View from the Chair
Miriam Childs, Law Library of Louisiana, mchilds@lasc.org

Greetings from your Chair! I’ve been hearing a lot about burnout as of late, and it seems like the focus on burnout happened around the same time as the “Great Resignation” phenomenon. I’m no stranger to burnout. For me, it manifests as exhaustion. I’ll get a lot of rest on the weekend, or take a couple of days off here and there, but those are only temporary solutions. I’m fully aware that I’m part of my own problem because I tend to drive myself too hard. It’s good to see more acknowledgement that burnout is a legitimate issue, along with increased recognition that mental health is just as important as physical health. Perhaps a concomitant increase in self-awareness is the driving force behind the Great Resignation. Employees demand to be fulfilled by their work, and that goes far beyond a paycheck. On the whole I think it’s a good trend, because trends indicate that labor gained some power over the market. If only it meant that burnout would become obsolete.

It’s award nomination season, and recognition of one’s efforts can help to mitigate the effects of burnout. GLL offers several awards to recognize members who have contributed to the association and the profession, including the Connie E. Bolden Publication Award; the Bethany J. Ochal Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession; the Dr. Joel Fishman Professional Publication Award; the Law Library Advocate Award; and the O. James Werner Award for Distinguished Service to Persons With Disabilities. I encourage you to visit the GLL website and have a look at prior recipients of these awards. I look forward to seeing this year’s award winners – and many of you – at the annual meeting and conference in Denver, where we will have some time to relax and recover from burnout.
From the Editor’s Desk

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New year, new look! And I don’t just mean my new profile photo—I, of course, mean the new color and font scheme for the newsletter! Thank you to GLL Newsletter Committee Member Sabrina Davis for bringing the need to update the design scheme to my attention. AALL has asked all SISs to have the same colors and fonts, to help bring consistency. I like it and hope you do too!

I am just back from the Mardi Gras festivities here in New Orleans. It was so wonderful to be together again in community—I am so excited that our GLL community will also be seeing each other again in-person this June in Denver. (Hit me up if you want some beads!)

In this latest issue of GLL News, enjoy a profile of the newest GLL Marketing Maven, Lee Van Duzer. Thank you once again to the GLL Membership & Mentoring Committee for another great book review, this time about “the art of gathering”—an important skill as the committee prepares for the first-ever GLL newer law librarians gathering. A former LA Law Library intern also writes about the reliability of the Wayback Machine.

It’s time to vote! Polls are opening soon for the 2022 GLL election—learn all about the candidates, with their bios and statements.

As always, the newsletter includes AALL announcements, GLL member news, and GLL Executive Board minutes.

It’s never too early to think about the next issue of the newsletter, so don’t hesitate to reach out if you have ideas for an article! You can reach me at svpic@lasc.org.
AALL Announcements

2022 ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE / REGISTRATION OPENING SOON

Mark your calendar—the 2022 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference is happening in person July 16-19 in Denver. We are excited to convene in person again! AALL 2022 will bring together collaborators from across the legal information profession for three days of innovation, tailored learning, and networking. It's where the legal information community goes for the latest, cutting-edge professional development, peer-to-peer connections, and a place to gather and exchange ideas and best practices. Stay tuned—registration will open soon!

NEW! STRATEGIC THINKING COURSE FOR LAW LIBRARIANS

AALL's self-paced course, "Strategic Thinking for Law Librarians," will teach law library professionals—at any level—how to employ strategic thinking for impactful decision-making. Whether you are interested in preparing for a management role or are already in a leadership position, you will come away better equipped to confidently tackle any decision (large or small), make a compelling argument, and apply influence in your organization in a way that creates optimal conditions for success.

Cost: Members $99 / Nonmembers $149

APPLY FOR AN AALL SCHOLARSHIP AND/OR SHARE WITH A FRIEND OR COLLEAGUE

AALL is committed to providing opportunities for your professional growth. Each year, the Association awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to law school and library school students as well as to AALL members. The available scholarships are listed on AALLNET. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2022. For additional questions, please contact AALL at scholarships@aall.org.

APPLY FOR A LEXISNEXIS RESEARCH GRANT BY MAY 1

The AALL LexisNexis Research Grant Jury is accepting applications through May 1 for grants from the AALL Research Fund (An Endowment Established by LexisNexis). The jury may allocate $5,000 between one or more applicants seeking funding for research that advances AALL's Research Agenda, which seeks to stimulate "a diverse range of scholarship related to and supportive of the profession of law librarianship." If you have a research project that may benefit from this grant, review the complete guidelines and apply. Grants will be awarded and announced by the end of May.

AALL CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT / DUE MAY 12

Does your chapter, special interest section, committee, or caucus have an educational event that needs funding? If so, consider applying for an AALL Continuing Education Grant. Grant requests are accepted at various times throughout the year. The next deadline for grant applications is May 12, 2022.
Member News

- **James G. Durham** has been appointed as the Library Director of the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library in Annapolis, Maryland. He previously served as the Deputy Director of the Library.

- **Holly Riccio** served as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) for the most recent AALL self-paced elearning course, Strategic Thinking for Law Librarians.

- **Holly Riccio** was also a speaker at the December AALL webinar The Moth, AALL Leadership Edition: Unleash the Power of Storytelling, which took place on December 15, 2021. **Malinda Muller** was also a guest storyteller.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, August 26, 2021**

Government Law Libraries – Special Interest Section

Executive Board – Minutes

Date and Time: **Thursday, August 26, 2021 @ 12:00 p.m. PDT / 3:00 p.m. EDT**

Invited: J. Durham, M. Childs, H. Riccio, K. Westwood, P. Petroccione, L. Reppe, A. Small, S. Pic

Meeting Leader: M. Childs

Scribe: K. Westwood

Date of Next Meeting: October 20, 2021

Minutes

**Preliminary Items / Action Items from Previous Meeting:**

- Approve agenda James moved, Liz seconded
- Approve minutes Karen moved, Liz seconded
- Treasurer’s Report – Karen reported on royalties correction in Apr/Jun Financial Statement

**Other Business:**

- 2021/2022 Committee assignments update – everything but Publicity/Public Relations and Strategic Planning are set for leaders and members. Brendan Starkey will chair Strategic Planning – needs more members (Steve Anderson was former chair, but he’s retiring). Sue Ludington had chaired Publicity/PR, but is moving to New York and may not be working in law libraries in the near future. Sandra Levin and Nick Beams will continue to serve but committee needs more
Executive Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

Thursday, August 26, 2021 (continued)

- Members. Miriam will continue to be the liaison to the education committee, let her know what committees you’ll want. Karen will stay with Grants and Awards.

- Upcoming meeting dates – third Wednesday, every other month. Miriam will send these out unless anyone has any reservations/questions.

- IdeaScale (Malinda Muller AMPC liaison) – reminder that folks can still submit a program even if no participation in IdeaScale; Education Committee is happy to help with program proposals.

- Bystander training report – good partnership experience with the AAPI caucus, demonstrates success outside of the annual meeting and people understand and participate in the webinar format more than in the past (more than 50 people participated – healthy turnout for this type of programming).

- GLL newsletter chair column – Miriam will follow James’ lead on this! 😊

- Other business – AALL reports they continue to explore non-check contributions to GLL. Karen will give headquarters a nudge if nothing is forthcoming in the next month or two.

- Patty reported that the gender pronoun coffee chat was really helpful and thanked Sara Pic for her role in that. Holly raised again the idea of meeting with all committee chairs to discuss the strategic plan and how it might apply to/by various committees.

- Adjournment Holly motion to adjourn, Patty second 2:49 p.m.

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Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Government Law Libraries – Special Interest Section

Executive Board – Minutes

Date and Time: **Wednesday, October 20, 2021 @ 12:00 p.m. PDT / 3:00 p.m. EDT**

In Attendance: H. Riccio, K. Westwood, P. Petroccione, L. Reppe, S. Pic, A. Small, J. Durham

Absent: M. Childs

Meeting Leader: H. Riccio

Scribe: K. Westwood
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Wednesday, October 20, 2021 (continued)

Date of Next Meeting: December 15, 2021

**Agenda**

**Preliminary Items / Action Items from Previous Meeting:**

- H. Riccio called meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. (CST)
- Approve agenda – Agenda as amended, moved by J. Durham, second by L. Reppe – Unanimous approval
- Approve minutes – [Holly offered Correction, Steve Anderson is a former committee member of Strategic Committee] Motion to approve as corrected by L. Reppe, second by A. Small. Unanimous approval

**Other Business:**

- GLL Handbook suggestions – J. Durham had some ideas for a couple of modifications to GLL handbook - poll committee chairs about handbook changes annually, Pres-Elect in charge of updating the handbook, solicit board members for possible candidate for Above and Beyond Award; A. Small moved to approve these suggestions, P. Petroccione seconded. Unanimous approval.
- GLL News branding – S. Pic said that Sabrina Davis (on newsletter committee) says there’s a AALL color/branding style. Should GLL switch to that? S. Pic provided a link to the AALL branding site, board will review and discuss at next meeting.
- Board review of GLL Strategic Plan – some items land with committees, some land with board. Took a few minutes to look at the plan and which committees (or GLL Bd) would be responsible for various aspects. H. Riccio will follow up with M. Childs about contacting chairs to make the plan come to life.
- Grants Motion (item added to agenda) – K. Westwood moved grants committee motion to approve $1500 for one grant to AALL Management Institute in March, 2022. J. Durham seconded. Unanimous in favor. Ongoing – approve a total dollar amount to the committee and they have discretion to spend??
- AALL Awards (item added to agenda): H. Riccio and K. Westwood will work on a list of names as possible nominees for Hall of Fame and Gallagher awards. Rest of Exec. Bd. will float possible names via email.
- Updates from committees – happened via email; S. Pic says she feels this year should be her last year as editor of GLL Newsletter, S. Davis has agreed to be the new editor.
- Other business – vendor sponsorship of SIS events M. Childs will stay in touch with AALL Exec. Director re sponsorships
- Adjournment 2:12 p.m. CST
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Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Government Law Libraries – Special Interest Section

Executive Board – Minutes

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 @ 12:00 p.m. PDT / 3:00 p.m. EDT

Present: M. Childs, S. Pic, K. Westwood, P. Petroccione, L. Reppe, A. Small, J. Durham

Absent: Holly Riccio

Meeting Leader: M. Childs

Scribe: K. Westwood

Date of Next Meeting: February 16, 2022

Minutes

Preliminary Items / Action Items from Previous Meeting:

- Approve agenda
- GLL News branding – Question was whether GLL newsletter should conform to AALL branding norms. Sara Pic will try it out in the next newsletter, her last issue before passing the editorial baton.
- Grants Committee recommendation – the Exec. Bd. suggested that this committee just request a total dollar amount with suggestions of the types of grants that would be given but then have flexibility to distribute the total amongst the grants without returning to the board for changes. Karen Westwood will approach Christine Morton with this suggestion and report back at the Feb. 16 meeting.
- GLL nominees for AALL Awards – James Durham suggested meeting to generate GLL candidate names for AALL awards. Potential candidates for nomination will be
Executive Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 (continued)

discussed among the Board members.

- Treasurer’s Report – Karen reported on royalties correction in Apr/Jun Financial Statement.

Other Business:

Updates from committees – Education - submitted 2 programs for AALL meeting (“Bringing the Law Library to the Community: Access to Justice with Remote Services” and “Coping With Vicarious Trauma: Tips for Law Librarians on the Front Lines”); Membership and Mentoring – Malinda Muller submitted written report; Standards – Fran Norton requests additional members in order to move forward the committee’s work; Newsletter – next issue will be the “election” issue published in March; Awards – currently soliciting nominees for GLL awards; Grants – one applicant for Leadership Academy but not a GLL member [post-meeting update – the applicant IS a GLL member and will receive the grant – clerical error at AALL]; Bylaws – no updates but stand ready to advise; A2J – no report as they plan to meet in January; Advocacy – Miriam will post this committee’s survey to the GLL communities page

- Other business – vendor sponsorship of SIS events
- Adjournment – Patty Petroccione moved to adjourn, Amy Small seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Interim Board Action:

Grants Committee submitted request for funding for grants for the rest of the year. This included some alternative amounts in the event meetings were moved from in-person to online and the registration and other costs changed as a result. Email vote was taken and passed unanimously (Feb. 11, 2022).
2022 GLL-SIS Grants

Christine Morton, GLL-SIS Grants Committee, U.S. Courts Library for the Second Circuit, Christine_Morton@ca2.uscourts.gov

The Grants Committee is excited to offer grants to attend two upcoming in-person conferences! The grant information is as follows:

- One (1) $1500 grant for the ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference to be held May 12-14, 2022, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The grant application deadline is Friday, March 18, 2022, 5 pm Eastern Standard Time.

- Four (4) grants in the amount of $1,500 each for the AALL Annual Meeting, July 16-19, 2022, in Denver, Colorado. Two grants are designated for librarians with less than five years of experience, and two grants are designated for librarians with more than five years of experience. The grant application deadline is Friday, April 1, 2022, 5 pm Eastern Standard Time.

*The availability of any and all grants are subject to change based on possible COVID-related circumstances. Any changes in award amounts will be reported in the GLL-SIS News, website, and listserv. *

Please see the Scholarship and Grants webpage for the grant rules and the grant application.

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The Reliability of the Wayback Machine into Question?

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The course of time inevitably deteriorates library holdings. Librarians, aware of this problem, are taking decisive steps to preserve digital (i.e., emails, websites) and physical materials because history needs to be shared to learn and understand past events and build a sense of pride among the members of the community. Another important consideration to protect materials is the necessity that librarians fulfill their mission to guarantee continuous access to information by patrons. However, it must be remembered that preservation not only covers remedial measures, but also other precautionary ones such as “prevent[ing] the loss of informational content and prolong[ing] the life of (...) items.” (The Northeast Document Conservation Center, 2015). In this sense, librarians shall equally grant protection to resources and sites before damages occur, while they are occurring (so their impact could be minimized if possible), and even after conservation tasks are concluded.

Specifically, this article deals with three open questions regarding the reliability of the Wayback Machine. First, some related copyright issues are raised. Also, it is important
The Reliability of the Wayback Machine into Question? (continued)

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to consider the integrity of the information gathered, as well as to reflect on the criteria chosen by the Wayback Machine to capture the data on the Internet through time.

The Wayback Machine is a digital archive created in 1996 by the non-profit organization called “Internet Archive” that has decided to protect the digital information contained over the Internet because it wants “to provide universal access to all knowledge” (2021). The Wayback Machine is open to the general public for free, but it is not unique. For instance, Cyber Cemetery is an archive of US government websites, not operative anymore (Cyber Cemetery, 2009). Likewise, HathiTrust is a project launched by academic libraries to digitize materials respecting copyright laws (HathiTrust, 2021). Digital archives are convenient because they allow sharing with a broad audience and serve as a backup, among other reasons. Preservation of websites is especially important if it is known that their lifespan ranges from 44 days to 100 days (Pennock, M, 2013).

To show some copyright issues that arise with regards to the Wayback Machine, a search for a Peruvian website no longer in service was performed. This website belonged to Andeco, a consumer association of which the author was part of its governing body. Nevertheless, the website was found on the Wayback Machine! The Wayback Machine never asked Andeco’s creators for their permission to conserve the website content on this digital archive. There are a variety of reasons why a website is out of the World Wide Web. In Andeco’s case, the association voluntarily ceased operations in 2019. However, other reasons would include that the website’s creators realized the inaccuracy of the information contained and/or the reputational damage caused to third parties, or even the compliance of a local court order. It seems the Wayback Machine could assure damage and/or error to be perpetuated, openly contradicting the will of its authors or even local justice mandates.

In the example just described, what role does copyright play in this case? A website is subject to copyright laws because they protect original works. If a website is not copyrighted in the sense that this work of art has not been registered at the national copyright office, it is still subject to some degree of protection because “work is under copyright protection the moment it is created and fixed in a tangible form” (U.S. Copyright Office, 2021). Thus, the question remains open: is it not necessary that the Wayback Machine asks for permission from authors to save the content of their websites?

Regarding the integrity of the Wayback Machine, some 404s (pages not found) and dead links were found. In fact, some material cannot be viewed because it requires a Flash player or other web apps. This could lead to frustration for users. In other cases, it is only possible to view the home page, not its links. This is essentially equivalent to
The Reliability of the Wayback Machine into Question? (continued)

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taking a screenshot that does not provide enough information or documentation.

Different technologies make digital information available. The technology chosen would depend upon the complexity of the original data objects; the extent to which the functionality for computation, display, indexing, and authentication wants to be maintained, as well as the requirements of "current or anticipated users" (Hedstrom, M., 2000). In the case of the Wayback Machine, this task is challenging, considering there are more than 500 billion sites at the disposal of patrons. Besides, anyone with a free Wayback Machine account can also upload media to the Wayback Machine (Internet Archive, 2021). The goal of the Wayback Machine is ambitious. It requires an important amount of human effort and economic resources to make it function. The content Wayback Machine is continuously growing in capacity. Thus, there is a valid concern that its functionality and speed can be compromised in some instances.

Another aspect to consider in this regard is that, as Pennock points out, web-archiving in and of itself is not a booming business. It seems that the hard work by the Wayback Machine deserves financial support. Indeed, Internet Archive is now openly asking for donations from patrons when accessing its website.

Furthermore, the Wayback Machine does not appear to do quality control to select and save websites. For instance, after performing a random search, it has been verified that a porn site has been saved more than 57,900 times between 2001 and 2021, while the university library website has just been saved over 300 times in the same period. Some would interpret this data illustrates how certain topics are being minimized with regards to others. Would it be important to do some kind of debugging to separate what content is worth from what is not? Should the Wayback Machine select websites before saving them? Personally, I do not think that the Wayback Machine considers porn more valuable than library information. After all, both are part of a culture, “the way of life, especially the general customs and beliefs, of a particular group of people at a particular time” (Cambridge Dictionary, 2021). Probably, information at the porn site was just updated more times than the university website during the ten-year period. That could be the reason one was saved more than the other. In any case, to avoid speculation would be better than the Wayback Machine asserts something in this respect.

Having said that, without the Wayback Machine there would be no discussion at all. Digital archiving of Internet content is a new and changing field of study, very exciting to be a part of, but also challenging and unknown. The Internet keeps becoming a more complex entity. What has thus far been accomplished by the Wayback Machine is amazing. Being able to look back on things that have occurred in our digital world can be as exciting as looking at original physical documents of historic events.
The Reliability of the Wayback Machine into Question? (continued)

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To access the Mentoring Skills Inventory program at the GLL website visit: https://www.aallnet.org/gllsis/resources-publications/mentorship-program/.

This spring, the Membership and Mentoring Committee will host an e-gathering for newer (five years and under) GLL law librarians. More information forthcoming.
GLL’s Marketing Maven: Winter 2022 -
Lee Van Duzer, Law Library Manager,
Washington County Law Library, Hillsboro, Oregon

GLL-SIS Publicity & Public Relations Committee

In this Marketing Maven profile we are going to focus on marketing for small government libraries – one, two, or three person shops that don’t have large marketing budgets. We’ll be spotlighting Lee Van Duzer at the Washington County Law Library, Hillsboro, Oregon, and his outreach project providing walk-in legal reference assistance at local public library branches.

Pre-covid you had a really interesting partnership with your local public library to help extend your outreach. Could you give a brief description of the program and how you marketed it?

We spent one afternoon/evening a month at each of two local public libraries offering legal reference assistance. The goal was to reach beyond our walls to people in the county who might have trouble reaching our physical location. We also stayed until 7pm, so it offered service later than our normal hours. We had positive reception both from patrons and the librarians.

Our marketing of this program relied heavily on the local libraries to reach their service populations. They included it in their newsletters and calendars, had posters and flyers, and then we had Facebook events that they shared to their followers. We also asked their staff to be aware of and refer patrons to the program. Amy Gregory, my Assistant Librarian, has experience marketing programs from her prior work in public libraries. That was helpful in this process, and in our other efforts.

What’s the status of that project now?

Sadly, we had to suspend it when the pandemic started. We touched base with the libraries last summer - when we briefly thought things were looking up. We hope to resume once we can all do so safely. We have tried to make sure local libraries are aware of our enhanced virtual reference options.

What “if I only knew!” advice would you give others wanting to replicate that program? (Could you touch on how you made this happen as a smaller library?)

Be prepared for it to take time. I was surprised at how far ahead public libraries plan their programs. The promotional material for their newsletters needed to be ready a few months before the actual program. Also, it’s a commitment. We need to make sure we have a staff member to go to the partner library, and one to keep our doors open.
That reduces our flexibility for staff leaves on those days, which makes a difference with only three staff.

I also wish we had worked more on branding at the beginning. We called our program Law Librarians in the Library, but later started informally calling it Ask a Law Librarian. We may have an opportunity to rebrand it when we resume.

Last, I wish I knew Sue Ludington, my assistant librarian at the time and who deserves credit for initiating this program, would leave to take over her own county law library before we launched. That delayed our start a bit. But it illustrates that you can’t predict the future and we and our partners needed to be adaptable – as we had to do with COVID-19.

**What are your current marketing challenges and solutions?**

We recently launched an eBook pilot using LexisNexis Digital Library. We initially pushed it to county legal offices, members of the local bar, and issued a press release through our County’s public relations office. There was some early momentum, but we are struggling with how to spread the word more. We are sending posters and business cards to the local public libraries, and will consult with our County’s public relations team to find other options.

We are also working on building awareness in the state legislature regarding the ongoing funding shortfall for county law libraries in Oregon. A local legislator suggested we create a video after we gave her a tour, so we created one. Our County’s public relations and government affairs departments took the lead on making this happen. The video can be viewed at [https://youtu.be/bkQNqTekf0g](https://youtu.be/bkQNqTekf0g). This was my first video; as I told the video team, I was the least knowledgeable person involved in the project. I think that best describes my approach to marketing: find people who know what they are doing and get them to help.

**What’s the best way to spend a day off from work?**

I love the Oregon coast and recently spent a few nights there with my husband. We just relaxed and hunted agates on the beach. I also took some pictures, which is a hobby of mine.

**What are you currently reading?**

*The Murders in the Rue Morgue* by Edgar Allen Poe, which I had learned was a precursor to Sherlock Holmes. I’m also planning to return to *The Wheel of Time* books, which I never managed to finish, after seeing the Amazon series.
Book review: The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters

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There are milestone gatherings in one’s lifetime where the purpose, ostensibly, is obvious: from celebrating birthdays, graduations, or weddings to a ritual to mourn the loss of a loved one. Other gatherings too have agendas, or at least a common theme, such as work meetings, book clubs, community service events, and dinner parties. But are all these gatherings as distinctive and productive as they could be? Or have they become routine or lackluster? In The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters, Priya Parker argues that good gatherings are possible when the one hosting the gathering (also known as the “gatherer”) assembles people with purpose (described as “specific, unique, and disputable”) in a structured and thoughtfully planned way so that when the gathering ends, people who attended have created meaningful connections to each other.

Priya Parker’s website states that she helps people “create collective meaning in modern life, one gathering at a time.” She helps activists, elected officials, corporate executives and educators create “transformative gatherings” and is trained in conflict resolution. Parker studied organizational design at M.I.T., public policy at the Harvard Kennedy School, and political and social thought at the University of Virginia. She also hosted the New York Times podcast “Together Apart” in 2020. In The Art of Gathering, she draws upon several examples from her work as a “facilitator of high-powered gatherings” to illustrate successful (and unsuccessful) gatherings. The Art of Gathering was published in 2018, two years before the Covid-19 pandemic upended in-person gatherings. Since 2020, gathering closely together at times seemed fraught while some people avoided it altogether. Some gatherings moved outside or to a virtual platform. In April 2020, Parker released a guide on her website called “Virtual gathering in the time of Corona.” Focused on virtual work gatherings, it offers nine ideas to make virtual meetings meaningful. But while gatherings may have changed since the book was published, the principles of a successful gathering, no matter the format, have not changed.

Anyone who cares about creating meaningful gatherings would benefit from The Art of Gathering, a thoroughly researched how-to manual. Each step of a gathering (the purpose, guest list, invitations, host, beginning it, and ending it) has a designated chapter in which Parker provides several real-world examples from her own experiences as gatherer, observer, or attendee. Advice includes who and how many people to invite, how to create a purpose, where to have the gathering, and not starting a gathering with logistics (how many virtual meetings start with “can everyone please mute?”) In the chapter “Keep your best self out of my gathering,” Parker explains that creating a setting to foster vulnerability and
intimacy can transform an annual gathering, such as a networking conference, from shallow to transformative. One such conference, the World Economic Forum in Davos, was the setting of her first gathering format eventually called “15 Toasts,” a gathering of 15 people over dinner with varying themes: “a good life; faith; rebellion; romance; conflict; origins; vulnerability” and several others. The idea is that each person at the gathering provides a brief toast to whatever the chosen theme is, an “invitation to intimacy.” Through their toast one can expose a little, or a lot, of themselves depending on their comfort level. Parker interweaves her own experiences with stories that illustrate successful gathering moments, from Saturday Night Live’s “cold opening,” to Tough Mudders, The Moth, and the use of gathering ground rules at the Alamo Drafthouse. Parker naturally ends the book with a discussion on the important task of ending a gathering, encouraging the reader to embrace finitude but not close with logistics. She offers several options for authentic, powerful closings.

In the spirit of convening people meaningfully, the GLL-SIS Membership and Mentoring Committee is hosting a gathering for newer (5 years and under) GLL librarians this coming April, 2022. Together we will build connections and learn from experienced AALL leaders. During this time of great change and evolving workplaces, this gathering is intended to provide a sense of belonging and support to newer colleagues in government law libraries. The Newer GLL Librarians’ Spring Gathering will be held April 27 on Zoom. Newer GLL librarians, watch your inbox for more information and an invitation!

The GLL-SIS Membership and Mentoring Committee maintains the GLL Mentorship Program: Build Your Skills initiative where new and seasoned members can connect, one-to-one, for peer assistance and input. Access the Mentoring Skills Inventory program at the GLL website at https://www.aallnet.org/gllsis/resources-publications/mentorship-program.
GLL-SIS Membership and Mentoring Newer GLL Librarians’ Spring Gathering

GLL-SIS Membership and Mentoring Committee

Join Us! Meet Each Other!

Get Connected!

Did you know that there are more than 100 law librarians with five years or less experience in GLL?

On April 27th, the GLL Membership and Mentoring Committee invites those of you newer librarians to gather, make new or further deepen your connections and engage with one another.

Please join the Membership and Mentorship committee and featured speaker, AALL’s President Diane Rodriguez, who will share insights around leadership and guide a discussion in an informal exchange amongst friendly colleagues.

Watch your email box for more information and Zoom link coming soon!

For questions, feel free to contact anyone on the Membership and Mentoring Committee:
https://www.aallnet.org/gllsis/about-us/committees/

For help from a subject area specialist mentor, visit the GLL Mentorship Program site:
https://www.aallnet.org/gllsis/resources-publications/mentorship-program/
GLL-SIS Mentorship Program: Build Your Skills

GLL-SIS Membership and Mentoring Committee

Welcome to the GLL Hosted Mentorship Program Community

The GLL Mentorship Program is available for peer to peer assistance and input on more than 75 diverse and specialized areas of expertise and experience including:

- Change Management
- Handling Press / Journalist Inquiries
- Library Space Planning
- Strategic Plans
- Adjunct Teaching & Instruction
- Social Media
- Publishing, Authorship
- Summer Associate Programs
- Curriculum Design
- One Person Libraries
- Community Partnerships
- Inter Library Loan
- Library Systems Administration
- Emerging Technologies
- Collecting & Reporting Statistics
- Law Library Policies
- Project Management
- Vendor Relationships
- Internship Programs
- Job Searches, Interviewing, Resumes
- Serving as a Reference
- Collection Downsizing
- Legal Information Literacy
- Circulation Management
- Digital Reference Services
- Website Design and Development
- Digitization, Digital Repositories
- Bibliographic Management Software

GLL is on-board with support - Visit the GLL Mentorship Program, identify a topic and reach out to a participating volunteer:

https://www.aallnet.org/gllsis/resources-publications/mentorship-program/

A colleague is looking forward to connecting with you
GLL-SIS Election and Nominations

Our annual GLL-SIS online election will begin on April 1, 2022, and will end on April 20, 2022. If you have any questions about nominations or the online election process, please contact Miriam Childs, GLL-SIS Chair, at mchilds@lasc.org. Thank you for participating by casting your ballot during the election!

The nominees are:

Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong — Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Library Experience:

Law Librarian • January 2015 – Present
Part-Time Law Librarian • May 2013 – August 2014

6th District California Court of Appeal • 333 W. Santa Clara St, San Jose CA 95113

Managed the 6DCA law library, handling every aspect of library maintenance including collection development, updating, acquisitions, space planning, budgeting, and print and digital media selection and strategy.

Provided research and reference support for 50 court employees, including historical and legislative history research, topical research, continuing awareness research, and substantive legal research.

Established and managed adoption of court policy regarding web archiving of URLs used in court opinions, served as project manager for 6DCA intranet creation, helped set and disseminate court policies during the coronavirus pandemic. Coordinated trainings and judicial education credits for the court.

Research and Training Librarian • August, 2014 – January 2015

Paul Hastings • 101 California St, Fl. 48, San Francisco CA, 94111

Provided research and reference support to 59 local attorneys, and to 941 world-wide Paul Hastings attorneys as part of a seven-person library reference support team.

Co-led collection development for the San Francisco and Palo Alto branches of the Paul Hastings library, providing guidance on local practice areas and heavily used resources. Suggested digital resources to support these practice areas as needed.

Led local and national webinar trainings on research resources and research billing best practices.
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*Research Librarian* • March, 2009 – May 2013

*Assistant Librarian* • March, 2006 – March 2009

**Nossaman LLP** • 50 California St, Fl. 34, San Francisco CA, 94111

Performed competitive intelligence research for patrons, c-suite executives, and the business development department. Spearheaded the creation and use of our competitive intelligence research policies and procedures, determined best practices for business research resources and processes.

Provided legal reference support to 40 local and 200 remote attorneys and staff.

Maintained news monitors for multiple practice groups, client and firm industry areas, and specific cases.

Collection development for San Francisco and Sacramento libraries, project manager for print to online content transition, and training for new online resources. Provided content development for the firm’s new intranet.

**Education**

University of New Mexico - May 2004 • Juris Doctor, focus on intellectual property and copyright.

San Jose State University - May 2010 • Master in Library and Information Science

Copyright X - May 2017 - Certificate Awarded

University of New Mexico - May 2001 • B.A., European Studies Major, French Minor.

**Volunteer Experience**

Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL)

- Vice President / President / Past President 2018-2021
- Academic Relations Committee 2014-2016
- Spring Institute Committee 2015, 2017

American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)

- IDEA Committee Member (Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Awareness Committee), Policy & Procedure Review Chair 2020-2022
- Chapter Professional Development Award Jury 2017-2018
- Annual Meeting Program Committee for 2017 and 2022

Government Law Libraries Special Interest Section (GLL-SIS)

- Grant Recipient for AALL’s Management Institute, 2021
Personal Statement

In March of 2020, I remember telling my Presiding Justice that my daughter’s school was going to be closed for a couple of weeks, and that I’d have to work remotely for a bit. My Presiding Justice was very supportive and kind, (as she always is), and told me that she looked forward to seeing me back at the office, but “Jocelyn, it may be more than a month before this health crisis is resolved.” In the two years since that day, we’ve faced a time of great change and stress in the country as a whole, and in the legal field in particular. The strain on our court system and our government institutions has been particularly acute, not just from the pandemic, but from the social injustice exposed during this time.

During this turbulent period, I’ve been so impressed by my GLL special interest section’s ability to create positive change out of challenging circumstances. I’ve watched all of us pivot to remote work, remote support, and pivot back again. This group’s monthly check-ins have been a welcome opportunity to connect with fellow librarians and learn what is going on around the country; I wish I could attend more often, as it is always inspiring. As friends, you are an amazing collection of people. As a group, you are a force to be reckoned with. So, it is an honor and a privilege to run for the position of Vice Chair/Chair-Elect of the GLL-SIS.

In my former role as VP/President/Past President (2019-2021) for my local AALL chapter NOCALL, I learned that we can’t predict what challenges a leadership role will bring. However, there are some issues that are evergreen. I’m excited to continue this section’s good work of supporting the Access to Justice, especially as our own Diane Rodriguez is in the role of AALL President, championing that cause. I believe strongly that access to justice is a key component to greater equity and equality in our country, and our legal system. I hope to provide steady leadership as we find our feet in the “New Normal” of life post-vaccine, and as we provide help to our patron groups as they do the same. I also believe that, as librarians, we must continue our good work on UELMA, and follow up on it by focusing on the preservation of born-digital information – ensuring that the materials we have today are still available to future researchers. I ask for your vote, and welcome your guidance and support as we move into the future, together.
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Karen Westwood — Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Education
Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, MN—JD, May 2007, Magna Cum Laude
Awards: Best Brief, First Year Class
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign—MS, Library and Information Science, 1987
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities—BA, Political Science, 1983

Library Experience

Director, 12/15 - Present
Anne W. Grande Law Library, Hennepin County, Minnesota
• Manage staff, services, budget, and all aspects of library operations

Associate Director, Library Services, 09/14 – 12/15
William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota
• Library management team member, Hybrid JD team member, legal research instructor

Assistant Director, Research and Instructional Services, 07/10 – 09/14
William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota
• Library management team member, reference department supervisor, legal research instructor

Reference Librarian, 04/10 – 07/10
Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota
• Online reference librarian, produced online research topic aids

Reference Librarian, 08/04 – 05/07
Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota
• Employed while law student, first-year legal research instructor

Head of Public Services, 02/01 – 08/04
Minnesota State Law Library, St. Paul, Minnesota
• Department manager, reference librarian, management team member
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Head of Outreach Services, 10/97 – 02/01
Minnesota State Law Library, St. Paul, Minnesota
• Directed Law Library Service to Prisoners program and County Law Library Program

Law Librarian 04/96 – 10/97
Lockridge Grindal Nauen & Holstein, PLLP, Minneapolis, MN
• Solo librarian in mid-sized firm, managed library, performed research for attorneys

Outreach Librarian 06/90 – 04/96
Minnesota State Law Library (Law Library Service to Prisoners), St. Paul, MN
• Circuit-riding prison law librarian visiting four correctional facilities on a regular basis

Reference Librarian (Various Positions) 08/87 – 06/90
Public Library of Brookline, MA; Minneapolis Public Library; University of Minnesota; Dakota County Public library, MN; Hamline University (Bush Memorial Library)

Attorney Experience

Associate Attorney 09/07 – 10/09
Lindquist & Vennum, PLLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Volunteer Attorney 07/09 – 10/11
Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota

International Experience

Guest Lecturer March 17-29, 1997
State Great Khural (Parliament), Mongolia

English Teacher 08/83 – 07/84
Xi-an Jiaotong University, Xi’an, The People’s Republic of China

Publications
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Working Group on Distance Learning in Legal Education: Collected and Recommended Practices, Co-Editor with Greg Brandes and Rebecca Purdom, CALI e-book (December 2015).

“Deals and Dispute Resolution: Teaching Research Skills in a Short-Term Simulation Class,” AALL Spectrum (July 2012).


For the Record: 150 Years of Law and Lawyers in Minnesota (Minneapolis: Minnesota State Bar Association, 1999) (Member – Millennium History Project Steering Committee and Editorial Contributor).

“Public Law Libraries: Service Beyond the Call of Duty,” Minnesota Lawyer (June 7, 1999).


Presentations

“You CAN Field Legal Research Questions: Essential Information for the Public Librarian,” with Pauline Afuso, Ramsey County Law Library, Minnesota Library Association meeting (held virtually 9/30/2020) (Presenter).


“Legal Information or Legal Advice?: Getting Together to Address a Perennial Question,” MAALL Joint Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, October 20, 2017 (Presenter).


“Leaning In and Reaching Out! Building and Delivering A2J Education, Outreach, and
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Awareness,” AALL Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, July 17, 2017 (Presenter).


“Launching the Hybrid JD,” Working Group on Distance Learning in Legal Education Meeting, St. Paul, MN September 18, 2014 (Presenter and Meeting Coordinator).


Professional Service


Minnesota Association of Law Libraries - President (2202-2003 and 2012-2013); Secretary/Treasurer (1996-1997); Chair, Gates Grant Task Force (2003-2004).

Working Group on Distance Learning in Legal Education – Host and Coordinator for William Mitchell Meeting (September 2014).

Minnesota State Bar Association – Member, Pro Se Implementation Committee (2003-2004).

Minnesota Courts Sesquicentennial Planning Committee – Committee Administrator (1997-2000).

Minnesota State Bar Association – Member, Millennium History Project Steering Committee (1998-1999).
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American Association of Law Libraries, Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section – Secretary/Treasurer (1996-1997); Chair (1998-1999); Standing Committee on Law Library Services Prison Survey Project (Current).

Community Service

University Lutheran Church of Hope – Various board positions, most recently President of the Congregation, Chair of Personnel Committee, Call Committee and Capital Campaign Committee (2012-2021).


Minneapolis Public Library Neighborhood Advisory Committee (Roosevelt Community Library) – Member (2002-2005).

Midtown Public Market – Advisory Board Member, Chair of Site Management Committee (2002-2004).

Personal Statement

I am so pleased to be asked to run for Chair of GLL-SIS. I have spent the past three years as Secretary/Treasurer of the SIS and have had a bird’s eye view of the great work our members do on a daily basis. We have a talented, committed executive board and our GLL libraries continue to impress and inspire me. If I am elected, I will work to promote government law libraries and continue to explore with our members the various challenges we face. Meeting again in Denver in person will give us a great opportunity to support each other as we continue to reopen after the pandemic and reshape our many services and collections. It is an exciting time to work in a government law library and I would welcome the opportunity to lead GLL-SIS as we dive into addressing the challenges and opportunities that face us.
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Sarah Larsen — Secretary/Treasurer

EMPLOYMENT

Outreach Librarian, Minnesota State Law Library, St. Paul, MN, February 2017 – present

Legal Analyst, Minnesota Board of Nursing, Minneapolis, MN, April 2015 – January 2017


Law Clerk to the Honorable Tsippi Wray, Hennepin County District Court, Minneapolis, MN, November 2011 – October 2013

EDUCATION

St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN – MLIS, May 2018

Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, MN – JD, May 2011

Tulane University, New Orleans, LA – BA, History, French; BS, Psychology, May 2008

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

AALL

Leadership Academy Fellow, 2020

GLL-SIS

Education Committee Chair, 2020 – present

Education Committee, 2017-2020

LISP-SIS

Vice Chair/Chair/Past Chair, 2020 – 2023

50 State Toolkit Committee, 2018 – 2020

Minnesota Association of Law Libraries

Member at Large, 2018 – 2020

Minnesota State Bar Association

Access to Justice Committee, 2019 – present
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Resource Development Subcommittee, 2019 – present
State of the State Workgroup, 2021 – present
Minnesota Judicial Branch
Self-Represented Litigant Workgroup, 2019 – present

AWARDS
Mitchell Hamline Law Review Wallace-Lerner Award for Excellence in Leadership, 2021

PUBLICATIONS
Author, Outreach and Access to Justice in a Pandemic, LISP/SR Blog, January 26, 2021
Co-Author, Minnesota’s Not-So-Blazing Trail to Women’s Suffrage (and Beyond), With Equal Right, Fall 2018 (with Leslie Greenwood)
Author, Diversity in Public Libraries: Strategies for Achieving a More Representative Workforce, Public Libraries, May/June 2017

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS
Speaker, “Outreach During a Pandemic,” Law Librarians of Puget Sound, February 24, 2021
Speaker, “Creating Pathways to Civil Legal Justice,” WebJunction Webinar April 14, 2020 and Self-Paced Course recording
Speaker, “Meeting Patrons Where They Are: Legal Partnerships at the St. Paul Public Library,” Minnesota Library Association Annual Conference, October 11, 2018
Poster Presentation, “Meeting Patrons Where They Are: Legal Reference at the Public Library,” AALL Annual Meeting, July 2018

PERSONAL STATEMENT
I am honored to be nominated for Secretary/Treasurer of GLL-SIS. I am relatively new to the profession of law librarianship, but I have spent nearly a decade working in government. Even though government work comes with unique challenges, I can’t imagine working in any other setting. I joined GLL-SIS as a brand-new law librarian in
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2017, and I have found membership in this section to be instrumental in my
development as a librarian. I look forward to the opportunity to give back to GLL if
elected.

I have been fortunate to work with many of you through the GLL Education Committee.
I have been a member of this committee since July 2017 and have served as its Chair
for the last two years. During my time on the committee, we have provided feedback
and support for proposals that became excellent Annual Meeting programs. We have
produced webinars on a variety of topics, including advocating for law library funding
and combating systemic racism and bias. I am proud of how we have continued to
offer opportunities for GLL members to connect and learn from one another despite the
ongoing challenges of living in a pandemic. I hope to serve as Secretary/Treasurer to
continue supporting the work of this organization and its members and creating
connections on a larger scale.

Sara V. Pic — Secretary/Treasurer

Education

Louisiana State University School of Library and
Information Science - M.L.I.S., May 2014

Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA -
J.D., May 2005

Rappaport Honors Fellow in Law and Public Policy

Smith College, Northampton, MA - B.A. in Women’s
Studies and Russian Civilization, May 2000

Study Abroad at Middlebury College School in
Russia, Yaroslavl and Moscow, Russia

Library Experience

Law Library of Louisiana, May 2014-present

Head of Public Services: Answer reference questions
and assist with research requests from judiciary,
attorneys, and self-represented litigants. Teach CLEs
and workshops. Conduct outreach to public librarians and other “Access to Justice”
partners. Create original exhibits and research guides. Build LibGuides on civics, legal
writing, legal history, and resources for self-represented litigants. Edit tri-annual library
newsletter. Maintain court historical society website. Develop new marketing materials.
Previously: Research Lawyer/Librarian, November 2017-April 2019; Assistant
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Attorney Experience

Mental Health Advocacy Service, Apr. 2008-Apr. 2010—Attorney


Health Law Advocates, Boston, MA, Sept. 2005-Mar. 2007—Wendy Parmet Fellow and Staff Attorney

Service
Legal Reference Services Quarterly - Editorial Board Member, 2022-present
AALL Annual Meeting Program Committee - Member, 2018-2019, 2022-2023
AALL Excellence in Community Engagement Award Jury - Chair, 2021-2022; Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, 2020-2021; Member, 2019-2020

Government Law Libraries SIS Newsletter Committee - Co-Editor and Ex Officio Board Member, 2018-present; Member, 2017-2018


Legal Information Services to the Public SIS Grants Committee - Member, 2022

Social Responsibilities SIS - Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Chair, and Immediate Past Chair, 2018-2021

Social Responsibilities SIS Standing Committee on Lesbian & Gay Issues/Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity - Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Chair, 2015-2017

New Orleans Association of Law Libraries - Secretary, 2017-2021

Louisiana State Bar Association Access to Justice Committee - Appointed Member, 2014-present

Awards & Honors
AALL Emerging Leader Award - 2020
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SEAALL Scholarship - 2014
Social Responsibilities SIS Holoch Memorial Grant - 2014

Presentations
Louisiana State Bar Association CLE, Virtual Reference Desk - 2021
AALL Coffee Chat coordinator and moderator, Gender Pronouns: It’s Not Only Grammar - 2021
Academic Law Libraries SIS Webinar Panelist, Collaboration and Outreach: Supporting Community Legal Research - 2021
AALL Annual Conference Program Coordinator, Change the Subject: How a Cataloging Term Became a Flashpoint in the Immigration Debate - 2020
OCLC WebJunction Program Developer and Presenter, Creating Pathways to Civil Legal Justice - 2020
Legal Reference for Public Librarians, at Louisiana Library Association conference - 2014, 2019
AALL Annual Conference Program Panelist, SR/GLL/LISP Roundtable on Services to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners - 2018
AALL Annual Conference Program Coordinator, Meeting the Legal Information Needs of Transgender Patrons - 2017
AALL Annual Conference Cool Tools Café Presenter - 2015 and 2016
AALL Annual Conference Program Coordinator and Moderator, SR-SIS Roundtable on Religious Freedom Laws - 2016
Louisiana Justice Conference CLE on online library resources and guides - 2016
Law Library of Louisiana CLE on law library services for SRLs - 2016
Law Library of Louisiana CLE on WestlawNext and other electronic resources - 2014
LSU Law Advanced Legal Research course guest lecture on secondary sources - 2014

Publications
Sexual Orientation, Gender Identities, and the Law: A Research Bibliography, 2006-2016 (chapters on Health, on Youth, and on Elders), published by Hein - 2018
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**Personal Statement**

I am deeply honored to be nominated to the GLL-SIS Executive Board as Secretary/Treasurer. When I decided to change careers in 2012, previously working as a public interest attorney, I was not certain what I would find in my new career as a librarian. I only knew that I wanted to help communities in dire need of access to justice in new and innovative ways. I could not have found a better home than in government law libraries for this goal. Not only were the government law librarians I met deeply committed to the fight for justice, they were also the kindest, most welcoming community I had ever met.

I feel so fortunate every day to count myself a member of the GLL community and have thoroughly enjoyed serving this community the last 4 years as editor of *GLL News*. I would be thrilled and humbled to continue this journey with you as your next Secretary/Treasurer.

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**Brendan Starkey — Board Member**

**EXPERIENCE:**

Director, Orange County Public Law Library (2018-present)

Associate Director for Library Services, Chapman University Fowler School of Law (2013-2018)

Research Librarian for Instructional Services, University of California, Irvine School of Law (2012-2013)

Research Librarian, Irell & Manella LLP (2011)

Associate & Summer Associate, DLA Piper LLP (US) (2005-2010)

Legal Writing Fellow, University of Southern California Law School (2003-2005)

Reference Librarian, Seattle University School of Law (1999-2002)
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Reader Services Librarian, Whittier Law School (1996-1999)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:
American Association of Law Libraries
Southern California Association of Law Libraries
Council of California County Law Librarians

EDUCATION:
J.D., University of Southern California Gould School of Law (2005)
M.L.S., University of Kentucky (1995)
B.A. (History Major, Music Minor), University of San Diego (1993)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:
GLL-SIS Strategic Planning Committee, Chair (2021-2022), Member (2020-21)
Council of California County Law Librarians Executive Board, Vice President (2021-present), Member at Large (2020-2021)
Southern California Association of Law Libraries Library School Liaison Committee (2013-present)
AALL LexisNexis Research Grant Jury, Chair (2018-2019), Member (2017-2018)
AALL Scholarship Awards Jury (2015-2016)

PERSONAL STATEMENT:
Ever since I moved from academic to government law libraries with my current position, I have profited immeasurably from my membership in GLL-SIS. What an extraordinary group! While we often struggle with issues of funding and balancing the needs of different stakeholders, the last few years have been particularly challenging. GLL-SIS members have done an amazing job of coming up with new ways of providing services and continuing traditional services during a global pandemic, despite often precipitous declines in revenue. We continue to grapple with the problem of systemic bias and racism in the legal system, along with the problem of unequal access to legal information. Having surveyed our membership while on the Strategic Planning Committee, it is clear we need GLL-SIS more than ever for networking, educational, and advocacy efforts to help address these and other challenges.

It would be an honor to put my years of professional experience as a law librarian and
attorney in service to GLL-SIS by serving as a Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee. We face significant challenges in the current moment, but we also have opportunities to effect real change. (I realize the challenge/opportunity dyad is being used a lot these days, but I really think it is true!) The committee can continue to direct those efforts while working to involve as many of our community as possible in the process. I would love to be part of that.
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