READ THIS FIRST:

FROM THE CHAIR

In a word, this year has been hell! On September 21st our Library Director, Diana Vincent-Daviss, who was highly supportive of my work, died suddenly. In December and January I underwent two neurosurgeries for a hydrocephalic condition. My symptoms (a narrowing and obfuscation of vision) are getting worse, and I am currently undergoing further tests and fully anticipate undergoing a third surgery. I am highly medicated and resemble either a zombie or my favorite zoo animal, a slow loris. Hence, this issue of your newsletter is five months late and the election for our new Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect is way overdue.

I want to especially apologize to Cynthia Arkin and Ann Laeuchli, as well as the AALL Executive Board, for not carrying out the election in accordance with our newly amended bylaws. For many of you, I doubt it really makes much difference when the election is held. But to Cynthia and Ann who worked so hard to put the by-laws in shape to comply with the Executive Board’s wishes, I truly apologize for not being a better steward of my charge. In retrospect, I should have resigned in November, but pride prevented me from doing so.

When I assumed the position as Chair I felt I knew what needed to be done, to involve more of you in the operations of the SIS. I believe that is what makes a strong SIS. Unfortunately, I have failed to get this done, and I apologize to those of you who expressed willingness to help last summer, and who have been waiting all year to hear from me. I am hoping many of you will rally to my plea for help now. (See the Volunteer Form on page 10.) Mary needs all of our help to get the SIS back on track and the train moving again.

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Fortunately, we have planned an exciting and fun time at the Annual Meeting for you. Mary and I were quite disappointed when after being given assurances from Jim Hoover, the Program Chair, the Program Committee did not select one of our program proposals for the second year in a row. I was instrumental in forming this SIS several years ago, and my prime motivation was the role I anticipated the SIS might play in sponsoring programs in legal history and rare books. We did cosponsor a program that was selected, Japanese Legal History, but I know that is nowhere close to the center of interest in the field for virtually the entire membership. One thing the SIS Program Committee must consider next year is whether the SIS should cosponsor programs proposed by other SIS's.

In lieu of a formal program at the Annual Meeting we will have one during the time allotted for our business meeting with distinguished librarians in the profession and one historian, whose wife has been a strong supporter of the SIS since its inception. Moreover, we thought it would be valuable for newer librarians to meet a number of librarians who are more experienced in legal history and rare books at the SIS table in the Exhibit Hall. This is, no doubt, the best way to promote our SIS. Finally, in support of the book and fresh air, we thought it would be fun to tour a few of the famous cafe bookstores in Seattle on Wednesday afternoon.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

At the Annual Meeting:

CONELL Market Place: Saturday morning: I need someone, who likes bright new faces, to assist me in promoting the SIS to CONELL participants.

Table in Exhibit Hall: Sunday: 10:00-3:00; Monday: 9:00-11:45 a.m. and 2:30-6:00 p.m.; Tuesday: 9:00-6:00 pm; and Wednesday 8:00-12:00: I hope to staff our table with "notables, i.e., librarians who would answer questions on a topic, e.g., the role of a Special Collections librarian or that of an Archivist, or the Rare Books Collection at the University of Virginia, all day Sunday and the mornings of the weekdays. I would also like to have facilitators at the SIS table who would promote the SIS, passing out handouts, or catering to the needs of the "notables," or if nothing else, just keeping them company. I will ask you to sign up on the volunteer form for one hour shifts. Also, it would be good to have one or two of you be responsible for straightening the handouts and displays on the table throughout the meeting and also one or two others to help me prepare displays (photocopies of historical photos of Seattle!).

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From the Chair, cont.

Book Shop Hop: I am planning to arrive in Seattle early on Friday to discover these bookstores, but it would be highly useful to have someone familiar with Seattle to act as our tour guide or just watch that I don't lead the group astray.

After the Annual Meeting:

A number of volunteers are needed to carry out the ongoing activities of the SIS next year. I think they fall into three sets:

1) The Newsletter: An Executive Editor, Production Editor, and Copy Editor are needed, as are column editors. Columns could focus on sharing messages from Ex Libris, new books in the field, soliciting descriptions of various rare law book collections, etc. Writers of longer articles, of course, are also needed.

2) Committees: A Committee on the preservation of Rare Books, one to design a brochure for the SIS, another to work on the Exhibit Table at the Annual Meeting and the on- going Program Committee needs regular members, as well as Chairs.

3) Liaisons: The SIS needs to do a better job of networking with other organizations. Librarians who belong to organizations such as Society of American Archivists might volunteer to serve as a liaison between this organization and the SIS. Also, the AALL Government Relations Committee issues considerable information, and someone might read and summarize that for Mary.

I hope you will complete the Volunteer form and return it to me today so we can start planning for next year. It will make the SIS respond better to our collective needs. I look forward to seeing you in Seattle!

FROM THE VICE-CHAIR/CHAIR ELECT
Mary Cooper Gilliam
University of Virginia Law Library

I want to invite all of my fellow SIS members who have ideas for programs and workshops to bring these ideas to Seattle for discussion. We must start the planning now for Pittsburgh and beyond.

As a relatively new SIS we have had a low acceptance rate of our programs for the annual convention. I would like to see this change and have the SIS submit well thought out imaginative programs that will draw a wider audience.

I would be happy to work with anyone interested in submitting programs etc.

I very strongly believe that the physical book both as artifact and as text has a place in law libraries and that despite or maybe because of our technological advances, the codex form of the book will endure in our collections far longer than its detractors predict. We must work toward a wider audience for our programs and to ensure the materials will be in our collections for the legal historians.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR 1995 PROGRAM PROPOSALS TO MARY COOPER GILLIAM BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING
(Forms may be found on page 329 of the April, 1994 AALL Newsletter.)

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Law School; and moderated by Katherine Hedin, University of Minnesota.

TUESDAY

1:15 - 2:45 p.m. Japanese Legal History cosponsored by Legal History and Rare Books SIS. See preliminary program for a detailed description.

WEDNESDAY

2:00 - 5:30 p.m. Book Shop Hop (Meet at Message Board. Let us know you’re coming -- fill out registration form on last page of newsletter).

An informal tour to two of Seattle’s most distinguished cafe bookstores in two of its most historic areas: Elliot Bay Book Company in Pioneer Square (Rumor has it there is an antiquarian bookstore there, as well.) and Storey’s in Pike Place Market.

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Books at Virginia: Rare Book School, 1994
Professional Development Notes - May 1994

Books at Virginia: Rare Book School (RBS) offers a collection of five-day, non-credit courses on topics concerning rare books, manuscripts, and special collections during July and August. The educational and professional prerequisites for RBS courses vary. Some courses are primarily directed toward research librarians and archivists. Others are intended for academics; persons working in the antiquarian book trade; bookbinders and conservators; students of the history of books, writing, and printing; and those generally interested in the subjects being treated.

The tuition for each five-day course is $525. Dormitory and hotel accommodations are offered. Students make a full-time commitment to any course they attend, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday; most students also attend an informal dinner on the Sunday evening before their first class on Monday. In addition to the formal classes, there are early evening public lectures and other events throughout the five weeks of RBS.

For a copy of the RBS 1994 Expanded Course Descriptions sheet and an application form, write, fax, e-mail, or telephone Rare Book School, 114 Alderman Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22903-2498: fax (804) 924-8824; e-mail biblio@virginia.edu; telephone (804) 924-8851.

See you in Seattle at:
Japanese Legal History
Tuesday, July 12, 1994
1:15 p.m.
Byron D. Cooper
Nominated as
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect 1994-95

Byron D. Cooper, Director of the Law Library and
Associate Professor of Law, University of Detroit Mercy (1983- ), has been nominated Vice-Chair/
Chair-Elect of the Legal History and Rare Books SIS. Members will best know Byron from his
column "Recent Developments in English Legal History" in the newsletter over the past two years.
In the field of legal history and research he has authored "The Role of Publishing Houses in Devel-
and "Anglo-American Legal Citation: It's Historical Development and Library Implications," 75 Law
Library Journal 3-33 (1982).

Byron attended Indiana University receiving his
A.B. in Classical Languages and Literatures, 1968;
an M.S. in Economics, 1973; his J.D., 1977; and his
M.L.S. in 1978. Before moving to his current
position, he served as Technical Services Librarian,
1978, Assistant Director for Collection Develop-
ment, 1978-1980, and Associate Director, 1980-
83 at Indiana University Law Library, Bloomington.
He was also admitted to practice in Indiana.

His membership in the Selden Society and Ameri-
can Society for Legal History in addition to the
Legal History and Rare Books SIS evidence his
strong interest in legal history.

A tear off ballot can be found at the back of this
newsletter. Your participation in the election is
much appreciated.
INTERNET SOURCES DEALING WITH LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE NATIONAL PATRIMONY, MONUMENTS, MUSEUMS, ETC.

"(T)he best place to start is the gopher of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS). That international non-governmental organization is one of the leading international bodies for the protection of the cultural heritage, with member National Committees in 74 countries. The gopher was begun in February by members of ICOMOS Canada, and now has a variety of lists, international conventions, charters, and other documents relating to the protection of the cultural heritage."

Among the documents included in the gopher is 'Internet Resources for Heritage Conservation, Historic Preservation, and Archaeology,' which may also have some information of use, including a group of listservs, gophers, web servers, and other useful tools.

There are very few actual 'Inventories' of national patrimony yet on line. However, one that is, is the French Inventaire General des monuments et des richesses artistiques. (Gopher to cyr.culture.fr and choose 'Basses de donnes documentaire').

Peter H. Stott, Heritage Conservation, US ICOMOS/ICOMOS Canada, April 26, 1994. (slightly revised)


(Please send your favorite flashy title in legal history or rare books to the Editor for inclusion in the next issue.)

**HAVE YOU READ?**

Baker, Nicholson, *Discards 70 New Yorker* 64-86 (April 4, 1994). The talk of the East Coast, but has it made it to the West? There is a lot of history amidst the bemoaning of what is lost in the automation of the card catalog.


"E is for English
ONLINE EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY SHORT TITLE CATALOGUE EXPANDS"

Mountain View, Calif., April 19, 1994 -- The Research Libraries Group (RLG) and the International Committee of the Eighteenth-Century Short Title Catalogue (ESTC) announced today that they have added nearly 75,000 records covering the period before 1701 to the ESTC bibliographic database in RLIN, RLG's online union catalog of more than 64 million items. Because of its new scope RLIN ESTC now will be known as the English Short Title Catalogue.

When completed, ESTC will contain records for virtually every English letterpress item published between 1473 and 1800. The catalogue describes materials published in English and the other British languages anywhere in the world, as well as materials published in England or its dependencies in any language.

The Center (The Center for Bibliographical Studies and Research, University of California, Riverside) did the majority of the new ESTC cataloging itself. The Center plans to continue to create records, in conjunction with the British Library, until RLIN's coverage of pre-1701 imprints is complete.

Users at the Huntington Library, which has one of the world's finest collections of early English material, have had informal access to the new records for some time. Alan Jutzi, the Huntington's chief curator of Rare Books, calls the expanded ESTC "the biggest thing since Pollard and Redgrave," referring to their monumental "Short Title Catalogue of Books Printed in England, Scotland & Ireland and of English Books Printed Abroad, 1475-1640." ESTC, in fact, now includes some 70 percent of the items recorded in the second edition of Donald Wing's short title catalogue for the years 1641-1700.

Much of this material is accessible on microfilm, and ESTC records include specific pointers to University Microfilms International's "Early English Books, 1475-1640," "Early English Books 1641-1700," and "Thomason Tracts" microfilm sets, as well as showing where thousands of unfilmed items can be found.

This power to break new scholarly ground is crucial. The expanded ESTC, says Peter Davison of the Bibliographical Society, London, "will make an enormous contribution to facilitating the study of British history, literature and cultural studies. It is not too much to say that it will revolutionize that study and permit researchers to answer questions it was impossible even to formulate before ESTC!"

Expanded ESTC is likely to have its greatest impact on independent scholars and those at small institutions. "It will be a real democratizing influence," states Connie Gould, special projects officer at RLG. "With ESTC available over the Internet, it will be less and less important to be connected to an institution with a large collection of books."

For more information, contact Richard Kohn at (415) 692-2255.

La Vonne Gallo, Moderator of RLGMEM-L, April 26, 1994.
Legal History and Rare Books
1994 ANNUAL MEETING

CONELL Market Place

____ I volunteer to help with promoting the SIS to new librarians.

SIS EXHIBIT TABLE

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(Please indicate the number of hours you would be willing to work and check convenient
times: _______ hours)

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____ I volunteer to be a "notable" at the Table, (just one hour), and my topic will be:

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____ I volunteer to shepherd the Table throughout the Annual Meeting to be sure there are enough
handouts, the displays are straight, etc.

BOOK SHOP HOP

____ I volunteer to see that the group doesn't get lost.
Volunteer Form
1994-1995 SIS Staff

NEWSLETTER STAFF

___ I volunteer to serve as Editor and solicit contributions to the newsletter.

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___ I volunteer to serve as Copy Editor and proofread the newsletter.

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___ I volunteer to regularly contribute to the newsletter with a column focusing on

COMMITTEES

I volunteer to work on the following committees:

___ Preservation of Rare Books

___ Preparation of SIS brochure

___ Planning for SIS Exhibit Table at next year's Annual Meeting

___ Program Committee

___ I would be willing to Chair one of the above Committees.

LIAISONS

I volunteer to serve as a liaison between the SIS and the following organization(s):

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THE TOTEM POLE

PIONEER PLACE

The original Pioneer Place Totem Pole was brought to Seattle in 1899 by an Alaskan excursion party jointly sponsored by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce and the Post Intelligencer. Carved by the Tlingit Tribe on Tongass Island of Southeast Alaska, the pole was already at least fifty years old at the time of its arrival in Seattle. The original pole was burned by vandals in 1938 and was replaced by the present totem which is an almost exact replica, carved by later Alaska Indians.

The pole’s figures, from top to bottom, are as follows:

RAVEN: (culture Hero) at the head of the totem indicates the family lineage. Holds the MOON in his mouth.

WOMAN: Holding her FROG CHILD.

FROG: Husband of the woman.

MINK.

RAVEN.

KILLER WHALE: Blow-hole carved to represent a face, a seal in its mouth.

RAVEN-AT-TII-HEAD-OF-NASS: Grandfather of Raven.

Three myths are symbolized on this Totem Pole. The symbols are standardized, but each lineage has its own version of the myths.

1. Raven, through trickery, gets himself born as a child and is adopted by Raven-At-The-Head-Of-Nass, from whom he steals the sun and moon, which the old grandfather had been keeping in his lodge. Raven throws the sun and moon into the sky, after which he makes his escape through the smoke hole, thus becoming a black bird.

2. Many intermarriages between members of Raven Clan transformed into human form (Woman in this instance) and Frogs, who have also taken on human forms, result in complications when children arrive in original frog form.

3. Mink and Raven take a sea voyage in the belly of Killer Whale, feasting until they come to the whale’s heart. When they carve out that vital organ Whale dies and they are washed ashore. They finish off the carcass on the beach, but find that their adventure has left Raven sleek and oily while Mink has become dirty-brown from rolling in rotten wood in order to clean himself.

JOIN US FOR THE BOOK SHOP HOP going to Pioneer Square (we can’t guarantee there is still a totem pole there; can someone tell us?)

Legal History and Rare Books SIS
1994-95 ELECTION FOR VICE-CHAIR/CHAIR-ELECT

[ ] Byron Cooper
[ ] Write-in Candidate: ________________

BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 13TH.

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[ ] Yes, I would like to join the SIS for its Book Shop Hop and coffee or tea afterwards. I will meet you at the message board Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

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