From the Editors

Dear Fellow GD-SIS Members,

We hope many of you will be joining us in person or online for the FDLP Conference and Depository Library Council meeting this week, in Washington DC. You can still register to participate virtually. If you are in D.C., remember the open house at AALL Government Relations Office HQ and the Law Librarians & Friends dinner Thursday evening. Even if you are attending virtually, please try to listen in on the programs Wednesday afternoon regarding the Forecast Study and National Plan!

Camilla is looking for volunteers to staff the activities table at AALL in San Antonio. This is a great way to meet people informally. Please contact her if you’d like to help out.

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

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

Our GD-SIS Annual Business Meeting and Breakfast will be held the Tuesday morning of the conference, from 7:00 – 8:15 am. Many, many thanks to our sponsors for helping us host this event: Bloomberg BNA, LexisNexis, Thomson Reuters, Wolters Kluwer Law & Business.

Congratulations to Ed Hart for putting together wonderful programs for this year’s Annual Meeting! The Once and Future Depository Library Program featuring Mary Alice Baish was accepted and is scheduled for Monday, July 14th from 1-2 pm. Gov. Docs: Where There is No Such Thing as a Stupid Question is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15th from 3:45 until 4:45 pm. We are also very pleased to be sponsoring GD-SIS member Jennifer Wondracek’s Hackathon: Building the Information Future, which will be AALL Workshop W1 on Saturday, July 12th, from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. The details regarding each program are in Ed’s report below.

In the coming months, we will be asking for your help to shape the program Gov. Docs: Where There is No Such Thing as a Stupid Question. In addition to providing an overview of how to manage a depository collection, we want conference participants to ask any questions they may have about working with government information. If you cannot attend the session, or if you want to ask your questions anonymously, please feel free to email them to me directly. (Anyone who submits a question will be entered into a raffle for a signed copy of Cass Hartnett’s book!) Also please ask your staff if they have questions regarding government documents. Not all of us are gov. doc librarians, but many of us have had to use docs at some point in our library career. I am hoping for a lively and informative discussion in San Antonio.

Related to “No Such Thing” program, GPO is hosting a pre-conference for new government documents librarians, one day before the Federal Depository Library Council Meeting and Depository Library Conference, on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST. The Institute is recommended for new depository staff unfamiliar with FDLP operations and GPO requirements for depository libraries. It will address topics such as tangible and electronic collections, item selection for FDLP libraries, box processing, working with item selection profile(s), public access requirements, and the role of regional depository libraries. Instructional sessions will also be available virtually, but onsite attendees will meet GPO staff and can consult with staff on their item selection profiles. I will be monitoring this pre-conference for ideas to bring to our AALL program.
Vice Chair’s Report

Ed Hart
Assistant Dean and Director of the Law Library
University of Texas – Dallas College of Law

Thanks to the wonderful proposals from GD-SIS members and the input of the SIS’s Program Committee, GD-SIS is sponsoring three programs at the upcoming AALL meeting.

Starting off is the workshop W1: *AALL Hackathon: Building the Information Future*, which is being coordinated and Moderated by Jennifer Wondracek of the University of Florida. The hackathon will seek to develop mobile or web applications that makes government information more accessible and discoverable.

More details at [https://event.crowdcompass.com/aall2014/activity/5xcShM7qSN](https://event.crowdcompass.com/aall2014/activity/5xcShM7qSN)

Then in C1: *The Once and Future Federal Depository Library Program*, our SIS Chair Camilla Tubbs, University of Maryland, and Emily Feltren, AALL Government Relations Office, will welcome Mary Alice Baish, Superintendent of Documents, for a discussion about the future of federal documents in light of space issues at many libraries and the growth of e-government.


And for our final offering H4: *Gov Docs Basics – Where There Is No Such Thing as a Stupid Question*, we will have the opportunity to hear from Suzanne Sears, University of North Texas and current chair of ALA’s Government Documents Roundtable; Sarah Holterhoff, Valparaiso University Law School Library; and Janet Fisher, Arizona State Library Archives & Public Records. They will provide an overview of managing a depository collection. Audience participation will be encouraged, so bring your questions about working with government information.


It is never too early to begin thinking ahead to 2015. If you have ideas for a program or even just suggestions for possible topics, please feel free to get in touch with me of the new vice-chair once he or she takes office.
## Treasurer’s Report

**Amy Taylor**  
Access Services Librarian & Adjunct Professor  
Pence Law Library, Washington College of Law

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GD-SIS Grants

Congratulations to Kate Irwin-Smiler and Julie Graves-Krishnaswami for receiving GD-SIS grants to attend the 2014 AALL Leadership Academy! Look for a recap and discussion of the leadership academy in the next issue of Jurisdocs.

Congratulations also to Larry Meyer of the Law Library of San Bernadino County and Erik Beck of the University of Colorado Law School library are the recipients of the DLC Grant.

The Veronica Maclay grant was awarded to Carinne Vogel, a library school student from the University of Illinois.

Early Bird Registration Ends June 6 for 2014 Annual Meeting and Conference

Register for the 2014 Annual Meeting and Conference to learn from the fantastic lineup of educational programs, including keynote Andrew Keen. Connect with law librarians from across the nation, from all types of settings, who understand the issues you face every day. Register by June 6 and save $100.

Renew Your AALL Membership Early for a Chance to Win a Free AALL Webinar Registration

In May the second round of AALL dues invoices for 2014-2015 will mail out to all library directors for their institutionally paid memberships and to all other individual members. The deadline for membership renewal is May 31.

This year, when you renew by May 31 you’ll be entered in a drawing for a free AALL webinar of your choice in 2014-2015. Following is the 2014 membership renewal schedule:

- May: Second dues invoices mailed out.
- June: Final dues invoices mailed out.
- July: Expiration notices emailed to all members—individuals and those paid by institutions.
• **August 1:** Expired members deleted from the AALL membership database and access to the AALLNET members only content and *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* subscriptions discontinued.

[Renew your membership online.](#) If you have any questions about your membership renewal, contact AALL Headquarters at [membership@aall.org](mailto:membership@aall.org) or 312/205-8022.

**Registration is open for What’s in Your Toolbox?**

Professional writing can be a challenge, whether you’re writing a newsletter article to send to faculty or lawyers, advising a student on writing a note or seminar paper, writing your own scholarly article, or crafting a weekly blog post. Almost every librarian faces the need to organize research and prepare and present it for some form of publication. Join us **May 22 at 11 a.m. (CDT)** for *What’s in Your Toolbox?: Tools to Organize Your Research, Scholarship, or Professional Writing*, when law librarians Tim Gallina, Jordan Jefferson, Sherry Leysen, and Carla Wale will discuss a variety of tools, from free to paid, and how you can use them at every stage of the writing process. Learn how these tools can help you work through speed bumps in the writing process, as well as help you organize ideas and polish articles for publication.

The webinar is $30 for AALL members and $60 for nonmembers, and site registration (one per physical location) is $150. [Registration](#) is now open.

**AALL2go Pick of the Month**

AALL’s Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: *So You Think You Can Teach: Keeping the Audience Awake and Learning Alive.*

Legal research instruction can be interesting, engaging and fun! Five experienced and dynamic academic librarians present 10-minute mini-lessons, highlighting five different teaching tools to capture the audience’s attention. The mini-lessons cover such topics as secondary materials, cost-effective case law research, locating federal statutes using popular name, federal administrative materials, and D.C. materials. The teaching tools that are demonstrated include showing movie clips that connect a legal research concept with an example from pop culture; using imagery to create a personal legal research scenario; creating a screencast lesson (with Camtasia and PowerPoint); presenting an interesting or funny example or anecdote to engage the audience; and utilizing props and games to capture the audience's attention and to encourage participation. The five different learning styles and the importance of teaching to those learning styles are also discussed.

The mini-lessons are followed by a Q&A session where the panelists discuss in-class assignments, research logs, textbooks, CALI lessons, and the importance of creating relatable research examples. Everyone from the beginner to the experienced legal research instructor is sure to discover innovative techniques that they can use to engage their audiences.

Find this and more free continuing education programs and webinars for AALL members on [AALL2go](#)!
Upcoming Events

FDLP

2014 DLC Meeting & FDL Conference
April 30 – May 2, 2014
Washington, D.C.

AALL Annual Meeting
July 12 – 15, 2014
San Antonio, Texas

Meeting updates on Twitter #aall14
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