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Message from the Chair

Vote!

ALL-SIS depends on your participation—through volunteering for a committee, posting questions and answers to our list on My Communities and voting in our annual elections. I will admit that, in this very volatile election year, it can be hard to think about heading to the polls—but not when it comes to voting for the Executive Board membership of ALL-SIS. Our candidates are kind, gracious and will be supportive of whomever wins. Plus, we don't hold televised debates—making the entire election process far more pleasurable than our national election process.

This year's slate of candidates for Vice-Chair and for Secretary/Treasurer are fantastic.

For Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect:

- Chris Dykes, reference and research librarian at the University of Houston O'Quinn Law Library
- Caroline L. Osborne, Assistant Dean of Legal Information Services and Professor of Legal Research at Washington and Lee University

For Secretary/Treasurer:

- Matthew Braun, Head of Electronic Resources and Computer Services and Lecturer in Law at the University of Iowa Law Library
- Genevieve Tung, Reference and Circulation Librarian at Rutgers Law School

I hope you will read their profiles carefully and then log in to the [ballot](#) to cast your vote. I know I will.

Warmly,
Jocelyn Kennedy, Chair 

Chris Dykes

Candidate for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Biography

Chris Dykes is a reference and research librarian at the University of Houston O'Quinn Law Library. He received his J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law, an LL.M. in Taxation from Villanova University, and an M.S. in Information Sciences from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. In addition to his duties as a librarian to support the learning and research efforts of the students and faculty, he teaches the tax research course that is offered every fall semester.

Chris has been active in AALL. He has served on the Annual Meeting Grant Awards committee (2012-2015) and currently chairs the inaugural AALL Annual Meeting Grant Awards Jury. He has been involved in ALL-SIS by serving on the ALL-SIS Student Services



Committee (2009-2012, chair, 2011-12). Chris is also active in SWALL by serving on the Programs Committee (2011-2015) and the Grants Committee (2010-present, chair, 2015-present). He has made multiple presentations at SWALL annual meetings ranging from topics on tax research to environmental law research. Chris has also presented at local, regional, and national levels. He has presented on international tax research and net neutrality at AALL, tax and environmental law at SWALL, and tax research at HALL. Chris also has been a regular speaker for the session on apps for lawyer at the O'Quinn Law Library annual CLE workshop since 2012. He has presented on "Finding the Law" for the People's Law School, which is offered to the public by the University of Houston Law Center.

In addition to articles and book reviews, Chris has published two legal research guide books—*Federal*

Income Tax: A Research Guide; International Taxation: A Research Guide—and is co-authoring *Environmental Law: A Research Guide*, to be published later this year.

Personal Statement

When I began my position at the University of Houston Law Center's O'Quinn law library almost ten years ago, I found ALL-SIS to be an indispensable resource. It afforded me with the opportunity to learn from other librarians regarding matters such as legal research instruction, services provided to both faculty and students, creating research guides, and effectively serving patrons at the reference desk. My membership on the ALL-SIS student services committee, which I chaired from 2011-2012, enabled me to connect with and learn from other librarians regarding reference and research support for students and the ways they were able to promote the library's services to law students. ALL-SIS has contributed so much to the development of my career as an academic law librarian. After ten years I feel that it is my turn to serve the SIS which has supported me. I am greatly honored to be nominated for ALL-SIS Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and would consider it to be a privilege to serve if elected.

Academic law libraries have undergone changes and have faced many challenges in recent years. Consequently, ALL-SIS's mission in facilitating the collaboration of law librarians is critical in these changing times. I believe that we will continue to have an essential role to play in connecting our patrons, including students and faculty as well as members of the public who rely on our services, with the resources they need, regardless of the emerging technologies and the formats of sources. I believe that our discussion forums, newsletters, ALL-SIS sponsored programs and activities at the AALL annual meeting are important in providing the tools and connections that we need as a profession to respond to these challenges. One of the ways to meet the challenges would be to engage in projects such as surveying members regarding important issues such as tenure and promotion for librarians. After all we are the best resource for each other. As the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of ALL-SIS, I especially would want members to forge a strong connection with and learn from each other.

Caroline L. Osborne

Candidate for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Biography

Caroline L. Osborne is the Assistant Dean of Legal Information Services and Professor of Legal Research at Washington and Lee University. She teaches First Year Legal Research, Advanced Legal Research, and is the director for the Burks Scholar Program for legal research and writing.

She holds her B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a J.D. degree from the University of Richmond, an LL.M in Taxation from Emory University School of Law, and her M.L.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While in law school she was a member of the *University of Richmond Law Review* and the McNeil Honor Society.

During college, Ms. Osborne worked in the firm library for Petree Stockton and Robinson, now part of Kilpatrick Stockton.

Prior to joining Washington and Lee, Ms. Osborne served as a research librarian and taught legal research at the University of Richmond. Ms. Osborne previously practiced law specializing in corporate finance and real estate transactions, and is licensed to practice in North Carolina, Georgia, and New York. She last practiced at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft in New York.



Ms. Osborne is active in SEAALL where she is the current president elect, and AALL where she is a past chair of the Bylaws Committee and a present and past member of several task forces. She has served on the COSELL Board and is a current member of the board of directors of VA-CLE. She writes and presents on issues regarding legal research, the future of libraries and institutional repositories. Her most recent article is *The State of Legal Research Education: A Survey of First Year Legal Research Programs or 'Why Johnny and Jane Cannot Research'*.

Personal Statement

I am excited and honored to be considered for the ALL-SIS Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect position. A day does not go by that I do not actively learn from my colleagues. It is through AALL and SEAALL that I have developed a strong network of support. It is these colleagues I turn to when I need an answer, want to brainstorm, or simply need to have a sounding board.

The ALL-SIS roundtables are a fountain of information and provide a unique venue to debate, inform, and learn. We all face the challenges of today — scarcity of resources, including time and money — coupled with the need to do more. Creativity and innovation, something ALL-SIS is uniquely suited to support, are the keys to the opportunities available at this unique time. As librarians or information professionals we must focus on our many strengths. We are the information experts and the need for good, reliable information is in greater demand than ever. ALL-SIS provides the venue for debate, the incubator to create, and the forum to provide thoughtful and deliberate support. It would be my honor to work with and lead the ALL-SIS membership.

Matthew Braun

Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer

Biography

Matthew Braun is the Head of Electronic Resources and Computer Services and Lecturer in Law at the University of Iowa Law Library. He is responsible for the selection, patron access, and promotion of the Law Library's electronic resources, and management of the Law Library's Student Computing and Special Services departments. He also provides reference services and teaches in the University of Iowa College of Law's Advanced Legal Research Methods seminars, focusing in the areas of Intellectual Property Law, Regulatory and Administrative Law, and Business and Tax Research.

Before coming to Iowa in 2014, Matt was a Senior Legal Research Specialist at the Law Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., and was a featured instructor in the American Bar Association's Continuing Legal Education series. He was also an adjunct faculty member in The Catholic University of America's Department of Library and Information Science, where he taught the Advanced Legal Research seminar and served on the Law Librarianship Program Advisory Committee. He has also served as the Reference and Intellectual Property Librarian at The George Washington University's Jacob Burns Law Library, and as the Graduate Assistant at the University of North Carolina's Kathrine R. Everett Law Library.



He is the Photography Editor of *MAALL Markings*, the newsletter of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries. He was the Corresponding Secretary for the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C. (LLSDC), the Editor of *Law Library Lights*, LLSDC's professional trade publication, and a Co-Chair of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)'s Council

of Newsletter Editors. His writing has appeared in the *Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution*, *Law Library Journal*, *State Practice Materials: Annotated Bibliographies*, and multiple AALL section publications.

Matt holds a B.S. in Mass Communication from Miami University, a J.D. from The Ohio State University, and an M.S.L.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is licensed to practice law in Ohio.

Personal Statement

One of my distinct joys upon returning to academic law librarianship in 2014, after five years in federal government librarianship, was rejoining ALL-SIS and its superb network of legal information professionals. As a young librarian, I wrote some pieces for the *ALL-SIS Newsletter* and routinely participated in ALL-SIS roundtables on topics such as faculty research and classroom instruction at the AALL Annual Meeting. Now, as a slightly less young librarian, I would like to contribute to ALL-SIS in a more tangible, consistent way, and I see the Secretary/Treasurer position as a great fit for this goal.

I served as the Corresponding Secretary in the Law LLSDC for two years, and perform budget management functions in my current position, so I have confidence that I can well serve the needs and interests of this most key special interest section. My time on the LLSDC executive board also impressed upon me the importance of contributing to an organization above and beyond the call of one's position, and I hope to serve ALL-SIS accordingly.

Indeed, as the landscape of academic law librarianship changes through reorganizations and reemphases, resulting in shifting roles and priorities for library staff, it is important to stay connected to the ideas and experiences of those who address similar challenges and opportunities. Sharing our stories through ALL-SIS events and initiatives, we can become stronger as an academic law library community and further emerge as leaders in 21st century legal education. I would be honored to serve this endeavor as Secretary/Treasurer.

Genevieve Tung

Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer

Biography

Genevieve Tung is a Reference Librarian at the Rutgers Law School in Camden, New Jersey, where she also heads the Circulation department. As part of a single law library with two branches, she works closely with library colleagues across the state to support cross-campus document delivery and access to resources. She is the library's liaison to the Law School's three Camden-based journals and supervises local interlibrary loan services. She provides legal research instruction in the first year curriculum and is a regular guest-lecturer in upper-level courses, including Advanced Legal Research and in the clinical program.

Genevieve is an active member of the Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association (GPLLA), for which she has served as a board member at large since 2013. She also co-chairs the Patron Services committee of the Research Instruction & Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS-SIS). Her writing has been published in the *International Journal of Legal Information* and *Law Library Journal* and she presented in two educational programs at the AALL annual meeting in 2015.

Genevieve received a BA from Barnard College, a JD from Fordham University School of Law, and an MLIS from Drexel University.

Personal Statement

I am honored to have the opportunity to run for the ALL-SIS Secretary/Treasurer position. ALL-SIS was the first AALL community I joined when I began my career in librarianship, and I am perpetually grateful for the experience, know-how, and mutual support that its members offer to the group.

I am firmly convinced that being an academic law librarian is one of the greatest jobs anyone can have. We are able to do wonderful things for our law schools: to train and educate future lawyers, to support legal

scholarship, and to help the institutions we are a part of become stronger beacons of learning and justice. We use our powers for good! And yet the well-known pressures on law schools—lower enrollments, contracting budgets, and the urgent need to equip students for professional success—all impact the library in ways that can reverberate beyond its walls. We are called on to make (and justify) the wisest decisions about collections, technological investments, and improving access in environments of persistent uncertainty. In some cases, the declining number of librarians and staff translates into fewer opportunities to bat around ideas, share new discoveries on the job, or get inspired to take on a new challenge. We need each other more than ever.

This is why ALL-SIS is so important to me and, I believe, to many others. Our collective knowledge helps us realize our individual potential. This group enables us to compare notes, share successes, and learn from one another in the best and most generous traditions of librarianship. I'm grateful to be a part of ALL-SIS and, if elected, would seek to serve all members with dedication.



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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 approximately 1,200 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 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. To read or post to the discussion group go [here](#). (you will have to log in to AALLNET).

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

Visit the ALL-SIS Home Page at <http://www.aallnet.org/sections/all> for other vital information about the special interest section and its activities and resources.

Electronic versions (PDFs) of archived issues the *ALL-SIS Newsletter*, along with an index, are available on the website, under the Popular Resources menu. The *Newsletter* is also available to subscribers via Hein Online.

Deadlines for 2015-2016 Academic Year

Your contributions are what keep the *ALL-SIS Newsletter* going.

Are you working on an interesting special project at your library? Have you recently attended a meeting and learned something new to share? Are you just itching to speak up about an issue relating to academic law librarianship?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please contribute. Electronic formats (attached file or email text) are the most helpful for Newsletter production. Please submit articles and announcements to the *ALL-SIS Newsletter* Editor.

The submission deadline for the Summer issue will be May 20, 2016. Thank you for your contributions and for your consideration.