

2024-2025 LSRD Committee Annual Reports

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Education Committee Report

Members: Brenda Alfaro Campos, Jim Kalwara, Bee Bornheimer, Joe Cera, Benjamin Carlson, Becky Bearden, Elisabeth Umpleby

The Education Committee had a successful year:

- Improved the coordination with TS-SIS's Professional Development Committee through better coordination of calendars and awareness of upcoming events through crossover members
- Hosted a follow up meeting related to Taking the Mystery out of Discovery program from AALL in Chicago last year
- Hosted a meeting regarding an introduction to coding and why/when it might be a good idea to have these skills in your toolbox
- Supported Office Hours through participation and programming
- LSRD-SIS sponsored program that was accepted for the annual conference in Portland called Leveraging Data and Technology in Law Libraries to be held Monday, July 21st 1:15p - 2:15p
- Discussed the results of the biennial survey as they related to future education committee programming and got a jump on the discussions for next year

FROG (FUNDING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES GRANT) COMMITTEE 2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

2024-25 Members: Jessie Tam (Chair), Heather Buckwalter (TS), Kathryn Downing (TS), Elaine Kong (LSRD), Jennifer Noga (LSRD), Kim Martin (Representative-at-large)

GRANT MANAGEMENT

We received two grant applications this year:

- Devan Orr, Foreign and International Reference Librarian, and Kathryn Downing, Digital Collections & Archives Librarian at William & Mary Law School, were awarded a \$860 FROG for their project *Abstracting with AI*. This project tested the ability of artificial intelligence to create abstracts for law review articles and faculty scholarship in institutional repositories, to address the challenge of improving discoverability of publications that lack abstracts.
- Charlie Amiot was awarded a \$120 FROG for her study on collecting and analyzing data from U.S. law school websites. She planned to use a hierarchical coding scheme to analyze the differences in navigation experiences between desktop and mobile users accessing law library resources through law school websites. Charlie later decided not to accept the grant for personal reasons.

The FROG Committee was not allowed to announce the grant awards on the AALL Members Open Forum. We sent the announcement to TS-SIS, LSRD-SIS, and the AALL eNewsletter.

ADVERTISING

The FROG Committee continued to promote the grant on the online discussion lists of TS and LSRD, but we were not allowed to post on the AALL Members Open Forum. We had to select a few specific SISs and caucuses to promote the grant. They are:

- Academic Law Libraries SIS
- Foreign, Comparative & International Law SIS
- Government Document SIS
- Legal History & Rare Books SIS
- Legal Innovation & Technology SIS
- Professional Engagement, Growth & Advertisements SIS
- Law Repositories Caucus

The announcement was also included in the AALL eNewsletter and TSL.

TS-SIS HANDBOOK

The FROG Committee members gave input on updating the FROG Committee section of the TS-SIS Handbook.

Local Systems Committee Annual Report

2024-2025 LSRD-SIS Local Systems Committee Members:

Nariné Bournoutian, Columbia University Law Library
Jacob I. Nunnally, Hofstra University Law Library / William A. Wise Law Library, University of Colorado Law School had succeeded
Lauren Seney, William A. Wise Law Library, University of Colorado Law School
Keite Lynn, University of North Dakota
Keiko Okuhara (Chair), University of Hawai'i Law Library

At the Annual Meeting in Chicago, the Local Systems in-person meeting was held on Sunday, July 21 @ 12:45pm – 1:45pm in Randolph 3. The meeting started with a 10-min discussion on the platforms of Alma and Folio followed by a breakout session by the ILSs on tips and tricks for system migrations, serials & claiming, workflows.

The LSRD-SIS Local Systems Committee hosted two meetings in fall and winter. The fall meeting was held on October 8, 2024. The theme of the meeting, *Reporting Comparisons Between Systems: Alma, FOLIO, and Koha*, featured presentations from the following five speakers: Jean M. Pajerek from Cornell University presented FOLIO. Alma was presented by Alyssa Koclanes from Georgetown University. Finally, Brandi Ledferd and Kim K. Martin from K&L Gates LLP in Seattle co-presented Koha. A Q& A session was moderated by Lauren Seney from the University of Colorado Law School.

Jean provided an overview of the complexities involved in generating reports using FOLIO, focusing on Cornell University's experience. FOLIO has three types of reporting systems: 1) In-app Reports: Limited to single-app data, insufficient for multi-app queries., 2) Library Data Platform (LDP): External to FOLIO, organizes data into table schemas for complex queries, 3) SQL is used for querying; however, not all staff members are proficient in it.

Alyssa introduced two ways of Alma's reporting systems: 1) Creating sets within Alma and 2) Alma Analytics for detailed reporting. Alyssa concluded by emphasizing the importance of Alma Analytics in managing library operations and encouraged attendees to explore Ex Libris resources for further learning.

Brandi introduced Koha reports module and demonstrated how to create and manage a guided

report followed by showing the reports library in Koha. Kim and Bradi discussed open access and knowledge sharing, displaying the database schema to explain the relationships between tables. Brandi demonstrated how to create an SQL report, showcasing the advantages of using SQL directly in Koha for greater flexibility and advanced filtering.

Finally, Kim highlighted various features of reporting in Koha, such as auto populating table names when writing SQL. It is a repository of pre-built SQL reports shared by the Koha community. It encourages knowledge sharing and is an excellent resource for learning SQL by studying others' work.

The Winter Meeting was held on February 5, 2025. It began with a brief presentation by Jacob I. Nunnally from Hofstra University Law School Library, followed by breakout sessions on Alma, FOLIO, Koha, and OCLC's WorldShare Management Services (WMS). For a detailed report on the Winter Meeting, please refer to *TSLL*, Vol. 50, No. 3 (March 2025).

The LSRD-SIS Local Systems in-person meeting during the AALL Annual Conference & Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 21, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room B117 of the Oregon Convention Center.

Respectfully submitted by

Keiko Okuhara

Nominating Committee Annual Report

2024-2025 LSRD-SIS Nominating Committee Members:

Heather Buckwalter, Creighton University School of Law
Ismael Gullon, Mercer University Law Library
Keiko Okuhara (Chair), University of Hawai'i Law Library

The Nominating Committee is responsible for recruiting a slate of candidates to run for office each year. Every year the SIS elects a Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and one Member-at-Large. In addition, Secretary/Treasurer is elected in odd-numbered years. There must be at least one candidate for each office.

The Committee consists of three members appointed by the LSRD-SIS Chair. It begins its work in the fall preceding the election. The Committee developed a slate of candidates for the positions of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and Member-at-Large this year. The roster was forwarded to the current Chair in February 2025 to be published in the March issue of the *Technical Services Law Librarian* (TSLL).

The Vice-chair/Chair elect shall serve a three-year term, the first year as Vice-Chair, the second year as Chair, and the third year as Past-Chair. The Secretary/Treasurer shall serve a two-year term. The Members-at-Large shall serve two-year terms, with the terms staggered. The voting period was from April to May 2025. On May 19, 2025, the election results were announced on LSRD-SIS my community by the Chair.

The Committee appreciate the support of the Chair, and the Web Master for posting the slate on the LSRD-SIS Website, as well as the Secretary/Treasurer for creating an election page for members to cast their votes. I would also like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of the Committee members in carrying out their work.

Last but not least, the Committee extends its sincere gratitude to all the candidates for stepping up to run for the LSRD-SIS office and contributing to the continued strength of our governance.

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Web Advisory Committee Annual Report

For the 2024-2025 AALL year, the Web Advisory Committee had five members: Rebecca Bearden, Qi Huang, Noa Kaumeheiwa, Chi Song (Chair), and Samantha Thorne. In addition to regular website maintenance and updates, the Committee completed a comprehensive review of the current website, which began during the 2023-2024 AALL cycle. The comprehensive review addressed the website's structure (e.g., menu, navigation, number of pages/clicks to reach relevant information, page groupings, etc.) and content (i.e., substantive content reviews and copy editing reviews).

Based on this review, the committee developed a two-step plan to reorganize and update the website. Step 1 addressed the website's structure, and step 2 addressed the website's content. For step 1, the Committee submitted a detailed proposal to the Board to reduce the total number of webpages by consolidating related content, removing outdated/duplicative content, and updating the navigation menu. The proposed website reorganization enhances user experiences by improving the discoverability of information and simplifying website navigation. The Executive Board approved the proposed website reorganization and the proposal was submitted to AALL for execution and anticipate that it will be completed in the 2025-2026 AALL cycle.

Step 2 of the website reorganization/update plan addresses content. Non-substantive updates (e.g., typographical errors, etc.) were completed. Substantive updates, including archival practices, are in process and will continue in the 2025-2026 AALL cycle.