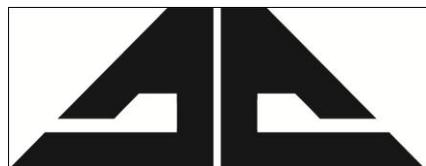


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From the Editors

Dear Fellow GD-SIS Members,

Happy New Year and welcome to the Winter issue of your newsletter. In this issue we have reports from our Chair and Chair-elect, as well as highlights from the Fall Depository Library Council Meeting as well as a look forward to the AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington.

As always, we love hearing from you! Submissions to *Jurisdocs* are welcomed and encouraged. Please consider contributing an article. Submissions can be forwarded directly to either Kate or Camilla.

Sincerely,
[Kate Irwin-Smiler](#) and [Camilla M. Tubbs](#)
Your Editors



Chair's Report

Janet Fischer
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Happy Spring to all of our members! I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season and that you are well on your way to creating a happy new year.

Finishing up a project that began last year, the bylaws committee has completed their work to bring our section bylaws up to date and in compliance with AALL's model bylaws for the SIS. As of this writing, the revision has been sent to the AALL Bylaws Committee for approval. Once their approval has been secured, the updated bylaws will be submitted to the GD-SIS membership for a vote. Many thanks go to our committee members: Eric Parker, Ed Hart, Joel Fishman, Kate Irwin-Smiler and Larry Meyer.

The Executive Committee continues to work on a new strategic plan. This project is taking longer than expected; it is more detailed and much more involved than updating the bylaws. I am very grateful to Immediate Past Chair Eric Parker for his leadership on this project; other members include Jenny Wondracek and Sally Holterhoff.

Along with serving as Chair, I am also the section's current webmaster. You may remember that AALL is revamping all the committee and SIS web sites that they host, including ours. The first step was to update the content on the current site, which you can see here:

<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/>. From there, the content was migrated over to the new template. From October to December we had several training sessions on the new CMS. The new sites should be released soon. (They may have already been made public since the time of this writing.) Several people have asked about the government documents tutorial that used to be available on our site. It is my understanding that the coding for that tutorial is not compatible with the new CMS, and will have to be re-written. Any volunteers?

Camilla Tubbs has been hard at work navigating the new annual meeting program rules, and she tells us all about it in her report below. I want to thank Camilla for all of her efforts. It has not been easy to learn the new "paradigm!"

Before we know it, we'll be meeting in Seattle for another great conference. It won't be long before our nominations committee will be asking folks to run for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and Secretary/Treasurer. I encourage you to consider running for office. The work is not burdensome, and it really is fun to be in the thick of things. Plenty of help is available both from the AALL offices and from other section members. See you soon!



Vice Chair’s Report

Camilla Tubbs
Deputy Director Thurgood Marshall Law Library
University of Maryland Law School

Thank you to everyone for submitting their ideas for GD-SIS programs for the 2013 AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle. As you know, the program planning and proposal process for the Annual Meeting has undergone some adjustments to deliver an improved educational experience for conference attendees. Since the AMPC can only accept about a third of the programs submitted, the GD-SIS Programs Committee is working with AALL to develop an independently produced program that best fits the needs of our constituency as reflected by your feedback and from the [Needs Assessment Findings](#). We have submitted our ideas for a program, and I hope to be able to report back soon on what we will be offering to our members soon. One new thing that we will be offering in addition to the traditional educational programs is a “Coffee Talk” on the future of government information with Mary Alice Baish of the Government Printing Office and Cass Hartnett, Government Documents Librarian at the University of Washington. We are currently working with AALL to secure the date, time and room – but we will make sure to send out that information over the listserv as soon as it is available.

Outside of our “coffee talk” and SIS-sponsored program, we are brainstorming ideas for informal gatherings and meetings outside of the normal conference schedule to better meet the needs of government documents librarians. While the concept of “government documents” on its face may not appear to be of high value to a general audience, there are many themes within government information: authentication, knowledge management, library partnerships, etc. that are impacting us all. In the next few months, our committee will work on forming partnerships with other SIS’s and Chapters to make other educational opportunities available for you all.

Also, please do not forget about AALL’s [Day in the Life](#) photo contest, which runs from January 1 to February 28, 2013. This year, there is a special category for government information librarians! Winners will be recognized on AALLNET, in an issue of *AALL Spectrum*, and during the 2013 AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle. This is an excellent opportunity for us to promote the value of government information.



End-of-the-Year Treasurer's Report

Jennifer Wondracek

Instructional Services Reference Librarian

University of Florida, Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center

Dates covered: 7/1/2012-1/22/2013

Mid-Year Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Jennifer Wondracek, University of Florida, Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center

Dates Covered: 7/1/2012-1/22/2013

Item	Debit	Credit	Subtotal	Total
Starting Balance				\$ 31,293.21
Revenues				
SIS breakfast sponsorship		\$ 2,000.00		
Dues		\$ 2,920.00		
Total			\$ 4,920.00	\$ 36,213.21
Expenses				
AALL Misc Expenses	\$ 483.72			
VIP AALL Travel Grant: MacIver, Laster	\$ 1,574.42			
AALL Travel Grants: Dewey, Hart	\$ 2,230.85			
AALL GD-SIS Breakfast	\$ 3,080.14			
AALL Equipment Fees	\$ 330.66			
DLC Officer Grant: Wondracek	\$ 1,818.73			
DLC Travel Grants: Pamboukes	\$ 699.38			
Total			\$ 10,217.90	\$ 25,995.31
Final Total				\$ 25,995.31

Note: opening balance does not include payment of \$1752 from Hein on 6/29/2012; this is under investigation.

Report on the FDLP Meeting and Conference by New Government Documents Librarians

In October, newly-minted government documents librarians Chris Pamboukes and Cate Kellett attended their first FDLP conference. Here are their responses to questions about the four day event:

Which programs did you attend?

Cate: The first session I attended was the New Attendees Orientation. It was a small but diverse group of new librarians, veteran librarians who were new to government documents, and veteran government documents librarians who had never attended the conference before. I was happy there were other law librarians there, including Chris. We had both started as gov docs librarians only a few months earlier, so we were able to compare our experiences learning the new positions.

Each afternoon there was a two hour session on the FDLP Forecast Study. Since I wasn't yet a government documents librarian when the survey ended, the sessions were my first introduction to the purpose, format, and other details of the study. I was particularly impressed by the effort put into analyzing the data. The study had very open-ended questions, so each answer had to be coded in a way that minimized the GPO staff's subjective interpretations. I look forward to reading the results.

There were many more educational programs that I attended that were particularly useful to me as a new government documents librarian. On the final day, for example, there was a session on the Federal Register. Somehow I made it through my law school days without researching a (federal) legislative history. I have since learned how to help students complete such research by learning as I go at the reference desk, and by attending our Advanced Legal Research class. The program on the Federal Register, however, explained in greater detail the history of the resource and how it relates to broader legislative process.

Chris: Cate and I attended many of the same sessions. I especially appreciated attending the New Attendees Orientation because this was my first FDLP conference, and it was helpful to meet the other first-time attendees, like Cate. The sessions on the FDLP Forecast Study provided a glimpse into the purpose of the study and the applicability of many of the findings. I consider it an important part of my introduction to the FDLP community.

What did you think of the format of the conference?

Cate: I'll admit it was a long conference—by the fourth and final day, I was ready to get back to the office and put into action all of the new skills I had learned. I'm grateful that I didn't have 7:00 AM meetings like I have each summer at AALL. And the lunch breaks were long enough that I could go to lunch with the NY regional group, for example, then take a short rest and be set

for the next educational program!

Chris: I thought that the conference was incredibly well-organized and have no real suggestions for improvement, except to suggest the recording of the sessions to broadcast on the FDLP website after the event. This might encourage interest in the event and draw a wider audience of first-time attendees.

What were some recurring themes at the conference?

Cate: Training. The survey revealed that FDLP librarians want more government documents training, not only to fulfill their duties as librarians, but also as a way to justify the continuation of the program. The FDLP is about more than “free” books, and as government documents in print decline, the need for more training is greater than ever. I hope that GPO will be able to follow through with their plans to provide more webinars and other training sessions. Cooperation was also a major theme, and I’m happy to say I’ve already kept in touch with some of the great colleagues I met at the conference. They continue to offer me useful advice. And I contact more often the government documents librarian at Yale’s main library to coordinate our efforts. The conference successfully inspired me to be more proactive in this position.

Chris: I agree with Cate. In fact, one of the takeaway points of the conference for me was the sense of community that was shared amongst all of the government document librarians. Another theme of the conference was the honoring of the legacy of the FDLP as a constantly evolving institution that has learned to adapt successfully to emerging technologies and will continue to do so in the years to come.

What topics did you find the most interesting?

Chris: I enjoyed learning about the GPO mobile apps and mobile websites that are currently available to the public, including the Member Guide for the 112th Congress (m.gpo.gov/membersguide/), the Presidential Documents mobile website (m.gpo.gov/dcpd/), and the Budget of the U.S. Government mobile website (m.gpo.gov/budget/). I was also excited to learn about the beta version of Congress.gov and its compatibility with mobile devices. Although I could only attend the conference for three days, my favorite programs included “Open Source Tools for Government Data,” “Access to Justice Information and Statistics,” “American FactFinder – U.S. Census Bureau,” and “American Community Survey – U.S. Census Bureau.” I also enjoyed the Proquest luncheon and the screening of “Linotype: The Film,” as I had no prior appreciation of the significance of the linotype machine for the publishing industry.

Cate: I also enjoyed the Linotype documentary. It was a perfect film for a large group of librarians, and it allowed me to see the GPO building in person. We were able to visit the exhibits there after hours, and take a picture with our favorite GPO book! I chose a volume of the C.F.R.

Are there any programs that you would like to attend next year that you could not attend this year?

Chris: Yes, there were many programs that I would like to attend next year, particularly the “Federal Register” programs, the “National Security Archive” program, and the “National Geologic Map Database” program. Unfortunately, because of scheduling conflicts, I am sure that there will always be programs that I miss out on attending.

Cate: One strength of the conference is the number of educational sessions available. It shows that there are hundreds of librarians in attendance with diverse interests. Chris and I are both newer to law librarianship, and were interested in learning more about the Federal Register, a resource we use often. A more veteran librarian may decide to attend a different session.

How do you see the Federal Depository Library Program evolving over the next ten years?

Chris: First, I believe that there will be more collaboration between federal repositories at the state level, in part due to increasing budgetary constraints. I foresee regional depositories playing a pivotal role by providing additional “special” services to selective repositories and their patrons.

Second, the shift that is already underway from print materials to electronic will probably become far more pronounced: print publications will become a rare exception to the norm. Third, I believe that the expectation of the patron base will change. Patrons will expect single-point electronic access to all federal depository materials, and managing patron expectations will become a significant challenge in the future.

Cate: The program will need to offer more training than ever as government information becomes more abundant and spread out on the Internet. Through this training, government documents librarians will instruct their colleagues and patrons on strategies to find elusive online materials. I’m excited that more information will be available online; we just need to work together to find that material efficiently.

*Chris Pamboukes is the Government Resources Reference Librarian at New York Law School.
Cate Kellett is a Catalog Librarian and Government Documents Librarian at Yale Law School.*

GPO Makes the Plum Book Available as an App for the First Time

GPO has made the United States Policy and Supporting Positions, or the “The Plum Book”, available for the first time as an app. The publication lists more than 8,000 Federal civil service leadership and support positions in the executive and legislative branches that may be subject to noncompetitive appointment. The Plum Book app allows users to view and search the publication by agency, position title, location, appointment type, pay plan and level, tenure and term expiration, and vacancy. This is the fourth app developed by GPO; other apps include the Mobile Member Guide, the FY 2013 Budget app, and the Presidential Documents app.

You can direct your smartphones to the Plum Book app at: m.gpo.gov/plumbook

UELMA Progress Update

With special updates from Emily Feltren in AALL’s Government Relations Office and Jonathan Stock, Chair of the Law Librarians Section of the Connecticut Bar Association.

With most state legislative sessions beginning again this month, the AALL Government Relations Office expects to see introductions of the Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act (UELMA) in the following states: Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and Utah.

Two states, Colorado and California, have already implemented UELMA. Proving that no two state legislatures are the same, librarians Susan Nevelow Mart and Michele Finerty each documented their respective experiences working to get the legislation passed in case studies published here: <http://www.aallnet.org/Documents/Government-Relations/UELMA/casestudies.html>. While their experiences differed, common themes emerged, including building relationships with key allies in and outside the legislature.

Taking cues from the Colorado and California experience, UELMA advocates in Connecticut have expanded their efforts on multiple fronts to prepare for this upcoming legislative session. In 2012, Connecticut’s own version of UELMA (Raised [Senate Bill 418](#)) failed largely in part because it was tied to the Uniform Certificate of Titles for Vessels Act, a somewhat controversial bill. Learning from that experience, law librarian Jonathan Stock worked with both the Southern New England Law Librarians Association (SNELLA) and the newly built Law Librarians Section of the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA LLS) to build key alliances and strategize for the future.

The first step was gaining approval from the Connecticut Bar Association as a whole for the 2013 UELMA legislation enactment. First, the CBA LLS met and voted in July 2012 for the CBA to support and recommend UELMA adoption. Next, documentation supporting the CBA

LLS initiative was drafted for the CBA Legislative & Policy Review Committee. On October 4th, the Legislative and Policy Review Committee approved the LLS position— and passed it along to the House of Delegates, who, eleven days later, unanimously adopted the UELMA position.

With the Connecticut Bar Association’s stamp of approval on UELMA, public education became next priority. SNELLA and the CBA LLS co-sponsored a Continuing Legal Education program in November on UELMA entitled *Official Documents on the Web: Are They for Real?* Held at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford, the program was well attended by state decision-makers and staff. It was also [televised by CTN-TV](#) for the public to view.

The state senate just introduced S.B. 235, entitled “An Act Concerning the Adoptions of the Uniform Electronic Material Act” in January. All efforts now are focused on preparing testimony on UELMA for the eventual public hearing before state’s Judiciary Committee. We will hopefully be able to report back more on their efforts, as well as the efforts of law librarians in other states, in the next issue of JURISDOCS.

For more information on UELMA, the Government Relations Office maintains a very helpful website here: <http://www.aallnet.org/Documents/Government-Relations/UELMA>

Day in the Life

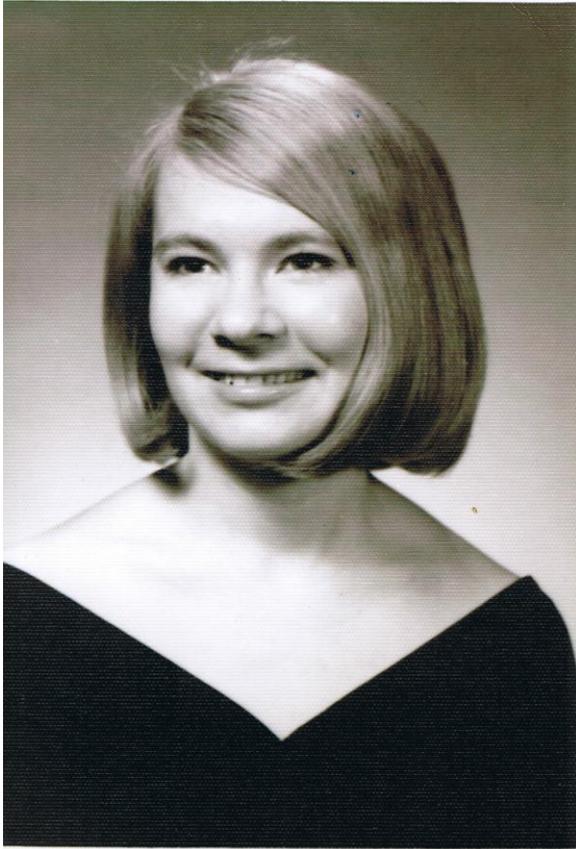
AALL Public Relations committee is running their Annual Day in the Life photo contest through the end of February – and this year there’s a special Government Information Librarians or Libraries category! So get creative and start snapping photos – and please consider submitting your photos for future issues of Jurisdocs!

To enter, post your photo online to the [Flickr Group](#) and give your photo a title. In the "Description" section, enter:

- The photo category in which you are submitting the photo
- Your name
- The photographer's name
- A brief description of the photo, including names of individuals photographed, date and time of the photograph, and location

Please email sschuble@aall.org or fax 312/205-8021 your photo release form if a person(s) is included in any of your photographs. Entries will not be valid until all signed photo releases are received at AALL Headquarters.

Full contest details are [available](#) so follow the link for technical requirements and remember - submission deadline is February 28, 2013.



Veronica Maclay is a name we hear each year, connected with one of our section grants, but at this point few of us remember her personally. She spent her entire career as a law librarian at the University of California, Hastings College of Law. She was the GD-SIS chair in 1993-94, and wrote a fundamental resource on California state documents, *California Government Publication and Legal Resources* (with Laura Peritore). Sally Holterhoff contacted her husband and was able to get this photograph for us to print, to continue to remember a remarkable and active woman. If you'd like to read more about Maclay, see the [memorial](#) printed in Law Library Journal shortly after her passing.

Thanks to Dick Maclay for the photo, one of the "limited number of pictures of Veronica without kids, skis or something similar."

From the Publications Committee....

2012 was a good year for State Documents Bibliography Series with the release of four bibliographies covering the states of Alabama, Georgia (the latest!), Nebraska, and New Hampshire. In progress are another thirteen bibliographies (listed below) that will update all our currently available bibliographies compiled before 2000. The updates are proving consistently valuable as they contain much more information about freely available digital resources that are being posted by state agencies and others. The only state for which we have never published a bibliography is Florida, and I am proud to say one is also in development.

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