

RIPS-SIS Annual Report

2018-2019

Executive Board Report

Ashley Ahlbrand, Chair	Genevieve Tung, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
Alyson Drake, Immediate Past Chair	Katie Hanschke, Secretary/Treasurer
Karen Skinner, Member-at-Large	Paul Gatz, Member-at-Large

The Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS-SIS) had another productive year in 2018-2019. This section of the report will highlight a few initiatives, with further details in the committee reports that follow.

New Committee: Scholarship

The previous year's executive board established a new committee, the RIPS-SIS Scholarship Committee, which had its first year of activity this year. The committee established its charges, approved by the Executive Board, and set forth developing a number of opportunities to support RIPS members with their scholarship, from the planning and writing to the promotion phases. Full details can be found in their report, below, but of particular note are the collaborations established between the RIPS Scholarship Committee, the Beer & Edits group, and the ALL-SIS Research & Scholarship Committee. Through this collaboration, the three units put on a program at the Annual Meeting, "Just Write It: Embracing Your Inner Author," and have several online events planned for the coming 2019-2020 year.

New/Expanded Event: 5 Conversations in 5 Days

In an effort to engage the membership in discussion of topics relevant to research instruction and patron services, the Executive Board asked several committees to hold "5 Conversations in 5 Days" events throughout the year. Participating committees included Patron Services (October 2018), Legal Research Competencies (January 2019), Research Instruction (March 2019), and Scholarship (May 2019). Each committee's event received high levels of engagement, and the committees will be encouraged to pursue these events again in the coming year.

Progress of Membership Task Force

The Membership Task Force was born out of RIPS-SIS' most recent Strategic Plan. One of the unique features of RIPS-SIS is our crossover with so many different library types; whether you work in a court library, a firm library, an academic library, a government library, or another type altogether, we all have patrons to serve, and typically we all do some form of instruction for those patrons. Thus, the Membership Task Force has been tasked first with assessing the current and historical diversity of our membership, in terms of the types of libraries we hail from; look at ways we can champion this diversity; and ensure we're best serving the needs of all RIPS members.

Co-Sponsorship of Teach the Teachers (and new grant to attend)

In June 2019, the inaugural Teach the Teachers Conference was held in Atlanta, Georgia, a conference for librarians who teach. RIPS-SIS acted as a co-sponsor for this event, and offered a grant to attend. The

plan is to hold this event every other year, and we look forward to continuing to support the event in the future.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Report for 2018-2019

Balance (as of 3/31/2018)	\$19,379.91
Revenue	
Dues	\$7,195.00
Teaching the Teachers Registration	\$ 4,655.00
Donations for Teaching the Teachers	\$ 1,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ 12,850
Expenses	
Annual Conference Food and Beverage	\$ 1,923.90
Annual Conference A/V	\$1,168.24
Annual Conference Awards & Grants	\$ 4,182.56
Telephone (conference calls)	\$ 120.25
Awards	\$ 182.92
Penguin Adoption	\$ 75.00
Total Expenses	\$ 7,652.87
Excess Revenues over Expenses	\$ 5, 197.13
Balance (as of 3/31/2019)	\$24,577.04

Submitted by Katie Hanschke, RIPS Secretary/Treasurer

Committee Reports

Grants Committee

Committee Members:

Deborah L. Heller, Chair
R. Martin Witt, Vice Chair
Dan Brackmann
Whitney Curtis
Amelia Landenberger
Kelly Leong
Michelle Murray
Tammy E.P. Oltz
Leslie Street
Jill Sturgeon
Annmarie Zell

This year, the Grants Committee gave two awards for the AALL Management Institute (\$1000 total). Since RIPS was co-sponsoring the Teaching the Teachers Conference, the board asked the committee to add an additional grant this year for attendance to that conference. The committee awarded one grant (\$500). We also awarded four grants to attend the AALL Annual Meeting (\$4000 total). This brought us to a grand total of \$5500 in grants awarded this year.

The Committee also reviewed applications for the two awards established last year. We received several submissions for the RIPS-SIS Publication Award and after much deliberation, we settled on one recipient. We also chose one recipient for the RIPS-SIS Service Award. The recipients will receive the awards at the RIPS Meet and Greet held during the Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Heller, Chair of Grants Committee

Legal Research Competencies

Committee Members

Theresa Tarves, Chair
Anupama Pal, Vice Chair
Kerry Lohmeier
Becky Mattson
Nicole Downing
Kris Niedringhaus
Gail Partin
Charlie Perkins
Lynne Hartke
Melissa Hyland

Jennifer Prilliman
Nolan Wright (Left the committee in Nov. 2018)

Activities undertaken 2018-19

- AALL Annual Meeting Events
- 5 Conversations in 5 Days
- Website
- Webinar

AALL Annual Meeting Events

- Program – Assessing Legal Research Competency: Bridging the Gap between Law School and Practice
 - Scheduled for Monday, July 15th from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 - Panelists:
 - Theresa Tarves, Associate Director, Montague Law Library, Penn State Law (moderator)
 - Nicole Downing, Clinical Assistant Professor of Law and Head of Reference Services, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 - Jennifer Davitt, Chief Librarian, Louis Loss Librarian, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
 - Taryn Rucinski, Supervisory Librarian, U.S. Court of International Trade
 - Kelly A. McGlynn, Supervisor, Research & Knowledge Services, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
- Roundtable - Sunday 7/14, 5:15 –6:15 in the Marriott Gallaudet room
 - Topic TBD at our next committee meeting on 6/11/19

5 Conversations in 5 Days

- Held the week of January
- 5 Committee Members each moderated one day of the discussion on each of the 5 competencies
 - Becky Mattson, Jennifer Prilliman, Nicole Downing, Kris Niedringhaus, Lynn Hartke

Website

This year we continued to work on the website to compile information on assessments and the AALL Principles and Standards for Legal Research Competency. The WordPress website is available here: <https://legalresearchcompetency.wordpress.com>. Kerry Lohmeier is spearheading this project, but we had a harder time finding volunteers to work on this as we have in the past and so we did not accomplish as much with the website as we would have hoped.

Eventually, the goal for the website is for it to be a clearinghouse of legal research competency information for legal research instructors and library/law school administration. Once additional materials are added, the committee will market the website and work on establishing links to it from aallnet to make the website more discoverable to those seeking information on the Principles and Standards for Legal Research Competency.

Webinar

We submitted a webinar proposal for a deep dive into assessment as a continuation of our webinar from last year that covered assessments and rubrics at a high level. The plan was that the webinar this year would focus fully on assessments and the one next year will focus on rubrics. However, we had a few issues nailing down speakers and working out a time in the spring that would work for potential speakers and with AALL's webinar schedule. Our plan is to re-propose the webinar once the committee transitions in July and hopefully get on the schedule for Fall 2019.

Legal Research Teach-In Committee

Gail Mathapo, **Chair**

Mark Williams, **Vice-Chair**

2018- 2019 Committee Members:

Ana Isabel Delgado Valentín

Cheryl Fisher

Cory Lenz

Kerry Lohmeier

Andrew Martineau

Becky Mattson

Anne Mostad-Jensen

Julie Tedjeske

Clare Willis

The committee organized in July 2018.

Committee Action Items

In response to the RIPS-SIS President's and Executive Board's request, the Chair and Vice-Chair reviewed the committee charge for any necessary revisions and submitted 2 action items the committee hoped to accomplish over the year.

- Create a Chair/Vice-Chair transition guide. The guide would be placed within the folder which serves as a repository of the Teach-In Kit committee. **Goal:** Provide a consistent year-to-year document for incoming chairs and an institutional history of the committee's work.

A document that provides a list of additional duties and responsibilities of the Chair and Vice-Chair; a timeline of committee activities that covers the duration of the year and AALL and RIPS-SIS contacts.

- I will submit monthly reports to RIPS Chair, Ashley Ahlbrand, to keep her informed of committee activity. **Goal:** Submit a monthly report to RIPS President highlighting actions/work of the Legal Research Teach-In Kit.

I submitted reports to Ashley Ahlbrand on the status of the committee's progress on the Teach-In campaign and upcoming deadlines throughout the year.

Details on RIPS Teach-In Kit Materials for 2018-19

All materials are located in a folder titled, RIPS Teach-In Kit 2018-19.

Invites to folder will be sent to:

- Mark Williams, Vice-Chair, incoming Chair 2019-2020
- Ashley Ahlbrand, RIPS President 2018-2019
- Chris Siwa, AALL IT Director
- Khelani Clay, RIPS webmaster
- Maribel Nash, RIPS webmaster

Subfolders include:

- TIK2019-ADMINISTRATIVE (forms, samples, chart listing submissions)
- TIK2019-RELEASES (signed copyright/attribution releases from submitters)
- TIK2019-REVIEWS-OF-SUBMISSIONS (committee member reviews of submissions)
- TIK2019-SUBMISSION-FOLDERS (each folder includes a cover page description and material(s) for that submission)

Submissions for RIPS Teach-In Kit 2018-19

Total number of contributors = 15 (either by an individual or two or more individuals as a group)

- Total number of submissions = 29 (most people submitted one item, but a few submitted 2 or more items).

Suggested Placement of Materials on AALL's RIPS-SIS Teach-In Kit webpage:

Categories for materials

Guides

Mathapo – Florida Legal Citation Guide

Morais – Research Guide on Statistical Sources

Handouts

Etheredge – Legal Research Universe Graphic

Etheredge – Stacy's Sample of How a Bill Becomes Law

Etheredge – Terms & Connectors Search Examples

Presentations & In-Class Exercises

Dalton – Diverse Interactions – Sample Exercises

DeWitt & Swift – State Research Exercises

Joyner - Secondary Sources exercise & Research Log

Mostad- Jensen – Timed Email Research Questions

Podvia – Introduction to Legal Research hypothetical

Tedjeske – Discussion Board Exercises

Tedjeske – Ethics powerpoint presentation

Tedjeske – HeinOnline Overview presentation

Tedjeske – FastCase CLE presentation

Schucha – Advanced Legal Research – Legal Research Article

Williams – Litigation Analytics – In-Class Exercise

Exam Questions

Donnellan - Advanced Legal Research – Final Research Question

Marks – Petition and Orders & Municipal Law Hypotheticals

Wondracek – Advanced Legal Research Hypotheticals

A few of the categories utilized last year (i.e. – Syllabi) were removed from this year’s list because they do not apply to any submissions within the current year’s Teach-In Kit. Two categories were added – ‘Handouts’ and ‘Exam Questions’.

Submitted June 7, 2019 by Gail Mathapo, Chair, RIPS-SIS Teach-In Kit Committee 2018-2019.

Membership Task Force

Members:

Ashley Ahlbrand, Chair	Anmarie Zell	Austin Williams
Becky Mattson	Jason Zarin	Kristen Moore
Malikah Hall	Shari Berkowitz Duff	Shawn Friend

The Membership Task Force was created out of last year’s strategic plan. Its objective is to gather information about the membership of RIPS-SIS, survey the membership about current member needs and desires from the SIS, and ultimately make recommendations to the Executive Board about how to enhance and best serve the diverse membership of RIPS-SIS in the future.

Thus far, task force members have evaluated trends in historic RIPS-SIS member rosters, evaluating membership by library type. We were able to obtain membership records from 2014 through 2018. Given that data, we divided membership into 5 categories: Academic Libraries, Firm Libraries, Government Libraries, Vendors, and Other.

Our peak membership during those five years was in 2014, at 855 members. We dropped surprisingly far in 2015, down to 614, but have been moving upward again every year since: 697 in 2016; 713 in 2017; and 772 this year.

The same general pattern followed with each type of library during those years as well. Membership dropped in all categories of library types from 2014 to 2015. In most cases, the membership by library type has risen again gradually each year since. In the law firm category, our peak membership year was 2014, with 71 members from law firms. It dropped to 45 members in 2015, and stayed almost exactly the same for the next two years – 46 members in 2016 and 44 in 2017. But I’m happy to report it

jumped back up to 61 members this year! It's that kind of data that we were hoping to see – are we losing members? Are we gaining? Do we gain or lose in a particular library type?

With this data in hand, the Task Force will begin work putting together a survey for the RIPS-SIS membership, to get an idea of members' impressions of the SIS, their expectations, and desires, in an effort to ensure that RIPS fully meets the needs of our diverse membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Ahlbrand, 2018-2019 Membership Task Force Chair

Nominations Committee

Members:

- Rachel Gordon (Chair)
- Deborah Heller
- Kimberly Mattioli (Vice-Chair)
- Shira Megerman
- Louis Rosen
- Austin Martin Williams
- Eric Young
- Genevieve Tung (Board Liaison)

The Committee had three positions to fill on the RIPS executive board: Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and Member-at-Large (one). The committee received nominations during the established timeframe and presented this ballot to the membership: for Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Taryn Marks and Becky Mattson; for Secretary/Treasurer: Clanitra Stewart Nejd and Amy Lipford; and for Member-at-Large: Zanada Joyner and Heidi Heller.

The election was held earlier this year to meet deadlines listed in the Bylaws. Voting was open from February 18th until March 3rd. 183 members cast ballots, and the election results were announced to the membership on March 8th: Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Taryn Marks; Secretary/Treasurer: Clanitra Stewart Nejd; Member-at-Large: Zanada Joyner.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Gordon, Chair

Online Training Committee

The Online Training Committee assisted with one webinar this year, "Change Your Syllabus, Change Your Life," offered to members in April. They had hoped to put on their own program about the ins and outs of creating webinars, that would explore topics like pros and cons, different platforms, and best

practices; unfortunately, they were not able to accomplish this goal this year, but hope that next year's committee will be able to pursue it. *[report presented by Shira Megerman during the Virtual Business Meeting in June]*

Patron Services Committee

Chair: Kristen R. Moore

Vice-Chair: Nicole Dyszlewski

Members:

Rachel Gordon

Khelani Clay

Genevieve Tung

Ashley Matthews

Stephen Parks

Shannon Roddy

Amber Madole

Deanna Barmakian

Matt Cooper

Amy Lipford

Alisha Hennen

This year the RIPS Executive Board wanted to see more "5 Conversations in 5 Days" and asked our committee to lead the charge with one in October. Nicole Dyszlewski, Matt Cooper, and I, along with members of the LISP-SIS, SR-SIS, BCAALL, and the AALL Diversity & Inclusion Committee, held a discussion called, "Diversity, Inclusion, and Law Libraries: A 5 Day Conversation" during the week of October 22-26. Topics discussed included co-sponsoring events with your diversity office, training staff, handling discrimination, implicit bias, and hiring and retention.

The group of Amy Lipford, Amber Model, Khelani Clay, and myself are hoping to hold another discussion on the RIPS listserv in June on the topic of wellness. The goal of this conversation is to include all type of libraries and patrons, not just students at an academic institution. The conversation is still in the planning phase, but the goal is the end of June.

Finally, the group of Nicole Dyszlewski, Alisha Hennen, Deanna Barmakian, and Rachel Gordon are working on a student worker toolkit. The project is developing into a student worker handbook with sample policies and forms. However, they are hoping to format it more like a white paper for publication. The RIPS Executive Board has been approached for funding, and are eager to support it. They are just waiting for a final confirmation on the available funds.

Nicole Dyszlewski will be serving as Chair for the 2019-2020 year. Many thanks to Nicole for all her work this year! I am excited to see what ideas she comes up with as Chair.

And, so many thanks go to all committee members for sharing their ideas and efforts. I look forward to working with the committee in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen R. Moore

Program Committee

Chair: Genevieve B. Tung

Vice-Chair: Malukah Hall

Members:

Jane Bahnson

Joe Custer

Emily Donnellan

Matthew Flyntz

Sarah Kammer

Emily Lawson

Taryn Marks

Alison Rosenberg

Sarah Starnes

Collen Williams

The committee's charge is to assist RIPS members with program, workshop, and poster presentation proposals for Annual Meeting educational programs; to solicit topics relevant to RIPS members, to assist in developing and refining proposals, connect members with others interested in proposing programs on similar topics, and answer member questions about the proposal process in general.

The committee appreciated the opportunity to gather in Baltimore at the 2018 AALL annual meeting during the standing committees meeting. This was a welcome opportunity to begin sharing ideas.

The committee took the lead in sharing information with the RIPS membership about each step in the annual meeting program development process, beginning with the Idea Scale. Many ideas suggested by RIPS members ranked highly on the Idea Scale. The committee solicited annual meeting program proposals for review and feedback, beginning on September 4, the day proposal collection opened, through September 14. The committee provided feedback on proposals. The committee also solicited program proposals for potential RIPS sponsorship, ultimately receiving 12 excellent submissions. The committee ultimately chose two programs to submit to the AMPC for sponsorship consideration:

- Let's Get Experiential! Creating Strategic Partnerships to Develop Experiential Simulation Courses
- Building Strategic Partnerships: Using Outreach Between Academic, Government, and Law Firm Libraries to Maximize Value

The AMPC selected *Building Strategic Partnerships*, led by Clanitra Stewart NejdI, Annie Mentkowski, and Lindsey Carpino, as the official RIPS-sponsored program. It will be held at the 2019 AALL annual meeting on Tuesday, July 16, at 8:30 AM. Several other programs considered by the committee were also selected by the AMPC and will be offered during the conference.

The committee also worked with the RIPS Online Training committee to present another program, *Change Your Syllabus, Change Your Life*, led by Prof. Elizabeth Sherowski, as a webinar on April 23, 2019.

I am grateful to all committee members for sharing their ideas, enthusiasm, and perspectives, and particularly to Malukah for serving as Vice Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Genevieve Tung, Chair

Public Relations & Recruitment Committee

The committee chair, Katie Brown, shared a spreadsheet of PR action items, almost all of which were completed throughout the year. They began a new initiative this year to highlight the diversity of RIPS members. In tandem with this initiative, they began a new social media campaign, Questions with Puron, that averages about two a month. They will table at CONELL again this year, and have a fantastic display ready for the exhibit hall. In addition, the committee will live-tweet all official RIPS-sponsored programs and others. *[presented by Katie Brown during the June Virtual Business Meeting]*

Research Instruction Committee

Chair: Taryn Marks

Vice-Chair: Clanitra NejdI

Members:

Susan Azyndar	Heather Joy
Stewart Caton	Savanna Nolan
Robert Clark	Robin Schard
Khelani Clay	Reina Seidler
Abigail Deese	Melissa Strickland
Matthew Flyntz	Colleen Williams

Overall Report

This year, the committee continued finding books and posting book reviews (we posted 17 reviews this year) and advertising them. We also completed a 5 Conversations in 5 Days in March about research instruction, which had several responses each day. Last, vice-chair Clanitra spear-headed a new project that collects and reviews articles related to research instruction.

Action Items and Action Items Report

Action Item 1: Increase and revamp communication about the book reviews as they are posted by advertising through RIPS blog; RIPS twitter; My Communities (ALL-SIS, Members Open Forum, any other relevant communities); Diplawmatics blog; and identifying any other relevant blogs for advertising.

Report: For each round of book reviews, we posted to the RIPS blog, to its Twitter and Facebook feeds, and to the Members Open Forum. We would like to continue this action item next year, ensuring that we continue to advertise the new book reviews and the new articles project, and to find additional places for advertising.

Action Item 2: Reorganize reviews on webpage for easier & quicker access.

Report: After discussing with Heather Joy (immediate past chair) and Chris Siwa, we decided to leave the webpage as is for now. We also discussed better metadata for the PDFs that are posted going forward, which will help in finding the reviews. In creating the articles project, we decided to follow the format of the book reviews, with the goal of reviewing it periodically to ensure the best organizational format.

Action Item 3: Review at least 1 geographic-specific legal research textbook and review at least 1 non-tax/non-international law subject-specific legal research textbook

Report: Accomplished! We reviewed an environmental law resource book, and both Louisiana AND California research textbooks.

Action Item 4: Hold pilot explanation call (aimed especially at new members) early in fall to review template and assuage any anxieties.

Report: Accomplished (thanks to Clanitra, as Taryn had a last-minute conflict). Clanitra will discuss with new members as to whether to hold the call again this year.

Articles Project report

In the fall, we decided to start a new project for this committee, finding, organizing, and reviewing articles and white papers related to research instruction, after realizing how many articles and white papers had been written about research instruction. We first put together a list of articles (using a very basic search) in the fall; then recruited half of the members to read and summarize the articles in the spring. We are currently reviewing the reviews, have discussed with Chris Siwa the process for loading the reviews onto a new site, and are hoping to have the first round (almost 50 reviews) posted in late summer. Next year, the committee hopes to do a more comprehensive and diligent search for additional articles and ensure the usability of the new website, as well as advertise the article reviews in the same way as the book reviews, especially after the first article reviews are posted.

Overall, we had a great year and we are looking forward to another great year in 2019-2020.

Taryn Marks

Scholarship Committee

Chair: Heather Joy

Vice Chair: Emily Donnellan

Members:

Alyson Drake

Cynthia Condit

Lora Johns

Annalee Hickman

David McClure

Pamela Smith

Ashley Sundin

Jessica Almeida

Christine George

Jill Sturgeon

Administration

Task: Draft committee charge and action items.

Report: Charges were drafted, revised, and unanimously approved. Subcommittees were formed to address the three primary tasks for the year - Encourage Scholarship, Publicize Scholarship, and Publication Resource.

Next steps: Review charge annually.

Task: Create record of committee duties, resources, and activities for future use.

Report: A shared Google Drive folder hosted by RIPS-SIS and shared with the Chair and Co-Chair was built and used to compose and store all committee documents. Documents were shared as needed with members.

Next steps: The Incoming Chair will share permissions with the new Vice Chair and other members. Previous chairs will retain editing permissions moving forward, to decrease the likelihood of losing access to the materials.

Encourage Scholarship

Task: Begin building writing group communities for RIPS-SIS members.

Report: The subcommittee sent an initial survey to RIPS members to gauge interest in writing groups. Based on feedback, the subcommittee built a MyCommunities page (<https://community.aallnet.org/communities/community-home?CommunityKey=afe2e5a9-f04a-432d-8a47-900c7aaba7ae>) to use as the core of communication and organization. In addition: the subcommittee is currently working on an event to occur before the annual meeting in July; a joint meet-and-greet with sister groups Beer & Edits, and the ALL-SIS Research & Scholarship Committee is in the works for the annual meeting; and tentative plans are in place for a joint online event with the sister groups for the 2019-2020 year.

Next steps: Host upcoming writing groups event, complete planning for the annual meeting meet and greet, and assign a liaison to work with Beer & Edits and the ALL-SIS Research & Scholarship Committee. Further publicize writing groups.

Task: Offer bi-annual or quarterly webinars in 2019-2020.

Report: Tentative agreement to co-host an event with Beer & Edits in 2019-2020.

Next steps: Select dates and topics for 2019-2020 webinar events.

Publicize Scholarship

Task: Identify and implement a method of publicizing scholarship by RIPS-SIS members.

Report: The subcommittee built the RIPS-SIS Scholarship Reporting Form (<http://bit.ly/RIPSShareMyScholarship>) and publicized the availability on the RIPS Blog (<https://ripslawlibrarian.wordpress.com/2019/03/27/share-your-scholarship-with-rips-scholarship-reporting-form/>), by adding a link to the MyCommunities writing groups page, and

during the 5 Conversations in 5 Days held in May 2019. A policy for posting submissions was drafted and applied. Three responses have been submitted to the form so far and have been communicated to the RIPS PR Committee for posting.

Next steps: Review process for responding to submissions. Further publicize availability of form. Annually assign liaison to RIPS PR Committee. Review policy as necessary.

Task: Create a record of RIPS scholarship.

Report: Process begun; the submissions to the RIPS Scholarship Reporting Form are automatically entered into a spreadsheet stored on the committee's Google Drive.

Next steps: Determine a process for identifying additional RIPS scholarship, and decide on a policy and process for adding extant member scholarship.

Publication Resource

Task: Build and maintain a publication resource for members.

Report: The RIPS Publication Resource Spreadsheet (<http://bit.ly/RIPSPubResource>) was created and publicized to members during the 5 Conversations in 5 Days in May 2019, as well as a form for suggesting additional publications (<http://bit.ly/RIPSPubResourceSuggestionsForm>).

Next steps: Maintain the spreadsheet and incorporate suggestions annually. Continue to publicize form.

Additional Task: 5 Conversations in 5 Days

Task: Hold a 5 Conversations in 5 Days.

Report: The committee ran a 5 Conversations in 5 Days event from May 20 - May 24, 2019 on the topic of Librarians as Scholars with the following sub-topics: Getting Started!; Nuts and Bolts of writing; Common Challenges; Getting Published; and Benefits to the Profession.

Next steps: None.

Additional Task: AALL Annual Meeting Program

Task: Develop a program about librarians creating scholarship for the annual meeting.

Report: We collaborated with the ALL-SIS Research & Scholarship Committee to propose the program Just Write It: Embracing Your Inner Author, which was accepted by the AALL AMPC and is scheduled for the annual meeting on Tuesday, July 16 from 11:15 AM–12:15 PM, in WCC Room 150 AB.

Next steps: Program preparation is ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Joy

RIPS Law Librarian Blog – Editor’s Summary

The RIPS Blog finished strong in 2018 with our most views since the blog started in 2010. We had 51,658 total views, 28,531 visitors, and 103 total posts. As of June 2019, we’ve already had almost 25,000 views and over 13,000 visitors with 38 posts.

In May, a call for new contributing bloggers went out. Of our ten current contributing bloggers, six are set to continue for 2019-2020. Ultimately, our goal is to stay at no fewer than ten contributing bloggers. We plan to have librarians from each sector represented as RIPS contributing bloggers. The application deadline for interested contributing bloggers closed on Friday, June 7, and we are currently in the process of rounding out the roster for 2019-2020.

Malikah Hall is set to take over as the RIPS Blog Editor for 2019-2020. Her post as Editor will begin just after AALL.

The daily AALL newsletter, KnowItAALL, picks up all of our posts and has helped our readership tremendously. We also see readership gains from sending the RIPS Law Librarian Blog Weekly Roundup through My Communities. Each post is also tweeted through the RIPS Twitter account with appropriate hashtags.

Submitted by,

Jamie Baker
RIPS Blog Editor
June 10, 2019

Teaching the Teachers Conference

The inaugural Teaching the Teachers Conference was held May 30-31 at Georgia State College of Law. It featured twelve sessions, all related to teaching and pedagogy. The goal of the conference was to provide a foundation in teaching techniques by law librarians for law librarians, in a peer-to-peer learning environment. Many of the speakers at the conference were RIPS-SIS members. There was a huge response to the call for proposals – triple the number of spaces available! Registration was limited to 40 people, and spots filled up quickly. Materials from the conference will be posted to the conference [website](#). *[presented by Laura Ax-Fultz during the Virtual Business Meeting]*

Conclusion

This marks another banner year for RIPS-SIS! Our committees, as usual, have been hard at work, always looking for ways to innovate and better serve our members and our patrons. Thank you to my fantastic

Executive Board, each of our fabulous Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs, and everyone who served on a committee this year. RIPS is an incredibly hard-working, vivacious SIS, but we couldn't do it without you.

Annual Report respectfully submitted,

Ashley Ahlbrand

RIPS-SIS Chair, 2018-2019