

Social Responsibilities SIS 2008-2009

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The Social Responsibilities SIS continues to serve as a venue for focusing attention on and serving as a forum for discussion of critical social issues affecting members of AALL in our professional and personal lives.

SR-SIS officers for 2008-09 were Courtney Selby, chair; Larry Reeves, vice chair; Stephanie Davidson, secretary-treasurer; Ron Wheeler, past chair; Meg Butler, chair, Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues; and Rebecca Trammell, chair, Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institution Residents. Committee chairs included Courtney Selby, Program; Stephanie Davidson, Nominations; David Brian Holt, Newsletter Editor; and Stephanie Davidson, Web Site. The 2008 Book Drive team featured Leslie Campbell and Stacy Etheredge. The 2009 CONELL and Activities Area Exhibits will be coordinated by Courtney Selby and Larry Reeves. The leadership team for 2009-10 will include: Larry Reeves, chair; Jorge Juarez, vice-chair/chair-elect; and Stephanie Davidson, secretary-treasurer (continuing).

Two SR-SIS sponsored educational programs were accepted for the 2009 Annual Meeting: "Taxation Without Representation: an Overview of the D.C. Legislative Process and Research," proposed by Meg Butler; and "The 80/2050 Challenge: What You Can Do to Reduce Your Organization's Impact on Climate Change," proposed by David Selden.

The Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues and the Holloch Grant Committee awarded the 2009 grant to **Pamela Brannon**. Pam is the reference/electronic services law librarian at the Georgia State University College of Law Library. The \$345 grant, given to defray travel or registration costs for the Annual Meeting, was made possible through the bequest of Alan Holloch, former Ohio State University law library director and AALL treasurer.

The Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institution Residents will again participate in the Joint Roundtable on Service to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners at the Annual Meeting. This roundtable is co-sponsored by the SCCLL-SIS and the LISP-SIS. Additionally, they are working to update the 1996 edition of *Recommended Collections for Prison and Other Institution Law Libraries & Guidelines for Prison Law Libraries*.

Webmaster Stephanie Davidson worked diligently this year to coordinate and implement a complete content inventory of the information on the SR-SIS website as part of an AALL move to upgrade AALLNET. Through this inventory we were also able to identify and include a number of updates to the SR-SIS site.

"Uncle Sam Wants Your Books!" is the theme of the SR-SIS 11th annual Children's Book Drive. This year's efforts will benefit the **Heather Hill Elementary School**. Heather Hill Elementary is in the Prince George's County School District, a Maryland county that borders D.C. It is the 17th largest school district in the country, with a high population of under-served minorities and immigrants. It is also one of the most disadvantaged and economically distressed districts in Maryland, struggling with recent budget cuts and a community that has one of the highest

foreclosure rates in the country. Heather Hill Elementary serves a special population as it is a TAG magnet school, which, although it provides many opportunities for the students, also creates an extra burden for the constant renewal of library resources.

The 2009 Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues annual reception will be held at **The Hotel Helix**, located in downtown Washington, D.C. This year's reception is sponsored by LexisNexis and WoltersKluwer.