

Social Responsibilities SIS 2010-2011 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 2010-11 were Jorge Juarez, chair; Meg Butler, vice chair; Pam Brannon, secretary-treasurer; Larry Reeves, past chair; David Holt, chair, Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues; and Rebecca Trammell, chair, Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institution Residents. Committee chairs included Jorge Juarez, Program; Larry Reeves, Nominations; and David Holt, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster.

The 2011 Book Drive (“Give Me Liberty and Give Me Books!”) was coordinated by Sarah Jaramillo. Courtney Selby and Ann Hemmens coordinated the 2011 CONELL and Activities Area Exhibits, with help from Jorge Juarez. The leadership team for 2011-12 will include: Meg Butler, chair; David Holt, vice chair/chair-elect; and Pam Brannon, secretary-treasurer.

SR-SIS sponsored the following programs during the 2011 Annual Meeting:

“Can the FCC Regulate the Internet?” proposed by Ryan Harrington.

“The Real ‘Philadelphia’ Story: From *Cain v. Hyatt* to 21st Century HIV/AIDS Discrimination Case Law,” co-sponsored by the Black Caucus.

“Libricide as a War Crime: From the Lieber Code to Personal Liability,” co-sponsored by FCIL-SIS.

The Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues and the Holoch Grant Committee selected a worthy recipient for the 2011 grant: Kyle Brown, a recent graduate of the Law Librarianship Program at the University of Washington. 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. This year’s guest speakers included Marissa Bluestine, legal director for the Pennsylvania Innocence Project and Fernando Bermudez, an exonerated prisoner, who discussed his experience of wrongful conviction and the role his legal research played in gaining his freedom from prison after 18 years.

Webmaster and newsletter editor David Holt continued to work diligently throughout the year on finalizing the SR-SIS website redesign project.

We are working with Philadelphia Children’s Foundation (PCF) for this year’s book drive. The PCF is a non-profit educational-support organization focused on connecting students and their families to resources and opportunities in the Philadelphia area.

The 2011 Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues annual reception was held at Valanni, located in downtown Philadelphia. BNA, Hein, LexisNexis, and Wolters Kluwer sponsored this year's reception.

Jorge Juarez
Chair, 2010-2011