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Jim Murphy, Newsletter Editor

Message from the Chair

Greetings Members of the Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section.

It is with great pride and pleasure that I address you as 2006-07 chair of the SR-SIS. I want to begin by thanking you all for giving me the opportunity to serve in this capacity. The SR-SIS executive board has been working, over the past several months, to respond to our members' requests to explore community service projects for our 2007 annual meeting in New Orleans. In conjunction with AALL Leadership, AALL Headquarters and the SIS Council, we have been gathering information, making contacts, and hammering out details. The result is that there will be an array of service project volunteer opportunities in New Orleans. The details are still being worked out, but please note that we are looking at designating **Friday July 13th as the day for volunteerism at our New Orleans meeting.** The plans are to have both indoor and outdoor types of volunteer opportunities such as Habitat for Humanity work, local food bank work, and work at local libraries in need of help. We are asking interested AALL members to plan to be in New Orleans a day early and to be available all day on Friday July 13th. Look for more information and details in AALL email, SR-SIS email updates, and email messages from AALL President Sally Holterhoff.

As you all know, I'm serving as Chair this term due to Elvira Embser-Herbert's resignation. Elvria is now a 1L student at Hamline University School of Law. Elvira has contributed so much to the SR-SIS over the years that she will be greatly missed. We checked in with her recently, and her reflections on her 1L experience are included in this newsletter.

Our 2007 New Orleans book drive promises to be better than ever. I say that because two of our powerhouse members, Alison Alifano and Carol Billings are coordinating this year's book drive effort. Look for details to come. Many thanks to Alison and Carol for volunteering to carry on the SR-SIS book drive tradition.

The SR-SIS tradition of sponsoring and delivering fine annual meeting programming will continue in 2007 with two outstanding and provocative programs. One is on immigration law, and the other is on equal opportunity, diversity, and the ABA diversity standards for law schools. The details of these are discussed below. However, I'd like to publicly thank SR-SIS members Fred Barnhart of Loyola University Chicago School of Law Library, Larry Reeves of Fordham University Law Library, and Mark Plotkin of the University of Miami School of Law Library for all of their hard work in bringing these fine programs to fruition.

Congratulations are in order for the SR-SIS Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay issues on the publication of *Sexual Orientation and the Law: A Research Bibliography Selectively Annotating Legal Literature through 2005*. This monumental scholarly work showcases the collective brainpower of more than 20 of our members. Special thanks go to Editor-in-chief James Donovan of the University of Georgia Law Library for his leadership on this mammoth project. Also, stay tuned for details about the bibliography's online updates soon to be published on the web thanks to webmaster extraordinaire Stephanie Davidson of the University of Illinois.

Did someone say party? Courtney Selby, Chair of the Standing Committee on Lesbian Gay issues (SCLGI), has quite a party planned for this year's SCLGI reception. Remember, all are welcome at this event, known to be the best party of the annual meeting. Further details are below.

Our Standing Committee on Library Service to Institution Residents (SCLSIR) is working hard to expand its Law Libraries Serving Prisoners (LLSP) database. Many thanks to Ann Hemmens and the SCLSIR Chair Rebecca Trammell.

As you can see, we're kicking off 2007 with a dazzling array of activities, programs, parties and publications. With membership participation and support, our hope is to make this year one of the best ever for the SR-SIS.

Ron Wheeler, Chair
Social Responsibilities SIS

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2006-07 SR-SIS Chair Steps Down to Attend Law School

As you may recall, our 2006-07 Chair-Elect, Elvira Embser-Herbert announced in June 2006 that she was going to attend Hamline University School of Law. Given the heavy load of a first year law student, Elvira decided, quite understandably, not to act as our Chair. Thankfully, Ron Wheeler, Associate Director for Public Services at the Georgia State University College of Law Library and SR-SIS vice Chair for 2006-07, graciously agreed to step in and act as Chair for the 2006-07 term and also complete his 2007-08 term. Ann Hemmens, Reference Librarian at the University of Washington Gallagher Law Library volunteered to serve as interim Vice-Chair for 2006-07. [Note: SR-SIS's next regular election to be held this spring, will give us a new Chair-Elect/Vice-Chair for 2007-08.]

Prior to enrolling in law school, Elvira held positions at the William Mitchell College of Law Library, and most recently, Circulation Librarian, University of Minnesota Law Library. Elvira has always been extremely active in AALL and SR-SIS leadership; serving as 2005-06 Vice-Chair and Secretary 2002 to 2004. Elvira has also played a key role in SR-SIS programming; coordinating and moderating several SR-SIS sponsored programs at the AALL Annual Meeting and by heading the SR-SIS program committee for several years running.

We caught up with Elvira on a study break and asked her to give us an “up close and personal” view of what life as a 1-L is like for a law librarian. She reports that so far law school is...

...”frustrating, but fabulous. The change from working to be a student has been loads of fun. When I am sitting in my house during the middle of the day studying, I feel decadent. I mean when was the last time the only thing you had to do at 2pm was read? Of course, it is also very challenging to get my 41-year-old brain to kick into gear when I want it to, like say when I am called on. Time management remains a challenge for me, but overall, I really do love law school. I love reading cases and working my 10 hours a week at the reference desk.

I should give a plug to the Hamline Law Library staff. They have been so wonderfully supportive. The library fellowship they offer has to be one of the best gigs around. Also, I have the great advantage of having Karen Westwood two years ahead of me in the program and as an office mate. Those who know Karen, understand how lucky I am. She is always calm, reassuring, and positive. She is also uber-smart and gave me her crim law outline. I've put in a sainthood application for her. [Editor's note: Karen Westwood was SR-SIS Chair in 1998-99.]

My family is also wonderfully supportive. Melissa is completely impatient when I whine, which is, of course exactly what I need. Walker is in Kindergarten and we've worked out a schedule so I can still read to him every night at bedtime--we just finished Charlotte's Web.

I will miss seeing everyone in New Orleans. Our education programs look great and I am so thrilled to hear that the service project is a go...Now back to reading Con Law. Anyone remember Martin v. Hunter's Lessee?”

Cheers!
Elvira

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SR-SIS 2006 Business Meeting Minutes

**Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Sunday July 9, 2006, 6:30-7:30pm
St Louis, MO**

Officers in Attendance:

Leslie Campbell, Outgoing Chair
Ron Wheeler, Outgoing Secretary/Treasurer and Incoming Chair
Elvira Embser-Herbert, Outgoing Vice-Chair

Ann Hemmens, Incoming Interim Vice-Chair and Immediate Past Chair
Larry Reeves, Incoming Secretary/Treasurer
Stephanie Davidson, Outgoing Chair of the Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues
Courtney Selby, Incoming Chair of the Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues

Members in Attendance:

Scott Matheson
Stacy Etheredge
Carol Billings
Catherine Lemann
David McFadden
Tom Latuszek
Alison Alifano
Prano Amjadi
James Durham
James Donovan
Ann Puckett
Jeff Berns
Anne Taylor
Linda Gray
Michelle Rigual
Sherry Thomas
Mark Estes
Druet Cameron-Klugh

Guests:

K. Kalimba Kindell, Family Literacy Coordinator, Wellston School District

Call To Order:

Leslie called the meeting to order with a whistle at 6:30pm. Everyone introduced him/herself.

Approval of Minutes:

2005 minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron Wheeler gave the treasurer's report. This year we had excess revenue over expenses. There was a \$2,000 discrepancy between Ron's accounting and that of AALL headquarters. Ron said that he would work it out with Headquarters.

Chair's Annual Report:

**Social Responsibilities Annual Report 2005-06
Submitted by Leslie Campbell (June 2006)**

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 2005-06 were Leslie Campbell, Chair; Elvira Embser-Herbert, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Ron Wheeler, Secretary-Treasurer; Ann Hemmens, Past Chair; Stephanie Davidson, Chair, Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues; and Rebecca Trammell,

Chair, Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institution Residents. The leadership team for 2006-07 will include: Elvira Embser-Herbert, Chair (through August 2006 when Elvira will be stepping down to attend law school); Ron Wheeler, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect will serve as Chair for both 2006-07 and 2007-08; Ann Hemmens will act as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect for 2006-07; and Larry Reeves, Secretary-Treasurer. Committee chairs included Elvira Embser-Herbert, Education; Ann Hemmens, Nominations; Jim Murphy, Newsletter Editor; and Stephanie Davidson, Web Site. The 2006 CONELL and Activities Area Exhibits will be coordinated by Stephanie Davidson and Courtney Selby. The 2006 Book Drive Team included Ann Puckett, Kathleen Casey, James Donovan, Jim and Joan Voelker, and Kris Albertus.

The SR-SIS sponsored a resolution at the Annual Meeting in San Antonio dealing with the war in Iraq. The proposed resolution was defeated in a standing vote of the membership. The resolution may be re-worked for possible reconsideration in 2006.

The SR-SIS leadership secured the agreement of AALL to include specific mention of "sexual orientation" as a form of prohibited discrimination in the model language AALL uses for hotel contracts.

To offer support for several book drives undertaken in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the SR-SIS Executive Board agreed to give a \$250 donation to the New Orleans Charter School of Math and Science (NOCSAM) and the New Orleans Public Library (NOPL).

In 2005, the SR-SIS recognized Carol Alpert for her tireless efforts to promote equality for the Lesbian and Gay community and social justice for all within AALL. In 2006, the SR-SIS established an ongoing SR-SIS Social Justice Award, recognizing the efforts of others in promoting social justice.

Two SR-SIS sponsored educational programs were accepted for the 2006 Annual Meeting: *DADT*, *Solomon*, *FAIR v. Rumsfeld*, and *the Librarian's Role in Amelioration and One Hundred Years: A Look at the Federal Indian Trust Relation Through the Cobell Case* (sponsored together with the Native People's Caucus.)

The Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues and the Holoch Grant Committee awarded the 2006 Holoch Memorial Grant to Druet Cameron Klugh. Druet is Senior Reference Librarian and Bibliographer at the University of Iowa College of Law. The \$500 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 is updating its *Recommended Collections for Prison and Other Institution Law Libraries & Guidelines for Prison Law Libraries* (1996 ed.) and posted on the SR-SIS webpage a list of organizations that coordinate donations of books to prisons. The SC will again participate in the Joint Roundtable on Service to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners at the annual meeting.

"Show Me the Books" is the theme of the 8th annual children's book drive. This year's efforts will benefit two of the neediest schools in the St. Louis area: Central Elementary and Vashon 9th Grade Academy.

In 2005, the SR-SIS amended its Bylaws to allow both online and uncontested elections. In 2006, the SR-SIS held its first election in this new format and also solicited member input on

future directions for the SR-SIS via a "feedback" question on the ballot. The SR-SIS received 60 ballots and comments from five individuals.

Committee Reports:

Educational Program Committee:

Elvira Introduced the Educational Programs for 2006:

- Solomon—Don't Ask Don't Tell
- "One Hundred Years: A Look at the Federal Indian Trust Relation Through the Cobell Case"

Elvira Discussed the Education Program Ideas for 2007:

- Tales of Survival from Hurricane Katrina; Book Drive, Service
- Law School Admissions Diversity Standard
- Immigration (Mark & Ann)
- Voting Rights (Mark)
- 30 Years of SR-SIS

Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues:

Stephanie announced the reception to be held at the old St. Louis Union Station.

Sexual Orientation and the Law Bibliography Report: James Donovan gave the Report on the bibliography:

- Brad Sears, of the UCLA Williams Project, authored the Introduction
- Committee has a signed contract from Hein, with a 2006 publishing date
- (Note: this updates the Standing Committee's earlier publication, "Sexual Orientation and the Law: A Selective Bibliography on Homosexuality and the Law 1969-1993," 86 Law Libr. J. 1 (1994).)

Alan Holloch Grant:

Will continue to cover the full registration fee, even as it exceeds \$500. Druet Cameron-Klugh from the University of Iowa was the 2006 recipient of the grant.

Standing Committee on Law Library Services to Institutional Residents:

Ann Hemmens reported the work of the committee:

- Update of the Core Materials for Prison Libraries, state-by-state
- Directory of law libraries that serve prisoners
- LISP, RIPS, SR-SIS joint round-table

Newsletter:

Thanks to Stephanie Davidson who served as Web Master, and Jim Murphy who served as Editor.

CONELL:

Thanks to Stephanie and Courtney for volunteering to sit at the welcoming table.

Book Drive:

Thanks to Ann Puckett and James Donovan for spearheading this year's book drive, Show Me

The Books!

- 360 books bought on Amazon
- \$500 in contributions, more coming in [Editors Note: Ultimately the total cash raised was \$2,880.]
- Left Bank Books asked customers to buy books for donation, and every customer made a donation, delivered directly to the schools. [Editors Note: Ultimately Left Bank Books sold \$1000 in gift cards to be used by the two beneficiary schools for their libraries.]
- Wellston School District thanked the SR-SIS for its donation of books to the elementary school. Kalimba Kindell, the Family Literacy Coordinator who is working to set up Central's library in the Wellston School District, reported very eloquently on the school district's needs and impact of the drive.

Election Results:

Our first online elections, after amending the bylaws to allow it.

- Elvira was elected to be the Incoming Chair
- Ron was elected to be the Incoming Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
- Larry was elected to be the Incoming Secretary/Treasurer

Elvira will step down as Chair to attend law school. She will continue with the Education Program proposals before school starts, then Ron will step in and take over as Chair. Ann was appointed to a one-year interim term as Vice-Chair.

New Business:

- Discussion of Social Justice Award. Consensus to present award to an individual only when exemplary service in the interest of social justice warranted such an honor.
- No resubmission of resolution on War in Iraq
- Comments from online ballots
- New Orleans service project—Catherine Lemann
- \$1,000 donated to Show Me The Books by SRSIS

Adjourned

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SR-SIS 2006 Programs in St. Louis

The two SR-SIS programs at the 2006 Annual Meeting in St. Louis were terrific -

“DADT, Solomon, FAIR v. Rumsfeld, and the Librarian's Role in Amelioration” - Program I-1 - Coordinated and moderated by Elvira Embser-Herber, this session provided a fantastic overview of the issues surrounding “Don't Ask Don't Tell” and the response of law schools to this policy as it relates to non-discrimination in on campus recruiting. Panelists included: Melissa Sheridan Embser-Herbert of Hamline University, Carl C. Monk, of the Association of American Law Schools, Susan Appleton of Washington University, Ron Wheeler, Associate Director for Public Services at the Georgia State University College of Law Library, and a special guest, Kathleen Clark, a member of the board of the Service Members Legal Defense Network. They provided the audience with a fantastic overview of the history of the military's “Don't Ask, Don't Tell” policy and

the development of the 1996 “Solomon legislation,” which withdraws federal funds from schools that do not allow military recruiters equal access to on campus interviewing. The highlight of the program was Ron Wheeler's inspiring and moving first-hand story of his personal experience on the front lines of the amelioration effort at the University of New Mexico where, as a librarian, he took an important leadership role.

“One Hundred Years: A Look at the Federal Indian Trust Relation Through the Cobell Case” - Program G-5 - co-sponsored by the Native People's Caucus and SR-SIS. This program presented an overview of the history of the trust relationship between Native peoples of America and the U.S. Government and featured Eloise Cobell, the lead plaintiff in the Cobell litigation and Faye Hadley who provided the history of the litigation and the status of the Bureau of Indian Affairs website. A moving documentary, interviewing several experts on the issues, was also played: “Broken Promises: Indian Trust”, <http://www.brokenpromisesthemovie.com/>.

Submitted by,
Leslie Campbell, Immediate Past Chair
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SR-SIS 2007 Programs For New Orleans

The SR sponsored 5 proposals for programs to be considered for the 2007 Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Many thanks to those who worked so hard to put these terrific proposals together. The proposed programs included:

- Kurzban on Immigration Law & Research - Keeping Up with the Very Latest, With Help From an Expert
- Tribal Peacekeeping Courts: Alternative Dispute Resolution and Culture
- Equal Opportunity and Diversity: The ABA Standard Under Fire
- Rising to the Challenge: AALL and Service to the Community - From the Annual Book Drive to the Service Project for New Orleans
- Sexual Politics: An Update on Gay Rights

Two of the SR sponsored proposals for programs were accepted for the 2007 Annual Meeting in New Orleans. They are:

- **Equal Opportunity and Diversity: The ABA Standard Under Fire** - C3, Sunday, July 15 from 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

ABA accrediting standards designed to promote diversity and equal opportunity within law schools, and the legal profession, are under fire from groups claiming that the standards violate federal and state laws. These same groups, including the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the National Association of Scholars have suggested that the ABA should lose its authority to accredit law schools unless it drops the standard designed to require law schools to take steps to improve diversity among their staff, faculty, and students. How and why should the ABA encourage diversity will be discussed by the panel, along with the broader topics relating to diversity in the legal profession. The three panelists to present very

different viewpoints on these issues include:

Dean Richard A. Matasar, Dean and Professor of Law at New York Law School, will be defending the status quo, that is the ABA Standard 211 as it has passed; for more information, go to:

<http://www.nyls.edu/pages/382.asp>

David E. Bernstein, Professor of Law at George Mason, is an outspoken critic of the new ABA Standard 211 (you can read his comments on the Volokh Conspiracy blog - <http://volokh.com> - and for more information, go to: <http://mason.gmu.edu/~dbernste/>

Vernellia R. Randall, Professor of Law at University of Dayton, is an outspoken proponent of diversity in legal education, and does not believe that ABA Standard 211 goes far enough; for more information go to: <http://homepages.udayton.edu/~randalvr/>

Fred Barnhart of Loyola University Chicago School of Law Library and Larry Reeves of Fordham University Law Library are co-coordinators of this program.

- **Kurzban on Immigration Law & Research – Keeping Up with the Very Latest With Help From an Expert** – Tuesday, July 17, from 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

This program will teach participants about the current issues in immigration law – what they are and how to perform legal research on topics. Professors Kurzban and Boswell will discuss the current status of immigration law, including an analysis of trends and the overlap with particular topics (employment, crime, family relationships...) Additionally, they will explore tools and strategies for researching immigration law, including the best print and online materials to use in law school classes and must-have print and electronic sources for libraries that serve practitioners in the field.

Mr. Kurzban is a leading expert on immigration law. He is a past-national President and former General Counsel of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He is a partner in the firm Kurzban Kurzban Weinger and Tetzeli and is an adjunct professor in Immigration and Nationality Law at the University of Miami School of Law and Nova Southeastern University Law Center. He is the author of *Kurzban's Immigration Law Sourcebook: A Comprehensive Outline and Reference Tool*. <http://www.kkwtlaw.com/Bio/IraKurzban.asp>

Mr. Boswell is currently a professor at the Hastings College of Law. He is a frequent lecturer on immigration law in the U.S. and overseas. He is the author of *Essentials of Immigration Law; Immigration and Nationality Law: Cases and Materials* and a co-author of *Refugee Law: Cases and Materials*. <http://www.uchastings.edu/?pid=718>

Mark Plotkin, of the University of Miami School of Law, is the coordinator of this program.

We can all look forward to another great annual meeting in 2007. Many thanks to those who worked so hard to put together all of the terrific SR-SIS program proposals. If your program was not accepted this year, please consider re-proposing it next year.

Submitted by,
Leslie Campbell, Immediate Past Chair
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Other 2007 Annual Meeting Dates & Times – (It's never too early to start planning!)

- SR-SIS Business meeting - Sunday, July 15, Noon – 1:15 p.m.
- Standing Committee on Lesbian & Gay Issues Business Meeting – Sunday, July 15, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- Standing Committee on Lesbian & Gay Issues Reception at Bacco's Skylight Room, Sunday, July 15, 8 – 11 p.m.
- Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institution Residents Business Meeting - Monday July 16, 7:45 am - 8:45 a.m.
- LISP/RIPS/SR-SIS Joint Roundtable on Library Services to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners - Monday, July 16, 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

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Book Drive Report - 2006: Show Me The Books!

The Show Me the Books! book drive for the AALL Annual Meeting in St. Louis was a resounding success. A total of 563 books and \$880 were donated before, during and just after the meeting. The Social Responsibilities SIS supplemented the cash donations by adding a \$1000 gift from the SIS treasury. The new initiative this year was partnering with a local book shop, Left Bank Books, which sold \$1000 in gift cards to be used by the two beneficiary schools for their libraries. Total cash raised is \$2,880. We believe both the number of books donated and the amount of cash raised set new records.

The beneficiary schools were Central Elementary, in the Wellston School District, and Vashon 9th Grade Academy, in the St. Louis School District. Anne Cleester Taylor, reference librarian at Washington University Law Library, collected and delivered the books to Central Elementary. Anne worked with Kalimba Kindell, the family literacy coordinator who is working to set up Central's library. Our contact at Vashon Elementary was Judi Nador, the librarian at the school, who was very excited about this project.

From the start, we received many generous offers to help. Committee members, all volunteers, included Kris Albertus, Kathleen Casey, Anne Taylor, Jim and Joan Voelker, in addition to the Co-Chairs, James Donovan and Ann Puckett. Kris made the boxes in which donated books were collected. Anne identified one of the beneficiary schools and followed up by being its designated representative. Everyone pitched in with ideas for names and sent out publicity about the book drive. Leslie Campbell and Ann Hemmens, current and immediate past chairs of the SIS, were constant sources of information and assistance, as were last year's book drive Chairs, Barbara Lah and Ron Wheeler. Phill Johnson, publicity committee Chair for the Academic Law Libraries SIS, distributed announcements about the book drive to a variety of listservs. Stephanie Davidson and Courtney Selby prepared colorful flyers to hand out at the book store booth and the SR-SIS table to help get the word out about the book drive. Sally Crowley came up with the idea to persuade a local bookstore to have an exhibit in

the exhibit hall, to publicize our book drive, and to sell gift cards to donate to the beneficiary schools. Lori Blair organized her colleagues at Lexis-Nexis to donate approximately 110 books (about 1/5 of the total books collected!) We extend our heartiest thanks to these and all the other generous folks who made this year's book drive so successful.

Next year's book drive will be headed by Carol Billings and Alison Alifano. Carol Billings founded the original book drive, at the annual meeting in Washington, D.C. in 1999. It is our fondest wish that they break our records!

Respectfully Submitted,
James Donovan and Ann Puckett
Co-Chairs
July 25, 2006

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Book Drive 2007: New Orleans

Carol D. Billings, Director of the Law Library of Louisiana in New Orleans and Alison Alifano of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP in New York have agreed to Co-Chair the effort this year. Alison and Carol have selected the Recovery District Schools as the recipients of the New Orleans book drive. More details will be coming soon! Feel free to contact [Carol](#) or [Alison](#), if you wish to assist.

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SR-SIS 2007 Electronic Elections

Just a reminder that, as we did last year, we will be conducting electronic elections for officers instead of requiring a paper ballot. We will be providing more information as it develops.

Submitted by
Leslie Campbell, Chair
SR-SIS Nominations Committee

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Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues Update

Bibliography on Sexual Orientation and the Law

James Donovan announced at the 2006 SC Business meeting that the Standing Committee of Lesbian and Gay Issues bibliography volume was accepted by AALL as a new title in their AALL/Hein Publication Series. The Bibliography, published as AALL Publication Series #74, has just now been released. [Your library should receive its copy soon.] This new bibliography updates the Standing Committee's earlier publication, "Sexual Orientation and the Law: A Selective Bibliography on Homosexuality and the Law 1969-1993," 86 Law Libr. J. 1 (1994).

This wonderful publication was a collaborative effort of many SR members and we can all be proud of the result. Thanks to all those members who participated in gathering and writing the bibliography entries; the following individuals wrote reviews for the updated bibliography:

James Donovan, University of Georgia School of Law Library
James Durham, Touro Law Center Library

Ron Wheeler, Georgia State University College of Law Library
Stephanie Wilson, Seattle University Law Library
Stephanie Davidson, University of Illinois Law School Library
Larry Reeves, Fordham University Law School Library
Courtney Selby, University of Tulsa Law School Library
David Bachman, Boston University Law Library
Fred Barnhart, Loyola University Chicago Law Library
Stanley Conrad, St. John's University Law School Library
Stacy Etheredge, University of South Carolina Law School Library
Jim Gernert, University of Baltimore Law School Library
Dennis Harlow, Independent
Jennifer Kovar, University of Tulsa Law School Library
Virginia Lougheed, Gunster Yoakley
Patrick Meyer, Thomas Jefferson Law School Library
Harold O'Grady, Brooklyn Law School Library
Heather Phillips, University of Houston Law School Library
Christopher Seely, University of Georgia School of Law Library
Laura Whitbeck, Nixon Peabody LLP

Special thanks go to Stephanie Davidson and others (including Stephanie Wilson, James Durham, James Donovan, Courtney Selby and Ronald Wheeler) who are creating a website database to track future updates to the publication. Special thanks also to James Donovan for work coordinating the effort to get the Bibliography published by AALL.

If your library does not receive these titles on standing order, do consider purchasing a copy for your collection. The bibliography will be a useful tool for anyone interested in the central legal issues touching the lives of LGBT persons, and a portion of the receipts goes to the Standing Committee to help fund its activities. If you have questions contact:

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Reception in The Big Easy

The 2007 Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues annual reception is again rumored to be the best party of the year. This year, however, it will have a new day and time. Due to this year's shorter annual meeting, the reception will be held on Sunday night July 15th. Also, the timing will be from 8-11, an hour later than usual, to encourage our interested membership to take advantage of the ALL-SIS reception being held earlier that same evening. The reception will be held in the Skylight Room of Bacco restaurant (www.bacco.com), a beautiful restaurant in the heart of the French Quarter. Admission to the reception will be \$15, (same as last year) and proceeds will go toward the Alan Holoch Memorial Grant Fund (same as last year). This fund allows the standing committee to provide an annual grant for promising new committee members to offset the expense of attending the AALL meeting. Help us thank our generous sponsors West, LexisNexis and Wolters Kluwer. For further questions, contact Courtney Selby at courtney-selby@utulsa.edu.

Submitted by

**Standing Committee on Library Service to Institution Residents Update
Please join us at these events at AALL 2007 in New Orleans (open to all):**

- **SR-SIS Standing Committee on Law Library Services to Institution Residents (prisoners) Business Meeting** - Monday, July 17, 7:45am-8:45am
- **LISP/RIPS/SR-SIS Joint Roundtable on Library Services to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners** - Monday, July 16, 11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Current Standing Committee Projects

- Increase number of libraries included in *Law Libraries Serving Prisoners (LLSP)* database. (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/srsis/llsp/>).
- Update the 1996 edition of *Recommended Collections for Prison and Other Institution Law Libraries & Guidelines for Prison Law Libraries*.

If you have any interest in working with the Standing Committee on these projects, please contact the current Chair, Rebecca Trammell (rtrammel@law.stetson.edu) or (hemmens@u.washington.edu)