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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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2006 - 2007 ALL-SIS Chair

I am pleased to introduce the inaugural election issue of the ALL-SIS Newsletter. Pursuant to an amendment made last year to our Bylaws, this issue publishes candidate biographies and statements. I urge you to watch the ALL-SIS list for postings by Secretary/Treasurer, Linda Ryan. She will inform you about procedures for voting.

Please vote - it is really quick and easy!

The ALL-SIS Nominations Committee has submitted the following slate of candidates to the ALL-SIS Executive Board:

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect:

- Filippa Anzalone, Associate Dean for Library & Computing Services and Professor of Law, Boston College Law Library
- Julia Wentz, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law, Loyola University of Chicago School of Law Library

Member at Large:

- Marianne Alcorn, Head, Reference and Faculty Services, Arizona State University Ross-Blakley Law Library
- Dragomir Cosanici, Head of Reference, Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis

I am grateful to Nominations Committee members Richard Humphrey (Chair), Matt Morrison, Phyllis Marion, and Michelle Finerty for their excellent work in developing this slate and to the nominees for their interest in serving as ALL-SIS officers.

In accordance with Article VI, Section 5 of the ALL-SIS Bylaws, Secretary-Treasurer, Linda Ryan, will prepare and distribute the official ballots to all members of ALL-SIS by April 1. Ballots must be marked and returned to the Secretary by April 25. All candidates shall be notified of the results of election by May 5.

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Filippa Marullo Anzalone Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Candidate

Biography



Filippa Marullo Anzalone has served as Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Library and Computing Services at Boston College Law School since August 2002. Professor Anzalone currently teaches Advanced Legal Research; she has plans

to teach Art Law in Fall 2008. Legal education, higher education management, and law library leadership are of particular interest to her.

Before joining Boston College Law School, Filippa Marullo Anzalone was at Northeastern University School of Law School for almost eleven years. When she left Northeastern University School of Law School Library, Filippa was Professor of Law and Director of Information and Research Services. Professor Anzalone had served as Acting Dean of the Northeastern University Libraries for the 2000/2001 academic year.

Prior to entering academic law librarianship, Filippa Marullo Anzalone was director of the law library at the Boston law firm of Bingham, Dana and Gould (now Bingham McCutcheon). She has also worked as a research librarian at Dike, Bronstein, Roberts, Cushman & Pfund, as a public library administrator at the Cambridge Public Library, and as the head children's librarian in the Medford Public Library. Before her real career in libraries, Professor Anzalone spent time working summers in the Medford Public Library during her undergraduate years. Her other jobs have included working as a counter girl in an Italian bakery, as a nursing home aide, and as a babysitter. Her favorite job (pre-library) was without a doubt, working in the Cara Dona Bakery.

Professor Anzalone has published many articles, book chapters, book reviews and opinion pieces. She is active in the both the Law School and University communities. Most recently, she has served on the Boston College Law School Appointments Committee and Publications Committee. She chaired Boston College's Academic Technology Forum and been a member of the University's Academic Technology Advisory Board. She is past-chair of the AALS Section on Libraries and a member of the AALS Committee on Libraries and Technology. Professor Anzalone has served as a panelist and chaired several programs at recent AALL and AALS conferences and she has participated in numerous ABA and NEASC site evaluations of law schools. She has served as a consultant to a number of law school libraries and she has lectured both in the United States and abroad on leadership and management issues.

Professor Anzalone received an A.B. from Smith College in 1975, a M.S.L.S. from Simmons College Graduate School of Library Science in 1977, and a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School in 1985. She lives in Medford with her husband, Antonio, and her two daughters, Patricia and Lucia.

Personal Statement

I am honored to have been nominated to serve on the ALL-SIS board. If elected (or not), I would like to work with ALL-SIS members on what Linda Ryan has identified as "the marginalization of the academic law library."

We need to make sure that this Section does everything that it possibly can to help law schools

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Julia Wentz Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Candidate

Biography



Julia Wentz is Professor of Law and Director of the Law Library at Loyola University Chicago. Prior to joining Loyola, she held academic law library positions at William Mitchell College of Law, the University of

Marquette University. She practiced law for several years in the health care field, and started her library career in the public schools. She completed her BS degree at Iowa State University and her JD, MA in Library Science and MA in Hospital and Health Administration at the University of Iowa.

Professor Wentz has taught courses in First Year Legal Research, Advanced Legal Research and European Union Legal Research. She has served the Loyola Law School as a member of the Curriculum Committee and the Space Planning Committee. She chaired the law school's response to the university's pandemic response planning initiative.

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understand that short-sighted changes, such as the weakening of law libraries, will ultimately harm our universities and law schools.

As law librarians, we are stewards of an integral piece of our educational institutions. Training and fostering tomorrow's leaders and educating those who will follow in our footsteps is an essential part of our legacy as academic law librarians. I will work collaboratively and I will work hard if you select me as your next ALL-SIS chair-elect.

Professionally, Ms. Wentz has been a member of AALL, MALL, LLAW, and CALL as well as ALA, serving on various committees in each, and on the Board of Directors of CALL. She currently serves as chair of the AJCU Law Library Directors and a member of the AALS Section on Libraries Executive Board.

Personal Statement

ALL-SIS plays a crucial role within AALL. As academic law librarians we work to support the research and teaching needs of our faculties, and to prepare our students to become efficient and effective practitioners. We're teachers and planners and organizers and technology experts. ALL-SIS, through its committees, programs, publications and activities is the place where we can share ideas, teach each other, welcome new members of the profession and work together to ensure the future ability to meet the needs of our constituents.

Marianne Alcorn Member at Large Candidate

Biography



Marianne Alcorn is the Head of Reference and Faculty Services at the Ross-Blakley Law Library, Arizona State University, where she has been since 1981. Prior to that she was a Reference Librarian at the Marian

Gallagher Law Library at the University of Washington. Ms. Alcorn taught legal research in the Center for Executive Development, College of Business at Arizona State University for five years. Ms. Alcorn received her bachelor's degree from the University of Washington and her master's degree in library science from the University of Southern California.

I have spent many of my years as a law librarian involved in my local chapter, AzALL, the Arizona Association of Law Libraries. I've been Chair of the Membership Committee 1983 - 1984, member of the Executive Board 1984 - 1985 and again 2002 - 2003, Chair of the Nominations, Awards & Grants committee 1995 - 1996 and again in 2004 - 2005 and 2005 - 2006, Chair of the Placement Committee in 1996 - 1997, Co-Chair of the Program Committee in 1998 - 1999, and President in 2001 - 2002. During that time I also authored an article for Legal Reference Services Quarterly comparing Pac Ten and Big Ten law libraries, and co-authored the Arizona legal research guide.

With the advent of Tory Trotta as our director, I was able to become more active in AALL. For the Philadelphia annual meeting, I proposed a program for librarians about retirement, and that program tied for first in

attendance that year. I've been on the AALL Placement Committee and participated in the Legal History and Rare Books special interest section. When I heard there was to be a faculty services committee of ALL-SIS, I emailed so often that they finally put me on the committee.

Personal Statement

The nominating call caught me off guard - I thought I'd been nominated to the "Above the Law" online Law Librarian Hotties Contest. After thirty years as a law librarian, this is a true honor.

This past year Margaret Schilt of the University of Chicago and I have been co-chairs of the Faculty Services Committee of ALL-SIS. We had great participation in the listserv I planned with our committee and moderated, "Boundaries in Faculty Services" (there weren't many). As a member of the Executive Committee I'd like to encourage an increase in the use of these discussion forums. I'd like to bring my interest in comparing our services in academic law libraries, and sharing our ideas on improving them to the Executive Board. I will work on the executive board as an active participant, assist the Chair, and hopefully bring some new ideas. My mentor and first boss, Viola Bird, former Associate Director of the law library at the University of Washington, former president of AALL and its oldest member at 101, would say "If it needs to be done, just do it" and would start dusting shelves. That's my philosophy. Of course in the emails she and I still send, she will sometimes say, "Get back to work," and I agree with that too.

Dragomir Cosanici Member at Large Candidate

Biography



Dragomir Cosanici is the Head of Information Services at the Ruth Lilly Law Library, Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis. He holds degrees from Michigan State University (B.A. with honors), the University of Michigan (M.I.L.S.) and the

University of Kansas (J.D.). His work experience includes practicing law in the employment and labor areas, as well as working as a library law specialist for the State Library of Michigan. Dragomir has also worked as a reference law librarian for Hofstra University School of Law and the Michigan State University College of Law.

Dragomir handles most of the foreign and international reference questions that come to the library via the reference desk or through its faculty liaison program. He's fluent in English, Serbo-Croatian, Romanian and has a good working knowledge of the Russian language. Dragomir also teaches U.S. legal research to LLM students enrolled at IU-Indianapolis, Advanced Legal Research as an on-line course, as well as first year law students in the JD program.

His research interests are multiple. He studies the trends of court citations and writes about them. Dragomir enjoys the challenges of attracting new members to the field of law librarianship. Many of his JD students have heard and experienced his enthusiasm for law librarianship.

Statement

Throughout my membership in and service to ALL-SIS I found its effectiveness and responsiveness to member needs important. As a member at Large, I will strive to maintain and improve the high levels of effectiveness and responsiveness.

The high qualities of ALL-SIS products such as the Legal Research Sourcebook, as well as the excellent exchanges of information and tips among librarians across the nation have come in very handy over the years. I have been impressed as a user with the collaboration, making these products and exchanges possible, and as a Member at Large I will continue to market and foster an environment conducive to further exchanges.

It is also important to mention that as a Member at Large I would urge for more opportunities to improve legal literacy standards. Anyone who teaches Advanced Legal Research at the law school level knows the need for improvement in this area. Anyone who works with patrons walking off the street is aware of the needs to further educate. I would support further development of legal literacy standards by ALL-SIS.

As a Member at Large, I would encourage ALL-SIS to attract more new members into the profession and provide them with meaningful connections to stay fresh, excited and satisfied with their careers as law librarians. I support our current efforts but would also encourage the creation of more literature and advertising in areas where there are dual degree programs available (JD and MILS).

I am honored to be nominated for this position and welcome the opportunity to serve as a Member at Large.

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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/newsletter/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 2006 - 2007 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 this year's remaining issue is **May 16, 2007**. Thank you for your contributions and for your consideration.