking out materials for cite checking. One policy issue that came up was whether to do interlibrary loans for cite checking purposes (or have the editors go back to the author). In our discussion of handling ILL for law journals, we learned that many libraries require journal students to visit local libraries to retrieve items before they will initiate an ILL. A few libraries did not require this and were willing to ILL items from a local library. We also learned that some libraries are allotting special space within the library (shelves or offices) to keep items checked out to the journals. Other libraries continue to check materials out to individual carrels. There was some concern raised over the privacy of patron records when libraries attempt to streamline the checkout process for journals. These were just a few of the interesting ideas that were shared.

Marketing Tool for Academics Debuts

Ruth Levor, Associate Director
University of San Diego Legal Research Center

Why does the law school still need a library? Isn't everything the students need for research available online? With questions like these surfacing more and more frequently, it's about time that academic law librarians got on the marketing bandwagon! At last year's Annual Meeting in Seattle, the first meeting of the Academic Law Libraries SIS Marketing Toolkit Task Force was convened by Task Force Chair and AALL Past President Barbara Bintliff, and the members were given their marching orders. Their assignments were to draft boilerplate materials that would support academic law library marketing programs librarians could initiate at their own institutions, depending upon the particular requirements of those libraries and institutions. The goal, according to Bintliff, was to develop a toolkit of "materials that could be used by

Marketing Tool, Cont'd

law librarians around the country to deliver basic, coordinated content to law school administrators and the public, while making it easy to engage in a marketing program customized to their individual libraries' needs."

A year later the "ALL-SIS Marketing Toolkit" envisioned by Bintliff is up and running on the ALL-SIS Web site. It is packed with information on academic law library mission statements, annual reports, user surveys, and statistics. Additional articles address the questions:

- Why do we need academic law librarians?

- Why do we need both print and electronic resources?

- What makes the law library unique?

There are also suggested responses to Frequently Asked Questions such as:

- Hasn't technology saved on staff?

- Hasn't technology saved on space?

- Hasn't technology saved on costs?

Each article in the toolkit is accompanied by an extensive bibliography of library literature, and there is also a bibliography of materials about library marketing in the 21st century.

Whether you work in an academic or non-academic law library or are just interested in law library marketing, you should take a look at the new toolkit, which is available on the ALL-SIS Web site at www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/toolkit/toolkit.html (AALL login required). You are encouraged to download, adopt, and adapt any information that you can use to advocate for your law library. To find strategies for applying the information about academic law libraries in the toolkit to your marketing efforts, refer to ACRL's "Toolkit for Academic and Research Libraries" at www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/academicresearch/academicresearch.htm.

Toolkit authors were Carol Bredemeyer, Kristin Cheney, Virginia Kelsh, Dwight King, Ruth Levor, Susan Lewis-Sommers, and Michelle Wu. Leonette Williams coordinated the work of the bibliographers, all of whom are past or present members of SCALL. The bibliographies were compiled by Pauline S. Afuso, Paul E. Howard, Diana C. Jaque, June Kim, Tobe Liebert, Patrick Meyer, Jennifer Murray, Brian M. Raphael, Renee Y. Rastorfer, Timothy C. VonDulm, John Wilson, and George L. Wrenn.

"Catch the Web" Presentation

Debora Person, George William Hopper Law Library
University of Wyoming College of Law

Have you ever been asked to make a presentation in which you would like to use the internet but organizers could not assure you a connection would be available? Or begun your presentation using the internet to be slowed down so much that the session was not effective? Now there is a variety of internet agent software that allows presenters to capture and store web pages for off-line use. Michael Samson, from the Wayne State University Law Library, explained some of these new methods in *Create Powerful Web Presentations without an Internet Connection*, a fascinating program at the AALL Convention. Michael explained that from a browser, you can visit web pages on the internet, capture them, and save them for use in 'live' presentations without an active Internet connection. All links, graphics, scripting, etc., are preserved so that when an active Internet connection exists, these pages will work exactly the same way their web 'twins' do.

Similar to internet browser bookmarks but much more powerful, you now have the ability to organize your materials into folders and subfolders quickly. Some of the more sophisticated software has keyword and boolean searching capabilities for

"Catch the Web," Cont'd

easy retrieval of information within the saved pages. Each page to be used in a presentation is "grabbed" and saved separately. Pages are easily stored by dragging and dropping or pointing and clicking, with options to save in several formats, on hard drives, CDs, or flash cards. These presentations can then be shared via email, web sites, reports, or run PowerPoint-like kiosk presentations.

Intuitive and powerful, uses for these tools in an academic or business setting are far-reaching. Not only for classroom presentations, the software allows you to travel without a laptop by saving files on portable media (usable from computers with Internet Explorer); archive files to be accessed years from now with the original URL; annotate or highlight files to be exported and shared with colleagues. Live demos of some of these software packages are available at www.aallnet.org/chapter/michall/aall2004/ (files are slow to load).

These internet agent software packages are fairly inexpensive and simple to use, from Internet Explorer, using either the "WebArchive, single file" or the Add Favorites, "Make available offline" option, to more powerful tools like CatchTheWeb ($25.00), Adobe Acrobat, PowerMarks ($17), and Onfolio ($30-$80).

Reflections on the 2004 CALI Conference

Beth Adelman, Head of Public Services
Georgia State University Law Library

I attended my first Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) Conference for Law School Computing in Seattle at the new William Gates Law School. Here are some reflections on the experience from fellow ALL-SIS members.

Ken Hirsch, Director of Computing Services at Duke University Law Library, applauded Mark Folmsbee's Cyberethics session. According to Hirsch, "it generated excellent discussion."

Eric Young, Assistant Director for Information Technology at Northern Kentucky University's Salmon P. Chase College of Law, also had a great experience. "Looking back over the past several CALI conferences, I rank this at the top. The environs were great, the food was awesome, the dinner cruise was a blast, and the programs were useful for both pure techies and tech managers like myself."

Sally Wise, Director of the University of Miami Law Library, also gave overwhelming approval of the conference. "I love the opportunity to meet and talk 'technology shop' with librarians, faculty, administrators, and computing professionals. I came away with so many ideas and insights that I can't wait for the next conference."

My favorite session was Brian Huddleston's program entitled "Graphic Tips and Techniques for CALI Lessons (and other applications)." As exemplified by the high quality of graphics in Huddleston's CALI Lesson, *How To Find Case Law Using the Digests*, he has earned himself the reputation as being a CALI graphics expert. Of course, Huddleston's presentation was technical, but that was expected because of the subject matter covered. Huddleston prepared an excellent handout that I secretly call "Brian's Graphics Bible," available at www2.cali.org/conference/2004/presentations/CALIGraphics.pdf.

ALL-SIS Members overwhelmingly approved the CALI Conference as a worthwhile experience. Chicago-Kent College of Law will be the site of the next CALI Conference. For more information about CALI or the next CALI Conference for Law School Computing to be held June 16-18, 2005, visit CALI's website: www.cali.org.

Trials and Tribulations of a Law Librarian

Jennifer S. Murray, Reference Librarian
Arizona State University Law Library

Note: This is the eighth in what is hoped will be a series of columns about the experiences of those in the academic law librarianship profession - ed.

This column is supposed to talk about my trials and tribulations as an academic law librarian. There hadn't been many trials or tribulations recently though. So the last couple of columns have mostly been about whatever struck my fancy. But the wonderful thing about life is if you wait long enough something goes wrong or, if you're a glass half full person, something goes right.

I recently published an article in Law Library Journal. Hurray for me (which I mean in the manner of Templeton the Rat in the animated movie of Charlotte's Web). And I must admit I was quite pleased with myself. However, if you're worrying that I may have developed an enlarged ego, you'll be relieved to know that my pleasure was short-lived.

In case you blinked and missed my article, it discussed the law librarian job interview. The goal of the article was to arm newer law librarians and those law librarians returning to the job market after a prolonged absence with as much information as possible about the interview process. It sounds innocuous enough, right? But then two things happened.

First, people started reading the article. I understand that such behavior is completely reasonable. If you publish something, people are entitled to read it. I guess I just hadn't thought the publication process through to its logical conclusion. So I was surprised to find newer law librarians not only reading my article but also using the information. Then I began to worry.

Would I be the Pied Piper leading all the newly minted law librarians to drown in the ocean of failure as they followed my advice? Would I single-handedly be the ruination of the future law librarians of America?

The next thing that happened is my library started interviewing for a newly created reference librarian position. In a twist of karmic fate, I was able to see the impact of my article first hand. It never occurred to me that my own creation would be used against me! Each candidate did a great job interviewing. But my colleagues would come out of the interviews wondering how the candidates were coming up with all these questions. I wasn't going to point it out, but, eventually, they did discover that I had included sample interview questions as an appendix to my article. So while the article worked great for the interviewee, the interviewer wasn't as happy about it.

Now you have to understand that I'm your typical perfectionist. I hate making mistakes and am my own worst critic. So I immediately tried to figure out where I had gone wrong. I liked the article I wrote and still thought it had value. I just didn't expect the aftermath. I couldn't help but think that there was some way I could have prevented my worries. What if I had just added one more disclaimer? I finally calmed down and realized that I cannot hold myself responsible for how people use the information I provide. And if the article armed job candidates with a little too much information, I think better they have too much information than too little. However, for my next article I'm envisioning a safer topic like "The Flora and Fauna of Academic Law Libraries."

ALL-SIS Committee Members & Charges, Cont'd

Maxine Grosshans
Nancy Strohmeyer

Charge:

- Prepare a summary of the documents to be found in the archive

- Develop an archives policy for the SIS, which includes the ALL-SIS website

- Begin gathering archival materials

- Monitor changes in AALL's archives policies and procedures

Awards Committee
Members

Board Liaison: Suzanne Thorpe
George Pike, Chair
Jim Miles
Sally Wambold

Charge:

- Solicit nominations for Hicks Award, Publications Award and new ALL-SIS Service Award

- Select recipients for 2005 awards

- Work with Chair for Local Arrangements for ALL-SIS reception to arrange award ceremony event

Bylaws Committee
Members:

Board Liaison: Michael Slinger
Pam Williams, Chair
Judith Morgan
Robert Munro

Charge:

- Review the ALL-SIS Bylaws and recommend any changes to the Executive Board

- Review the SIS Bylaws to insure compliance with AALL's Constitution and Bylaws

CALI Committee
Members:

Board Liaison: Michael Slinger
Nancy Johnson, Chair
Pat Fox, Vice Chair

Brian Huddleston
Sara Kelley
Kit Kreilick
Kris Neidringhaus

Charge:

- Serves as the Advisory Board for the CALI Legal Research Community Authoring Project

- Publicize project

Collection Development Committee
Members:

Board Liaison: Sally Wise
Doug Lind: Co-chair
Connie Lenz: Co-chair
Beth DiFelice
Shaun Esposito
Sandra Klein
Pedro Padilla Rosa
Deborah Jefferies
Helen Wohl
Gary Yessin

Charge:

- Identify and evaluate commonly used tools for selections

- Identify and evaluate tools for collection evaluation

- Identify librarians who make the collection development decisions for their institution

- Other projects that the Committee has identified as useful

- Recommend ways of bringing Collection Development issues to academic law librarians for discussion

- Developing collection development information for the web site

- Recommend methods for maintaining and improving collection development information

CONALL/Mentoring Committee
Members:

Board Liason: Susan Lewis-Somers
Paul Moorman, Co-chair
Marian Parker, Co-chair
Lauren Collins
Melanie Dunshee

ALL-SIS Committee Members & Charges, Cont'd

Elizabeth Goldberg
Gail Hartzell
Julia Jaet
Patricia Kidd
Mila Rush
Erika Wayne

Charge:

- Set up CONALL event for 2005

- Set up mentoring opportunities during 2004-2005

- Work with AALL Mentoring Committee on appropriate activities

- Work with Membership Committee on appropriate activities

- Work with Public Relations on appropriate activities to promote CONALL event and mentoring opportunities

- Develop proposal for grant program for new academic law librarians to attend CONELL

Continuing Status/Tenure Committee Members:

Board Liaison: Michael Slinger
Brian Huddleston, Co-Chair
Patti Monk, Co-chair
James Donovan
Margaret Eggert
Susan Goldner
Richard Humphrey
Billie Jo Kaufman
Julie Lim

Charge:

- Update and publicize web page

- Continue to identify existing policies and posting them on the web page

- Consider adding links to the webpage to other useful materials such as articles on tenure and continuing status for law librarians or other academic librarians

- Consider putting together a "White Paper" of why tenure or continuing status is of value for the librarian and for the institution

- Other projects that the Committee identifies as useful

Directors Breakfast Committee Members:

Board Liaison: Sally Wise
Spencer Simons, Chair

Charge:

- Plan Director's breakfast working with hotel

- Plan Program

Education Committee Members:

Board Liaison: Carole Hinchcliff
Merle Slyhoff, Chair
Debra Denslaw
Sara Hooke-Lee
Robert Mead
Barbara Morgan
Mary Ellen O'Brien
Michelle Riguel

Charge:

- Investigate alternative education resources other than attending AALL annual meetings

- Work with other relevant committees including the Legal Research Committee

Faculty Services Committee Members:

Board Liaison: Suzanne Thorpe
Raquel Ortiz, Co-chair
Janet Katz, Co-chair
Nancy Adams
Marianne Alcorn
Julie Jones
Michelle Kristakis
Sara Sampson

Charge:

- Develop information for ALL-SIS web site

- Survey membership and share results of range of services provided

- Other projects the Committee has identified as useful

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Legal Research Committee
Members:

Board Liaison: Susan Lewis-Somers
Wendy Scott, Chair
Anne Cottongim
Robert Famer
Christine Hepler
Paul Howard
Pat Parker
Rosalie Sanderson
Rhea Ballard-Thrower
Christopher Vallandingham

Charge:

- Identify areas for development and expand legal research information on web site

- Work with Education Task Force

- Identify and work on legal research projects

Legal Research Web Sourcebook
Members:

Board Liaison: Susan Lewis-Somers
Jennifer Murray, Chair
Katherine Hall
Susan Herrick
Virginia McVarish
William Mills
Diane Murley
Lynn Murray
Mary Ann Neary
Gail Partin
Louise Tsang

Charge:

- Make Legal Research Web Sourcebook available.

- Add content to Legal Research Web Sourcebook

Liaisons Committee
Members:

Board Liaison: Sally Wise
ABA Section on Legal Education & Admission to the Bar: Pauline Aranas
Association of American Law Schools - Dick Danner

Charge

- Report to ALL-SIS Executive Board and SIS on the relevant activities of the other organization

Local Arrangements Committee
Members:

Board Liaison: Carole Hinchcliff
Robert Summers, Chair

Charge

- Make arrangements for Tuesday evening ALL-SIS reception

- Make transportation arrangements

- Work with reception sponsor

- Work with Awards Committee to arrange for their event at the reception

- Work with Public Relations Committee to promote Tuesday evening reception

Membership Committee
Members:

Board Liaison:Suzanne Thorpe
Marjorie Crawford, Co-chair
Victoria Williamson, Co-chair
Laura Cadra
Dragomir Cosanici
Mahnaz Moshfegh

Charge

- Establish liaisons to TS-SIS, CDS-SIS and RIPS-SIS

- Work with CONALL/Mentoring Committee on appropriate activities

- Update membership brochure

- Put together a "Welcome Kit" for new members to the SIS and work with AALL Headquarters to identify new members to the SIS

- Work with Headquarters to welcome potential new members to the SIS

- Work with ALL-SIS Newsletter Committee to write short profiles of new members to the ALL-SIS for the ALL-SIS Newsletter

ALL-SIS Committee Members & Charges, Cont'd

- Other projects that the Committee has identified as useful

Middle Managers Breakfast Committee
Members:

Board Liaison: Carole Hinchcliff
Amy Osborne, Chair

Charge:

- Plan Middle Managers Breakfast working with sponsor and hotel

- Plan program for event

Newsletter Committee
Members:

Board Liaison: Carole Hinchcliff
Leah Sandwell-Weiss, Chair
Beth Adelman
Sara Kelley
Deb Person
Colleen Williams

Charge:

- Identify areas to be covered in newsletter

- Create electronic newsletter in pdf format

- Appoint columnists

- Create committee columns (all committee chairs are expected to submit at least one column during the year)

- Other projects that the Committee has identified as useful

Nominations Committee
Members:

Board Liaison:Susan Lewis-Somers
James Duggan, Chair
Margie Axtmann
Tim Coggins

Charge:

- Solicit candidates for 2005-2006 slate

Program Committee - 2005
Members:

Board Liaison: Michael Slinger
Ajaye Bloomestone, Co-chair
Lee Peoples, Co-chair
Emma Cuesta
Ruth Levor
April Schwartz
Eric Young

Charge:

- Solicit program (and workshop) proposals for 2005 Annual meeting

- Work with program coordinators to meet AALL deadlines

- Work with Public Relations Committee to promote programs to membership

Public Relations Committee
Members

Board Liaison: Suzanne Thorpe
Phil Johnson, Chair
Nancy Fritz
Daniel Martin
Linda Sobey
Anna Teller

Charge:

- Set up ALL-SIS table in exhibit area and in CONELL Marketplace

- Work with web administrator to have brochure put up on webpage

- Work with CONALL/Mentoring Committee to promote their work

- Work with Local Arrangements Reception Chair to promote Tuesday evening reception

- Promote ALL-SIS business meeting/breakfast

- Work with Program Committee to promote programs for 2005 Annual Meeting

- Other projects that the Committee has identified as useful

ALL-SIS Committee Members & Charges, Cont'd

Relations with Online Vendors Committee
Members:

Board Liaison: Suzanne Thorpe
Stephanie Davidson: Co-chair
Nancy McMurrer, Co-chair
Kristina Proskus
Carmela Kinslow
Joyce McCray Pearson
Ruth Owopetu
Caitlin Robinson

Charge:

- Monitor CALR vendor issues as they affect academic law libraries

- Work with CRIV

- Plan Roundtable program at the Annual Meeting

- Other projects as the Committee identifies as useful

Statistics Committee
Members:

Board Liaison: Sally Wise
Kim Clarke, Chair
Celeste Feather
Jonathon Franklin
Wendell Johnting
Marguerite Most
Margaret Schilt
Chris Simoni
Barbara Szalkowski

Charge:

- Investigate ABA, ARL and local statistics

- Report findings to appropriate organizations

- Work on proposing understandable definitions for statistics questions

- Work with liaison to Committee on Law Libraries to the ABA Section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar

- Other projects that the Committee has identified as useful

- Submit one column to the ALL-SIS Newsletter which discusses the statistics roles of the ALL-SIS Statistics Committee, and the Committee on Law Libraries of the

ABA Section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar

Support for Law Journals Committee
Members:

Board Liaison: Suzanne Thorpe
Kate McLeod, Chair
Amy Atchison
Alice Bell
Michael Roffer
Robin Schard
Janice Selberg

Charge:

- Develop information for ALL-SIS web site

- Other projects that the Committee has identified as useful

Visiting Librarian Taskforce
Members:

Board Liaison: Michael Slinger
Richard Leiter, Chair

Charge:

- Work with appropriate AALL entities to facilitate visiting librarianships

Website Committee
Members:

Board Liaison: Susan Lewis-Somers
Web Administrator & Co-chair: Diane Murley
Kit Kreilick, Co-chair
David Burch
Donna Gulnac
Kristina Niedringhaus
Leah Sandwell-Weiss

Charge:

- Keep ALL-SIS web site current

- Regularly check for dead links, outdated information

- Develop web content and re-design ideas

- Work with ALL-SIS Committees and ALL-SIS Executive Board to determine new information that should be on the web site

Member News

Awards and Honors

Timothy L. Coggins, Director & Professor of Law at the University of Richmond School of Law Library, is the **2004 recipient of the Frederick Charles Hicks Award for outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship**.

The **2004 recipients of the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section Outstanding Article Award** are **Nancy Carol Carter**, Director & Professor of Law at the University of San Diego School of Law for her article "The Special Case of Alaska: Native Law and Research", 22 Leg. Ref. Servs. Q. 11 (2003), and **Matthew Cordon**, Reference Librarian at Baylor Law Library, for his article "Beyond Mere Competency: Advanced Legal Research in a Practice-Oriented Curriculum," 55 Baylor L. Rev. 1 (2003).

Mary Rumsey, Foreign, Comparative & International Law Librarian, and **April Schwartz**, Business Law Librarian, both of the University of Minnesota Law Library, were **recipients of the AALL/Lexis-Nexis Call for Papers Award** for their article, "Paper v. Electronic Sources for Law Review Cite-Checking: Should Paper be the Gold Standard?"

The Law Library Journal Article of the Year Award was awarded to **Georgia Briscoe**, Associate Director and Head of Technical Services at the University of Colorado Law Library, **Karen Selden**, Catalog Librarian at the University of Colorado Law Library, and Cheryl Rae Nyberg, Reference Librarian at the University of Washington for their article, "The Catalog v. the Home Page? Best Practices in Connecting to Online Resources," 95 Law Libr. J. 151 (2003).

Mark Engsberg, Librarian for Foreign and International Law and Lecturer in Legal Research at Yale Law School's Lillian Goldman Law Library has been selected as the **new editor of the International Journal of Legal Information**, the official publication of the International Association of Law Libraries. His term begins in January 2005. He will be succeeding Malo Bernal of the Law Library of Congress.

Thomas Mills of the Cornell Law Library has accepted the post as **Book Review Editor of the International Journal of Legal Information**, the official publication of the International Association of Law Libraries. His term officially begins in January 2005. He is succeeding Katherine Topulos of the Duke Law Library.

New Hires:

Anne Cottongim has joined the staff of the **Arthur Neef Law Library at Wayne State University** in Detroit, Michigan. She is a Reference and Research Support Librarian. Anne received her MLIS from Wayne State in August, 2003. She had previously received her J.D. from

Thomas Cooley School of Law.

Lauren Collins also joined the staff of the **Arthur Neef Law Library at Wayne State University** in Detroit, Michigan. She is a Reference and Instruction Support Librarian. Lauren received her MIS from the University of Michigan in August, 2003. She had previously received her J.D. from the University of North Carolina.

Paula Tejeda started at **Charleston School of Law** in July as the Associate Director of the Law Library. She left St. Thomas University after 18 years where she was involved in the early years of the St. Thomas University Law Library to come and help us start the library at the Charleston School of Law. The school's first class (close to 200 students) will start in the middle of August.

On August 1, **Vanessa King** joined the **MacMillan Law Library of Emory University School of Law** as Assistant Law Librarian for Reference. She has her JD from the University of Tulsa College of Law and MLS from Clark Atlanta University. In her legal studies, she specialized in law and public policy and in women's studies.

Texas Tech is pleased to welcome two recent additions to their professional staff at **Texas Tech University Law Library** in Lubbock, Texas: **Ms. Teresa Conaway** joined us in April 2004 as Access Services Librarian. Ms. Conaway received her J.D. degree from Dickinson School of Law at Pennsylvania State University and her M.L.S degree from University of Tennessee. Her most current employment was at University of Nebraska College of Law as an Assistant Professor and Reference/Electronic Resources Librarian. At Texas Tech Law, Ms. Conaway will oversee circulation, reserves, interlibrary loan, document delivery and other related areas. She will also provide reference and instruction services, among other duties.

Mr. Andrew Escudé joined **Texas Tech** in March 2004 as Senior Catalog Librarian. Mr. Escudé earned both of his B.A. and M.L.S. degrees from Louisiana State University. He was last employed as Technical Services Coordinator at Dallas County Law Library before coming to Texas Tech University. At Texas Tech Law, Mr. Escudé is responsible for original and complex cataloging and classification in all formats. He also participates in systems management and maintains the bibliographic database, among other responsibilities.

The University of San Diego Legal Research Center is delighted to welcome new Reference Librarian **Judith Lihosit**. Judith is a graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law. She was Executive Editor of the San Diego

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Law Review and a member of the Order of the Coif. After majoring in anthropology at Yale and receiving a Master's in psychological anthropology at UCSD, Judith received a full scholarship to pursue her J.D. at USD. She worked in the Navy's Office of the General Counsel in Washington, D.C., before enrolling in UCLA's Graduate School of Education and Information Studies and obtaining a Master's of Library and Information Science. During the past four years, she worked at the San Diego County Public Law Library, first as a Reference Librarian and then as Assistant Head of Public Services.

Georgia State University College of Law Library is pleased to announce that **Trina Holloway** has joined the library staff as the Acquisitions/Serials Librarian. Trina comes to us from Georgia Institute of Technology, where she was a library assistant in technical services for twelve years. She recently graduated from Clark Atlanta University's School of Library and Information Studies in Atlanta, Georgia. Welcome, Trina!

Sara Kelley joined the **Georgetown University Law Library** staff as a reference librarian on July 1, 2004. Sara comes to us most recently from the University of Maryland in Baltimore, where she held the position of Research Librarian. There she taught "Introduction to Legal Research" and "Advanced Legal Research," maintained various library web pages, and chaired the collection development committee. She has several publications to her credit and is a member of the CALI Legal Research Community Authoring Advisory Panel. Before working at the University of Maryland, Sara was a Research Apprentice at the Microsoft Corporate Library, where she performed legal, business, arts, and humanities research. Sara received her B.A. from the College of William and Mary, her J.D. from the University of South Carolina, and her M.L.I.S. from the University of Washington.

David Hollander just started at the **University of Miami Law Library** as the Reference/Instructional Services Librarian. He just received his Master of Library Science from Pratt Institute, School of Information and Library Science. He graduated from Fordham University School of Law, *cum laude*, and he practiced at Jones Day, New York, New York for approximately three years.

American University's Washington College of Law Library is pleased to announce that **Adeen Postar** and **Sima Mirkin** have joined its faculty. Adeen is Deputy Director and holds the University rank of Associate Law Librarian. Formerly she was Washington Library Manager at Blank Rome, LLP and previously served as Coordinator of External Services for the Edward Bennett Williams Law Library, Georgetown University Law Center. Sima serves as Cataloging Librarian with the University rank of Assis-

tant Law Librarian. She was previously a member of the cataloging team at Georgetown University Law Library.

Cornell Law Library hired **Julie Jones** as a Reference Librarian on July 1st. Julie received her B.A. from University of California at Santa Barbara, her J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law in 1999, and her M.L.I.S. from Dominican University this spring. She attended her first AALL conference this year in Boston, and is now serving on the newly created ALL-SIS Faculty Services Committee.

Promotions

Laurel Wendt, Associate Director of the Southern Illinois University School of Law Library, **has been promoted from associate to full professor**, effective July 1, 2004. She is the author of Illinois Legal Research Manual, 2nd ed., forthcoming from William S. Hein & Co.

William Mitchell College of Law's Warren E. Burger Library has hired **Lindsay Hutchins Matts** as its circulation librarian. Lindsay, who has been a circulation assistant at the library, will graduate from the College of St. Catherine/Dominican University's library science program in August.

Cornell Law Library recently promoted **Pat Court** from Assistant Director for Administration and Public Services to Associate Law Librarian. Pat started at the law library in 1990 as a Reference Librarian. In her new role, she will provide essential services to the library and the Director, Claire Germain, as Prof. Germain begins her duties as Vice President/President-Elect of AALL.

Please send future submissions for the *ALL-SIS Member News Column* to Beth Adelman, eadelman@gsu.edu.

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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 more than 800 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.

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. If you're a member of ALL-SIS, you should be automatically subscribed! To send a message to the list, address the message to all-sis@aallnet.org. Please direct any questions to the forum moderator at owner-all-sis@aallnet.org. For more information, see *ALL-SIS Discussion Group Instructions*, 23 ALL-SIS Newsletter 18 (Summer 2004), available at www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/23_3/Discussiongroup.htm.

ALL-SIS on the Web

ALL-SIS is on the web! Visit the ALL-SIS Home Page at www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/. Electronic versions of *The ALL-SIS Newsletter* are available on our website, as well as other vital information.

Newsletter Information & Deadlines for 2004 - 2005 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 **deadlines** for the issues for the rest of the year are **January 12 & May 18, 2005**. Thank you for your contributions and for your consideration.