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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Sabrina Sondhi
Cornell University Law Library

Greetings, and welcome to the Summer newsletter issue. In order to write this, my last column as Chair of ALL-SIS, I re-read my previous columns from this past year. The pandemic had a great impact on all of us in 2020-21 — our workplaces, our duties, our social networks, our families. But, looking back, we also accomplished a lot related to ALL-SIS. My fellow Executive Board members and I can take credit for a small portion, but the lion’s share of our accomplishments are due to you, our SIS members.

At last summer’s ALL-SIS Business Meeting, I outlined a few goals for my year as Chair. I pledged to continue to review and refine our standing committees, collaborate more with other SISs, create more educational opportunities for our members, and launch our task force for our proposed Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The saying goes, ‘many hands make light work,’ and many people helped me make these goals happen.

As one of the biggest SISs and one with broad scope, we have about twenty standing committees. Two years ago, I was tasked with surveying past committee chairs and formulating recommendations for improving how our committees operated. This past year, I worked with the incoming committee chairs to implement a few of those suggestions. I am happy to say that, a year later, one third of the committees have revised their charges to better reflect their work and their aspirations. Two thirds of the committees created vice-chair positions last fall so there could be continuity in leadership when the chairs’ terms end this summer. There is always more to be done, but I am proud of the start we have made. Thanks go out to all those committee chairs who worked with me and ably led their committees to great accomplishments this past year.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Katie Hanschke
Vanderbilt University
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Welcome to the Summer issue of the *ALL-SIS Newsletter*! The focus of this issue is on the upcoming annual meeting and the ALL-SIS committee reports. Within these reports, you will gain a perspective of the great work being produced by our busy ALL-SIS committees. In this issue, you also will find more information on the ALL-SIS sponsored program, which will be a fascinating look at generational dynamics at work. We are making our annual call for program reviews as well. If you are interested in writing a review on an Annual Meeting program for use by your ALL-SIS colleagues, more information can be found within. Finally, as always, member news will provide you with all the updates you need about your fellow academic law librarians.

As you peruse this *Newsletter*, please remember that we are always looking for content. The *Newsletter* would not exist without interesting submissions from readers like you. We want to hear from you, so if you have any questions, suggestions, ideas or articles you would like to submit, please contact me, the Editor, Katie Hanschke at katie.hanschke@vanderbilt.edu.

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My dual goals of collaborating more with other SISs and creating more learning opportunities for our members were ably met by some of those committee chairs. I want to thank Clanitra Stewart Nejd, Chair of our Legal Research and Sourcebook Committee, and her committee members for their outreach to RIPS-SIS this past year. Their joint webinar *Research Instruction in a Post-Pandemic World* is scheduled for June 24. Our Continuing Education Committee, chaired by Tanya Johnson, created an entire series of webinars this past year focused on how specific issues of equity and inclusion are being recognized and addressed by academic law libraries. If you missed them, the recordings are available.

Speaking of diversity, equity, and inclusion, Michele Villagran did a fantastic job leading our DEI Task Force these past eight months. They have created both a mission statement and a charge for our new Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (JEDI) Committee. Our related attempt to expand our Nominations Committee by means of a Bylaws amendment was also successful. As a result, the committee responsible for recruiting and selecting candidates for the ALL-SIS Executive Board will now consist of five members. Hopefully, with even more professional and social networks to draw off of, the committee will continue to ensure that we have diverse and inclusive ALL-SIS leadership.

So yes, despite the pandemic, we managed to do a few things! I want to take this opportunity to personally thank both Lisa Goodman and Amanda Watson who will be cycling off the Executive Board soon. Honestly, I could not have survived this year as Chair without their steady support and freely offered advice. I am excited to hand the reins of ALL-SIS to my successor as Chair, I Wei Wang. I know she will do a wonderful job, and I hope to help and support her however possible in my upcoming role of Past Chair.

Finally, let me once again thank *you*. The strength of ALL-SIS is its members, and I have never been more appreciative of that fact than I have during this chaotic year. Thank you for allowing me to lead the SIS this past year; I look forward to serving ALL-SIS and the profession in other ways in the future. //

ANNOUNCEMENT: ALL-SIS MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE 2021 AALL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEETING

ALL-SIS Executive Board
Local Arrangements Committee

A ALL has posted a [calendar](#) of business meetings and events that SISs are holding in conjunction with this year's Annual Meeting and Conference, but not all ALL-SIS events have been reflected.

Make sure you don't miss a beat in the coming weeks -

Thursday June 24, 11:30am PT / 2:30pm ET

ALL-SIS & RIPS-SIS Joint Roundtable
Research Instruction in Post-Pandemic World
Register here: <https://vanderbilt.zoom.us/meeting/register/...>

Monday June 28, noon PT / 3pm ET

Middle Managers' Meeting

- With AALL's Annual Meeting quickly approaching, we have scheduled the virtual Middle Manager's Meeting on Monday, June 28 at 12pmPST/3pmEST. If you manage anyone, anybody, or anything, we want you (and encourage you) to attend! The meeting will begin with a panel about the future of libraries, including virtual aspects in a post-pandemic world. We'll then open it up to breakout rooms where you'll be able to talk specifically with each of the panelists about their thoughts and ideas. Individuals can register [here](#)

Thursday July 15, noon PT / 3pm ET

ALL-SIS Reception & Awards Ceremony

- Although we aren't able to get together in person this year, we hope you will attend the virtual ALL-SIS Reception on Thursday, July 15 at 12pmPST/3pmEST. We will celebrate our award winners, give members a chance to connect with one another, and discuss the upcoming AALL virtual annual meeting! Fun and games are included, we promise! Graciously sponsored by Lexis. First 250 registrants will receive a super cool swag box or the cost of the box as a donation to a local Cleveland charity – your choice! Individuals can register [here](#)

Monday July 26, noon PT / 3pm ET

Directors' Meeting

- By invitation only - if you did not see Amanda Runyon's post to the Director's listserv, please contact the [Local Arrangements Committee](#). //

SPOTLIGHT: ALL-SIS SPONSORED PROGRAM

Mountains to Molehills: How Generational Differences Can Actually Bring Us Together

Ajaye Bloomstone,
LSU Law Library

Taryn Marks,
Stanford University Law Library

Ashley Krenelka Chase
Stetson University
College of Law Library

Various generations must interact in today's workplace. The potential for intergenerational clashes can arise over anything from work ethics and rewards, to technology and communication tools, to time off and remote workplaces. Intergenerational disagreements have frequently been exacerbated by the pandemic, remote work, and default to Zoom for in-person interactions. How managers address these issues can powerfully impact our ability to create smooth workplace functions, maintain staff morale, recruit and train professionals, and serve our communities.

Using social science research and building on recent scholarship, this program will explore what makes each generation tick and why generations collide — collisions that oftentimes arise simply because we do not understand the forces and events that form the distinctions among generations. Once understood, we can reduce what may seem like mountains of differences to molehills. Together our presenters and attendees will help each other acknowledge generational differences and bridge those gaps to create stronger working environments and relationships.

This program consists of two parts. The first, a prerecorded component, consists of a panel discussion (part of the conference's on-demand programming) that describes the age ranges, mentalities, values, communication styles, etc. of generations in the workplace today, as well as suggestions from the panelists on communicating between generations. The second part, a live question & answer session with our panelists, is scheduled for Friday, July 23, from 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. CDT. Prior to the Q&A, session, attendees will be asked to review handouts, including case studies, in order to discuss situations, brainstorm trigger points, and identify possible techniques for preventing and resolving conflict. //

"Mountains to Molehills" was proposed by Ajaye Bloomstone (LSU Law Library), Ashley Krenelka Chase (Stetson University College of Law Library), and Taryn Marks (Stanford University Law Library). Our panelists are Taryn and Ashley, along with Miriam Childs (Law Library of Louisiana), Alan Keely (Wake Forest School of Law Library), Miriam Murphy (Ruth Lilly Law Library, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law), and Clanitra Stewart Nejd (Vanderbilt University Law Library).

CALL FOR PROGRAM REVIEWS

Katie Hanschke,
Alyne Queener Massey
Law Library
Vanderbilt University

The ALL-SIS Newsletter is seeking reviewers to report on educational programming at the AALL Virtual Meeting. If you are attending and would like to contribute a program review, please see this [form](#) (open until July 7).

We will try our best to accommodate your choice of program(s) to review, and will let you know by July 12, what session review(s) we would like to receive from you. We typically ask for reviews of 500-700 words in length — enough to assess the strengths and primary takeaways of the program and note useful resources or salient issues highlighted by the speakers, without necessarily summarizing everything that was presented in the session. The deadline for submission of articles will be August 16 and will run in the fall issue, coming out in mid September.

Please see prior fall issues (e.g., [vol. 39, no. 1](#) or [vol. 40, no. 1](#)) for examples of past program reviews. //

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALL-SIS COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES IN 2019-2020

ALL-NEW Academic Law Librarians

Taryn Marks, Robert Crown Law Library/Stanford Law School

Committee members Sara Gras, Patrick Parsons, Lee Little, Bret Christensen, Gail McDonald, Sarah Slinger, and Leslie Ashbrook (vice-chair) viewed this year as a transition year for ALL-NEW. We analyzed the ways in which ALL-NEW has supported, and worked on new ways that ALL-NEW could continue to support, newer academic law librarians, especially virtually. We also worked with the ALL-SIS Membership Committee on possible ways we could collaborate to support all of our members. Finally, we're looking forward to virtually attending the CONELL Marketplace at the July 2021 Annual Meeting!

Awards

Joyce Janto, University of Richmond Law Library

This year's Awards Committee members were Joyce Manna Janto (chair), Sarah Gotschall (vice-chair) Julian Aiken, Matthew Flyntz, Kelly Fischer, Kimberly Mattioli, Joseph Noel, and Stephanie Ziegler. The committee bestowed the following awards:

- **Outstanding Article Award:** Caroline Osborne and Stephanie Miller for their article *The Scholarly Impact Matrix: An Empirical Study of How Multiple Metrics Create an Informed Story of a Scholar's Work* 39 *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 238 (2020). Both Caroline and Stephanie are at the University of West Virginia, George R. Farmer, Jr. Law Library
- **Publication Award:** Ryan Greenwood & Patrick Graybill for their website: "Law and the Struggle for Racial Justice: Selected Materials from the Riesenfeld Rare Books Center." Both Ryan and Patrick are at the University of Minnesota Law Library.

The committee awarded the following grants:

- **AALL Management Academy Grants:** Madeline Cohen, University of Denver School of Law, Westminster Law Library; Nicholas Stump, University of West Virginia, George F. Farmer

Law Library; Lewis Zimmerman, University of Denver School of Law, Westminster Law Library.

There were no applications for either AALL Annual Meeting Grants or the CONELL Grant. This was not surprising considering the low registration fee for the virtual Annual Meeting and the decision by AALL to offer CONELL for free.

In addition to the awards and grants, the committee reviewed the committee's portion of the ALL-SIS website to confirm all needed information was correct and present, revised the criteria for the current awards, proposed changes to the Outstanding Article and Publications awards, the creation of a new award, and revised the committee's charge. All in all the committee had a productive year.

Bluebook

Merle J. Slyhoff, University of Pennsylvania

After much consideration, the Bluebook Committee is recommending it be disbanded. For so many years we have tried to work with the Bluebook's editors and while an individual may have a good rapport with the editor from their institution, when it comes to replies/decisions/information from the group as a whole (and therefore the "official" word from the BB editors), we get nowhere. It is extremely frustrating and demoralizing to have tried for so long and to get nowhere. We therefore recommend the Committee be disbanded.

The Executive Board would like to express its appreciation of the long and dedicated efforts of the committee to meet its charge. The ALL-SIS Bluebook Committee was originally formed as a task force and has evolved over time into a standing committee with representatives from the four schools whose journals publish the Bluebook as well as representatives from law firm and governmental law libraries. We acknowledge that this group has lacked a manageable and focused enough charge to be sustainable as a standing committee, and we are grateful to the committee for taking a realistic look at its work and its charge in coming to this recommendation to disband. The Executive Board will take up the recommendation and any further steps during the coming year.

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Bylaws**Creighton Miller, Washburn University School of Law Library**

In accordance with the committee's charge, members of the 2020-21 ALL-SIS Bylaws Committee undertook a careful review of the existing ALL-SIS Bylaws to ensure compliance with all AALL rules and policies and to identify any typographical errors or inconsistencies in language. The committee uncovered a number of small issues, none substantive, and recommended five technical amendments to the Section's Bylaws. At the direction of the Executive Board, the committee also reviewed and approved an additional, Board-drafted amendment to expand the size of the Nominating Committee.

At the annual SIS election held in April 2021, both the substantive and technical revisions to the Bylaws received the approval of the Section's membership. The committee deeply appreciates the Executive Board's support this year. Our thanks go as well to all who participated in the ALL-SIS election and voted on the Bylaws amendments.

At the request of ALL-SIS President Sabrina Sondhi, the Bylaws Committee also reviewed the committee's charge and recommended two minor changes to its wording. If adopted by the Executive Board, neither change would have a substantive effect on the operation of the committee.

As outgoing Chair, I would like to thank personally the four members of the 2020-21 committee. This was not an easy year for committee service, and precious few people get excited about bylaws in the best of times. But these Bylaws Committee members showed themselves to be dedicated professionals, each happy to help whenever called upon: Tawnya Plumb (Vice Chair), University of Wyoming; Patricia Morgan, University of Florida; Wendy Law, Texas A&M University School of Law; and Kathleen McLeod, Elon School of Law. Thank you all for your efforts.

Collection Development**Casey D. Duncan, University of Alabama**

This year's Collection Development Committee consisted of:

- Casey D. Duncan (Chair), University of Alabama School of Law Library
- Tom Hemstock (Vice-Chair), Albany Law School, Schaffer Law Library
- Susan Azyndar, Notre Dame Law School, Kresge Law Library
- Deanna Barmakian, Harvard Law School Library
- Alissa Black-Dorward, Fordham Law School, Maloney Library
- Tracy Eaton, University of North Texas — Dallas Law Library
- Merle Slyhoff, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, Biddle Law Library
- Travis Spence, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Cracchiolo Library
- Helen Wohl, University of Miami School of Law Library

This year the committee focused on reviewing and updating materials on the committee's AALLnet web page. Specifically, the committee focused on updating the list of Collection Development Policies and the Directory of Collection Development Contacts in Academic Libraries. Work on this updating project continues, and the committee is also exploring ways to ensure an efficient, annual process. Likewise, the committee explored options on circulating an annual survey using the Directory of Collection Development Contacts that will help track relevant collection development topics and trends.

Continuing Education**Tanya Johnson, University of Connecticut School of Law**

This year, the members of the Continuing Education Committee were Jan Bissett, John Cannan, Kristie Chamorro, Joseph Custer, Mark Engsborg, Brian Flaherty, Elliott Hibbler, Tanya Johnson (Chair), Keri Klein, Miriam Murphy, and Robin Schard (Vice Chair). We decided to focus on one theme for the year, so we created Inclusion: Teaching, Terms, and Community, a series of webinars that examined how specific issues of equity and inclusion are being recognized and addressed by academic law libraries. There were three webinars in the series:

- [Let's Talk: A Necessary Conversation about Equity and Inclusion in Remote Instruction](#) (December 8, 2020)
- [A Conversation about Creating Equity and Inclusion in Our Metadata](#) (February 24, 2021)

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- [Collaboration and Outreach: Supporting Community Legal Research](#) (upcoming, June 17, 2021)

Each webinar addressed a different area of academic law librarianship, and included panelists from both within and outside of academic law libraries. Recordings of each, with transcripts, are or will be available on the AALL website. We also created a webinar planning checklist to assist future committees with logistics and timelines.

On the request of the Chair and the Executive Board, we also submitted a revised committee charge to ensure that the language is inclusive and better reflects the actual activities of the committee.

Continuing Status/Tenure

Ashley Krenelka Chase, Stetson University College of Law

The continuing status/tenure committee continued the process of updating the list of schools and status types. We also worked towards drafting a list of librarians willing to perform tenure review for those colleagues who need outside reviewers for their files. The committee noted the importance of this information to be completed and released, given increasing conversations about the caste system in legal academia (and statements by those studying the issue that this data has “never” been available before).

Faculty Services

Jacob Sayward, Cornell Law Library

The 2020-2021 members of the ALL-SIS Faculty Services Committee are Cheryl Booth, Meredith Capps, Sally Irvin, David Isom, Jodi Kruger, Connie Lenz, and Jacob Sayward (Chair). This year the committee worked on (1) compiling notes related to faculty services during the 2020-2021 pandemic from 2020 publications and webinars and publishing these findings on the Faculty Services website [somehow], (2) holding a 4 Topics in 4 Days discussion on the ALL-SIS listserv in lieu of a roundtable (3) updating Section 1 of the Faculty Services Toolkit with added faculty services-related job postings, and (4) updating Section 5 of the Faculty Services Toolkit with added faculty services-related articles.

Legal Research & Sourcebook

Clanitra Stewart Nejd, Alyne Queener Massey Law Library at Vanderbilt University

The members of the 2020-2021 ALL-SIS Legal Research and Sourcebook Committee (“Committee”) are Clanitra Stewart Nejd (Chair), Matthew Flyntz (Vice-Chair), Ashley Ahlbrand, Brian Barnes, Lori Corso, Brent Johnson, and Matt Timko. With the approval of the ALL-SIS Board, the Committee began the process of collaborating with RIPS-SIS to merge the ALL-SIS Sourcebook for Teaching Legal Research with the RIPS-SIS Legal Research Teach-In Kits. This merger will allow ALL-SIS and RIPS-SIS to reduce duplication of effort and focus on the continued development of one joint resource for legal research instruction materials. The merger process will run through the 2021-2022 year under the leadership of incoming Committee Chair Matthew Flyntz.

In addition to beginning the merger process, the Committee is planning a joint virtual roundtable with the RIPS-SIS Research Instruction Committee to be held in June 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Clanitra Nejd

Library Marketing & Outreach

Amy Pearce, University of Wyoming

Members: Amy Pearce (chair), Susan Boland (vice-chair), Jane O’Connell, Ana Toft-Nielsen, Edna Lewis, Cassandra Patterson, Rachel Gordon, Mariana Newman, Malikah Hall.

This year the committee has begun a review of the Marketing & Outreach Toolkit. The toolkit has been an amazing resource for all AALL members for almost 10 years. The review, which continue into next year, will focus on updating the content, plus possibly adding new content, especially material related to the new situations libraries experienced during the pandemic.

Local Arrangements

Sarah Starnes, University of Akron Law Library

This year’s committee members are Katie Brown, Taryn Marks, Amanda Runyon, and Rena Seidler.
We have been tasked with hosting the Director’s

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Meeting, Middle Manager's Meeting, and Reception during the 2021 AALL annual meeting. All three events will be held virtually this year. Although typically held during breakfast, the Middle Manager's Meeting will occur instead on Monday, June 28, at 3pm EST and the Director's Meeting will occur after AALL, on Monday, July 26, at 3pm EST. Last, the ALL-SIS Reception cannot be held during the AALL annual meeting, but will be held just prior on Thursday, July 15, at 3pm EST. Lexis has graciously agreed to sponsor the Reception and we will have swag boxes for the first 250 registrants.

Membership**Judith Simms, Rutgers Law School-Newark**

The 2020-2021 ALL-SIS Membership Committee consisted of Kristin Brandt, Wendy Law, Akram Pari, Seth Quidachay-Swan, Maya Swanes, and Annmarie Zell.

This year, the committee reviewed the Welcome Kit to hopefully jumpstart reaching out to new members by the fall. We reviewed the kit's emails to potential new, new, and former members. Thank you to Kylie Weller, Membership Services Manager, for continuing to help the committee identify these members and to retrieve historical membership data so that we could prioritize our work going forward.

We also met with ALL-NEW to work on ways that we can collaborate in the future on creating materials for newer members of ALL-SIS.

Thank you to all the members of the Membership Committee for their work this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Simms

Newsletter**Katie Hanschke, Alyne Queener Massey Law Library at Vanderbilt University**

The newsletter committee compiled four issues of the *ALL-SIS Newsletter* this year. Members of the committee contribute to the success of the newsletter by providing and suggesting content, submitting running features, such as "Copyright Librarian," "A Law Librarian in the Dark," and "Member

News," editing each issue and writing Annual Meeting program reviews.

This year the committee members took on the additional challenge of editing the fall issue without the Editor. Committee members rose to the occasion, and special thanks is extended to I-Wei Wang for spearheading the effort. On top of compiling the newsletter, she also coordinated, in conjunction with the ALL-SIS Public Relations & Marketing Committee, the posting of Annual Meeting program reviews to the ALL-SIS Blog. This was done as a way to account for the changes to the Annual Meeting schedule.

Thank you to the committee members who have been instrumental in the each issue's success: Benjamin Keele, Dan Brackman, Sarah Gotschall, Yasmin Sokkar Harker, Marlene Harmon, Jocelyn Kennedy, Nina Scholtz and I-Wei Wang. Publishing the ALL-SIS Newsletter would not be possible without the invaluable contributions of the editorial board.

Nominations**Edward Hart, University of South Dakota School of Law**

The 2020-2021 ALL-SIS Nominations Committee members were Edward Hart (Chair), Charles A. Pipins, and Jessica Whytock.

In the fall, the Committee identified possible candidates for the 2021 ALL-SIS election. We sought a diverse slate in terms of race, gender, library role, library type, and geographic location. We looked for candidates committed to our SIS who did not have competing professional service roles in the coming year. We solicited nominations from the ALL-SIS membership, crossing posting the call on other SIS's communities. The result was a list of over ten candidates who the committee reviewed and ordered. Candidates were approached in order of the resulting list to determine willingness to stand for election. Two candidates for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and three candidates for Member-at-Large were passed along to the ALL-SIS Board in January. A successful election was held this Spring.

Public Relations & Marketing**Maryanne Daly-Doran, University of Connecticut School of Law**

This year the Public Relations and Marketing Committee (PRMC) members were Iain Barksdale (Vice Chair); James Britt; Susan deMaine; Maryanne Daly-Doran

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(Chair); Christine Dulac; Sue Kelleher and Sherry Leysen. The PRMC announced several ALL-SIS-sponsored events via the blog page. Our blog page presence continues to be active.

The PRMC committee charge was reviewed to ensure it was inclusive and meets the goal of being anti-racist/colonial. In addition, several recommendations for revisions to the committee charge were submitted to the ALL-SIS Executive Board.

At the request of the ALL-SIS Executive Board, the PRMC has continued the process of conducting a review of the ALL-SIS webpages by monitoring and evaluating content on the ALL-SIS website. This ongoing process has consisted of creating an internal spreadsheet to track when pages were last updated, and to make recommendations for keeping/deleting pages as well as making suggestions for refreshing content, improved organization and greater functionality. The final deliverable will be a report containing such recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryanne Daly-Doran

Research & Scholarship**Anne Klinefelter, University of North Carolina**

Board Liaison: Amanda Tyre Watson; Appointed Members: Anne Klinefelter (Chair), University of North Carolina (2021) Scott Dewey (Vice-Chair), University of Minnesota Law Library (2022) Kathleen Darvil, Brooklyn Law School (2021) Judith Lihosit, University of San Diego Legal Research Center (2021) Nicole Downing, UNC Law Library (2021) Khelani Clay, American University Washington College of Law (2022) Melissa Hyland, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2022) Renu Urvashi Sagreiya (2022).

The ALL-SIS Research and Scholarship Committee met monthly by Zoom September through May, 2021.

The Committee accomplished several projects and developed some plans for the next year's committee to consider.

1. The ALL-SIS Research and Scholarship grant was awarded to Ashley Krenelka Chase for her proposal in support research for and workshopping of her

planned article, *The Parameters of Precedent: The Internet, Bounds and Casey, and the Potential for Criminal Defendants to Have True Access to Justice Under South Dakota v. Wayfair*. This article follows up on her earlier scholarship entitled, *Neutralizing Access to Justice: Criminal Defendants' Access to Justice in a New Neutrality Information World*, 84 MO. L. REV. 323 (2019). Her proposed article will explore the limits of the *Bounds* and *Casey* decisions in light of the technological and societal changes that have occurred since the 1970s and 1990s. Ashley is the Associate Director of the Law Library, Coordinator of Legal Practice Technology, and Instructor in Law at Stetson University, College of Law. Although the committee only received one proposal in response to multiple posts inviting applications from ALL-SIS members, the Chase proposal from was viewed very favorably by the subcommittee chaired by Kathy Darvil and other members Khelani Clay, Scott Dewey, and Anne Klinefelter. In addition, the larger ALL-SIS R&S Committee also voted in favor of this award of \$1630 to Chase for her scholarly project.

2. The R&S Committee also proposed modest procedural changes for selecting the recipient of the ALL-SIS Research and Scholarship Award in the future. This change was approved by the ALL-SIS board, and updates were made to committee records and AALLnet. The new process retains the timeline, detailed criteria, scope of the award, and non-discrimination guidelines, but resolves conflicts in the criteria and a requirement of blind review. The new process drops blind review, requires identification of any conflicts of interest, and incorporates reporting to the ALL-SIS board the R&S committee's justifications for the acceptance or rejection all proposals received.
3. The R&S Committee worked behind the scenes to bring together existing academic law librarian resources to help shape the Yale Symposium on Citation and the Law that was proposed to various stakeholders by the ALL-SIS R&S Committee in 2018-19. So, the work of the ALL-SIS R&S Committee on this event has been several years in the making. The symposium was co-sponsored by the ALL-SIS Research and Scholarship Committee, Legal Reference Services Quarterly, the

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Boulder Conference workshopping team, and the Lillian Goldman Law Library at Yale Law School. The Virtual Symposium was offered free of charge to registrants, and over 500 people participated. Twenty-three authored pieces (two of them co-authored) were presented and discussed at the two-day symposium with active engagement in the chat and in voice Q&A. Fred Shapiro at Yale served as the keynote speaker and anchor scholar presenting *The Most-Cited Legal Scholars Revisited*. All authored papers will be published by Hein in a book in the fall of 2021, and some are also being published by *LRSQ* and other journals including the *University of Chicago Law Review* in the case of Fred Shapiro. The 2020-21 R&S committee was instrumental in bringing the Boulder Conference participants into the mix and in helping with logistics for the event. Kathy Darvil, Scott Dewey, and Judith Lihosit of the current R&S committee participated as lead commenters in the Boulder conference workshopping of the symposium papers. Organizers of the symposium are in talks about a follow-up event in spring of 2023.

4. Two Half-Baked Ideas workshops have been scheduled at the time of this report. Because the response to invitations for proposals was stronger than expected, the one-day event was expanded to two days. The R&S Committee decided to test the waters on this sort of event. The ALL-SIS Half-Baked Ideas workshops were organized by Nicole Downing who created guidelines for engagement, identified award-winning law librarian authors to provide lead feedback to the idea presenters, and moderated the workshops themselves. Scott Dewey was the proposer of this type of workshop for ALL-SIS and provided support with researching past award-winners. The committee chair encouraged the reliance on award-winning authors both to celebrate those past achievements and to help promote interest in the workshop. Follow-up from the first set of discussions was uniformly positive, with presenters reporting their encouragement and responders also providing positive feedback. The committee will continue with the final workshop

on May 18 and likely recommend a continuation of the format for next year, perhaps with some more coordination of timing or other features through conversation with PEGA-SIS counterparts who traditionally host similar workshops in the summer.

5. A proposal for an AALL Annual Meeting program on how to host a series of scholarship workshops was drafted by Nicole Downing and edited by the full R&S committee, but the proposal was rejected by AALL. Next year's committee might consider virtual programming external to the Annual Meeting given the success of various other scholarship-related events this past year that did not rely on traditional association forums.
6. A project to create an index of workshops available for law librarians was not completed after the committee member who had asked to take on this project dropped out of the committee. This project could be useful for next year's committee to take on, perhaps asking counterparts in PEGA-SIS and RIPS-SIS committees to review and add to it or even co-produce it. The Joint Scholarship Committee described in #7 could be a good vehicle for seeking this coordination of work that might benefit all three SIS's and beyond.
7. A meeting of the informal Joint Scholarship Committee with the chair and vice-chair of the ALL-SIS R&S Committee and leaders from PEGA-SIS and RIPS-SIS was held on May 17. The discussion focused on two core topics that will be discussed again before mid-summer. First, the group discussed the need to promote AALL members' scholarship and related contributions on various topics, providing a sort of index to the work or interests of members in a sustainable way. The discussion led to a consensus to propose that AALL expand the searchable profile of members to allow each member to post a limited number of topical interests; highlight a representative handful of publications, posts, or presentations; and even post or link to a CV. In this way, the research and scholarship of members could be used to identify panelists, co-authors, or others simply to consult about an issue. The second topic discussed was the joint hosting of a Research Roundtable in advance of AALL. The group considered the benefits of offering a

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loosely structured virtual gathering with a sampling of experienced authors invited to be available to address what has generally been a gathering of newer aspiring authors.

The 2020-21 ALL-SIS Research and Scholarship committee was a distinct pleasure to lead. I was honored to be part of this productive and positive group and grateful for the trust placed in me as chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Klinefelter

Scholarly Communication**Dan Blackaby, University of Hawaii**

The ALL-SIS Scholarly Communication Committee has made progress on two different projects.

The main one is a LibGuide Based Scholarly Communications Toolkit, which we hope to have ready to share by AALL this summer. Right now, we are in the midst of construction, and will be soliciting content and contributions later in the summer. The other project is still in a nascent stage, but involves scholarly comm workflows.

Statistics**Iantha Haight, Howard W. Hunter Law Library/BYU**

Committee members Iantha Haight, Catherine M. Dunn, Caitlin Hunter, Sara Bensley, Colleen Williams, Dajiang Nie, and Kristen Moore focused on identifying how the committee can better support academic law librarians in gathering and using statistics effectively. We ran a survey for ALL-SIS members in January asking about current practices and challenges surrounding statistics collection and utilization and are grateful to the law librarians who responded. We are currently analyzing the results and will submit a report to ALL-SIS members this summer summarizing what we learned. We plan on using the results to guide our future agenda.

We closely followed the work of the U.S. News Joint Task Force and participated in the information sessions and trainings by that group and ALLSTAR. Upon the release of the new law library metrics by U.S. News and under the leadership of the ALL-SIS Executive Board, we will be hosting a panel discussion about the new metrics and next steps in June.

Student Services**Lei Zhang, The University of Texas School of Law**

The 2020-21 members of the Student Services Committee were Ashley Arrington, Tracy Eaton, Geraldine Kalim, Sarah Kammer (Vice Chair), Edna Lewis, Kimberly Mattioli, Gail McDonald, Jamie Sommer, and Lei Zhang (Chair).

In the Fall 2020 semester, the committee planned and hosted a Zoom town hall discussion focused on offering student services during the COVID-19 restrictions. In the Spring 2021 semester, the committee planned a Roundtable, which, as of this writing, is scheduled to take place around the time of the ALL-SIS Business Meeting instead of during the AALL Annual Meeting.

As a yearlong project, the committee also continued updating the toolkit, building on the great work from the prior year's committee. The committee focused on the section, "Services Offered to Students," by verifying and updating hyperlinks and adding new topics. The proposed new topics include health and wellness resources, institutional archives, and social media outreach. Once finalized, the updated version will be available on the Student Services Toolkit page on the committee's website. The committee also made minor revisions to its charge, which are subject to approval by the ALL-SIS Board.

Taskforce on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**Michele Villagran, San Jose State University, School of Information**

The EDI task force consisted of Tanya Johnson, Raquel Gabriel, Aamir Abdullah, Adi Flory, Trina Robinson, Geraldine Kalim, Dana Neacsu, Elizabeth Schiller, and Michele Villagran (chair). Over the last seven months we have met monthly to focus on two main goals: 1) develop the charge for an ALL-SIS standing committee on diversity, equity, and inclusion; and 2) help to identify opportunities for ALL-SIS to support diversity initiatives in academic law librarianship within the organization and beyond, including within the law school pipeline to the profession. We conducted a survey and interviews with the purpose of collecting input to help meet the above goals and collect input from academic law libraries from February 19 – March 5, respectively. We submitted a final charge to our board liaison on May 14, and have begun work on our final report of our results and recommendations to the ALL-SIS and AALL Boards for submission by July. //

MEMBER NEWS

Marlene Harmon
UC Berkeley Law Library

Nina Scholtz
Cornell University Law Library

NEW HIRES

UNT Dallas College of Law is happy to announce that **Korin Munsterman** joined the college as Director of Legal Educational Technology and Professor of Practice. She will supervise the college's instructional technology services as well as the technology competency requirement our students must achieve as a graduation requirement. Thanks to **Edward Hart** for this news!

PUBLICATIONS

Matt Timko, Academic Technologies and Outreach Services Librarian, Northern Illinois University College of Law, recently won the Chicago Association of Law Libraries Outstanding In House Publication Award for the LibGuide he created on Racial and Social Justice resources at NIU last Fall. Congratulations, Matt!

Genevieve B. Tung has let us know: "I'm thrilled to announce that ALL-SIS members **Nicole P. Dyszlewski** (Head of Reference, Instruction & Engagement at Roger Williams University School of Law), **Raquel J. Gabriel** (Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law, CUNY School of Law), and **Genevieve B. Tung** (Associate Director for Educational Programs, Biddle Law Library, University of Pennsylvania Carey School of Law) with our colleagues Suzy Harrington-Steppen (Associate Director of Pro Bono Programs, Roger Williams University School of Law) and Anna Russell (Librarian in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals) have published a new book, [Integrating Doctrine and Diversity: Equity and Inclusion in the Law School Classroom](#) with Carolina Academic Press.

"Intended as a practical guide for law faculty, this book collects essays from experienced teachers on how to build diversity, social justice, and cultural competency into the law school curriculum, with chapters focused on subjects traditionally taught in the first year (civil procedure, constitutional law, torts, contracts, legal writing, legal research, and property). Each chapter also features an annotated bibliography authored by a law librarian, including our ALL-SIS colleagues **Margaret (Meg) Butler** (Georgia State University College of Law), **Clanitra Stewart Nejd** (Vanderbilt Law School), **Alisha Hennen** (Mitchell Hamline School of Law), **Ana Isabel Delgado Valentin** (Suffolk University School of Law), **Jingwei Zhang** (Rutgers Law School), **Malikah Hall** (Texas A&M University School of Law), and **Anne Rajotte** (University of Connecticut School of Law) as well as Jessica Almeida (University of Massachusetts — Dartmouth School of Law) and Alyssa Thurston (UC Davis School of Law). The chapter on Legal Research features **Shamika Dalton** (University of Tennessee), **Raquel J. Gabriel**, and **Alyson Drake** (Fordham University School of Law).

"We are so proud of this work and were so happy to work with so many law library colleagues and other wonderful contributors. More information will also be available at <https://integratingdoctrineanddiversity.com/>."

Have something to share with your fellow ALL-SIS members? Send your news along to Marlene (mharmon@law.berkeley.edu) or Nina (nes78@cornell.edu) at any time. //

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DEADLINES FOR THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

We rely on member contributions to keep the *ALL-SIS Newsletter* going strong. We welcome your comments, questions, and ideas to help make our quarterly schedule a reality. Are you organizing or presenting at an event of interest to your academic law library colleagues? Is your library working on a special project? Have you recently attended a professional development activity and learned something new to share? Or 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! Member News announcements may also be submitted to the column editors, or directly to the *ALL-SIS Newsletter* Editor.

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.