



**ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIES  
SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION**



## **ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIES SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION (ALL-SIS) 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

The 2021-2022 ALL-SIS Executive Board Members were: I-Wei Wang, Chair; Jane O’Connell, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect; Shira Megerman, Secretary/Treasurer; Benjamin Keele, Member-at- Large; and Sabrina Sondhi, Immediate Past Chair.

The work of ALL-SIS this year included the continuation of multiyear projects initiated in previous terms. One ongoing project has been to implement changes in our committee structures and documentation. Several committees whose charges were revised and approved last year have been implementing the changes by adjusting their procedures and committee information. A group of committee vice chairs have also been working with Immediate Past Chair Sabrina Sondhi to review and update their web pages to make sure committee history and work product, as well as internal procedures and timelines, are maintained and up-to-date. The Board is addressing the archiving of materials from disbanded committees and completed task forces. In particular, we addressed the Awards Committee (clarifications to award categories and criteria), Bluebook Committee (disbanded last year), Legal Research & Sourcebook Committee (formation of joint task force for merger of Sourcebook with RIPS-SIS’s Teach-In Kit), Research & Scholarship Committee (adjustments to grant review process), and Web Committee (disbanded last year). Several committees—including Collection Development, Continuing Status & Tenure, and Student Services—improved our bank of shared community knowledge by surveying and compiling data on various academic law library topics.

Two other committees’ activities highlight ALL-SIS’s renewed commitment to social justice within our profession and organization. A new standing committee dubbed the JEDI Committee—with a charge focused on justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion, developed by last year’s Diversity & Inclusion Task Force—was able to spin up their committee structure and tackle a foundational year; a portion of the ALL-SIS reception at the Annual Meeting focused on JEDI’s work and plans for the future, including collecting input from section members. In another small step towards supporting diversity and inclusion in our section, ALL-SIS’s expanded Nomination Committee (with broader membership instituted by a Bylaws change approved last year) worked creatively and successfully to recruit a great slate of candidates for section offices.

Another growing undertaking has been to expand ALL-SIS’s offerings of virtual programming for professional development outside of the annual meeting and conference. The Continuing Education Committee, chaired by Robin Schard, Associate Director at University of Miami School of Law Library, organized three virtual panel discussion events: “Digital Accessibility: Best Practices and Considerations



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for Law Libraries” (in March), “Hybrid Legal Research Instruction” (in April), and “Teaching E-Discovery” (in May). The Faculty Services, Research & Scholarship, and Student Services committees also ran several virtual programming events over the course of the year.

The Local Arrangements Committee, Awards Committee, JEDI Committee, and Legal Research & Sourcebook Committee worked with the Board to plan events for the AALL Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. Special thanks are due to the Local Arrangements Committee, co-chaired by Karen Selden, Temporary Metadata Librarian at University of Colorado William A. Wise Law Library, and Ann Long, formerly of Lincoln Memorial University and now moving on to the Nevada Supreme Court. The nimble, tireless, and creative work of this committee helped bridge the gaps left by two consecutive years of pandemic-related virtual conferences, and will pave a way for our section’s future conference planning process. Our return to the in-person format for the Annual Meeting gives us the opportunity to learn and grow professionally, reconnect with colleagues, and celebrate some hard-won achievements.

In educational programming, the section-sponsored session (nominated by the Programs Committee), was “The Troubling Exclusion of Tribal Governments, Tribal Courts, Tribal Law and Indigenous Knowledge from the Bluebook,” coordinated by Rebecca Fordon, Faculty Services Librarian at UCLA School of Law, and moderated by Amber Madole, Law Librarian, Research Services, Indigenous Law and Policy, and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law at USC Gould School of Law. The session featured Lorisia MacLeod, Learning Services Librarian at The Alberta Library, and Sherri Thomas, Associate Dean of Institutional Culture & Equity, Assistant Library Director, and Professor of Librarianship at University of New Mexico School of Law. ALL-SIS selected Ms. MacLeod, a leading advocate and widely cited author on the topic of scholarly citation of indigenous knowledge sources, as a Valuable Invited Participant (VIP). The VIP program allows SISs to invite non-members of AALL to participate in the full conference. Several other individual section members and standing committees of ALL-SIS successfully proposed additional educational programs such as the Faculty Services Committee’s program, “Data Analytics for Different Models of Faculty Services”; education programs and other conference events of interest for ALL-SIS membership are highlighted in the ALL-SIS Newsletter’s Summer 2022 issue.

The Local Arrangements Committee planned a Middle Managers’ Breakfast as a roundtable discussion and networking event themes and topics collected in advance from participants. The Committee also planned and presented a Directors’ Breakfast on the topic of access to justice, featuring the Honorable Melissa Hart, Justice of the Supreme Court of Colorado. Justice Hart— who has worked extensively on access to justice issues and serves on the Colorado Access to Justice Commission—was introduced by



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incoming ALL-SIS Chair, Jane O’Connell, Associate Dean for Legal Information at the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center, University of Florida, Levin College of Law. Justice Hart was also invited as an ALL-SIS VIP. Additional events for both learning and networking with colleagues were offered by the JEDI and Legal Research & Scholarship committees, at roundtable discussion events entitled, respectively, “Level Up Your Interviewing Skills: Tips from the Trenches” (jointly organized with PEGA- SIS), and “The Future of Legal Research” (jointly organized with the Legal Research Instruction Committee of RIPS-SIS).

Our annual section reception in Denver also represented a chance to celebrate some individual achievements. The Awards Committee is not obligated to confer all available awards each year, but this term out of a competitive field of nominees, the committee selected the following recipients, who will be acknowledged during our ALL-SIS Reception, Award Ceremony, and JEDI Gala at the annual meeting (generously sponsored by LexisNexis). Joyce Manna Janto, Director of Public & Instructional Services at University of Richmond School of Law, was recognized with the Frederick Charles Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship. Publication awards in all available categories were conferred on:

- co-editors Zanada Joyner, Senior Reference Librarian at NC Central University School of Law Library, and Cas Laskowski, Head of Research, Data & Instruction at University of Arizona College of Law, for Introduction to Law Librarianship (Pressbooks, August 2021)—Book Award
- Bonnie Shucha, Associate Dean & Law Library Director at University of Wisconsin Law School, for Representing Law Faculty Scholarly Impact: Strategies for Improving Citation Metrics Accuracy and Promoting Scholarly Visibility, 40 Legal Reference Services Quarterly 81 (October 2021)—Outstanding Article Award (Long Form)
- Nicole Dyszlewski, Head of Reference, Instruction, and Engagement, Roger Williams University School of Law, for Integrating Diversity into the 1L Curriculum, One Librarian at a Time, 25 UC Davis Social Justice Law Review 64 (Summer 2021)— Outstanding Article Award (Short Form)
- Olivia Smith Schlinck, Instructional & Legal Technologies Librarian at Cardozo School of Law, for Academic Law Librarians Are Paid 47% Less Than Their Faculty Counterparts, RIPS Law Librarian Blog (February 2022)—Digital Publication Award

The Awards Committee also gave grants supporting attendance at the AALL Annual Meeting in Denver: Karen Selden, Temporary Metadata Librarian at University of Colorado William A. Wise Law Library (Active Member Stimulus Grant); Dan Baker-Jones, Night & Weekend Reference Librarian at Capital University Law School (Regular Member Stimulus Grant); Adam Harness, Digital Collections & Initiatives Instructional



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Librarian at Charleston School of Law (CONNELL grant); Laura Wilcoxon, Reference & Student Services Librarian at University of Missouri School of Law (CONNELL grant). Finally, the following recipients were awarded grants to attend AALL's Leadership Academy: Chelsey McKimmy, Student Services Librarian and Assistant Professor of Law at Lincoln Memorial University Duncan School of Law; and Geraldine Kalim, Student Services Librarian at University of Georgia School of Law.

Not to be outdone in the grants category, the Research & Scholarship Committee also awarded two ALL-SIS Research Grants. Paul D. Callister, Library Director and Professor of Law at University of Missouri Kansas City School of Law, and Dana Neacsu, Library Director at Duquesne University School of Law, received funds to support workshopping their book in progress, *Law's Box* (publication anticipated in 2023). Nicholas Mignanelli, Research & Instructional Services Librarian and Lecturer in Legal Research at Yale Law School, received funds to support speaker expenses for two anticipated programs featuring law librarian scholars and scholarship at the 2023 American Association of Law Schools.

Committee reports from all ALL-SIS committees, as well as details on the section's many events and programs of interest, may be found in Volume 41, Issue 4 of the ALL- SIS Newsletter.

Respectfully submitted, I-Wei Wang  
Chair, 2021-2022