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Letter from The Chair

by A. Hays Butler

All of us were affected by the events of Sept. 11, 2001. I would like to use this column to share my story because it is typical of what happened to thousands of Americans on that day.

I was scheduled to fly to a conference in the Cayman Islands in the Caribbean on Tuesday, September 11. My plane took off from Philadelphia airport and landed in Miami at 9:30 AM, where I was supposed to catch a flight to the Cayman Islands. I landed on time at 9:30 AM. I was told the flight was canceled and that all flights in the US were canceled for the day. I walked down to the first floor of the airport where a very large crowd was forming. People started saying things like, "A plane hit the World Trade Center" - "A plane hit the Pentagon" - "A plane hit Camp David." I was frightened and wanted to call my wife. However, it was impossible to get to a phone. I went up to an airline official who, when I said that I really needed to call my wife, gave me her cell phone, which I think was a very kind thing to do. I got my wife who explained what was going on. She obviously was terrified that I was in the air when she heard about the attacks.

Thousands of people had been stranded and the whole airport was in a state of quasi panic. I decided to try to find a hotel. Again, it was impossible to find a phone. Finally, a very kind man at an information desk spent 20 minutes on the phone and found a hotel where I could stay.

I spent the week in the hotel. Finally, on Friday, some flights were resuming. I was put on standby for a 1:30 PM flight. I waited in line for 5 hours. The airport was again filled with thousands of people who had been stranded all week (they were from all over the world) and were trying to get home. The whole atmosphere was totally chaotic. Finally, an official came down the line and said none of us would get home that day and told us to go back to our hotels.

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It occurred to me that it might not be possible to leave Miami for quite a while and that I might have to drive home or take the train. At this point a wonderful thing happened. My wife found a family in Miami who said that I could stay at their house and that they would try to help me. I checked out and spent the rest of Friday and Saturday at their home. They told me that I would have a much easier time getting out of the Fort Lauderdale airport than Miami because it was a much smaller airport and would be less crowded. I went to Fort Lauderdale on Saturday. Although I had to wait in line for four hours, I did get on a flight to Philadelphia at 2:00. I have to say I cannot remember a time I was so happy to be home.

I am moved by how kind and dedicated Americans were to each other. This was illustrated so well by the firefighters and police officers who died attempting to save people in the WTC. Even the family who took care of me was an example of how strangers all over America were reaching out to help one another. I believe that it is this kindness that is one of the most important results to emerge from the appalling brutality and violence we saw last week. As is the case with so many tragedies, the events of September 11, 2001 demonstrated the profound goodness, as well as the evil, that man is capable of.



**New Realities - New Roles.
2001 AALL Annual Meeting**

Scott Matheson
University of Washington - Information School
2001 Recipient of the GD-SIS Student Grant

As the proud, and grateful, recipient of the 2001 Government Documents SIS student grant, I was able to attend my first AALL annual meeting and conference.

My meeting began with a great introduction to the profession and some of its members at the Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL). This all-day event started with panels about career development and small group sessions with established law librarians, where participants could ask questions about the profession. The morning concluded with a "SIS Marketplace" to introduce the wide array of special interest sections and committees within the association. The afternoon portion of CONELL included lunch with new colleagues, a few gangsters from the Twin Cities' past and a "gangster" tour of Saint Paul. In addition to various gangster hangouts, the tour featured Minnesota's Cass Gilbert-designed state capitol and the old Federal building, now restored as an arts and community center, but with several of the ornate courtrooms (and the former law library) preserved.

I spent Sunday attending educational programs, including one featuring a presentation by T. C. Evans, who is in charge of GPO Access. Mr. Evans detailed GPO's use of Dublin Core metadata to describe documents available from GPO Access as well as intriguing new relationships with search engine companies. One of GPO's most interesting new strategies is to purchase keywords on search engines. For example, visit your favorite search engine

and type in “code of federal regulations” – you should see a “paid placement” link at the top of your results with a link to GPO Access and the GPO Bookstore.

Other Sunday sessions included those devoted to evaluating and selecting integrated library systems and bibliographic utilities and two sessions devoted to the troubling question of preservation of electronic documents – both government information and digital documents cited by scholars. The need to locate and preserve these fragile pieces of information is of growing importance as we come to rely more heavily on them (see especially the new Bluebook rule 18, which permits citation to transient web sites). These preservation sessions mesh well with GD-SIS’s concern for fugitive documents, especially for the archiving of government web sites and for those documents available only on the web.

Sunday evening included a Depository Update and of course, the opening reception. The reception, highlighting famous Minnesotans from Charles Schultz to Laura Ingalls Wilder, provided a chance to meet new colleagues, including the authors of the articles and texts I had been reading all year in school.

On Monday I visited the placement office, made a quick trip around the exhibit hall and attended a few more educational programs, including one on the role of the Copyright Clearance Center in law libraries. The Association luncheon highlighted award winners, major donors and visiting librarians. That evening, Garrison Keillor entertained the crowd at the West Group event and treated the assembled mass to an original song about a law librarian.

Tuesday morning featured the GD-SIS Welcome Breakfast and a chance to meet members and hear about some of the SIS’s accomplishments and plans for the future. Educational programs for Tuesday included a couple of sessions on electronic government information-covering agencies, courts and legislatures as well as NARA and FDLP. Two more programs of interest (scheduled at the same time) showed some of the best government web sites and some great finding tools for state and local information.

Wednesday morning provided another opportunity to meet documents folks, this time at the SIS’s business meeting. FIOA and integrating documents collections were among the last (but not least) of the educational programs. Wednesday evening’s closing banquet provided one last chance to see new friends and colleagues and to start thinking about Orlando.



MEMBERSHIP/COMMITTEE NEWS

The Government Relations Committee is currently soliciting nominations for the 2002 **Public Access to Government Information (PAGI) Award**. Established in 1999, this award honors significant contributions by persons or organizations involved in the protection and promotion of greater public access to government information. Recipients need not be law librarians or members of AALL. Previous PAGI award winners have been the United States Government Printing Office in 1999 for its website, GPO Access, and the Library of Congress in 2000 in honor of its website, THOMAS.

Criteria for selection include :

1. A contribution that significantly improves public access to government information, thereby increasing the public's knowledge about the workings of government.
2. The extent to which the individual or organization has had a positive impact on protecting and promoting public access to governmental information.
3. The extent to which the effort advances the AALL mission and Government Relations Policy.

Though nominations are solicited annually, there is no requirement that the award be given every year.

The award is jointly administered by the Government Relations and Awards Committees. All nominations are considered on an individual basis, with complete confidentiality, and according to the criteria listed above.

Nominations must be sent to the Chair of the Government Relations Committee, Anne Burnett (University of Georgia Law Library, Law School, Herty Drive, Athens, GA 30602 aburnett@arches.uga.edu), **no later than February 1, 2002.**



MINUTES OF THE GD-SIS BUSINESS MEETING

Wed. July 18, 2001

AALL Annual Meeting, Minneapolis.

(Rob Richards)

Present: Jada Aitchison, Paul A. Arrigo (Past Chair, Strategic Planning Committee Chair), Pegeen Bassett (Past Chair, Nominations Committee Chair), Greta Boeringer (Chair, Public Relations Committee Chair), A. Hays Butler (Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, Program

Committee Chair), Georgia Chadwick (Grants Committee Chair), Kay Collins, Joel Fishman, Sue Kelleher, Peggy Jarrett, Colleen Manning, Scott Matheson (Grant Recipient), Eric Parker (Web Master), Rob Richards (Secretary/Treasurer, Fugitive Documents Committee Chair), Sushila Selness, Marcia Siebesma, Edmund Sonnenberg, Katrina Stierholz (Publications Committee Chair), Pamela Tull.

I. The Chair thanked the SIS leadership and members for their work during the past year, and LexisNexis for their support of the GD-SIS Welcome Breakfast on July 17.

II. The minutes of the 2000 business meeting, distributed in the Fall 2000 issue of *JURISDOCS* (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/jurisdocs/jurisdocs2301.pdf>), were approved.

III. Treasurer's Report: Rob Richards.

The Treasurer reported that the SIS's financial situation is strong, with an estimated current balance of \$3,526.63. Total income from October through May was \$1332.00 (up from \$560.00 at the same time last year), reflecting strong sales of state bibliographies. Income since May 31, 2001 includes \$60.00 for state bibliographies. Other SIS financial activities in 2000-01 included revising the state bibliographies order form to correct the payee information, and to allow credit card purchases. The Treasurer thanked Steve Ligda, AALL's Director of Finance and Administration, Katrina Stierholz, and Eric Parker, SIS Web Weaver, for their work on this.

IV. Report of the Nominations Committee: Pegeen Bassett.

The Committee Chair thanked members Marsha Baum and David Gay for their work. She reported that SIS members cast 106 ballots for SIS leader candidates. Katrina Stierholz was elected Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and Colleen Manning was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

V. Report of the Programs Chair: A. Hays Butler.

The Programs Chair reported marvelous success, in that seven GD-SIS programs were approved for the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/programs.html>):

1. A Legislative History Primer: Demystifying Research for Congressional Intent.
2. Using Metadata to Increase Visibility: The GPO Access Search Engine Project.
3. Preserving Government Electronic Information: Whose Job Is It?
4. New Agency Roles in Ensuring the Life Cycle of Electronic Government Information – Part 1: Are Executive Agencies, Congress, and the Courts Meeting Public Interest Needs?
5. New Agency Roles in Ensuring the Life Cycle of Electronic Government Information – Part 2: Are the Federal Depository Library Program and NARA Meeting Public Interest Needs?
6. New Paths into the Trackless Wilderness: New Electronic Resources for Researching State and Local Government Information.
7. Separate But Equal No More: Integrating Federal Documents Collections.

Hays thanked all the SIS members who developed, coordinated, and participated in these programs. He reported that the SIS introduced a new method for developing new programs, by having a committee assist the Vice-Chair in soliciting program proposals for the 2002 AALL Annual Meeting in Orlando. He reported that for the 2002 annual meeting, SIS's could only propose six programs, and would be guaranteed approval of only one program.

VI. Report of the Grants Committee: Georgia Chadwick:

The Committee Chair thanked the committee members, Sue Kelleher and Rob Richards, as well as Eric Parker, for their work during the past year. She reported that the GD-SIS had awarded two grants in the amount of \$400.00 each in 2000-01: to Dee Barker, a documents staff member at Washburn University School of Law Library to attend the Fall 2000 Federal Depository Library Conference; and to Scott Matheson, a student at the University of Washington Information School Law Librarianship Program, to attend the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/grantwinner2001.html>). Georgia noted that 3 members applied for the FDLC grant, and 5 students for the student grant. She related the methods the committee used to publicize these grants. She reported that the GD-SIS grant supporting a library school student's attendance at the AALL annual meeting would be named in honor of Veronica Maclay. Hays (incoming Chair) then reported that Sharon Bradley, Chris Anglin, and Colleen Manning had agreed to serve on the Grants Committee for 2001-02.

ACTION ITEM: Georgia recommended that the 2001-02 Grants Committee publicize the grants as soon as possible to attract more applicants. Since applications are currently submitted in print form, Georgia recommended that in the future the GD-SIS website support electronic applications.

VII. Report of the Publications Review Committee: Katrina Stierholz:

The Committee Chair reported brisk sales of the new Nevada State Bibliography, and said that several new or revised state bibliographies are in production (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/stateb.html>). She thanked a student assistant for putting the Committee's records in good order. Hays volunteered to find authors to update several state bibliographies in need of revision. A discussion took place regarding using the SIS's web site to provide electronic, password-protected supplements to each state bibliography. The meeting also discussed standing orders for the state bibliographies series.

ACTION ITEM: The meeting recommended that the new Publications Committee Chair study web-based supplements and standing orders, and report at the next SIS Business Meeting

VIII. Report of the GD-SIS Webmaster: Eric Parker:

The webmaster described new and updated content on the SIS website (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/>):

- Charlene Cain's and Larry Schankman's AALL/GODORT Government Documents Tutorial (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/tutorial/>);
- Revisions to the state bibliographies order page (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/stateb.html>);
- *JURISDOCS* in PDF format (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/jurisdocs/>).

Eric reported that he has removed outdated files from the server, and plans to create PDF files of older issues of *JURISDOCS*. Eric will continue as Webmaster for 2001-02. Michael Samson is the backup Webmaster.

ACTION ITEM: Paul Arrigo encouraged presenters at GD-SIS sponsored programs at this 2001 AALL Annual Meeting to send their program handouts to Eric for posting on the web site.

IX. Report of the Strategic Planning Committee: Paul Arrigo.

The Committee Chair reported substantial progress in meeting the goals of the 1998 SIS Strategic Plan (<http://www.washlaw.edu/doclaw/stratplandoc.pdf>) in education, publications, and grants. Despite a slight reduction in SIS membership, the SIS has succeeded in using the Welcome Breakfasts to recruit several new SIS leaders. To provide input for the 2003-2008 SIS strategic plan the committee distributed an SIS member needs survey (<http://www.washlaw.edu/doclaw/govdocsis2001.html>).

ACTION ITEM: Paul requested that those who had not yet returned their survey please do so as soon as possible.

X. Report on *JURISDOCS*: Cecily Giardina.

The SIS Chair delivered the *JURISDOCS* editor's report. The editor reported success in converting *JURISDOCS* to electronic only format (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/jurisdocs/>), and thanked Eric Parker and all the SIS members who had contributed to *JURISDOCS* in the past year. Sue Kelleher will edit *JURISDOCS* for 2001-02.

XI. Report of the Advocacy Committee: A. Hays Butler.

The Committee Chair reported that the Advocacy Committee had been formed to help SIS members advocate and educate to preserve the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). The committee developed a model letter (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/sampleletter.html>) that SIS members can use to introduce their depository collections and services to members of Congress.

ACTION ITEM: The committee will monitor GPO budget negotiations for 2002 and urge the SIS membership to advocate as needed.

XII. Report of the Fugitive & Electronic-Only Documents Committee: Rob Richards

The Committee Chair reported that this committee had been formed in April 2001 to

identify fugitive, electronic federal documents on law and policy, report these to GPO and the documents community, and work with a commercial publisher to create print copies of some of these titles. Since May 2001, the committee has reported 35 fugitive electronic titles to GPO. As of July 5, 2001, GPO had cataloged 18 of these titles; 17 remain fugitive. These documents are listed at:

<http://www.colorado.edu/Law/lawlib/ts/fugitive/>. Cecily Giardina and Caitlin Robinson regularly report these titles to listservs. Susanna Marlowe is working with Katrina Stierholz to create a program proposal on fugitive documents for the 2002 AALL Annual Meeting. Rob thanked all the committee members and the SIS leadership for their support of this work.

ACTION ITEM: Paul Arrigo asked the committee to ask TS-SIS members to report new URLs for federal documents to GPO or the fugitive documents committee. Rob said he would do this.

XIII. Report of the GD-SIS Listserv Owner: Michael Sampson.

The SIS Chair delivered the listserv owner's report. The GD-SIS listserv (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/listserv.html>) had been transferred successfully to the AALL server. The list has 288 subscribers. In August 2001 the list will be populated automatically by the AALL systems administrator.

XIV. Report of the Education Committee for 2001-02: Katrina Stierholz.

The Committee Chair reported that the committee had developed 8 program proposal ideas for the 2002 Annual Meeting:

- "Taking the Law into Our Own Hands: Librarians as Legal/Web Publishers," Cheryl Nyberg;
- "Legal Information Services to the Public: Using Free Government Information to Serve the Public," Charlene Cain;
- "URLs and PURLs in the Catalog";
- "The International Criminal Court," A. Hays Butler;
- "Reorganizing the Government Documents Department to Accommodate Electronic Preservation Projects," Paul Arrigo;
- "The Search for Fugitive Electronic Government Documents: Librarians and GPO Connect," Susanna Marlowe;
- "Government Documents Around the World (e.g. Mexico, France, India, & China)," Katrina Stierholz.
- "Documents in the Law Firm Environment," Edmund Sonnenberg.

Since the Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee will only accept 6 proposals from each SIS, Katrina asked the meeting to rank the proposal ideas. The meeting voted as its first choice "The Search for Fugitive Electronic Government Documents: Librarians and GPO Connect," proposed by Susanna Marlowe.

ACTION ITEMS: The committee will rank the remaining program ideas and work with the proposers to submit the final proposals by the mid-August deadline. Katrina said the committee plans to begin developing proposals for the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting in December or January 2002.

- XV. Greta Boeringer, SIS Chair, turned the gavel over to the new GD-SIS Chair, A. Hays Butler, who thanked Greta for her efforts and leadership this past year. Hays thanked the membership and SIS leadership for their support.
- XVI. New Business: The new SIS Chair noted that Mary Alice Baish had asked SIS members to use and promote FirstGov (<http://www.firstgov.gov/>), a new federal and state government search engine and subject tree developed by the Office of Management and Budget. Hays said he would ask SIS members to volunteer to advise FirstGov on subject indexing in law. Hays also said he would explore creating core competencies for documents librarians in law libraries.
- XVII. The meeting was adjourned.



**AALL GD-SIS Treasurer's Report as of July 15, 2001
(Rob Richards (Out-going) Secretary/Treasurer)**

The SIS's financial situation appears to be solid. As of May 31, 2001, the date of our latest financial statement from AALL Headquarters, our balance was \$4066.63. This is slightly down (\$104.73) from \$4171.36 as of May 31, 2000. Since May 31, 2001, our estimated expenses have included \$400.00 for the student grant, and approximately \$200.00 for the Minneapolis Business Meeting breakfast.

Our total income from October through May was \$1332.00 (up from \$560.00 at the same time last year), reflecting strong sales of state bibliographies. Income since May 31, 2001 includes \$60.00 for state bibliographies.

Other activities this year include revising the state bibliographies order form to correct the payee information, and to allow credit card purchases. Thanks to Steve Ligda, AALL's Director of Finance and Administration, Katrina Stierholz, Chair of the Publications Committee, and Eric Parker, SIS Web Weaver, for their work on this.

In addition, the Treasurer wishes to thank Greta Boeringer, GD-SIS Chair, and A. Hays Butler, GD-SIS Chair-Elect, for their leadership; Katrina Stierholz for her teamwork in processing orders for state bibliographies; Pam Tull for training me in this position; Colleen Manning for accepting the position for the coming year; Steve Ligda for abundant administrative support; and Ivonne Martinez, AALL's Accounting Assistant in the Office of Finance and Administration, for her efficient handling of our accounts.



2001 Annual Report
AALL GD-SIS Fugitive & Electronic-Only Documents Committee
(Rob Richards)

Background:

In Winter and Spring 2001, GD-SIS President Greta Boeringer, GD-SIS President-Elect A. Hays Butler, Depository Library Council member Charlene Cain, and AALL Washington Office Representative Mary Alice Baish discussed ways to identify and keep track of the growing number of U.S. federal electronic documents that were fugitive, or that were being cataloged by GPO but were not being distributed to depository libraries in tangible formats. This group asked GD-SIS member Rob Richards to coordinate a committee to address this problem.

Calls for members were issued on listservs and in the June 2001 AALL Spectrum.

The AALL GD-SIS Fugitive and Electronic-Only Documents Committee was formed in May 2001.

As of July 2001, the committee's members are: Christopher Anglim, Mark Bartlett, A. Hays Butler, Georgia Chadwick, Cecily A. H. Giardina, Gwendolyn Lohmann, Susan Lyons, Susanna Marlowe, Rob Richards, Caitlin Robinson, Randall Tenor, Alice I. Youmans.

The committee's purpose is to:

- 1) Identify and report to GPO fugitive and electronic-only U.S. federal documents on law and policy. A "fugitive document" is defined as a U.S. federal publication that, according to U.S. Code Title 44, should be distributed to libraries through the Federal Depository Library Program, but that has not been cataloged or distributed by GPO. An "electronic-only" document is defined as an electronic U.S. federal publication that GPO has cataloged and assigned a Persistent URL, but that GPO will not distribute to depository libraries in tangible format.
- 2) List fugitive and electronic-only U.S. federal documents on law and policy on the GD-SIS website;
- 3) Facilitate hard copy publication of some of these documents.

In May, the committee adopted a preliminary action plan as follows:

Preliminary plan to address fugitive and e-only federal government documents on legal and policy matters:

- 1) organize a group of law librarians to discover new electronic federal government publications (especially those related to legal and policy matters), by monitoring agency web site, BET, and news sources;

- 2) notify GPO of the existence of fugitive electronic documents, so they can be cataloged and added to the GPO electronic archive;
- 3) create a list or database of fugitive and electronic-only federal government documents relating to legal and policy matters, available on the GD-SIS website;
- 4) use e-mail to notify the AALL membership (and maybe GOVDOC-L folks, too) of new fugitive and electronic-only federal government documents on legal and policy matters;
- 5) work with publishers to print electronic-only federal government documents of interest to the law library community.

So far the committee has accomplished the following:

- The committee has eleven members, nine from academic libraries, two from state libraries. A roster of committee members is attached;
- Six committee members regularly monitor U.S. federal agency web site for fugitive documents on law and policy. The committee regularly monitors a total of nine agency web site: AOUSC, Bureau of Reclamation, CIA, EPA, Forest Service, FTC, INS, SEC, State Dept.;
- Since May 2001, committee members have reported 35 fugitive documents to GPO. GPO has cataloged 18. Seventeen remain fugitive;
- Cecily Giardina of the committee member monitors GPO's New Electronic Titles site for law and policy titles;
- Cecily Giardina & Caitlin Robinson of the committee send out lists of fugitive and e-only titles to GOVDOC-L and LAW-LIB twice per month;
- Susanna Marlowe of the committee has communicated with the U.S. Dept. of Justice Library to explore ways of discovering fugitive USDOJ documents;
- Randall Tenor of the Committee is working with GPO to identify OMB Bulletins not yet distributed to depositories;
- The committee has created a website listing the fugitive and e-only documents on law and policy it has reported to GPO:
<http://www.colorado.edu/Law/lawlib/ts/fugitive/> . These lists provide direct links to the documents, information on when the documents were reported to GPO, OCLC cataloging, and availability through the GPO Sales Program;
- The committee has created a procedure for identifying and reporting fugitive documents;
- The committee is constructing a committee website, that will list committee members, their monitoring assignments, and reported fugitive and e-only documents;
- The committee has reported several titles that GPO has confirmed as "e-only," and that GPO Sales Program will not distribute, to W.S. Hein for possible reprinting in tangible format. So far, Hein has chosen not to reprint any of these publications;
- Susanna Marlowe of the committee is working with GD-SIS President-Elect Katrina Stierholz to create a program proposal on fugitive and e-only documents for the 2002 AALL Annual Meeting;

- Susanna Marlowe of the committee is communicating with the Depository Library Council's committee on fugitive documents, chaired by Diane Eidelman and Director of GPO Library Programs Service Gil Baldwin. Susanna has sent the DLC Committee a list of our committee members and the agencies they are monitoring, to prevent duplication of effort;
- With the help of Charlene Cain, the committee has communicated successfully with Superintendent of Documents Francis Buckley and GPO Library Programs Service Director Gil Baldwin, both of whom support the committee's work.

A partial group of the committee's members will meet during the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting to discuss whether the committee should begin archiving fugitive documents, and techniques for monitoring agency web site.

The coordinator wishes to thank all of the committee members for their outstanding work during the past two months.

The committee wishes to thank Mary Alice Baish, Gil Baldwin, AALL President-Elect Barbara Bintliff, Greta Boeringer, Francis Buckley, A. Hays Butler, Charlene Cain, Laurie Beyer Hall of GPO, Robin Haun-Mohamed of GPO, Brian Jablonski of W.S. Hein & Co., Richard Spinelli of W.S. Hein & Co., and Katrina Stierholz, for their support of the committee's work.



AALL NEWS

A TEACH-IN RETROSPECTIVE -- TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!! CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The Tenth Annual National Legal Research Teach-In will soon be upon us and we need YOUR contribution to make our Tenth Anniversary a special one. It is amazing, and nearly overwhelming, to see how dramatically legal research has changed over the past ten years. Yet our profession has remained at the forefront despite the confusion, often leading others along the path to innovation and change. If you are one of those "pathway guides" -- even if only for one small part -- consider sharing your solutions with law librarians around the country by contributing to the Teach-in Kit.

Sponsored by RIPS-SIS, the Teach-In gives law librarians the opportunity to share materials and ideas for legal research instruction. Each year the Teach-In committee creates a set of materials that can be used to design and advertise programs and events for our

institutions. These materials are distributed several weeks prior to National Library Week (April 14-20, 2002) to anyone interested in legal research instruction. Over the past ten years Teach-In materials have been distributed to an increasing number of interested people in diverse institutions all over the world. In 1993, for the first Teach-In, resource kits were distributed to 315 locations and promotional items (posters & bookmarks) went to about 200 people. A new record has been set each year, culminating in 2001 when resource kits were sent to over 700 people and over 20,000 notepads were used for promotional purposes! From these brief figures it is easy to see that the Teach-In has become an integral part of the law librarian landscape.

Teach-In 2002 will focus on integrated legal research, as opposed to media-centered training (i.e. electronic v. print). It is time to revisit classic areas of legal research, this time using an integrated approach. If you have created instructional resources that have taken a new or unusual approach to the complex issues involved in choosing appropriate information sources, your colleagues would be eager to see what you have done and how you have done it! For suggestions of classic legal topics that could be revisited, see the RIPS Teach-In web page at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis/teach_in.htm>.

It is never too early to plan for success! Now is the time for YOU to become involved in the creation of these materials! Please take a few minutes to consider if you have research instruction materials (including teaching techniques, training scripts, lecture notes, outlines, handouts, exercises, lesson plans, user guides, pathfinders, research guides, or descriptions of past training events) that you could contribute. If you do or if you have comments or suggestions, please contact Kristin Gerdy or Gail Partin as soon as possible (but no later than December 31, 2001). Thanks for making our 10th anniversary Teach-In the best one yet!

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PDC Listserv Discussion to Explore Legislative History Research

Share your thoughts about researching legislative history in the United States and Canada in the electronic age--participate in the Professional Development Moderated Listserv Discussion "Issues in State, Federal and Canadian Legislative Research" Oct.1-5.

Join moderators Kevin P. Gray, associate director and assistant professor at the Chastek Library at Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, Wash., and Connie Crosby, a librarian at WeirFoulds LLP in Toronto, as they explore the dynamics of conducting U.S. and Canadian legislative history research. The Internet and other electronic resources have made recent state, federal and Canadian legislative research materials more accessible than ever before. Law librarians still encounter problems locating the research they need and assessing its reliability. Therefore, the listserv discussion will cover topics such as how the web has changed research techniques; difficulties in researching another country's laws; the availability of electronic reports, papers and bills in the future; and whether teaching paper research is still important.

To sign up for this important discussion, please visit AALLNET at <http://www.aallnet.org/prodev/listserv.asp>.



AALL Joins Other Library Associations To Support National Geographic Society Appeal to Supreme Court

The American Association of Law Libraries has joined forces with the Association of Research Libraries, the American Library Association and the Medical Library Association. The four organizations jointly filed an amicus brief in support of the National Geographic Society's appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court to use digital technology in preserving and distributing its magazine.

The National Geographic Society is seeking to overturn the decision in the case of *Greenburg v. National Geographic Society*.

Overturning the lower court's decision, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the National Geographic CD-ROM, which contains the issues of the Society's magazine for the past 100 years, is not permissible under the Copyright Act.

The library associations filed the amicus brief because the 11th Circuit decision could hinder the use of digital technologies. The brief contends that the Copyright Act should allow publishers to take advantage of new technologies to preserve and distribute creative works to the public, particularly because CD-ROMs are no different than microfilm.

For more information about the amicus brief filed by the library associations, please visit the AALL Washington Affairs Office Web site at <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/aallwash/pr08302001.html>.



AALL Washington Affairs Online

Statement of Sharon A. Hogan, University Librarian, University of Illinois at Chicago.

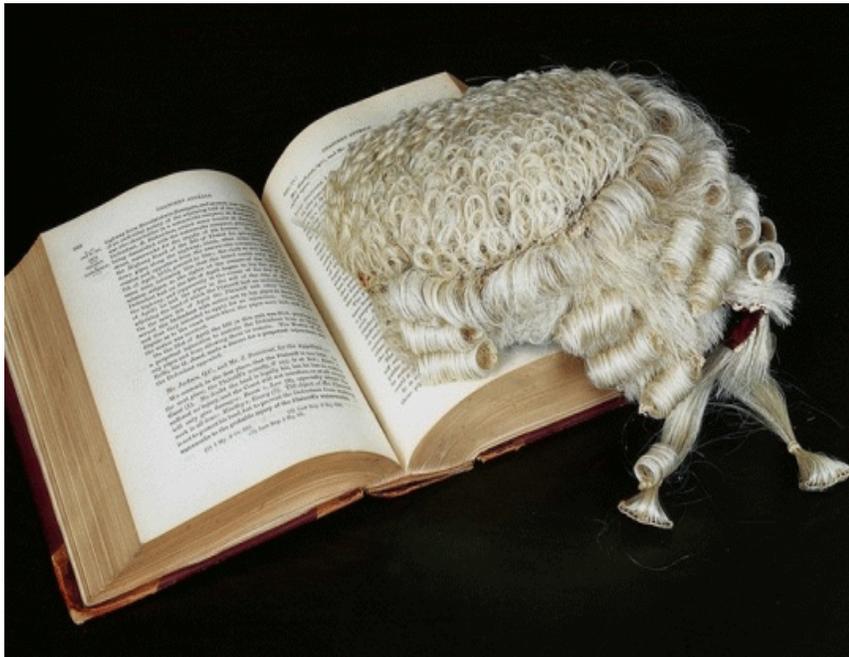
On behalf of the American Library Association, American Association of Law Libraries and the Association of Research Libraries, before the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs on S. 803, The E-Government Act of 2001 [July 11, 2001].

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GODORT Provides Welcome Wagon for New Documents Librarians

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The following web sites are recommended by GODORT's Education Committee as excellent resources for new or inexperienced documents librarians.

21 THINGS TO DO (When Assuming Responsibility for A Federal Depository Library) (University of North Texas)
<http://www.library.unt.edu/govinfo/programs/21things.html>

A useful checklist with links to FDLP and GODORT sites.

Federal Depository Library Program DESKTOP
http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/index.html

Provides handy information about the FDLP - policies, publications, GPO Access, finding aids, the electronic collection, and processing tools.

ALA GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ROUNDTABLE (GODORT)
<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/GODORT/>
This is GODORT's organizational page, with links to its committees, conferences and publications.

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND DEPOSITORY MANAGEMENT CLEARINGHOUSE (GODORT)
<http://www.library.ucsb.edu/ala/clearing.html>
The 7 Clearinghouse topics provide links to resources created by GODORT committees or by practicing documents librarians; there are also links to several tutorials to aid in the use of government information.

FREQUENTLY USED SITES RELATED TO U.S. GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (GODORT)
<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/fdtf.html>

GODORT HANDOUT EXCHANGE
<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/godort.html>

A collection of guides to government information sources written by library staffs across the United States and distributed by GODORT's Education Committee; arranged by broad subject classification.

TOOLBOX FOR PROCESSING AND CATALOGING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS (GODORT)
<http://www2.lib.udel.edu/godort/cataloging/toolbox.html>

Provides links to GPO cataloging records and processing tools.

THE 'AGENCY APPROACH' TO LOCATING GOVERNMENT INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET (GODORT)
<http://www.wiu.edu/users/mfcem/agency.htm>

A tutorial created by Chuck Malone, Western Illinois Univ., for GODORT's Education Committee.

GOVDOC-L USER GUIDE
<http://docs.lib.duke.edu/federal/govdoc-l/index.html>

Policies and procedures for the government information Listserv list.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN DOCUMENTS CENTER
<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/index.html>

A well-organized compilation of web sites for Federal, state, local and international resources; includes useful links to class assignments.

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