

Candidate Statement 202 - LSR -SIS Secretary Treasurer

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I am thrilled and grateful for the opportunity to submit my candidacy for the LSR -SIS Secretary Treasurer. I have been a member of AALL since 2017 and my membership has undoubtedly enhanced my career in law librarianship and helped me develop important skills and competencies. Not only has the knowledge shared in LSR -SIS webinars and presentations contributed to greater understanding of pertinent issues and shared challenges, but members are also committed to fostering a welcoming and collegial professional network. As a secretary treasurer, I hope to continue to make LSR -SIS a valuable part of all members' professional success.

I have been a member of technical services departments since the beginning of my career in librarianship. After working at a small private university performing copy and original cataloging, I started at Robert Crown Law Library in 2017. Since then, I have collaborated with colleagues at Stanford and in LSR -SIS on a wide variety of responsibilities and projects ranging from digitization of oral histories, acquisitions, and an ILS migration. Throughout this varied work, I have leaned on the professional network in LSR -SIS to ask questions, solicit feedback, share my experiences in presentations at AALL annual meetings, and contribute writing to TSLI and AALL Spectrum. In a similar vein, I have been excited to help disseminate the valuable knowledge of all AALL members as a member of the AALL Continuing Education Committee, TSLI Editorial Board, and coordinator of Newer Librarian Roundtable. Lastly, I've been fortunate to have participated in AALL's Leadership Academy. This was a great opportunity to learn principles of leadership, build my AALL network, and identify ways to support the work of my colleagues at Stanford and nationally.

My experiences as an active AALL member have provided me with the opportunities to add practical skills and supported my long-standing interest in library systems and technical services that make a successful secretary treasurer. I can contribute strong verbal and written communication skills and also offer experience in reconciling financial transactions and projects. What's more, I will share my excitement and interest in discussing new technologies and research that helps the work done in technical services departments become even more successful.

I look forward to working with members sharing information and developing an inclusive and supportive network. The information and expertise of the members has inspired, motivated, and enhanced the way library and information resources are delivered to users. LSR helps to foster these successes and highlights it as a valuable SIS.

Brief Bio: Jake Kubrin has been a technical services librarian for over 10 years. After graduating from San Jose State University's MLIS program and doing copy and original cataloging at a small-sized university in the San Francisco Bay Area, Jake began his career in law librarianship at Stanford Law School in 2017 as a metadata librarian. Since then, Jake has expanded his areas of responsibilities in various functions of technical services and became Robert Crown Law Library's Head of Acquisitions in 2022. He contributes his developing skill sets and competencies to his active membership in AALL and looks forward to applying these skills in improving library services. He has presented at AALL and Northern California Technical Processes Group annual meetings. Jake has written for AALL publications, Spectrum and Technical Services Law Librarian, and Wikidata Education Blog.

Summary of professional contributions:

- Member of AALL Continuing Education Committee (2022-2023)
- Member of TSLL Editorial Board (2023-2025)
- New Librarian Roundtable, moderator (2025)
- Published article for November/December 2023 AALL Spectrum titled, "Voices Across the Spectrum: Discovering Diversity Through Linked Data"
- Presenter at the 2023 American Association of Law Libraries, "Discovering diversity through Linked Data"
- Published feature article for November/December 2022 AALL Spectrum titled, "A quick guide to using Wikidata"
- Presenter at the 2022 American Association of Law Libraries deep dive, "Wikidata: A New Tool to Enhance Access to Law Library Collections"
- Contributed guest post in January 2020 to Wiki Education blog, "How to share an oral history collection more widely."
- Published special article for June 2019 (vol. 44, no. 4) Technical Services Law Librarian Journal, "Metadata guidelines case study: best practices for handling MARC to MODS mapping for a digital repository."
- Presenter at 2019 Northern California Technical Processors Group, "A new workflow for cataloging and acquisitions to increase access and effectiveness."
- Co-chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee for the Foreign Law Enhancement of Metadata (2017-2020) and collaborate with Library of Congress to revise Library of Congress Classification Schedules.
- Worked jointly with Education and Training Committee of the Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Sharing Section and updated global interlibrary loan best practices reference resource, SHAREILL.org, 2016.
- Recipient of American Library Association's Reference and User Services Association's STARS/Atlas Mentor Award, 2014.
- Professional association memberships: American Association of Law Librarians (2017-present), Northern California Technical Processors Group (2017-present), Education and Training Committee of Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Section (2014-2016), Southern California Electronic Library Consortium (2014-2016), BayNet mentee (2013-2014).

