

Social Responsibilities SIS 2009-2010 Annual Report

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 2009-10 were Larry Reeves, chair; Jorge Juarez, vice chair; Stephanie Davidson, secretary-treasurer; Courtney Selby, 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 Larry Reeves, program; Courtney Selby, nominations; and David Brian Holt, newsletter editor and webmaster. The 2010 book drive (“Reach Out and Read Colorado!”) was coordinated by David Brian Holt. The 2010 CONELL and Activities Area Exhibits were coordinated by Courtney Selby with help from Larry Reeves. The leadership team for 2010-11 will include: Jorge Juarez, chair; Meg Butler, vice chair/chair-elect; and Pam Brannon, secretary-treasurer.

Two SR-SIS sponsored programs were accepted for the 2010 Annual Meeting:

“Hot Topic: Arizona’s SB 1070: Necessary Protection from Illegal Immigration or a License to Discriminate?”
Proposed by Ron Wheeler

“Water, Water Everywhere: The Future of a Scarce Resource.” Proposed by Scott Matheson.

The Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues and the Holoch Grant Committee selected two worthy recipients for the 2010 grant: Sarah Jaramillo from the Rutgers University School of Law—Newark, and Lauren Gray from the Rhode Island Attorney General's office. Unfortunately, Lauren was unable to acquire travel funding for the conference this year, so we encouraged her to apply again next year. The \$345 grant, given to defray travel or registration costs for the Annual Meeting, was made possible through the bequest of Alan Holoch, former Ohio State University Law Library director and AALL treasurer.

The Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institution Residents again participated in the Joint Roundtable on Service to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners at the Annual Meeting. This roundtable was co-sponsored by the SCCLL-SIS and the LISP-SIS. Kimberli Morris and Brian Huffman spoke at the roundtable this year with Amy Hale-Janeke moderating. Additionally, members of the standing committee continue working to update the 1996 edition of *Recommended Collections for Prison and Other Institution Law Libraries & Guidelines for Prison Law Libraries*.

Webmaster and newsletter editor David Brian Holt completed a redesign of the SR-SIS website this year and has electronically preserved a number of historical documents and photos for the Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues.

We are working with “Reach Out and Read Colorado!” for this year’s book drive. Reach Out and Read trains doctors and nurses to advise parents about the importance of reading aloud and to give books to children at pediatric checkups from six months to five years of age, with a special focus on children growing up in poverty. By building on the unique relationship between parents and medical providers, Reach Out and Read helps families and communities encourage early literacy skills so children enter school prepared for success in reading.

The 2010 Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues annual reception was held at Dixon’s Downtown Grill, located in downtown Denver. This year’s reception was sponsored by LexisNexis and Thomson Reuters.

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Reeves
Chair 2009-2010

