



**ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIES
SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION**



ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIES SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION (ALL-SIS) 2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2024-2025 ALL-SIS Executive Board Members were: Sarah Starnes, Chair; Taryn Marks, Vice Chair/Chair Elect; Lei Zhang, Secretary/Treasurer; Annalee Hickman-Pierson, Member-at-Large; and TJ Striepe, Immediate Past Chair.

This past year was busy, with ALL-SIS committees focusing on implementing the new 2024-2027 Strategic Plan, moving materials to the newly created Google Drive, and revisiting and updating committee charges. The Collection Development Committee hosted 4 Conversations in 4 Days and solicited and updated the website with updated collection development policies including special interest clauses. The Continuing Education Committee submitted a program proposal that was accepted for AALL's 2025 meeting in Portland, titled *NextGen Bar Exam Early Adoption: A State's Experience*. The Continuing Status and Tenure Committee worked all year to create a comprehensive survey on the status of academic law librarians, including questions on tenure, continuing appointment, faculty classification, and related institutional practices. The survey anticipated release date is fall 2025. The Faculty Services Committee also held 4 Conversations in 4 Days and created, distributed, and collected results on a faculty services survey.

The JEDI Committee collected materials for a toolkit on working with people with diverse abilities and neurodiversity and hosted a coffee chat. They are holding a roundtable at the 2025 Annual Meeting, co-hosted with RIPS-SIS and BLL-SIS. The Legal Research Committee continued work on the Sourcebook and RIPS-SIS Teach-In Kit merger, as well as plans to co-host a roundtable with RIPS-SIS at the 2025 Annual Meeting. The Library Marketing Committee updated branding and marketing materials and the Membership Committee send out a survey on the needs of ALL-SIS members and what support the committee can provide. The Newsletter Committee was led by new leader, Stephanie Farne ,and we've updated the number from four issue a year to three issues a year. The Nominations Committee put forward four great candidates for Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and Member-at-Large, and the Programs Committee reviewed 13 programs before submitting two for consideration for ALL-SIS sponsorship. The PR and Marketing Committee have plans to be present at CONELL and have promoted ALL-SIS member programs at the Annual Meeting. The



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Research and Scholarship Committee created criteria for a new award, the Best Article on Emerging Legal Technologies. The Scholarly Communications Committee hosted a Coffee Chat and distributed a survey on marketing and promoting faculty scholarship.

Local Arrangements worked on creating a poster presentation and chose a location for our annual Reception and Awards Ceremony, which will be held at Lil Spirit on Monday, July 21, at 6pm. The Grants and Awards Committee solicited nominations for and granted the following awards and grants to these deserving individuals:

- ***Frederick Charles Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Law Librarianship***
 - **Beth Adelman**, Vice Dean for Legal Information Services and Director of the Charles B. Sears Law Library, University at Buffalo School of Law
- ***Outstanding Service Award***
 - **Katie Hanschke**, Lecturer in Law and Head of Instruction and Access Services, Vanderbilt University Law School, Alyne Queener Massey Law Library
- ***Book Award***
 - ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES OF ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIES: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE, VOLUME 2 (Jessica de Perio Wittman & Elizabeth G. Adelman eds., 2024)
- ***Outstanding Article Award: Long Form***
 - Amber Kennedy Madole, Bonnie Shucha & Rebecca Plevel, *Integrating Tribal Law into the Legal Research and Writing, Curriculum: Benefits, Challenges, and Strategies*, 31 PERSPECTIVES 4 (2024)
- ***Digital Publication Award***
 - University of Minnesota Law Library, *Classic Cases: Historical Foundations of First-Year Law School Cases*, <https://lawlibrarycollections.umn.edu/>
- ***ALL-SIS Active Member Stimulus Grant***
 - **Genevieve Zook**, Reference and Instructional Librarian, University of Wisconsin Law School, Law Library
- ***ALL-SIS Regular Member Stimulus Grant***
 - **Pamela Brannon**, Coordinator of Faculty Services, Georgia State University, College of Law Library



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- ***ALL-SIS CONELL Grant***
 - **Lisa Varon**, Reference Law Librarian and Adjunct Professor, Jacksonville University College of Law
- ***AALL Management Institute Grant***
 - **Cassie Walker**, Clinical Professor of Legal Research and Assistant Director for Scholarly Initiatives, SMU Dedman School of Law, Underwood Law Library

Additional information on committee reports from all of the ALL-SIS committees, as well as details about ALL-SIS sponsored and member programs at the Annual Meeting in Portland, can be found in Volume 44, Issue 3 of the ALL-SIS Newsletter. Overall, it was a very successful year for ALL-SIS, and next year looks like it will be both an exciting and productive year as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Starnes
ALL-SIS Chair, 2024-2025