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The ALL-SIS Newsletter

Message From the Chair

Lauren Collins

Once again, the ALL-SIS Nominations Committee has provided the membership with a stellar slate of candidates for open ALL-SIS Executive Board positions. The Committee, led by Ed Hart, has submitted the following list of candidates, which has been approved by the board:

For Vice Chair / Chair Elect:

- Michelle Cosby, Senior Reference Librarian, North Carolina Central University School of Law Library
- Jocelyn Kennedy, Associate Law Librarian for Library Services, University of Connecticut School of Law Library

For Secretary-Treasurer:

- Susan David deMaine, Research & Instructional Services Librarian, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law
- Kelly Mahealani Leong, Reference Librarian, Duke University School of Law, J. Michael Goodson Law Library

Thanks to Ed and the rest of the Nominations Committee, Jane Larrington and Donna Nixon.

Information will come from ALL-SIS Secretary-Treasurer, Meg Butler, in the coming weeks with directions for voting so be sure to check My Communities. Recent election numbers have not been optimal, so please spend a few minutes taking advantage of this very important opportunity to vote for your future ALL-SIS leaders.

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Michelle Cosby Vice Chair / Chair Elect Candidate

Biography



Michelle Cosby joined the North Carolina Central University School of Law Library staff as the Faculty Services Librarian in May 2010. In 2012, she assumed the role of Senior Reference Librarian, leading the NCCU Law Library reference department. As the Senior Reference Librarian, Michelle manages the day to day operations of the reference desk includ-

ing scheduling and outreach. Michelle also teaches legal research in the Legal Research & Persuasion and Legal Research & Analysis courses, as well as guest lectures in a variety of law and undergraduate courses. Before joining the NCCU Law Library staff, Michelle was the Information Services Librarian at the University of Miami, where she taught a variety of bibliographic instruction courses. In 2007, she joined the staff of the University of Kentucky College of Law Library as a Reference Librarian, where she provided reference services to patrons and taught a variety of bibliographic courses including Introduction to Legal Research.

Michelle has been active in committee work at the university, regional, and national levels. She previously served as the Chair for the Committee on Relations with Information Vendors and is currently serving on the Executive Board for the Black Caucus of AALL as Vice-Chair. Michelle has also previously served as a member of the ALL-SIS Continuing Status/Tenure Committee and is a current member of the ALL-SIS Collection Development Committee.

Personal Statement

Thank you for considering me for the office of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect for ALL-SIS. ALL-SIS has been a part of my life since I began my career in academic law librarianship. Being a member of ALL-SIS has allowed me opportunities to learn from many colleagues. ALL-SIS fills a vital role in law librarianship by providing an avenue where colleagues can network, share ideas, advocate, and discuss the changing face of academic law librarianship. I would like to continue this tradition in addition to finding new and exciting ways to collaborate with ALL-SIS members. I believe that my experience has prepared me for this task and shows that I would be a strong, accessible leader that is ready to contribute to ALL-SIS in a meaningful manner.

Jocelyn Kennedy

Vice Chair / Chair Elect Candidate

Biography



Jocelyn Kennedy is the Director for Library Services of the University of Connecticut School of Law Library, where she has served for three years. As Director for Library Services she is responsible for the day to day operations of the public services departments (reference and access services) and the technical services departments (cataloging, serials and acquisitions). She is active in collection development planning and teaches 1 and 3 credit courses in advanced research to 2Ls and 3Ls. She is the faculty advisor to the Muslim Law Students Association and is a member of the Education Policy Committee for the law school and a member of the Scholarly Communications Team at the University.

Prior to joining the University of Connecticut School of Law, Jocelyn worked for several years at the University of Michigan Law Library. During her time at Michigan, she served as the faculty services librarian and later as the Head of Circulation & Interlibrary Loan. Jocelyn was a two-time CONELL committee chair (2011 & 2012) and served as a member of the committee for two additional years (2009 & 2010). She participated in the 2011 AALL Management Institute and is a member of the ALL-SIS Newsletter Committee. In addition to her membership in AALL, she is a member of the Law Librarians of New England.

Jocelyn is a graduate of Franklin Pierce Law Center (now UNH School of Law) and the University of Washington (MLIS). Prior to her career in librarianship, Jocelyn clerked at the New Hampshire Superior Court and served for five years as an assistant to a member of the US House of Representatives.

Personal Statement

We are smack in the middle of Generation Flux, a term which was coined by Robert Safian to describe this new world of ours in which innovation and re-imagination are occurring at galactic speed. In academic law libraries alone, we are facing diminished student enrollment, dwindling budgets and shrinking staffs. We are challenged more than ever to approach our role as information curators and educators with creativity and an ability to be at ease in an industry that is experiencing rapid and permanent reconfiguration.

This constant state of flux and redefinition is illustrated by the kinds of questions we are asking each other on the ALL-SIS list – how are you collaborating with or providing services to a multitude of possible constituencies both old (students, faculty and staff) and new (career services, scholarly publications and alumni services)? In other words, we want to know how we are changing, evolving and more importantly, how we are coping with the transformation of our profession.

I find all this flux to be invigorating. ALL-SIS provides a venue for academic librarians to come together and learn from each other as we live this new reality. We can help each other find comfort in insecurity and develop an ever evolving set of skills to respond to our changing environment *right now*. The newer members of our profession are ideally situated to help ALL-SIS and its membership embrace this flux. As vice-chair/chair-elect, I

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Kelly Leong

Secretary/Treasurer Candidate

Biography



Kelly Leong is a Reference Librarian and Lecturing Fellow at the J. Michael Goodson Law Library at Duke University's School of Law. She enjoys the varied responsibilities of her position including reference work, faculty research, supervising library interns, managing an internal current awareness program, collection development, and teaching in the first year curriculum. Kelly joined Duke in March 2010 as a reference intern while pursuing a Masters of Library Science at UNC- Chapel Hill's School of Information and Library Science. In June 2011, she joined the full-time reference staff.

As an active member of law and library associations, Kelly currently sits on the AALL Copyright Committee, the Program Committee of ALL-SIS, and the Scholarship Committee of SEAALL. She has served on the North Carolina Bar Association's Law-Related Education Committee since 2011. She has presented programs at the 2013 AALL Annual Meeting ([iCame, iSaw, iConquered: Our Year with the iPad](#)) and the 2012 SEAALL Annual Meeting ([New Librarians & Student Loan Debt](#)). Since 2011, Kelly has had two publications in the *Law Library Journal* and written for the *ALL-SIS Newsletter* and the *Spectrum Blog*.

Personal Statement

My first experience with ALL-SIS and its members was in 2012 when I was awarded the CONELL grant. The CONELL experience was excellent and I thank ALL-SIS for making it available to me. It is a pleasure to now be nominated for the position of Secretary-Treasurer. The opportunity to work with ALL-SIS committees and the ALL-SIS Executive Board will surely be an enlightening experience.

As a newer law librarian, my experiences and those of my more seasoned colleagues are different. As a member of the ALL-SIS Executive Board, I would like to explore ways to capture those varied and different experiences through meaningful collaboration on projects that preserve and transfer the professional knowledge of academic law librarians. In particular, I would like to encourage collaborative experiences across law library departments where experienced librarians can provide context to the changes that have been made over time in our libraries. I believe these types of collaborations can create productive relationships that lead to new and improved services.

Susan deMaine

Secretary/Treasurer Candidate

Biography



Susan deMaine joined the faculty at Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 2011, first as a visiting professor in the legal writing program and then as Research and Instructional Services Librarian in the Ruth Lilly Law Library. She teaches legal research in the first-

and second-year curricula, works closely with faculty members, facilitates the Faculty Writers' Circle, and coordinates the library's research assistant program. Other projects include co-directing the redesign of the law library's website and managing the implementation of LibGuides.

Beyond the walls of the law school, Susan is currently serving as Secretary/Treasurer to the Library Faculty Council of Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis. She is also a member of the AALL Research & Scholarship Committee, and a regular blogger for RIPS-SIS. She will be attending the AALL Leadership Academy in April 2014. She has presented at AALL, SEAALL, and MAALL conferences and published a book review in the December 2013 issue of *Law Library Journal*.

Susan earned her M.L.S. and J.D. degrees at the University of Kentucky. After finishing law school, she clerked for the Honorable David A. Nelson on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. During the years following, she worked in a variety of roles with two nonprofit organizations specializing in early childhood and elementary education.

Personal Statement

I am excited and honored to be nominated for Secretary-Treasurer of ALL-SIS. While pleased with the work I do in my corner of the profession, I relish the opportunity to serve the profession on a larger scale. Change in legal education, information, and practice is occurring rapidly, and it's an exhilarating time to step into a leadership position among law librarians.

I believe this time of rapid change is an opportunity for law librarians to shine, and ALL-SIS can be instrumental in helping us make the most of it. Our training in information science and our day-to-day use of information management and law-related technologies puts us in the vanguard when it comes to understanding what skills law students need to adapt to new practices and how to teach those skills. Our expertise is valuable to our institutions and could be more widely implemented in the curriculum in areas such as e-discovery, law practice management, and social media. ALL-SIS can help by providing the support and training needed as law librarians apply their skills in changing ways.

As a member of the Executive Board, I will help ALL-SIS support and inspire law librarians as they do the many different tasks that continue to make law libraries (virtual and physical) the laboratories of law schools across the country.

Jocelyn Kennedy (cont'd)

Vice Chair / Chair Elect Candidate

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would work to involve our newer members and give them a better forum and a bigger voice to work with our more established members in bridging the knowledge gap, which runs in both directions.

I would also like to help ALL-SIS build a stronger voice in AALL. Changes in ABA standards, in the legal academy, in legal publishing, and in the expectations of the private law firms continue to come fast and furious. Those of us working in the academic law library setting need the ability to take a strong and active role in guiding our profession through these changes. ALL-SIS must continue to work to provide all of its members with a voice at the table. I will work with all of you to ensure that our voice is heard. Together we can navigate, keep pace with, and lead the changes that stand before us.

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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.

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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 approximately 1200 members and is the 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 en-

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. To read or post to the discussion group go [here](#). If you are not logged into AALLNET, you will have to do so. You can then choose the ALL-SIS Group from the list of eGroups. For more information consult the AALL My Communities Quick Start Users' Guide available at <http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Member-Communities/>

[discuss/mycommunities-qsguide.pdf](#)

ALL-SIS on the Web

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Newsletter Information & Deadlines for 2013 - 2014 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 the June issue is **May 21, 2014**. Thank you for your contributions and for your consideration.