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Message from the Chair

I am sure most of you are tired of hearing about elections at this point, and just the word 'election' raises your blood pressure a bit. But I promise you, the only stress this election might cause is that you will have difficulty selecting from our slate of very qualified librarians.

Many thanks go to Marlene Harmon, at the University of California - Berkeley, who has served as this year's chair of the Nominations Committee. She was ably supported by Adeen Postar at the University of Baltimore and Shira Megerman at Boston University. The committee worked hard to provide us with an excellent slate. They were very timely with their charge, and presented their nominations slate to the ALL-SIS executive board in January, which was then approved.

This year we are electing a Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and a Board Member-at-Large. **The candidates for Vice Chair/Chair Elect are:**

- Edward T. Hart, Assistant Dean for Law Library and Assistant Professor of Law at the UNT Dallas College of Law
- Anna Lawless-Collins, Associate Director for Systems & Collection Services at the Fineman and Pappas Law Libraries at the Boston University School of Law

The candidates for Board Member-at-Large are:

- Tara Mospan, Reference Librarian at the Ross-Blakley Law Library at Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
- Charles A. Pipins II, Research Librarian at the University of Maryland's Thurgood Marshall Law Library
- Amanda Runyon, Head of Public Services at the University of Michigan Law Library

Please take the time to look over their biographies and statements. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with any of these candidates over the next year.

The life blood of this SIS is the many librarians who offer their skills and time to make ALL-SIS come alive. We rely on these volunteers to lead the SIS into the future. We also rely on you to vote. The entire reason this SIS exists is to support the specialized concerns of academic law librarians like you. We need you to vote, to answer our surveys, and to post your questions, needs and concerns on our discussion board. So please take a few moments to learn more about the candidates and look for an email from our Secretary-Treasurer, Genevieve Tung, who will administer the election.

Thank you!

Prano Amjadi, Chair 

Edward T. Hart

Candidate for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Biography

Edward T. Hart is the Assistant Dean for Law Library and Assistant Professor of Law at the UNT Dallas College of Law. He oversees the services and collections of the college's law library, as well as teaches first year legal research and advanced legal research.

He is a native of Valdosta, Georgia, where he graduated from Valdosta State University with a BA in history, before going on to the New England School of Law. He earned his Master's in Library Science from Simmons College and later an LLM in European Union from Northumbria University (early mid-life crisis). He started his library career while attending NESL where he worked his second and third years of law school as a student assistant and later returned as the Acquisitions and Collections Management Librarian (2000-2005). He moved to the University of Florida where he started as Acquisitions Librarian (2005-2008) before his promotion to Head of Technical Services (2008-2013). While at University of Florida he also taught Advanced Legal Research as an Adjunct Professor of Law.

Hart is the author of the chapter "Technical Services 2.0" in *Law Libraries in Digital Age* and has written several articles published in *International Journal of Legal Information*, *Legal Information Management*, *Journal of Southern Legal History*, and *Spectrum*.

He has been a member of the American Association of Law Libraries since 2000. He was a Fellow of the AALL's Leadership Academy in 2007. He served on several AALL committees: Membership Development Committee, Council of Newsletter Editors (Chair, 2009-2011), Indexing of Legal Periodical Literature (Chair, 2014-15), and currently is a member of the Law Library Publications Award Jury. At the chapter level, he served as the chair of the Government Relations Committee of Law Librarians of New England before his move South. He served as president of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries in 2012-13 and currently is the president of the Dallas Association of Law Libraries. He was able

to bridge his old and new chapters, serving as their local arrangements chair for the 2016 joint meeting of SEAALL-SWALL-DALL in Dallas, Texas. He served as Chair of the Government Documents – Special Interest Section in 2014-15

and for nearly a decade as chair of that SIS's Publication Committee recruiting volunteers, reviewing drafts, and submitting state documents bibliographies published in the Spinelli's Law Library Reference Shelf collection on Heinonline.

In ALL-SIS, Hart served on the Collection Development Committee (2006-07 & 2009-10), Continuing Education Committee (2008-09), and the Nominations Committee (2012-14, including as Chair 2013-14). One of his proudest service efforts during his career was serving as ALL-SIS Secretary-Treasurer of ALL-SIS in 2010-12. year.



Personal Statement

As a servant leader, I have a natural goal of helping my fellow law librarians advance their participation, understanding, and contributions to our profession and in how we serve our law libraries and our parent institutions.

ALL-SIS and its committees and roundtables play a critical role for academic law librarians in these three elements. I recall some of my earliest attendance to ALL-SIS Collection Development Roundtables as the venues where I learned more about collection development policies than I did in library school. It was also the where one kept up to date with trends in

Anna Lawless-Collins

Candidate for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect



Biography

Anna Lawless-Collins is the Associate Director for Systems & Collection Services at the Fineman and Pappas Law Libraries at the Boston University School of Law. She oversees the Collection Services department and serves on the reference desk. Prior to this position, she was the Collection Development Librarian at the Boston University School of Law, an Acquisitions and Collections Assistant at the Northeastern University School of Law, and a reference intern at the Northeastern University School of Law while in library school.

She received her BA from Clark University, her JD from Northeastern University, and her MSLIS from Simmons College. She served a year in AmeriCorps with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles before attending law school, and briefly practiced corporate law before attending library school.

Anna is an active member of ALL-SIS and chaired the Collection Development Committee in 2015-2016. As part of that work she led the roundtable discussion at the AALL Annual Meeting in Chicago. She is an active member of the Law Librarians of New England, where she manages social media for the Communications Committee. As a member of

NELLCO, she serves on the Collection Development Committee and is working on the ALLStAR survey data project. She is currently serving on the Annual Meeting Program Committee for AALL.

Anna has presented on usage statistics in libraries and written blog posts for the Law Librarians of New England blog. She is also a new regular contributor to the Technical Services Law Librarian and the Law Librarians of New England newsletter.

Personal Statement

I am thrilled to be nominated for the ALL-SIS Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect position. I have relied on the collective wisdom and experience of the ALL-SIS membership since the beginning of my career, and it is an honor to be considered to lead this group.

Working in an academic law library is an exciting and challenging job. By now it's a cliché to say that this is a time of change in libraries, but it truly is, and that also makes it an exciting time to be in libraries. We have opportunities to change to meet the needs of our patrons – and when we are doing our jobs well, we are not just meeting their changing needs, we are anticipating their needs and moving ahead of the curve. We are breaking down traditional departmental silos to improve our services and collections and finding new ways to think about the work we do. It is also clichéd to say we need to do more with less; however, that makes it no less true. Many of us face challenges to our space, staff, budgets, and resources while still maintaining excellent levels of service.

As we innovate and improve services and collections with fewer resources at our disposal, the shared knowledge and ideas that come out of ALL-SIS can make all the difference. By surrounding ourselves with smart people, trying new things, and collaborating with each other, we can all help each other. I hope to help ALL-SIS continue to foster this collaborative and inclusive spirit as we move together into the future.

Tara Mospan

Candidate for Member-at-Large

Biography

Tara Mospan is a Reference Librarian at the Ross-Blakley Law Library at Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Tara teaches first-year and upper-level legal research topics, works closely with College of Law faculty, provides student research support, and coordinates the library's 1L orientation program. In addition, she authors content for the library's online research tools and manages its implementation of LibGuides. Tara joined the library staff in 2011 and in 2014 transitioned into the role of reference librarian.

Outside of the law school Tara serves on the Arizona State University Faculty Senate and the Senate Personnel Committee. She is an active member of AALL and her local chapter, the Arizona Association of Law Libraries (AzALL). Tara is the immediate past president of AzALL and has also chaired the association's Nominations, Grants & Awards Committee. In addition, Tara is on the AALL CONELL Committee, and is part of both the RIPS and ALL special interest sections. She has written for the RIPS Law Librarian *Blog*, published in the *ALL-SIS Newsletter*, and has a forthcoming book review in the *Law Library Journal*.



Tara earned her BS from Scripps College, her JD at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, and her MLS from the University of Arizona. She is a member of the State Bar of Arizona. Before law school Tara taught elementary school in Phoenix, Arizona and participated in the AmeriCorps program.

Personal Statement

I'm thrilled to have been nominated for the position of Member-at-Large on the ALL-SIS Executive Board. What a wonderful opportunity to serve academic law librarians, and the profession as a whole.

I have turned to ALL-SIS time and time again in my career for information and support. Indeed, I think that providing a setting for academic law librarians to communicate and collaborate is what ALL-SIS does best. By facilitating dialogue and partnerships, ALL-SIS has long bolstered the sharing of ideas and development of tools for solving problems and innovating in times of change. And change is certainly upon us! I believe that as the purpose, scope, and delivery of legal education is transformed, academic law librarians have an incredible opportunity to demonstrate value and redefine their role in the law school. There are new avenues for engaging with community stakeholders and becoming involved in a broader scope of school activities. To successfully navigate these changes, it is more important than ever to be engaged with such a strong, purposeful group of similarly situated professionals. It would be an honor for me to help lead this group as the ALL-SIS Executive Board Member-at-Large.

Charles A. Pipins II

Candidate for Member-at-Large

Biography

Charles A. Pipins II, also known as C.J., is a Research Librarian at the University of Maryland's Thurgood Marshall Law Library. He teaches Introduction to Legal Research and Advanced Legal Research, assists the library in copyright clearance matters, and serves as the library liaison to the law school's clinics and clinical faculty.

Prior to arriving at the Thurgood Marshall Law Library he was a Reference Librarian at Florida Coastal School of Law for three years. He has an MA in Information Resources and Library Science from the University of Arizona where he was a Law Library Fellow at the Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library. His JD is from New York Law School, and he has a BFA in Musical Theatre from Millikin University.

C.J. is active in many law library associations and is currently the President of the Law Library Association of Maryland (LLAM) as well as a Member-at-Large on the executive board of the Southeastern American Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL). He is currently serving on AALL's Committee on Relations with Information Vendors (CRIV) as well as Co-Chairing the Local Arrangements Committee for the 2018 AALL Annual Meeting in Baltimore. Previously, C.J. spent two years on the AALL Placement Committee, is a past chair of the SR-SIS, has served as a committee chair for RIPS-SIS and SR-SIS, and recently served for two years on ALL-SIS's faculty services committee.

Personal Statement

I am very grateful to be considered for the Member-at-Large position on the ALL-SIS Executive Board. I have been a member of ALL-SIS ever since I secured my first professional law library position, and over the years I have benefitted greatly from the many opportunities ALL-SIS provides. Whether it is excellent networking at a reception, collaborative projects to highlight and describe how we each serve our patrons,

or even an offhand comment in response to a question posted to my communities, the benefits of ALL-SIS membership are abundant.

We each face unique challenges in our libraries due to enrollment changes, budget cuts, or shifting expectations and demands from law school administrations or the ABA. However, I have always been able to rely on my generous ALL-SIS colleagues to share experiences and advice that ease the burden of these challenges. While we may never be able to provide all the answers for the way our members should give up half their library's space while also providing six times the amount of study space per student, we *can* offer a continued dedication to fostering collaboration and a promise to provide venues for members to create and debate. As the next Member-at-Large it would be my pleasure to advocate for the members' interests as we work for all academic law librarians. I am fortunate to be a member of ALL-SIS, and I would be honored to serve you as the 2017-2019 Member-at-Large.



Amanda Runyon

Candidate for Member-at-Large

Biography

Amanda Runyon has been the Head of Public Services at the University of Michigan Law Library since 2014. She oversees the daily operations of all public services functions in the library, including Reference, Faculty Services, Circulation, and Interlibrary Loan. Amanda is also the international law selector for the library.

Amanda joined the University of Michigan Law Library in 2011 as a reference librarian, and worked as a reference librarian at the University of Texas' Tarlton Law Library from 2008-2011. She received an MLIS from the University of Washington, a JD from The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law, and a BBA from Eastern Michigan University.

Amanda is an active member of ALL-SIS. She was the chair of the Strategic Planning committee, chair of the Task Force on Library Marketing and Outreach, vice-chair and member of the ALL-NEW Committee, and member of the Statistics Committee. She is also an active member of AALL committees, currently serving her second term on the Annual Meeting Planning Committee. She previously served as chair and vice-chair of the Law Library Journal and Spectrum Committee. Amanda also serves on the Communications and External Relations Committee of the University of Michigan's Faculty Senate Assembly.



Personal Statement

I am honored to have the opportunity to run for ALL-SIS Member-at-Large. ALL-SIS was one of the first special interest sections that I joined as a new law librarian and I believe that it has an important role in serving all librarians working in academic law libraries.

ALL-SIS is already an incredible resource for academic law librarians in our daily work. As the immediate past-chair of the ALL-SIS Strategic Planning committee, I had the opportunity to have conversations with so many members of ALL-SIS about ways that they feel that ALL-SIS can evolve in order to meet the needs of our members. These conversations inspired me, and I decided to run for Member-at-Large in order to continue this work and these conversations. I believe that we can take what is already an excellent resource and evolve it into something even more inclusive and dynamic, an organization that better supports all academic law librarians.

I believe that we are at a crossroads regarding the status of academic law librarians within our greater profession. In my opinion, ALL-SIS is the natural organization to provide a strong voice for academic law librarians at our respective institutions and also within AALL itself. We have an amazing opportunity in the very near future to shape the role played by academic law librarians in the larger profession of law librarianship. I look forward to working with all of you to make those decisions together.

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collection development during those early days of the migration from print to electronic resources. I clearly recall the roundtable session at the 2001 AALL meeting in Minneapolis learning how law libraries at top ranked research focus universities were dropping print state Shepard's. I ran the numbers for my library and realized the \$30,000 per year savings such cancelations would bring. Of course, that would be just the starting point for the long trend that continues to day.

Such "Aha!" moments, I am sure, have happen at least once for every member of the SIS while attending of our events. Sound leadership and stewardship is needed to guide the SIS and its members in making sure those moments continue. It would be my honor to serve you as ALL-SIS Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and seek to continue to provide these "Aha!" moments that help us grow as professionals.

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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.

ALL-SIS on the Web

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

Digital archives (PDFs) of the *ALL-SIS Newsletter* are available on the ALL-SIS website, under the Popular Resources menu. The *Newsletter* is also available to subscribers via HeinOnline.

Last Deadlines for the 2016-2017 Academic Year

Are you working on a special project? Have you recently attended a professional development activity

and learned something new to share? Are you just eager to speak out about an issue of concern to academic law librarians?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please contribute. Your article ideas and drafts are welcome! Member News announcements may also be submitted directly to the *ALL-SIS Newsletter* Editor.

The submission deadline for the Summer issue will be **May 19, 2017**. We will be seeking reviewers for the educational programming at the 2017 Annual Meeting and Conference for our fall issue, so look out for the call for contributors. And

as always, Thank you for your consideration and for your contributions.

The ALL-SIS Discussion Group

The ALL-SIS discussion group is used for official ALL-SIS announcements, news from AALL, and discussion of topics of interest to section members. To read or post to the discussion group go [here](#). (You will have to log in to AALLNET).

For more information consult the AALL My Communities Quick Start Users' Guide and other help topics available at <http://community.aallnet.org/support>.