



# The ALL-SIS Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Michelle Wu  
2007 - 2008 ALL-SIS Chair

Happy New Year! As one year winds to a close and another begins, I would like to take this time to reflect on where we have been and also look to our activities in the months ahead.

This year, our reflections are dominated by memories of two great lights recently lost: Bob Oakley and Don Dunn. They will both be greatly missed, and our sympathies go out to their families, friends, libraries, and law schools. Their legacies will live on in AALL and ALL-SIS, and we will continue to honor them by celebrating their contributions to librarianship and by following their lead in making our profession ever better.

In looking forward, planning for the annual meeting is in full swing. This year, ALL-SIS has made some notable changes in response to sponsorship and timing concerns. This year, we will forgo all vendor sponsorship, in hopes of becoming more self-sufficient and avoiding any appearance of conflict. We have also changed times and/or dates of events to accommodate the tighter schedules of the now condensed annual meeting and to make sponsorship less critical. The changes are as follows: (1) the Middle Managers' Breakfast will turn into a late afternoon substantive forum, to be held on Saturday, and (2) the Business meeting will be combined with the Reception and Awards Ceremony. The first 30

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## Slate for Election of Officers

Carol Bredemeyer, Chair  
ALL-SIS Nominations Committee

The ALL-SIS Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the slate for the annual election of officers. We received many good nominations and thank the following people who have agreed to run:

### For Vice/Chair-Chair/Elect

- Beth Adelman (University of Buffalo)
- Kris Niedringhaus (Phoenix School of Law)

### For Secretary

- Joann Hounshell (Chicago-Kent)
- Sara Sampson (Georgetown)

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## The “Call for Papers” Has Begun!

Joseph L. Gerken, Reference Librarian  
University at Buffalo Law Library

Have you been thinking of writing an article of interest to law librarians? Need a push to get started? Well, here it is.

The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee is soliciting articles in three categories:

- **Open Division:** for active and retired AALL members and law librarians with five or more years of professional experience;
- **New Members Division:** for recent graduates and AALL members who have become law librarians since July 1, 2003;
- **Student Division:** for students in library, information management or law school. Participants in this division need not be members of AALL.

The winner in each division receives \$750 generously donated by LexisNexis plus the opportunity to present the winning paper at a program during the AALL Annual Meeting in Portland! Winning papers are also considered for publication in the Association’s prestigious *Law Library Journal*.

A list of previous winners is available at the Call for Papers web site. This list can give you an idea of the range of topics that law librarians have chosen. The web site also has additional information about the competition, including information on how to submit your entry and an application form. That web site is at: [http://www.aallnet.org/about/award\\_call\\_for\\_papers.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp).

Articles in the Open and New Members Division must be submitted by March 1, 2008.

Articles in the Student Division must be submitted by April 15, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee:

- Chair, Joseph Gerken, [gerken@buffalo.edu](mailto:gerken@buffalo.edu);
- James Donovan, [jdonovan@uga.edu](mailto:jdonovan@uga.edu);
- James Heller, [heller@wm.edu](mailto:heller@wm.edu).

Good luck!

## Academic Law Libraries Experiment with Facebook

Jennifer L. Behrens.  
Duke University Law Library

Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com>) recently announced its new Facebook Pages feature, which allows libraries and other corporate entities to establish a presence on the popular social-networking site. Previously, Facebook had prohibited the creation of institutional profiles, citing a policy against the use of “fake” names for individual accounts.

Since the launch of Facebook Pages in November 2007, several academic law libraries have used the feature to promote their services and resources to students, the largest demographic of the site's 59 million users. As of this writing, the participating libraries are:

- Duke University Law Library: <http://duke.facebook.com/profile.php?id=7739830819>;
- Nova Southeastern University Law Library & Technology Center: <http://nova.facebook.com/profile.php?id=6300758860>;
- University at Buffalo Law Library: <http://buffalo.facebook.com/profile.php?id=9003151019>;
- University of British Columbia (UBC) Law Library: <http://ubc.facebook.com/profile.php?id=6582698414>;
- University of Kentucky Law Library: <http://utk.facebook.com/profile.php?id=19878188104>.

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## It's Never Too Early to Start Planning an Annual Meeting Program

Sara Sampson  
Chair ALL-SIS Programs Committee

Although the 2009 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., is over a year away, it's not too early to begin thinking about program proposals. Proposals will be due shortly after this summer's meeting in Portland.

If you've never submitted a program, check out the program planner's handbook for the Portland meeting at <http://aallnet.org/events/ProgramPlannersHandbook.pdf>. While a new handbook will be written for the 2009 meeting, it will explain the general process.

Not sure where to get a program idea? Try these sources suggested by ALL-SIS members:

- Attend conferences (e.g., AALS, LWI, ASIL) and local chapter meetings. A speaker or program may give you an idea for a program on a similar topic.
- The next time an issue comes up at work that you don't understand or when a problem arises again and again, jot them down. Talk to other librarians to see if they experience the same problems. If so, it might make a good program.
- Check AALL *Annual Meetings: An Annotated Index of the Recordings* to see whether a program presented five or ten years ago could be updated.
- Monitor legal and educational blogs, newsletters (including chapter and SIS newsletters) and other publications. Especially recommended by ALL-SIS members were: Educause (<http://www.educause.edu/>), Information Today (<http://www.infotoday.com/>), ACRLog (<http://acrlblog.org/>), and The Shifted Librarian (<http://theshiftedlibrarian.com/>).

## ALL-SIS Sourcebook for Teaching Legal Research

Cheryl L. Kelly, Member  
Legal Research and Sourcebook Committee

Need a head start on that legal research presentation? Want to inject some new life into your legal research course syllabus? Whether you are a librarian new to legal research instruction or a seasoned veteran looking for new ideas, the ALL-SIS Sourcebook for Teaching Legal Research has resources to help you!

The ALL-SIS Sourcebook for Teaching Legal Research contains nearly 300 documents such as short lectures, elaborate tutorials, in-class exercises, and take-home research problems created and contributed by your colleagues in AALL. Currently the Sourcebook contains materials by Penny Hazelton, James Duggan, Lisa Smith-Butler, Lee Peoples, and many others. The wide range of instructional material available also includes syllabi, handouts, exams, and PowerPoint lectures.

You will not find the Sourcebook on a bookshelf, but for AALL members with an AALLNet password, these materials are just a few keystrokes away. The Legal Research and Sourcebook Committee collects and presents these materials in a user-friendly database for the benefit of AALL members accessible at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/secure/Research/sourcebook.asp>. Members do need to log onto AALLNet in order to access the materials, ensuring that the Sourcebook is password protected and that your students will not find your materials on the open web. Once you are logged in, the Sourcebook database is keyword searchable and browsable by subject, title, and author.

Because the continued success of the Sourcebook depends on contributions from AALL's

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## Five Professional Development New Year's Resolutions for a New Librarian

I-Wei Wang, Reference Librarian

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (Boalt Hall)

Having just finished my first year as an academic law librarian, I decided to take some tried-and-true New Year's resolutions and re-focus them on the theme of professional development.

(1) *Stop procrastinating!* This resolution is perennially the hardest to tackle ("I'll stop procrastinating next year"). My professional development version is to buckle down and focus on publishing. Setting publication goals encourages me explore topics of personal interest while deepening my knowledge of my school's collection and a variety of research tools and resources. To help fight off the tendency to dawdle, I have set concrete, measurable targets. My goals include updating two of my favorite graduate school papers into articles and submitting each to a minimum of three journals by the end of the semester; turning a recently researched topic into a full-fledged pathfinder for submission to at least two publications by the end of the summer; and creating an annotated bibliography based on a legal history topic I recently developed a personal interest in, by the end of the year. And even if I do not wind up publishing these particular pieces, having specific targets that focus on process rather than product should help me develop healthy habits for publishing.

(2) *Help others.* Volunteerism is another popular resolution. As a lawyer, my pro bono practice provided some of my most rewarding professional experiences. In the academic law library setting, service to public patrons (especially self-represented litigants) offers a similar opportunity, but can present a special challenge to new law librarians. Public patrons are not our primary patrons and yet usually require more time and

guidance than students and faculty, may not recognize the limitations on the amount and types of assistance we can provide, and may evoke a deeper sense of pressure (as well as compassion) precisely because their research is motivated not by mere academic interest but by a real-world legal problem. Instead of being intimidated, my "helping" resolution is to be proactive by finding ways to improve service to public patrons. Ideas picked up at last year's annual meeting supplied some starting points, including improving networks with local partners to ensure we provide up-to-date referral information and developing research guides geared towards lay researchers.

(3) *Spend more time with friends and family.* This resolution makes the list for many, and my professional development angle on it is to be more disciplined about leaving the office on time. Not to generalize, but many librarians are slightly compulsive, overachievers, perfectionists, and/or control freaks. Compounding these factors for new librarians is the "new job smell" - the desire to impress (in fact, astound) our new employers, as well as *every single patron we encounter*. Finally, for those of us coming to the profession from the deadline-driven realm of legal practice, the sense of urgency can be hard to shake off. Of course, accuracy, thoroughness and follow-through remain crucial, and there are deadlines, *even in academia*. But academic research is a luxury item of sorts, and there is usually plenty of time to get the job done well without burning the midnight oil. Indeed, the fact there are the occasional instances when a late-night effort is necessary - like when the Death Penalty Clinic brings in a tough research question just two days before their brief is due - only makes it all the more important to enjoy one's down time and avoid burnout.

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## Principles and Core Values Concerning Public Information on Government Web Sites

Karen W. Silber  
2007-2008 AELIC Member

At its March 24, 2007, Executive Board meeting, the American Association of Law Libraries adopted the Principles and Core Values concerning public information on government Web sites developed by AELIC (Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee). AELIC and AALL believe these Principles and Core Values are essential guidelines that all government agencies should follow when developing websites that provide information to their citizens, the legal community and other users. The Principles as adopted by the AALL Executive Board are available at [http://www.aallnet.org/committee/aelic/AELIC\\_Core\\_Values.pdf](http://www.aallnet.org/committee/aelic/AELIC_Core_Values.pdf).

Why is this important to law librarians? Because equitable and permanent public access to legal information is the heart of law librarianship. However, changes in technology and the way legal information is recorded, distributed and authenticated are affecting permanent public access to official government pronouncements of current and past statutes, court decisions, administrative actions, etc. The Principles and Core Values address these issues.

### Accessibility

Information on government Web sites must be accessible to all people without charge. Government Web sites should provide guidance documents issued by the agency. Web site navigation should be intuitive and easy to follow and the information should be easily searchable.

### Reliability

Information on government Web sites must be reliable and trustworthy. Safeguards should be established to protect the integrity and

authenticity of materials published in all formats. Government Web sites must provide users with sufficient information to make assessments about the accuracy and currency of legal information published on the Web site. Persistent URLs (PURLs) should be developed for essential information.

### Official status

If an electronic version of legal information is official, it should be designated as such by statute or rule. A certifying mark on each item must be used to designate official information. If the electronic version of legal information is not official, the government Web site should name the official version and direct the user to the official version.

### Comprehensiveness

Information should be in full text, or instructions should be provided on how to obtain full text.

### Preservation

Government entities must ensure continued access to all their legal information including superseded laws, regulations, and other official rulings. The archives storing or housing the information must be comprehensive, including all supplements. Snapshots of the complete database content should be taken regularly and archived in order to have a permanent record of additions, changes and deletions to the data. Lastly, governments must plan effective methods and procedures to migrate information to new technologies.

Three of the core values AALL identified in its 2005 - 2010 Strategic Directions - the role of the

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## Principles, Cont'd

law librarian in a democratic society, equitable and permanent access to legal information, and continuous improvement in the quality of justice - are reflected in the "Principles and Core Values Concerning Public Information on Government Web Sites." AELIC is committed to these principles and is working hard to establish these core values.

You can help too - read and share information included in AELIC's Authentication Survey; help AALL monitor government Web sites that provide legal information; communicate your discoveries of exemplary Web sites to AELIC; and attend program C-4 "Official But Not Authentic: The Future of Electronic Legal Information" to be held on Sunday, July 13, 2008 during our annual meeting in Portland. We invite you to comment on our draft guidelines for evaluating a legal Web site at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=dyUaYL8sHNbDz5mCOW\\_2fyjQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=dyUaYL8sHNbDz5mCOW_2fyjQ_3d_3d). You can also request from AALL headquarters brochures containing the guidelines which can be distributed at meetings, events, and exhibits.

## Facebook, Cont'd

Facebook Pages are free to create, although registration is required. Non-registered users can view the basic template information (hours, contact information, and an image), but must log in to see the full page and to use most add-on applications (such as blog feeds, chat or instant message services, and video players). Registered Facebook users can also become a "fan" of the library page in order to receive automatic updates about changes to the page (such as posted events).

It's still too early to predict the long-term usefulness of Facebook Pages for academic law libraries. But currently, they are a fun, low-maintenance way to connect with law students who

may not be regularly using the library's own web site. Take a look at the participating pages and join the experiment!

## Resolutions, Cont'd

(4) *Learn something new.* This familiar resolution calls to mind the vow I made after graduating library school to never utter the expression "life-long learner" *ever again*. But even without that annoying catchphrase, how can a new academic law librarian keep up with all the new legal information resources - particularly expanding electronic coverage - emerging every year? Using an unfamiliar research database when a patron is waiting for results can be a daunting and frustrating experience, yet exploring such resources with only hypothetical research needs in mind can wind up a desultory and futile exercise. So my "learning" resolution is to focus on exploring new electronic resources by using them to research and update the publication projects listed above (yes! a twofer!). This strategy provides both a safe environment in which to experiment with unfamiliar products and the motivation of having a "real" research question in mind while exploring and evaluating new information resources.

(5) *Get more exercise.* In place of the traditional "fitness" resolution, my professional development version is to spend more time as roving librarian, setting a goal of walking the stacks at least five times per week and roaming the reading rooms at least ten times per week, with a minimum of ten minutes per outing. It is often all too easy to get stuck at the computer, absorbed in the latest research question (see Resolution No. 3) or new widget (see Resolution No. 4). Getting "out there" into the library is not only physically and mentally refreshing, it offers a good opportunity to explore the collection, get to know the quirks of the building (our building is particularly quirky), and occasionally find a patron "lost" in the stacks.

## Slate, Cont'd

### For At-Large Board Member

- Margaret Schilt (University of Chicago)
- Hugh Treacy (Whittier)

More information on the candidates will be in an upcoming issue of the newsletter. Information on voting in the election will come to you via email.

Thanks to the members of the committee: Laura Cadra, Michele Finerty, Richard Humphrey, Alison Shea, and Colleen Williams and our Board Liaison, Filippa Anzalone.

## On the Nightstand<sup>1</sup>

I-Wei Wang, Reference Librarian  
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Dearest Readers - just to remind<sup>2</sup> you of the format of this feature, in each issue, I'll propose a theme for your suggestions on good reads for academic law librarians (along with my thoughts on the topic), and include a reader response in the next issue.

Kevin Gray, of the LSU Law Center Library, submitted this suggestion for the last topic (If you had to recommend just one book for a prospective law student, what would it be, and why?): "When I come across a 1L who's feeling down, I refer them not to a book, but to a law review article: James D. Gordon III, *How Not to Succeed in Law School*, 100 Yale L.J. 1679 (1991)." I only wish I had seen that before I started law school, Kevin! Now, if only these stressed-out students would relax and listen to their librarians.

So here's a new<sup>3</sup> topic: Books to movies. Last year saw a number of adaptations - from *The Kite Runner* and *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* to *Atonement* and *The Golden Compass* - that have enjoyed varying degrees of commercial and critical success. Have you read something recently that you think should/could [or inevitably will] be made into

a movie? And who would star in and/or direct it?

I just finished *Boomsday*, another frothy romp of a satire by Christopher Buckley (author of *Thank You for Smoking*). It's not exactly a trenchant work of heart-rending magnitude . . . and thus perfect for a movie treatment, right? Kate Hudson would be my choice for the main character, Cassandra Devine - a spunky, angry, and yet oddly idealistic 29-year old "strategic communications" consultant and late-night blogger with a modest proposal for solving the Social Security mess. The harder question is, would it be weird to have Aaron Eckhart play Terry Taylor, the *Boomsday* character who apprenticed under Nick Naylor (Eckhart's character in *Thank You . . .*) - or would it be just weird enough?

What book would you like to see on the big screen? Send your responses to [iwang@law.berkeley.edu](mailto:iwang@law.berkeley.edu) (or just email to tell me to euthanize this column).

1 I'm not giving up yet! Despite a somewhat - shall we say slow? - response to last issue's question, this column will bravely soldier on with the current title, delaying any switchover to its tawdry and attention-grabbing alternative, "One-Night Stand."

2 You know, in case you haven't yet memorized my brilliantly witty inaugural column.

3 Okay, I'm not saying this is an entirely new topic, as if I conceived of it and no one else has ever had a similar concept, I'm just saying it's new to this column. Which is not too hard to do since this is only the second appearance of this feature.

## Sourcebook, Cont'd

membership, the Legal Research and Sourcebook Committee has been focused on promoting the Sourcebook and seeking new contributions to the database. To this end, the committee will soon launch a direct email campaign seeking new contributions from identified individuals who teach legal research. However we welcome contributions year-round. If you teach a legal research course or give legal research instructional presentations, please consider contributing some of your teaching materials. Authors retain copyright in the materials they submit to the Sourcebook, but grant AALL members permission to use them for educational purposes.

Contributing is easy - just take a minute to submit your exercises, lectures, handouts, etc. to Sara Kelley at [sek28@law.georgetown.edu](mailto:sek28@law.georgetown.edu). The Sourcebook Committee prefers electronic submission via email, but will accept materials submitted by other means if necessary. Materials can be submitted in whatever format the document was originally created, e.g., Powerpoint or Word.

Take a look at what the Sourcebook has to offer at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/>.

## Chair, Cont'd

minutes (approximately) of Sunday evening will be spent on business and awards, after which the usual reception will follow. ALL-SIS will provide food in the form of appetizers and desserts, and there will be a cash bar. This Business Meeting, Reception, and Awards event will be held at the headquarters hotel instead of at a local library. The Board will continually assess the value of these changes throughout the annual meeting, and we encourage members to send comments our way.

The annual meeting will also bring an exciting

array of ALL-SIS programming. Our Program Committee, chaired by Sara Sampson, forwarded twenty-nine proposals to the AALL Annual Meeting Program Committee and, of these, nine programs and one workshop were selected for presentation in Portland. In addition, ALL-SIS will sponsor three additional programs recommended by the Committee: (1) Supporting New Faculty - Help them to Energize, Evolve and Explore their Teaching and Scholarship Responsibilities; (2) Evolving Research Instruction: Exploring Law Student Information Literacy to Energize Instructional Programming; and (3) Evolving from Snoozing to Using: Increasing Student-Centered Learning Using Educational Technology. A list of ALL-SIS programming for the 2008 Annual Meeting can be found at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/annualmeeting/2008/programs.htm>.

Our other committees have been equally busy, and I would like to highlight a just a few of their activities. The newly formed Student Services Committee will be surveying the membership early this spring on various student services practices (e.g., services to law journal students). They will collect, analyze, and report on the data as it becomes available, and their website will be designed to serve as a resource for all library personnel working with students. The Statistics Committee has completed its first draft of the supplementary statistics instrument, based on the survey that the committee conducted last year. They are currently field testing the instrument at selected libraries and hope to publish a draft within the year.

Before closing, I would like to ask each of you to think about individuals deserving of our ALL-SIS awards and grants. The deadline for submitting nominations is the end of March, but it is never too early to nominate colleagues for awards.

Wishing you a wonderful new year,  
Michelle M. Wu  
ALL-SIS Chair

## Memorials

### Robert L. Oakley, 1945 - 2007

Darcy Kirk

University of Connecticut School of Law

Robert L. Oakley, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center, died on September 29, 2007. Before becoming director at Georgetown, Bob was associate law librarian at Cornell Law School and the director of the law library and associate professor of law at Boston University School of Law. He received his B.A. and law degrees from Cornell and his library science degree from Syracuse University.

Bob was a leader among academic law librarians. He was at once a strong manager and a visionary. All who encountered him benefited from his wisdom and sage advice. With the coming of technology and digital materials, Bob was a strong spokesperson for libraries with respect to copyright and preservation. As an expert on copyright law, he wrote extensively on the subject. He was also a member of the Section 108 Study Group - a select committee convened by the Library of Congress and charged with updating the Copyright Act for the electronic world. He also represented U.S. library interests on copyright at the World Intellectual Property Organization meetings in Geneva. In 2003, Bob's interest in the importance of preservation led him to conceive and then found the Legal Information Preservation Alliance (LIPA). LIPA's mission is "to provide the leadership, the necessary organizational framework, and the professional commitment necessary to preserve vital paper and electronic legal information [including born digital] by defining objectives, developing and/or adopting appropriate standards and models, creating networks, and fostering financial and political support for long term stability." The majority of

the now nearly 70 LIPA members are academic law libraries.

During his years at Georgetown, Bob led the building of a strong American, foreign and international collection. His collection development ideas and "future thoughts" for law libraries were admired and listened to by many other law librarians. He also mentored and trained many now sitting law library directors. So, his legacy will live on both with those mentees, his present staff and all whom he has influenced.

Bob served on the AALL Executive Board for two terms (1991 - 1994 and 1999 - 2002); during the second term, he served as President from 2000 - 2001. As the long-term AALL Washington Affairs Representative, Bob was a strong supporter and advocate for academic law libraries. He regularly lobbied for law library interests in the U.S. Congress and worked collaboratively with other library associations to increase access to government information and to stress information policy issues.

Bob had many hobbies. From his days at Cornell, he developed an interest in Balkan folk dancing. He was an avid runner until he injured his knees running the Boston marathon the year his son was born. He also had a love for his CB and bemoaned the arrival of the cell phone, which led to the demise of the lively CB culture. He was also a ham radio operator (obtaining his license in his early teens) and talked to people all over the world. He loved to travel. But, most of all, Bob was a caring, thoughtful man who found time to touch many lives and will sorely be missed by many colleagues throughout the AALL family.

## Memorials

### Donald J. Dunn, 1945 - 2008

Pat Newcombe, Associate Director  
Western New England College School of Law Library



Donald J. Dunn, dean and professor of law at Ontario, California-based University of LaVerne College of Law, passed away on January 5, 2008, at his home in Orange County, of complications related to lung cancer. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl, son,

Kevin, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren. He was 62.

It is with deep sadness that this news is shared amongst the law librarian community, where Don made so many contributions. Don was a nationally-recognized law librarian - a most passionate and vocal law librarian. He was a mentor, colleague, and friend to many of us in the law library community and he brought vision and leadership to his dedication to law librarianship and legal education. Don will also be remembered for his kindness, decency, integrity, and gentle humor. His death is a great loss to the law library and legal community nationally.

Don's career spanned over 38 years, beginning at the University of Texas at Austin's Tarlton Law Library in 1969. In 1972, he earned his Master's of Library Science from University of Texas at Austin and became supervising librarian in its Criminal Justice Reference Library. In the summer of 1973, Don was hired as the first law librarian at the Western New England College School of Law, in Springfield, Massachusetts, to assist in its transformation from a state-accredited evening law school to an ABA-accredited and AALS-member law school. From an initial small library in the gymnasium in

temporary quarters on Tinkham Road in Springfield, Don built the library at Western New England College School of Law into a nationally-recognized academic and professional law library, with a large and deep collection and a strong tradition of outstanding service. During his tenure, Don was both a student at the Law School, earning his J.D. in 1983, and also a valued member of the law school faculty, serving as Professor of Law for over 30 years.

For those of us who were lucky enough to work with Don during his tenure as the Library Director, we were rewarded with his keen leadership and vision. He shared his philosophy of service with us in his own actions, where every means and effort was used to provide the faculty and students with the most efficient service possible. Don had a contagious vitality that was at once inspiring and brought out the best in us all. He was an individual who made every one of us feel critical to the mission of the law school. He was most supportive and encouraging of the work of others, cheering us on whether it was for our publishing efforts or earning academic degrees. He was truly proud of his staff and their accomplishments. He rewarded several of us with the opportunity to write chapters in his highly regarded text *Fundamentals of Legal Research*. It was typical of Don to encourage some of us more "junior" law librarians to take on this responsibility.

In 1996, Don was named interim dean, leaving the law library. While we were sad to see him go, he would not be far, and we had great fun for several weeks ringing out the alliteration "Dean Don Dunn" whenever we passed him in the halls. We were as proud of him as he had always been of us. Two years later, Don was appointed Dean of the Western New England College School of Law, making him one of only two law librarians to also serve as a law school

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## Memorials

### Donald J. Dunn, Cont'd

dean. His prior work as a librarian and faculty member, and his experience as an evening law student, informed his deanship and helped guide his actions to strengthen the School of Law. Don was a strong administrator who served effectively and energetically for five years. In 2001 he retired as Dean and returned to the Library as Associate Dean for Library and Information Resources.

Don was a prolific writer over the years, and a recognized scholar, with more than 60 books, articles and papers to his credit. In 2006, the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) honored Don and his mentor and co-author, Roy Mersky of the University of Texas, for their *Fundamentals of Legal Research*, 8th ed., 2002, which was voted one of the most influential texts in legal research over the last 50 years (1957 - 2006) by the AALL's Academic Law Librarians Special Interest Section. This text, published by Foundation Press, is frequently used in both first year and advanced research courses in law schools and can be found in virtually all law library collections.

An active member in the American Bar Association, in 1977 Don began serving as an ABA site evaluator for law schools seeking national accreditation. He served on over 40 site evaluation teams, was the chair of five of these teams and was the sole evaluator for three summer abroad programs: Moscow, Beijing, and Cape Town, South Africa.

Don was a 38-year member of the American Association of Law Librarians and served on over 25 AALL committees and subcommittees contributing to the advancement of law librarianship, legal education, and the legal profession. In addition, he was an active member of the ABA Law Libraries Committee of the Section of Legal Edu-

cation and Admissions to the Bar from 1988-1994 and served as its chair for three of those years.

In 2003, Don and Cheryl moved to Southern California and Don joined the University of LaVerne as dean and professor of law at its College of Law, a position he held until his death. While at LaVerne, Don played a key role in the law school's attainment of provisional accreditation from the ABA in February 2006. While we missed Don here at Western New England College School of Law, he once again made us proud as we watched his new accomplishments from afar.

Don's death is a great loss to our Western New England College School of Law community, where his imprint is visible everywhere. Don's presence here has had a profound and lasting affect. To help us honor and remember Don and to share our memories and thoughts of him, Western New England College School of Law will hold a memorial service at the School of Law in the spring. A scholarship in Don's name, providing financial support for deserving scholars, is one way we plan to continue to keep Don's memory alive. Friends and colleagues wishing to make memorial contributions to the Western New England College School of Law's Donald J. Dunn Endowed Scholarship Fund should direct them to the attention of JoAnne O'Neil, Advancement Division, Western New England College, 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01119. JoAnne may be reached at [joneil0@wnec.edu](mailto:joneil0@wnec.edu).

## Member News

### Events & Awards

**Joel Fishman**, Asst. Director for Lawyer Services, **Duquesne University Center for Legal Information/Allegheny County Law Library**, has received an AALL Wolters Kluwer Law & Business Grant to complete an Index to State Judges' Inductions, Memorials, Etc. from the Official State Court Reports.

**Druet Cameron Klugh** was proud and touched to receive an Improving Our Workplace Award (IOWA) for her actions as a positive role model in the Public Services Department at the **University of Iowa Law Library** (Spring 2007). IOWAs are awarded to individuals and work teams to recognize the variety of efforts that have a beneficial impact on the university work environment. In December 2007, Druet also received her M.S.L.I.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She thoroughly enjoyed the range of content and teachers available in the LEEP distance education program.

**Fred Shapiro's** book, *The Yale Book of Quotations* (Yale University Press) was named a Choice Magazine Outstanding Academic Book for 2007. The YBQ has received extensive publicity including coverage on the Today Show, Nightline, the O'Reilly Factor, CBS Early Show, and many CNN programs, as well as several national NPR shows. Favorable reviews have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Times* (London), and the *New Yorker*, among many others. Approximately 1400 libraries have purchased the book, according to WorldCat, including many law libraries.

### New Positions and Promotions

The **Brooklyn Law School Library** has a new Reference Librarian, **Kathy Wolters**. Kathy received her J.D. from Fordham University's School of Law where she served on the Domestic Violence Advocacy Center (DVAC) and interned both at the Legal Aid Society's Juvenile Rights Division and at the New York Legal Assistance Group's Domestic Violence Clinic. Her most recent position was as a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society's Juvenile Rights Division, representing children in child welfare and delinquency proceedings. Before that, Kathy litigated child welfare proceedings on behalf of the Administration for Children's Services and practiced in New York County Family Court.

**California Western** has had several changes over the past semester. **Carmen Brigandi** has a new job title of Assistant Director for Technical & Administrative Services, **Bill Bookheim's** new title is Assistant Director for Public Services, and **Barbara Glennan's** new title is Assistant Director for Computer & Outreach Services. Also, **Mary Garcia** retired as of July 31, 2007.

Two new Reference Librarians have joined the staff of the **Thomas M. Cooley Law School Library**. **Ruth Stevens, J.D., M.L.S.**, has joined Cooley's staff at its Grand Rapids campus and **Chad Brown, J.D., M.L.S.**, has joined the staff at Cooley's Oakland campus. **Monica Duke, M.L.S.**, has also joined Cooley's Oakland campus as Head of Circulation.

**Catherine Dunn** joined the **Georgetown University Law Library** as a Reference Librarian last August.

**Pam Brannon** has joined the **Georgia State University College of Law Library** as the Reference/Electronic Services Librarian. In addition to providing services to faculty, students, and the public as a member of the public services department, she is in charge of the Library's electronic resources, website, and ILS. Pam is a graduate of the Pratt Institute School of Information and Library Science and the University of Georgia School of Law. Prior to coming to Georgia State, she worked in staff and student positions at several libraries, including the University of Georgia's Alexander Campbell King Law Library and the New York Public Library Research Libraries.

At the **University of Georgia School of Law** three librarians have been promoted: **Anne Burnett** and **James Donovan** to the rank of Librarian IV, and **Sharon Bradley** to the rank of Librarian III. The promotions are effective July 1, 2008.

**Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis** is pleased to announce the appointment of **Susan Boland** to their Head of Information Services position. Susan previously served as the Research & Instructional Services librarian at Northern Illinois University College of Law. Susan earned her M.S. from the University of Illinois and her J.D. from Northern Illinois University. She is a past chair of the CS-SIS and will be presenting the program *Life on a Stick: Traveling Light with Portable Applications* at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

**Michelle Cosby** and **Ryan Valentin** have joined the **University of Kentucky** as Reference Librarians in the College of Law Library.

**Patricia Scott** has been named Assistant Director for Education and Research Services at **Loyola University Chicago Law Library**. Staff members who have assumed new duties include **Carol Klink**, Assistant Director for Technical Services; **Charles Fisher**, Assistant Director for Access Services, and **Fred LeBaron**, Head of Faculty Services and Collection Development. **Kelly Milam** (J.D. Washington & Lee, M.L.I.S. Florida State University) has joined the staff as Reference and Electronic Services Librarian.

**Kineaid C. Brown** was promoted to Head of the Electronic & Systems Services Unit at the **University of Michigan Law**

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Library. He was previously a Reference Librarian and the Webmaster at the Law Library. In addition, **Barb Scanlon** was promoted to Assistant Librarian in the newly created Electronic & Systems Services Unit.

**Phill Johnson** is the new Associate Director of the **UMKC School of Law** Library. He will still retain his other positions as well (Director of Electronic Services and Communications, and Adjunct Professor of Law).

The **University of North Carolina** Law Library is pleased to announce the appointment of **Donna Nixon** to the position of Assistant Director for Public Services where she will supervise services to patrons, including access services, interlibrary loan services and the activities and services of the reference librarians. Additionally, she will participate in library management through the library's management team. Donna earned her J.D. from Stanford University and her M.L.S. from UNC's School of Information and Library Studies. Donna comes home to UNC from the Duke Law Library where she has served as Head of Reference since 2004. Prior to her appointment at Duke, Donna worked at UNC Law first as a graduate assistant from 2001 - 2002 and then as a Reference Librarian for several years.

**Deborah Hackerson** is the new Associate Director for Faculty and Public Services at the Schoenecker Law Library at the **University of St. Thomas**.

This past December, **Cindy Guyer** joined the Reference Department at the **University of Southern California** (USC) Law Library as Law Librarian – Research Services. Prior to working at USC, Cindy worked as a legal writer and editor for the legal newspaper *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. She has also practiced law in both the private and public sectors.

**Texas Tech Law Library** has made another addition to its Librarian ranks. **Aperna Sherman** joined the library on October 1 as the new Reference and Electronic Services Librarian. She received her J.D. from Roger Williams School of Law and her M.L.S. from UNC-Chapel Hill.

The **University of Tulsa College of Law** Mabee Legal Information Center welcomes its new Technical Services Librarian, **Richard Todd**. Richard is new to law libraries, but has been active at the national level with the Special Libraries Association.

**Masako Patrum**, formerly the Technical Services Librarian at Professional Center Library at **Wake Forest University** School of Law, has accepted a position as the Access Services Librarian at **Florida International University** College of Law Library in Miami, Florida beginning August 2007. It is a brand new position as the Law Library is new. The Law School began in 2002 and was fully accredited in 2006. Florida International University is a very diversified and

progressive university and Masako is enjoying being in the middle of it. As constant technology changes are affecting libraries and library profession, changes are part of our lives and progress.

**Grace M. Mills** has left her position as the founding law library director at **Florida A&M Law School** to accept a position as Law Library Director at **Hamline University** School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota.

## Publications

A number of ALL-SIS Members contributed chapters to *Public Services in Law Libraries: Evolution and Innovation in the 21st Century*. The book examines today's changing law libraries and offers unique and practical ways to provide services in a variety of areas, including student services, faculty services, attorney and governmental services, general administrative support, needs surveying, creative marketing, and innovative instructional materials. The book was co-edited by **Barbara Bintliff** and **Lee Peoples**. Authors include: **Kay M. Todd**, **Courtney Selby**, **Roy Balleste**, **Scott Matheson**, **Stephanie Davidson**, **Mark Estes**, **Luis Acosta**, **Anna Cherry**, **Kumar Percy Jayasuriya**, **Frances Brillantine**, **Diane Murley**, **Margaret A. Schilt**, **Jan Novak**, **Leslie Pardo**, **Leah Sandwell-Weiss**, **Anne Klinefelter**, and **Kristin Cheney**. More information is available at: <http://www.haworthpress.com/store/product.asp?sid=K5QMGAKDL80U9G3N51PE2K12PXBX1W7C&sku=6116&AuthType=4>.

**Georgia State University's Ron Wheeler**, Associate Director for Public Services; **Nancy P. Johnson**, Law Librarian & Professor of Law; and **Terrance K. Manion**, Librarian & Director of Information Technology, have published an article entitled *Choosing the Top Candidate: Best Practice in Law Library Hiring*. The article will appear in volume 100 of *Law Library Journal*.

**James Donovan** co-authored an article, with **John Stuart Garth**, entitled *Delimiting the Culture Defense*, which appears at 26 *Quinnipiac Law Review* 109.

**Laurence Seidenberg**, Esq., Reference Librarian, **Syracuse University College of Law** Barclay Law Library recently published a book review of Ronan Deazley's *Rethinking Copyright; History, Theory, Language*, Elgar Publishing 2006, in the Fall 2007 Vol. 35(2), of the **International Journal of Legal Information** (IJLI), the official journal of the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) (<http://www.iall.org/journal.htm>).

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## General Information

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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](mailto:all-sis@aallnet.org). Please direct any questions to the forum moderator at [owner-all-sis@aallnet.org](mailto:owner-all-sis@aallnet.org). For more information, see *ALL-SIS Discussion Group Instructions*, 23 ALL-SIS Newsletter 18 (Summer 2004), available at [http://www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/newsletter/23\\_3/](http://www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/newsletter/23_3/)

[Discussiongroup.htm](http://Discussiongroup.htm).

## ALL-SIS on the Web

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## Newsletter Information & Deadlines for 2007 - 2008 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 **deadline** for this year's remaining issue is **May 14, 2008**. Thank you for your contributions and for your consideration.