

# FROM THE CHAIR

Dear SR-SIS members,

This spring SR-SIS members are very active promoting issues that vary from providing services to prisoners to advocating for the environment to organizing a drive to provide books to low-income children. One huge development is the formation of a new Standing Committee on Disability issues. There are so many ways to be involved in the SR-SIS right now. If there is another issue you would like the SR to explore, be sure to notify me or one of the other officers.

The SR-SIS is planning on having a strong presence at this year's Annual Meeting through various avenues, whether it is tabling at CONELL, collecting books for our annual drive or having a good time and raising money for the Holoch Grant at the Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues reception. **Be sure to make time in your busy schedule to attend our business meeting. This year's business meeting will be held on Monday, July 14, from 5:30 to 6:45 pm in the Marriott Rivercenter – Conference 9 room. Attending the business meeting is the best way to contribute to our mission and stay active in the organization.**

At this year's business meeting, we will be thanking Lisa Junghahn for her two years of service as the Secretary/Treasurer and David Holt for serving on the Executive Board as the immediate past chair. At the meeting a variety of active SR-SIS members will begin their terms as officers: CJ Pipins will be Chair, Stacy Etheredge will be Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Liza Rosenof will begin her two-year term as Secretary/Treasurer. I want to extend to these individuals a big thank you for your commitment to volunteer your time to lead this SIS!

There are two other messages I would like to relay to you. **Be sure to vote in the upcoming Bylaws Amendment election that begins on June 2.** More details regarding this election are contained in this newsletter. This election proposes a wide-variety of amendments that vary from simple changes in wording to a formation of a whole new Standing Committee. Vote!!

Also, we thank you very much for continuing to be members of this SIS. We know a lot of you pay your membership dues out of your own personal funds, and we appreciate your commitment to the various issues the SR-SIS advocates on. **If possible, spread the word to your colleagues that they, too, should join the SR-SIS.** We have many leadership opportunities and many different ways members can make a real impact on AALL and law librarianship generally. The more members we have, the more dues we receive, and the more good work we can do.

Thanks for reading this edition of our newsletter! Don't hesitate to contact me or one of our other officers if you have questions about the SR-SIS or you have an issue you think we should know about.

Sincerely,

Sarah Jaramillo  
SR-SIS Chair, 2013/2014  
Leo T. Kissam Memorial Library  
Fordham University School of Law

## CALL FOR INVOLVEMENT—COMMITTEE ON SERVICES TO PRISONERS

The Standing Committee on Law Library Services to Institutional Residents (Prisoners) is gearing up to go gangbusters again. As Chair of the committee, I am putting out the welcoming call for involvement. I am especially looking for members who would like their interest in this group to raise to the level of active involvement throughout the year.

There are several projects we can start working on immediately, including:

- Updating and promoting the online Law Libraries Serving Prisoners database (e.g., law libraries that handle fee-based document delivery or ILL requests)
- Updating and promoting the directory of sources for donating books to prison libraries (both law and regular)
- Working on ideas on how law school libraries can working with Innocence Projects and other clinics serving prisoners

This is a short list of some of the projects that our committee has traditionally been doing, there is also always an open call for new ideas and projects. Further information about our small but mighty little group can be found at <http://www.aallnet.org/srsis/resources-publications/assistance-for-prisoners/>.

The SR-SIS is really hoping to make this standing committee a vibrant and active group. But to do that, we need dedicated participation of folks throughout the year. If you are at all interested in being a part of this worthy cause, please let me know as soon as possible and we'll get going.

At the Annual Meeting, you can learn more about the issues by attending our Joint Roundtable with LISP and SCCLL. It is scheduled for 11:45-12:45 on Monday July 14th in HBGCC room 206A.

At our business meeting in San Antonio I plan that, instead of talking about what we might do, we can talk about what we are doing. The business meeting for the Standing Committee on Institutional Residents is scheduled for July 15, 7:30-8:15 AM in HBGCC Room 216B. If you cannot attend, I hope to hear from you!

Stacy Etheredge  
West Virginia University College of Law Library

## NEW STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Our SIS has a new calling with the creation of the **Standing Committee on Disability Issues** (approval is still pending but anticipated shortly). The primary purpose of this committee is to provide an avenue for members to increase awareness and discussion of the various disability issues that arise in law libraries. We will advocate for and develop best practices for serving library patrons with physical and/or mental disabilities and also for working with colleagues with disabilities. The initial two-year agenda will focus on serving patrons with mental illness. Two activities are already in the works for the AALL Annual Meeting 2014.

### SR-SIS Disability Issues Roundtable – HBGCC – Room 216B

- Come to learn more about this new committee, meet other interested librarians, confer on disability issues in your library, and brainstorm possible action items.

Poster Session – **10 Tips for Serving Patrons with Mental Illness** submitted by Nick Harrell

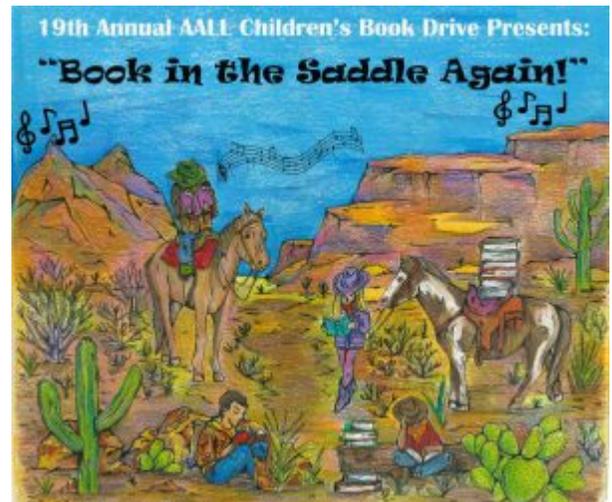
- The poster will suggest ways librarians can improve services to a traditionally under-served patron population, help reduce the stigma of mental illness, and cope with challenging patron interactions. Additionally, the poster will solicit tips from conference attendees via a web form in an effort to crowd source even more suggestions that may improve services to patrons with mental illness. The goal of the poster will be to provide helpful information and start a dialogue on an important issue.

For more information about this new committee, feel free to contact Cindy Guyer, Nick Harrell or Susan Lyons.

## 4—2014 BOOK DRIVE

It's time for the 16th Annual Children's Book Drive, sponsored by the Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section (SR-SIS). The Book Drive is held every year in conjunction with the AALL Annual Meeting. This year's theme is "Remember the Books!" in honor of our host city, San Antonio.

The 2014 recipient is the Transitions Program of the San Antonio Independent School District. The Transitions Program serves homeless students, students in foster care, and at-risk youth. For many of us, books were an essential part of our childhoods that helped us dream big and expand horizons. Let's make sure that some of San Antonio's children and teens have that same wonderful experience with reading!



Books are needed for every age group, from pre-Kindergarten through 12th Grade. You can help the Transitions Program in the following ways:

Order a book online from the [2014 AALL SR-SIS Book Drive Wish List](#) on Amazon.com.

Send a check (made out to AALL) or online bookstore gift card to the Book Drive team:

*Timothy Gatton*  
*Oklahoma City University Law Library*  
*2501 N. Blackwelder*  
*Oklahoma City, OK 73106*

Drop off books during the AALL Annual Meeting at the SR-SIS table.

Give checks or online bookstore gift cards to any SR-SIS executive board member during the AALL Annual Meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Timothy Gatton ([tgatton@okcu.edu](mailto:tgatton@okcu.edu)) or Sarah Jaramillo ([sjaramillo@law.fordham.edu](mailto:sjaramillo@law.fordham.edu))

# BOOK REVIEW: MOVING DIVERSITY FORWARD AND WHAT IF I SAY THE WRONG THING?\*

Diversity has been a goal of the legal profession, and law librarianship, for some time now. Progress has been slow and, sadly, its attainment has been easier said than done. Author and self-described “recovering lawyer” Vernā Myers addresses many aspects of diversity: what it looks like and how to achieve it. She describes techniques for success in integrating our (legal) institutions in various ways.

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: the quality or state of having many different forms, types, ideas, etc.

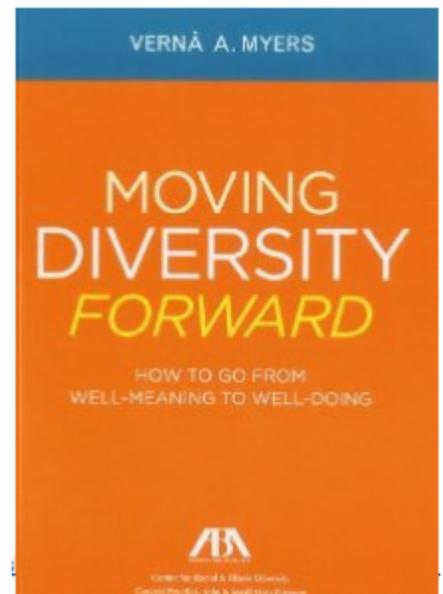
: the state of having people who are different races or who have different cultures in a group or organization

While Myers addresses her ideas to individuals (white) and to organizations (majority-white), all can benefit from her analyses. Wherever you are on the spectrum of “diversifying”, she has some insightful comments and useful behaviors to offer. In *Moving Diversity Forward: How to Go from Well-Meaning to Well-Doing* ( 190 pp., 2012), Myers focuses generally on confronting the barriers of “isms” (racism, sexism, elitism, heterosexism, etc.) as well as specifically on predominantly white organizations increasing the presence of blacks. She feels the under-representation of blacks in majority-white legal organizations is both emblematic of all diversity issues as well as an area where marginal progress has been made. As a black attorney, she has written from experience and with authority.

While starting with the concept of diversity, Myers segues naturally to the idea of inclusion. In her analogy, diversity is like “being invited to the party” and inclusion is “being asked to dance”. Diversity is based on representation and is quantitative. Inclusion is based on engagement: engagement **of** the individual, **by** the organization, and is qualitative. Inclusion is the element which determines long-term success of diversity efforts.

Inclusion means making “the other” welcome. It’s easy to imagine being “the other”, if you make the effort. Have you ever been the “only one” in a group? Fill in your own blanks:

- The only woman in a group of men
- The only dad in a group of moms
- The only Caucasian person in a town in China
- The only exchange/foreign student in a group of American students



How did you become part of the larger group? In order to successfully engage in a group, you have to become a part of it, at least on some level. What was it about being in that group that overcame your feeling of differentness? What made you buy-in? Being viewed, and accepted, as an individual rather than a representative of a group is a starting place...and viewing you that way is the job of the majority-group. If committed to diversity, the majority-group must accept you, respect you and ultimately acknowledge and appreciate your difference and what it adds to the group. This is the bottom line premise of Myer’s books. She offers a variety of methods for the majority-group to realize and understand the ramifications of its dominance, and to identify and

implement behaviors that are inclusive.

Her “Line Dance of Opportunity” exercise (pp. 112-113) and “Chart of (Unearned) Privilege” (p. 115) are high-impact reading to quickly understand the realities and consequences of belonging to certain groups. Some statuses and experiences described are obvious while others are more subtle. All are thought-provoking, especially if you are a member of a majority-group.

Myers complements her analyses and suggestions pragmatically with her companion title *What if I Say the Wrong Thing? 25 Habits for Culturally Effective People* (2014). Filled with specific tips to assist participants in multi-cultural situations, *What if I Say the Wrong Thing?* is an anchor to begin or continue individual and organizational efforts at supporting and promoting diversity....to develop the behaviors and atmosphere necessary for inclusiveness. At 125 pages, it can be a “quick read” for anyone concerned about issues and techniques of inclusion.

\*This review was previously published in the MAALL Markings.

Druet Cameron Klugh  
University of Iowa Law Library

## **BOOK REVIEW: THIS GRAVEYARD COMES ALIVE WITH DIVERSITY**

Barry Eisler’s recently released “Graveyard of Memories” is his best book so far! It features Asian-American assassin John Rain from his series of the same name. No, you don’t have to read his other books to appreciate this. “Graveyard” is a prequel to the series. You get to see Rain’s development from Vietnam veteran and CIA bagman to learning skills that will eventually make him the world’s most feared assassin.

As an avid reader and martial artist with decades of experience, I can attest that Eisler writes the most realistic fight scenes in the thriller genre. Heck, make that all of fiction! His attention to detail is incredible! “Graveyard of Memories” takes place in 1972 Tokyo. Eisler researches & visits the locations that were around in 1972. He also references photograph books from that time period during his research.

The character development is excellent; he brings his characters and settings to life in such a way that you imagine actually being there. Eisler goes on a limb (pun intended) and features the character Sayaka, a paraplegic as Rain’s love interest. Unlike many writers who assume they know how to write a love scene, Eisler takes his craft seriously. He has attended conferences and workshops for romance writers. The banter between the characters seems real and not like the generically written “me Tarzan, you Jane” dialog.

In his acknowledgements section near the end, Eisler thanks someone for challenging him to create a character with disabilities. He also apologizes for getting anything wrong and promises to share any corrections on the “Mistakes” page of his website. He then lists resources for interacting with people with disabilities and even includes a link to “Dating Paraplegics: The Ultimate Guide.”

Throughout the book, Eisler provides insights into the mind of John Rain in such a way that you understand thought processes, intellect and cunningness as the character works to improve his skills in prep for the assassin’s profession. The character is a real person who appreciates jazz and eventually a good Scotch. He also has a great sense of humor—the morgue scene almost had me dying of laughter.

I look forward to reading more from Eisler. I recommend this book to adults who enjoy thrillers, action, adventure, mysteries, and martial arts. People with disabilities and their families will also relate to Rain's sensitivity in getting to know Sayaka.

Andrew Evans  
Washburn University School of Law Library

## MEMBER NEWS

Ron Wheeler, has accepted the position of Director of the Law Library and Information Resources at Suffolk University Law School in Boston. He will begin at Suffolk on July 1. Ron is currently Director of the Dorraine Zief Law Library at the University of San Francisco School of Law, and has held supervisory positions at Georgia State University and at the University of New Mexico.

Amanda Runyon, University of Michigan Law School, and her wife Amanda were one of the 322 couples legally married in Michigan during the brief window of marriages on March 22!

Cindy Guyer, at USC Gould School of Law, was recently promoted to Librarian III with Continuing Appointment (aka tenure).

## HOTEL SOAPS, SHAMPOOS, LOTIONS SOUGHT AT ANNUAL MEETING

You can donate your unused hotel toiletries—soaps, shampoos, lotions—to Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc., a shelter for emergency services for women and children in San Antonio. The shelter has been helping people since 1977, and they would appreciate our generosity. There will be a box for donated hotel toiletries at the SR-SIS table in the exhibit hall.

## ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAMS INVOLVING SR-SIS MEMBERS

**Sunday, July 13, 2014**

1:15-2:45 pm

A2: A Dialog for Catalogers and Reference Librarians: Class K from Alpha to Omega;  
Speakers: **Emily Carr**, Jolande Goldberg, Tina Gheen; Moderator: Brian Striman; Coordinator: Lia Contursi; Room: HBGCC-Room 217A.

**Monday, July 14, 2014**

2:30-3:45 pm

D1: Innovation the Google Way: Implementing Google's 80/20 Program in Your Library;  
Speakers: **Julian Aiken**, Maureen Sullivan; Coordinator: **Yasmin Sokkar Harker**; Room: HBGCC-Room 214AB.

D3: Distinguished Lectureship: What We Know and How We Think About It; Speaker: Richard A. Danner; Coordinator: **James Donovan**; Room: HBGCC-Room 217A.

D5: Finding Common Ground: Linking Law Student Learning with Law Firm Research Needs; Speakers: **Jane Larrington**, Lucy Curci-Gonzalez, **Margaret (Meg) Butler**, Steven Lastres; Coordinator/Moderator: Anna Russell; Room: HBGCC-Room 217BC.

E2: Access to Justice: Crossing Borders Together, a Report of the Special Committee; Speakers: **Margaret (Meg) Butler**, Rita Dermody, Sarah Mauldin; Coordinator/Speaker: Sara Galligan

## Tuesday, July 15, 2014

8:30-9:45 am

E4: Back to the Future: AALL and Law Libraries in the Digital Age; Speakers: Gail Warren, Gregory Lambert, Margaret Maes, **Michael Saint-Onge**, Nina Platt; Coordinator/Moderator: **Michael Saint-Onge**; Room: HBGCC-Room 217D.

10:15-11:30 am

F1: Orbis Cascade Alliance Summit: A Library Management Service Model for the Future, Speakers: Alena Wolotira, **Richard Jost**; Coordinator/Moderator: Christina Tarr; Room: HBGCC-Room 217A.

*SR-SIS Sponsored Program* — F2: Success in the City Council: Thoughts on a Successful Bid for Equality; Speaker: Chuck Smith of Equality Texas; Moderator: **Jane Larrington**; Coordinator: **CJ Pipers**; Room: HBGCC-Room 217BC.

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

H1: The Civil Rights Act of 1964: Celebrating Its 50th Anniversary; Coordinator/Moderator: **Joel Fishman**; Room: HBGCC-Room 217A.

## EXCITING PROPOSED BYLAWS REVISIONS: ELECTION COMING SOON!

I wanted to share a few proposed revisions to the SR-SIS bylaws, which will be up for voter approval via electronic ballot. The electronic polls will be open from June 2 to June 13. Some of the changes are small and minor and others are major and exciting. These changes are a result of work by the SR-SIS Executive Committee, a disabilities sub-committee (i.e. Cindy Guyer, Nick Harrell and Susan Lyons), Stacy Etheredge, Lee Van Duzer and Jane Larrington. This work incorporated feedback from the AALL Bylaws Committee and President Steve Anderson.

The following changes will — if approved by SR-SIS members — alter the SR-SIS bylaws in the following ways:

- A Standing Committee on Disability Issues will be created.
- All Standing Committee membership provisions will be altered to make them conform with the AALL bylaws, while continuing to promote inclusivity.
- The Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institutional Residents will be renamed the Standing Committee on Law Library Services to Prisoners.
- The term 'transgender' will replace with the the term 'transgendered' to reflect current usage and advocacy preferences.

Here's a legend to decode the proposed bylaws changes below:

- ~~stricken~~ text: A line through bylaws text indicates that the SR-SIS Executive Committee proposes to strike that language.
- **bolded text**: Text in bold-faced font indicates language the SR-SIS Executive Committee proposes to add to the bylaws.
- red text: Red text indicates a comment or explanation that justifies the proposed addition or revision.

These proposed changes only impact Article VII of the SR-SIS Bylaws. To see the SR-SIS bylaws in their current state, click on this [link](#).

Text of proposed SR-SIS Bylaw revisions:

Article VII: Standing Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees.

There shall be a **Standing Committee on Disability Issues**, Standing Committee on Law Library Service to ~~Institutional Residents~~**Prisoners** and a Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues. There shall be such other Standing or Special Committees as the SIS Executive Committee shall create, or shall be created by a majority vote of those present and voting at any annual meeting of this SIS. Unless otherwise provided, committee Chairs shall be designated by the Chair of the SIS.

Comment from Stacy Etheredge, Chair of the Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institutional Residents: After discussion with many individuals, both in our SIS and out of it, I believe the current name to be misleading and confusing. The phrase "institutional residents" unfortunately sounds like we are talking about patients in mental institutions. I say "unfortunately" not because those patients don't deserve our compassion and service, but because it simply is not the focal point of this standing committee. As we know, promotion and marketing is everything in today's world, and I believe that a name change that better describes the goals of the standing committee will garner the attention and interest of more people, both within AALL and also those who might pick us up with web searches. For these reasons, I respectfully request that SR-SIS members vote in favor of this name change.

**Section 2. Standing Committee on Disability Issues.**

(a) Purpose. The primary purpose of this Committee is to provide an avenue for members to increase awareness and discussion of the various disability issues that arise in law libraries. The Committee will advocate for and develop best practices for serving library patrons with disabilities and for working with colleagues with disabilities. Two-year agendas may address issues pertaining to physical disabilities and/or mental disabilities, as agreed upon by the members. Information will be disseminated in multiple and accessible formats, and will be made available to all AALL members.

(b) Officers. The first Committee Chair shall be appointed by the SR-SIS Chair for a two-year term, expiring at the completion of the 2016 Committee business meeting. Subsequent Committee Chairs will be elected for a one-year term. The SR-SIS Chair shall solicit names of members interested in serving as Committee Chair approximately two months prior to the AALL annual meeting.

(c) Officer Election Procedures. The first Committee Chair shall be appointed. Subsequent Committee Chairs shall be elected annually by electronic ballot prior to the AALL annual meeting. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Installation will take place at the annual business meeting of the Committee.

(d) Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy, a new Committee Chair shall be appointed by the SR-SIS Chair to complete the current term.

**Comment:** After requests from members to explore how the SR-SIS could better advocate on disability issues, Sarah Jaramillo asked Cindy Guyer, Nick Harrell and Susan Lyons to form a sub-committee to come up with an action plan. On very short notice, these folks accomplished this feat. This part of the proposed bylaws revision reflects the formalization of this subcommittee's efforts. This Standing Committee will hit the ground running and will offer, among other things, a Roundtable on Disability Issues at this year's annual meeting in San Antonio (7/13/14, 11:45am, HBGCC-Room 216B). More events and publicity for this Standing Committee will be announced prior to the Annual Meeting, so look for announcements in the SR-SIS Newsletter and from the My Communities list.

### Section 23. Standing Committee on Law Library Service to ~~Institutional Residents~~ Prisoners.

(a) Purpose. The primary purpose of this Committee is to provide an avenue for members to advocate for and share information about law library services to ~~institution residents including~~ prisoners.

~~(b) Membership. Membership shall be open to all AALL members interested in institutional libraries, particularly prison law libraries, and issues such as providing law library service to prisoners, sharing information about currently available library services for prisoners, access to legal information by institutional residents and advocating for all of the aforementioned issues.~~

**Comment:** The membership provisions from Article VII are being removed based on advice from the AALL Bylaws Committee and President Steve Anderson. The Article VII membership provisions as they are worded now conflict with AALL bylaws provision X.7, which state that only SR-SIS members can run for standing committee offices and vote in standing committee elections. By deleting this provision, all AALL members are still encouraged to attend standing committees meetings and participate in standing committee activities, but will not be allowed to run for standing committee office or vote in standing committee elections per AALL Bylaw X.7.

~~(e)~~ Officers. A Committee Chair shall be appointed by the SR-SIS Chair annually at the annual meeting for the upcoming year.

~~(e)~~ Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy, a new Committee Chair shall be appointed by the SR-SIS Chair.

### Section 34. Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues.

(a) Purpose. The primary purpose of this Committee is to provide an avenue to members for interaction and discussion of issues within the group, but also within the larger American Association of Law Libraries, to the extent of making all members aware of and react to the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered persons within the law library community. The Committee is also intended to serve as a vehicle for dissemination of information, including but not limited to the provision of programs for AALL and other such groups. In addition, the Committee serves as a social force in bringing the membership together at AALL meetings.

**Comment:** The SR-SIS Executive Committee decided to propose this small revision, from transgendered to transgender, to better reflect current language usage in the trans\* and broader LGBT advocacy communities. See National Center for Transgender Equality, Transgender Terminology, [http://transequality.org/Resources/TransTerminology\\_2014.pdf](http://transequality.org/Resources/TransTerminology_2014.pdf).

(b) Tagline. The descriptive tagline for this Committee is "Embracing the Diversity of Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities."

~~(c) Membership. Membership shall be open to all people interested in the individual rights of others, whether they be lesbian, gay, bisexual, heterosexual, or transgendered. Thus, membership is open to all AALL members who are sensitive to and concerned about the rights and interests of sexual orientation and gender identity minorities.~~

(dc) Officers. The Executive Committee shall be installed at the annual meeting for the upcoming year. The Executive Committee will include a Chair, a Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and the Immediate Past Chair. Each Executive Committee member shall take office at the end of the annual meeting. The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect will become Chair at the annual meeting the year following the election.

(ed) Election of Officers. The election of the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect will be conducted every year at the annual meeting of the Standing Committee. Nominations may be received by the Chair in advance of the meeting or by nomination from the floor. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes by the members present and voting shall be elected.

(fe) Vacancies of Offices. If a Chair leaves office, the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect will assume that position's duties. A vacancy in the office of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect shall be filled by the remaining members of the Executive Committee for the remainder of the term.

[End of text of proposed bylaws revisions.]

Thank you for taking the time to review these proposed bylaws revisions! If you have any questions, feel free to send them my way. As I said before the polls will be open from June 2 through June 13, so look for an email on June 2 from AALL that will contain instructions on how to cast your vote.

Thanks to Cindy Guyer, Nick Harrell, Susan Lyons, CJ Pipins, Lisa Junghahn, David Holt, Meg Butler, Stacy Etheredge, Lee Van Duzer and Jane Larrington for your work in bringing these changes about! Another thank you must also be given to the members of the AALL Bylaws Committee and President Steve Anderson for providing extremely valuable feedback in this process!

Sarah Jaramillo  
Leo T. Kissam Memorial Library  
Fordham University School of Law

## 1AALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Early Bird Registration Ends June 6 for 2014 Annual Meeting and Conference

Register for the [2014 Annual Meeting and Conference](#) to learn from the fantastic lineup of [educational programs](#), including keynote Andrew Keen. Connect with law librarians from across the nation, from all types of settings, who understand the issues you face every day. **Register by June 6** and save \$100.

### Renew Your AALL Membership Early for a Chance to Win a Free AALL Webinar Registration

In May, the second round of AALL dues invoices for 2014-2015 will mail out to all library directors for their institutionally paid memberships and to all other individual members. The deadline for membership renewal is May 31.

**This year, when you renew by May 31 you'll be entered in a drawing for a free AALL webinar of your choice in 2014-2015.** Following is the 2014 membership renewal schedule:

- **May:** Second dues invoices mailed out.
- **June:** Final dues invoices mailed out.
- **July:** Expiration notices emailed to all members—individuals and those paid by institutions.

- **August 1:** Expired members deleted from the AALL membership database and access to the AALLNET members only content and Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum subscriptions discontinued.

[Renew your membership online](#). If you have any questions about your membership renewal, contact AALL Headquarters at [membership@aall.org](mailto:membership@aall.org) or 312/205-8022.

### **Registration is open for What's in Your Toolbox?**

Professional writing can be a challenge, whether you're writing a newsletter article to send to faculty or lawyers, advising a student on writing a note or seminar paper, writing your own scholarly article, or crafting a weekly blog post. Almost every librarian faces the need to organize research and prepare and present it for some form of publication. Join us **May 22 at 11 a.m.** (CDT) for What's in Your Toolbox?: Tools to Organize Your Research, Scholarship, or Professional Writing, when law librarians Tim Gallina, Jordan Jefferson, Sherry Leysen, and Carla Wale will discuss a variety of tools, from free to paid, and how you can use them at every stage of the writing process. Learn how these tools can help you work through speed bumps in the writing process, as well as help you organize ideas and polish articles for publication.

The webinar is \$30 for AALL members and \$60 for nonmembers, and site registration (one per physical location) is \$150.

### **AALL2go Pick of the Month**

AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: So You Think You Can Teach: Keeping the Audience Awake and Learning Alive.

Legal research instruction can be interesting, engaging and fun! Five experienced and dynamic academic librarians present 10-minute mini-lessons, highlighting five different teaching tools to capture the audience's attention. The mini-lessons cover such topics as secondary materials, cost-effective case law research, locating federal statutes using popular name, federal administrative materials, and D.C. materials. The teaching tools that are demonstrated include showing movie clips that connect a legal research concept with an example from pop culture; using imagery to create a personal legal research scenario; creating a screencast lesson (with Camtasia and PowerPoint); presenting an interesting or funny example or anecdote to engage the audience; and utilizing props and games to capture the audience's attention and to encourage participation. The five different learning styles and the importance of teaching to those learning styles are also discussed.

The mini-lessons are followed by a Q&A session where the panelists discuss in-class assignments, research logs, textbooks, CALI lessons, and the importance of creating relatable research examples. Everyone from the beginner to the experienced legal research instructor is sure to discover innovative techniques that they can use to engage their audiences.

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