SR-SIS Newsletter
FROM THE CHAIR:
I am just about 1/3 of the way through my term as SR-SIS chair and it has already been such a pleasure and privilege to represent our “small but mighty” SIS. I am so heartened by how much we continually accomplish as the “conscience” of AALL.

One such accomplishment this term is advocating for continued inclusion of gender-neutral restrooms at AALL conferences and transparency to the membership as to how these restrooms are created and made available. Due in part to our advocacy, gender-neutral restrooms are now officially part of the site selection criteria for AALL conferences and published on the AALL website: https://www.aallnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Additional-Facility-Criteria-for-Site-Selection-AALLNET.pdf. Thank you to everyone who advocated for this important advancement!

We have similarly big plans moving forward for the rest of the term, including work on prisoner access issues and immigration and immigrant rights. We are still in need of a Chair for the Environmental Sustainability Standing Committee - if anyone is interested in helping move forward on this critical work, please let me know. And special thanks go out to Cynthia Condit who has very helpfully volunteered to update and overhaul the SR-SIS website. If you see anything that needs to be changed, please let me know!

We are already hard at work on programming for the conference in New Orleans. I’m thrilled to announce that with the help of several other SISs, SR-SIS will be presenting a screening of Change the Subject, a documentary about the fight to change the “illegal aliens” Library of Congress subject heading. We had overwhelming support across disciplines - the fight to honor everyone’s humanity is broad! And that’s why it’s so important we keep doing the work we do - not everyone wants to be first to the fight, but the work we do ensures we make space for those who still support our common goals.

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or issues.
Submitted December 2019

Sara V. Pic
Chair, SR-SIS
IMMIGRATION AND IMMIGRANT RIGHTS SPECIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

I wanted to share some progress that our committee has made! Thanks to the hard work of Marcelo Rodríguez, a WordPress site and a Google group have been created. The goal of both forums is to provide a venue for low-cost immigration resources and the opportunity for immigration attorneys to email the group for information and/or resources respectively.

The sites are as follows:

**Virtual Immigration Law Library**:  
[www.virtualimmigrationlawlibrary.com](http://www.virtualimmigrationlawlibrary.com). This site’s template can be added to or modified, different sections are broken out – we will be adding content.

**Google Group**: Listserv platform for pro bono lawyers to ask any reference/research questions. The goal is to have law librarians post news related to immigration and accept reference requests from the attorneys. You can subscribe to the list serv option in the intro to the Virtual Immigration Law Library or below in the site where it says "Let’s build something together".

* It would be helpful if everyone could click on subscribe to the listserv, then we will be able to gain an understanding of the process.

Finally, we are also seeking the help of a couple of librarians who would be able to assist with adding content to the "essential resources" page and helping brainstorm the "news" section. If you have an interest in helping us build the site, please email me at maryanne.daly-doran@uconn.edu.

I know that these are extraordinary times, so if you lack the bandwidth right now, but would like to be involved in another way or in the future, please let us know as well!

We would love your feedback and suggestions!

Take care,
Maryanne Daly-Doran  
Chair Special Committee
DO YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO GO TO THE COTTAGE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC?

For some, Canada’s summer weekends are spent at a cottage. But this year, the COVID-19 pandemic has sharpened the edges on the rural-urban divide. Both Ontario Premier Doug Ford and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau have faced criticism for going to their respective summertime homes.

But not all cottagers are political leaders. Cottagers say they should be allowed to visit seasonal properties, with some threatening to withhold their property taxes if they’re kept away.

Meanwhile, year-round residents are worried that summertime visitors will bring the risk of a second wave that could overwhelm under-resourced rural healthcare systems.

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms enshrines mobility rights. But those rights are chafing up against requests to temporarily lay down this entitlement in the collectivist spirit of public health orders. The coronavirus pandemic has escalated existing tensions in a complicated, ongoing negotiation between the “right to be rural” and trends toward “disaster gentrification” driven by urban flight.

Balancing individual actions against their community impact

In 1968, French sociologist Henri Lefebvre first offered “the right to the city” as an invitation to reclaim urban life by putting people at the heart of civic decision-making and prioritizing collective experiences over individual entitlements. This inspired civic movements across the globe right up to present-day conversations about digital rights.

Leveraging that concept, sociologists Laura Barraclough and Karen Foster are looking at whether there is also a “right to the countryside” or a “right to be rural.” In cottage country conflicts, however, we find ourselves without an instruc-

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As sociologist Tressie McMillan Cottom argued, “wealth is the vector.” If British writer and critic John Lancaster is right that “geography is destiny,” the displacement and replacement processes of rural gentrification must be critically examined.

However, rural residents remain concerned about the risks of virus spread for delicate local ecosystems. Rural health-care capacity is often extremely limited. Experts continue to urge people to limit non-essential travel and to stay home for everyone’s sake. First Nations that lease land to cottagers have closed their borders. Grocery stores and essential services in rural regions are struggling to adjust to the new reality of challenged supply chains in the same way as their urban counterparts.

And yet these conversations dehumanize the people involved across all aspects of this conflict. Rural people are talked about as if they’re just part of the landscape.

As individual property and mobility rights clash with collective efforts to mitigate the COVID-19 crisis, it appears as if we might be losing our basic connection and responsibility to each other and entering an impossible debate over whose rights count more.

**Urban flight and rural gentrification**

If you are an essential worker making minimum wage, it is understandably difficult to empathize with people who feel aggrieved at being asked to temporarily choose between multiple residences during this crisis — a luxury not necessarily afforded those most impacted by
the consequences of these choices. Still, there are complex reasons why rural residents might themselves embark on essential interregional travel, like going to urban centres for specialist care or accessing essential goods; rural-urban linkages mean the road goes both ways.

Ultimately, this conflict hinges on deeper questions about the geography of wealth, privilege and structural inequality. As sociologist Tressie McMillan Cottom argued, “wealth is the vector.” If British writer and critic John Lancaster is right that “geography is destiny,” the displacement and replacement processes of rural gentrification must be critically examined.

More than half of Ontario’s new cases of COVID-19 are occurring in Toronto. Meanwhile, Montréal is the epicentre of the virus’ outbreak in Canada. As real or imagined connections between density and disease percolate in people’s minds and remote work becomes the norm for many white-collar professions, urban flight may create more long-term shifts in rural areas that must be approached carefully if we are to avoid deepening geographic and socio-economic divides.

We need carefully considered rural policy and investments that put equity at the heart of imagining the future of the right to be rural. Whether in cities like Vancouver or Montréal or in rural towns like Tobermory, Ont., or Bird Cove, N.L., responses and interventions must respect and respond to local needs and goals.

We have a tendency to turn our fight or flight instinct into unhelpful us-versus-them dichotomies. Painting the country (or each other) with the broad strokes of “rural versus urban” only exacerbates that.

Surviving this pandemic requires a balance between our individual actions and their community impacts. While you might have a right to visit your cottage during the pandemic, ensuring our shared future will require patience and the reimagining of the right to be rural as a civic responsibility.

By S. Ashleigh Weeden, School of Environmental Design & Rural Development, University of Guelph

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AALL2GO WEBINARS AND RECORDED SESSIONS ON SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES TOPICS

During the pandemic many of us are spending more time at home, and we can take this opportunity to enhance our professional educations online. AALL live conference sessions, webinars, and CPE Grant Recipient recordings are available through AALL2go https://www.aallnet.org/education-training/elearning/aall2go/.

Although many of these recordings were made prior to the time of COVID, their ideas and principles continue to be relevant to our social interests. It’s a proactive exercise to reimagine some of these initiatives or similar projects within the framework of social distancing. Although not overtly tied to SR, you may also want to check out the 2018 AALL session of a seemingly clairvoyant title, Transforming our Libraries from Analog to Digital: A Vision for 2020, with speakers Brewster Kahle of the Internet Archive and Michelle Wu of Georgetown University Law Library. Going digital has recently become a responsibility rather than an aspirational service to our public.

Here is a short list of trainings that pertain to social responsibility:

AALL ANNUAL MEETING RECORDED SESSIONS

**Surfing the Horizons: Law Libraries, Pro Bono, and Community Resource Partners for Access to Justice**

*Speakers: Joan Bellisti, Anne Arundel County Public Law Library; Sara Galligan, Ramsey County Law Library; Steven Scudder, ABA Center for Pro Bono*

Reaffirming Meaningful Access to Justice for All—is an issue public law libraries have been
tackling since before ATJ was a widely used phrase or acronym. Find out how partnering with community and pro bono resources can maximize your services.

The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program: Teaching Legal Bibliography to Change Lives

Speakers: Rhea Ballard-Thrower, Howard University; Bahiyyah Muhammad, Howard University

The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program is an educational program with an innovative pedagogical approach tailored to effectively facilitate dialogue across difference. Speakers will explain how they created and taught advanced legal research at the Washington, DC jail.

Storytelling for Empowerment and Change

Speaker: Lacey Schwartz Delgado, Truth Aid

Our current national climate is seeing a rise in the open support of racism, sexism, extremist nationalism, and several other forms of discrimination. We want our patrons and colleagues to feel our libraries are safe, comfortable, and accepting working environments. Discussing how to accommodate, critically think about, and embrace these shared stories is critical for our professional growth.

WEBINARS

Addressing Diversity and Implicit Bias in Your Classroom and Your Law School
Moderator: Amy Carr, Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Speakers: Mike Martinez Jr., St. Mary’s University School of Law, Michelle Rigual, University of New Mexico Law Library, Sherri Thomas, University of New Mexico Law Library, Ronald E. Wheeler, Jr., Boston University

Across the country, persons of color are increasingly subject to racial profiling, police brutality, racial gerrymandering, and the threat of deportation. At the same time, a growing body of research studies shows that implicit biases based on minority status are present and play a significant role in our law schools. In this context, it is important to train students to become culturally competent lawyers.

Mental Health and Wellness in the Law Library: Ideas for Being an Effective Ally

Moderator: Matthew Neely, North Carolina Central University School of Law

Speakers: Brett Bowers, North Carolina Central University School of Law; Heather Simmons, University of Georgia School of Law; Maya Swanes, University of Washington School of Law

The mental health and wellness of law students is a topic increasingly discussed by those in the law school community. The RIPS-SIS Patron Services Committee will host a webinar on the role law librarians can play in being effective allies to students struggling to find balance and maintain sound mental health.
HOT TOPICS IN IMMIGRATION LAW: REVIEW AND RESOURCES

Immigration is a moral issue. Resistance to the current presidential administration’s immigration policies has been a strong motivator for people concerned with social responsibility. To that end, SR-SIS formed a standing committee on immigration, to go along with its standing committees on sexual orientation and gender identity, law library services to prisoners, disability issues, and environmental sustainability.

In December 2019, AALL offered a webinar called “Hot Topics in Immigration Law.” The speaker was Julina Guo, Staff Attorney at the Immigration Law Clinic of The Justice Center at Albany Law School. Julina focuses on humanitarian immigration, representing domestic violence and crime survivors, children, and vulnerable individuals. She also does immigration advocacy work. The webinar was moderated by AALL member Amy Carr, Senior Strategic Legal Insights Manager, Greenberg Traurig LLP, in New York.

The webinar was excellent. Julina Guo was amazing: earnest, well-prepared, and impressively knowledgeable. Celeste Smith, AALL’s Director of Education, said that a number of members attended the webinar. This webinar is now available from AALL2go, AALL’s on-demand continuing-education service, at https://www.aallnet.org/recording/hottopics-immigrationlaw/. This is a brief review of the webinar followed by pointers to some immigration-law resources—some as recommended by Julina, some from my experience, from the Web and commercial providers.

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Live Interview Series: So, You Wanna Learn Cultural Competence?
Moderator: Savanna Nolan, Georgetown Law
Speakers: Shamika Dalton, University of Tennessee; Michele Villagran, San Jose State University

In recent years, law librarian scholars have brought discussions of cultural competence and implicit bias to the forefront. Now that we are aware of the issues implicit bias can raise, what do we do about it? Dr. Michele Villagran, a lead expert in cultural competence and unconscious bias discusses her research.

Recording provided by the AALL Continuing Professional Education Committee and the Professional Engagement, Growth & Advancement Special Interest Section (PEGA-SIS).

Compiled by Emma Wood,
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WEBINAR REVIEW

SR-SIS members (and AALL members generally) could benefit from this webinar: not only members interested in immigration for social-responsibility reasons, but because our job is to help students, faculty members, or practitioners understand or find something they don’t have or know. This webinar is a roadmap (to borrow Julina’s term) for how U.S. immigration law fits together and functions, with special attention to humanitarian relief, Julina’s focus. And at least in the law-school environment, students and faculty tend to be interested in humanitarian issues and working with nonprofits that focus on this area.

I have submitted my webinar attendance for CLE approval by the Florida Bar. I have no doubt they’ll accept it. Florida has a procedure for submitting individual activities for CLE credit; if your state Bar does, they might well take this too.

Roadmap

Julina’s roadmap was in four parts: Sources of immigration law, immigration statuses and terminology, humanitarian types of relief, and recent litigation in immigration. Her roadmap slide adds: “Immigration is a fast-changing field!”

She spelled out that immigration law has constitutional, statutory, administrative, and caselaw components, pointed out that, under the Trump administration, much use has been made of various forms of executive action to make “sweeping changes” in the statutory regime: Executive Orders, Executive Actions, and Presidential Proclamations. She then sketched out the structure of the federal immigration apparatus.

Humanitarian Relief

Much of the middle of the presentation was devoted to humanitarian relief. This was divided into special statutory visas for crime victims: victims of human trafficking and under the Violence Against Women Act, and asylum.

RESOURCES

Free and Low-Cost

EOIR Virtual Law Library

The Department of Justice Executive Office for Immigration Review maintains a free, online Virtual Law Library (VLL), at https://www.justice.gov/eoir/virtual-law-library. The VLL is mostly primary sources. It provides several resources. First, agency decisions from the Attorney General, the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer (OCAHO) ((cases involving certain employer issues), https://www.natlawreview.com/article/abc-s-ocaho-office-chief-administrative-hearing-officer), and
HOT TOPICS, CONT’D FROM PAGE 9

“I & N,” the Administrative Decisions Under Immigration & Nationality Laws. These materials are listed alphabetically and indexed. The VLL provides access to relevant materials from the Federal Register, covering Title 8 of the CFR, "Aliens and Nationality.” It provides information about countries currently covered by Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and the most recent TPS notices.

Two interesting resources the VLL provides are country conditions research, “...content [] compiled from publicly available documents that report on aspects of country conditions that have relevance in removal hearings before Immigration Judges and the Board of Immigration Appeals” (https://www.justice.gov/eoir/country-conditions-research), and amicus invitations, where the EOIR “...invites members of the public to file amicus curiae briefs addressing issues of significance (https://www.justice.gov/eoir/amicus-briefs), which it also does “...through the EOIR Twitter feed, EOIR’s Facebook page, and Amicus Email Updates” (Id.).

The VLL also provides access to the Immigration Law Advisor, a newsletter that the EOIR uses “...to disseminate developments in immigration law to the Board and the Immigration Judges in a timely, concise and user-friendly format every month” (https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/eoir/legacy/2009/07/24/vol1no1rsrv.pdf). The VLL homepage has a chronological listing of new materials, added regularly.

CLINIC

One set of email lists Julina find useful is run by Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), at https://cliniclegal.org/email. (Julina’s recommendations and direct quotes come from a series of emails I exchanged with her, on file with the author.) One of CLINIC’s lists, “Advocacy and Legislation Updates,” covers “legal trends and issues affecting immigrants... changes in the U.S. immigration system, the implementation of policy shifts, and next steps for protecting the rights and maintaining the dignity of newcomers.”

CLINIC also has email lists on “Training and Webinar Announcements,” “Religious Immigration Services,” “Resources for Librarians and Educators,” and their own “The Latest from CLINIC,” as well as “CLINIC Daily.”

Commercial

Kurzban

Julina’s first resource for immigration questions is Ira Kurzban’s Immigration Law Sourcebook (hardcopy, published annually). She says “It is a sweeping look at our immigration laws and regulations and will usually lead me to next steps or other citations... With how fast immigration law and policy changes, the newest edition is a must when possible.”
Lexis
Julina recommends Gordan, Mailman, Yale-Loehr & Wada, *Immigration Law and Procedure*; Bender’s *Immigration and Nationality Act Service*, and Bender’s *Immigration Regulations Service* as general resources.

Westlaw
Julina recommends *The Law of Asylum in the United States*, also available in print and updated yearly. As disclosure, she worked on a previous edition as a law student. She says “...folks may be interested given all the discussions about asylum.”

Julina also says that each immigration agency has a practice manual and policy and procedure memoranda, which are available on Westlaw and Lexis. She says “this is crucial in order to look at DHS and DOJ current policies and adjudicatory practices from the agencies’ own perspectives!”

CONCLUSION
I found the webinar Carr and Guo presented to be lively and informative. I recommend it highly! Thanks to Julina for supplementing her webinar and slides with some immigration-research resources and allowing me to quote her. I hope I’ve done justice to the webinar, and provided you all with some food for thought and a basis for law-librarian practice in the area of immigration law.

EXPLORE RESOURCES ABOUT MIGRATION IN AND IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES
The National Park Service has a variety of historical and related resources available about migration and immigration to the United States. Virtual visitors can learn about parks and related places and also investigate the experiences of people who both came from elsewhere and live in the United States. There are additional educational resources, including some related to theme study (including *experiences of Japanese Americans during World War II*) and educational materials about the experiences of people such as the *immigrant cigar makers in Tampa Florida* during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
VACATION PHOTOS...FROM AN EARLIER TIME

I went on the Flogging Molly Cruise Nov. 8th - 12th. It left from Fort Lauderdale to Perfect Day at CocoCay in the Bahamas. As for a connection to geography and justice, what could be a more interesting than a ship full of punk rock bands, known for political and social anthems, suddenly afloat like pirates in the Atlantic and subject to maritime law? We took Amtrak the 1400 miles home.

Submitted by Emma Wood
UMass Dartmouth Law Library
Inspired by the success of the KIND Families Belong Together ribbon fundraiser sponsored by the Latino Caucus last year, a few members, with the support of SR-SIS, have put together a #CloseTheCamps ribbon fundraiser this year to benefit the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES). RAICES does advocacy work and provides legal services to help separated and detained families, and people seeking asylum in the United States. RAICES received the GuideStar platinum seal of transparency in 2018.

UPDATE:
THROUGH BOTH IN PERSON AND ONLINE DONATIONS, WE RAISED $2672 FOR RAICES!

THANKS TO ABBY DEESE AND KATE IRWIN-SMILER FOR HELPING ORGANIZE CONTRIBUTIONS!

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION
Like most libraries during the COVID19 pandemic, the Howard University Law Library made a continuity guide available to their users. In addition to the standard information and links to help connect community members to resources and services during this time, the librarians added content designed to connect folks to evolving social justice issues stemming from COVID19 (e.g., structural inequity, health injustice, voting).
Geospatial analysis, while not new, has seen limited use in legal scholarship. Software like Tableau and PowerBi have made geospatial analysis more accessible. And law firms are being prompted to consider it in eDiscovery matters. It is important, therefore, for librarians to have some foundational knowledge about best practices, ethical application, and data sources. This article will provide a survey of each of these areas.

Rooted in the science of geography, a geographic information system (GIS) allow users to gather, manage, and analyze data with a spatial element. GIS allows us to both visualize data for easier analysis, but also, it puts the information in the context of the communities it represents.

By mapping data, we are able to find correlations or make plans that would be difficult if not impossible to do otherwise. For example, we might map median income and commute times to identify ways to expand public transportation to support those with the most need. GIS is used for disaster response and managing municipal infrastructure. GIS analysis informs public policy and business decisions.

However, as with any analysis, it is easy to make conclusions that lead to unjust applications, such as with crime density mapping. If police concentrate all efforts on areas that show historic patterns of high crime, patterns of systematic injustice are perpetuated by basing policing decisions on dirty data. For this reason it is important to be straightforward with patrons about the ethical considerations and limitations of the data.

Because unified standards are extremely important in spatial data, there is a strong infrastructure of Open geospatial data. The majority of datasets on Data.gov are geospatial datasets. Many states have their own geospatial data portals, such as North Carolina’s One Map. And if you have datasets with geographic identifiers, like census tracts or counties, you can used mapping files from the Census to map the data.
UPDATE: STANDING COMMITTEE ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY

The SOGI Committee had a virtual business meeting in the fall, so we were leading the charge on socially responsible meeting and setting the tone in advance of the world joining us this spring. True, our goal was to be more inclusive and allow greater participation than at the Annual Meeting—both by eliminating the conflict between our business meeting and the reception associated with the AALL Diversity and Inclusion Committee and that associated with economics, since not all members are able to afford to attend the meeting.

Our virtual meeting had a better turnout than our face to face meeting in Washington, DC. We checked in and elected a Vice-Chair. Unfortunately, in the intervening time, the Vice-Chair has resigned, and we will be selecting a new Chair and Vice-Chair at our next business meeting.

This year, for the Holoch Grant, the committee reviewed the budget and analysis last performed by Scott Matheson almost 10 years ago. Based on the analysis, the Committee concluded that the grant fund will support a grant for registration plus a little bit extra. Additional questions were developed for discussion with the membership.

Keep your eyes open for news about our next virtual SOGI Reception and business meeting!

Submitted by Margaret (Meg) Butler, Georgia State Law Library

GIS INTRO, CONT’D

The use of GIS in legal scholarship and at firms is likely to grow in the next few years. It is a great time for librarians to begin to preempt this turn and hone some new skills. If you are interested in learning more about GIS, the Federal Geographic Data Committee and National State Geographic Information Council both have great resources.

Submitted by
Casandra (Cas) Laskowski
Goodson Law Library, Duke Law

Two children standing by a city limits marker for Atlanta’s boundary.
I’m happy to announce the winners of the 2020 Social Responsibilities SIS Education & Awareness Grant - Jake Gottfredson & Katelyn Golsby, for their Legal Research Pamphlet (LRP) project.

Put simply, the Legal Research Pamphlet (LRP) will contain standard explanations of finding aids and basic legal concepts. It is designed as a printable, mailable pamphlet to be provided to inmates conducting independent legal research from within the walls of a prison. All sections of the LRP are designed as infographics, making the LRP easy-to-read regardless of the educational background of the recipient.

Although the AALL Annual Meeting will not take place in person this year, your feedback and perspective on the project is still requested. Katelyn and Jake will host a brief presentation (10-15 minutes) of the pamphlet’s development thus far, followed by an open discussion for feedback on the content and design of the pamphlet.

The presentation and discussion will take place on Wednesday, June 17 at 3:00 PM EDT. It will be hosted through AALL, and it is open to all members. If you are interested in attending, please take 30 seconds to register at https://tinyurl.com/SR-SIS-LRP.

Thanks in advance for your feedback, and congratulations to Jake and Katelyn for the hard work they’ve put in so far and their vision for the project. The SR-SIS is thrilled to have the opportunity to support such a worthwhile endeavor.

Submitted by R. Martin Witt
SR-SIS Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
Arthur W. Diamond Law Library, Columbia Law School
1. Call to Order & Welcome (Jane Larrington): 19 attendees

2. Approval of 2018 SR-SIS Business Meeting minutes
CJ Pipins moved to approve the 2018 Business Meeting minutes, printed and distributed in the SR-SIS Newsletter Spring/Summer 2019) and R. Martin Witt seconded. All approved the minutes.

3. Report from the Standing Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (Josh LaPorte)
SOGI cleared at least $1,000 from reception and donated the buttons because they were not selling very well. All proceeds from buttons combined with reception funds will be deposited to Holoch fund. Stefanie Pearlman suggested the buttons be donated to those going to the reception.
Jeff Berns reported that SOGI worked with AALL staff regarding restroom access. He noted the staff were receptive, some restrooms converted to all gender, and the locations of these restrooms were also noted in the conference maps.
Sara Pic submitted a board agenda item regarding the site selection policy/criteria to ensure restroom access. The item was tabled due to slippery slope concerns. An alternative was discussed to propose a bullet point that site facilities will work with AALL staff to ensure broad access and to ensure that site facility staff respect the dignity and integrity of all members (e.g., ADA, lactation issues, gender neutral), not as an enumerated list, but rather all encompassing access. This will be considered at the next AALL board meeting. It was noted that Pam Reisinger is a certified meeting planner and ensuring restroom access is a best practices of the industry. Sara suggested that she may introduce another agenda item to add this best practices checklist as an appendix to the Site Selection policy in order to increase transparency to all members.
The need for a succession plan for incoming vice-chair was discussed because only 2 noncommittee members were present at the SOGI business meeting. An email will be sent to the SR-SIS members seeking volunteers.

4. Report from the Standing Committee on Law Library Services to Prisoners (Kimberli Kelmor not present, Meg Butler reported)
No updates were provided for the newsletter. Meg attended the meeting and reported Kimberli said they are still working on recommended collections. Sara Pic will work with AALL staff regarding the archives plan, as Kimberli had indicated she has boxes of prisoner-related materials, and also reach out to Stacy Etheridge if she is willing to help.
Who will cull the materials remains a question. Meg suggested AALL staff will cull initially, and thereafter the staff can send the remaining materials to the SIS.

5. Report from the Standing Committee on Disability Issues (AJ Blechner)
AJ reported a quiet year for this standing committee. There are a few ribbons left and
more will need to be reordered before the next annual meeting. There was some discussion regarding a video project on disability access. Sarah Lewis is the incoming chair.

6. Report from the Standing Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Jane Larrington for Lewis Zimmerman)
Cool Effect program, our carbon offset provider, was successful. Many attendees reported they received positive feedback from AALL members outside of SR-SIS. After the annual meeting, Lewis reported there were 29 contributors, and $736.72 donated. At $13.18 a tonne, that comes to 55.89 tonnes offset.

7. Treasurer’s Report (Cindy Guyer) – attached

8. Report on SIS Council Meeting (Jane Larrington)
The major issues discussed were the restrooms and archives.
It was noted that SR-SIS is one of only a few SISs that is still formally sponsored by vendors. If we know of possible sponsors, we can refer to AALL, but we cannot directly request dollar amount or specific sponsorships. In an effort to be more transparent, Vani Ungapen passed around the brochure given to vendors seeking sponsorships at the leadership training. It was reported that three Bloomberg representatives were at the SOGI reception (sponsored by Bloomberg), and they were thanked formally and in-person by many SR-SIS members.

9. Report from Education Committee on 2019 Programs & Education & Awareness Award (Sara Pic)
Sara reported that it has been difficult getting applicants for the Education & Awareness Grant. The most recent grant supported a project to digitize the International Whaling Commission records by Mari Cheney. Mari also created a poster about her project that was displayed during the conference in the exhibit hall. Sara Pic will ask Mari to post her project poster on the SR-SIS website, newsletter, or do a possible webinar. SR-SIS will continue to go through committed rotation and then determine whether to continue this route or do something different (e.g., sponsor a program, grant to support a member to attend the annual meeting. AJ suggested the grant be explained better and how funds can be used. The next project to be funded for 2019-2020 is to be related to assistance for prisoners.

10. Report on the Children’s Book Drive (Kellee Bonnell not present)
No report. This year’s recipient was 2000 Libros. Because of a problem with the Amazon book list, we do not data on amount donated by AALL members. SR-SIS typically “rounds up” the total of such donations to reach a total of $1,000 donated. A motion was made and approved to average last 3 years the donation amount by the SR-SIS and make a donation to 2000 Libros in that amount. A motion was made and approved to give an honorarium to artist who drew cherry blossom artwork, in the same
amount as last year.

11. Report on CONELL (Sarah Lewis, AJ Blechner, or Josh LaPorte)
AJ reported a lot of interest in SR-SIS, especially for Services to Prisoners Standing Committee.

12. Report on the Newsletter (Meg Butler)
Meg distributed the Spring/Summer 2019 newsletter on July 12. A call went out for volunteers for advisory board members. Urbanism and ruralism is the next topic for the newsletter.

13. Report on the Website (David Holt not present)
Jane Larrington suggested SR-SIS still needs a webmaster to periodically review content and coordinate with officers and standing committee chairs to ensure current content is posted. Jane will email SR-SIS members seeking volunteers. Sara and Marty discussed that perhaps the SR Vice-Chair can be the back-up if there are no volunteers.

14. Report on the Toiletries Drive (Meg Butler)
A volunteer is needed to take over this project. Sara Pic will send out a request to SR-SIS members for a volunteer, and Meg agreed to provide guidance.


16. Recognition of Outgoing & Incoming Officers (Jane Larrington)
Marcelo Rodriguez is the new Member-at-Large (replacing CJ Pipins); and Marty Witt is the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect.

17. New Business
   Possible new subcommittee to deal with immigration issues
Sara spoke with Marcelo Rodriguez who indicated the Latino caucus would be interested in projects dealing with immigration issues. Sara is proposing an annual meeting program on the fight to change the Library of Congress subject heading “Illegal Aliens” to something less pejorative. Meg Butler reported that Nicole Dyszlewski might be interested in proposing a possible annual meeting program. Courtney Selby reported ALL-SIS is also involved in some immigration initiatives as well. Jeff Berns’ motion to create a SR-SIS special committee on immigrant rights and issues was approved. The mission of the special committee is to explore what efforts should be taken and to reach out to other AALL groups to liaise with for action and increase awareness/education. The special committee was approved for one year.

Standing committee succession plans
There is a need to have a Chair and Vice Chair for standing committees. Also, the standing committees’ bylaws should be cleaned up and made consistent (see SOGI bylaws as possible example). SOGI voting will remain the same, but there will be an
appointments process for the other smaller standing committees (bylaws will be reviewed to ensure compliance).
It was suggested that the standing committees have online meetings (with the first one held before the deadline for annual meeting programs).
Need to jump on 2020 programs
For any interest in submitting program ideas for next year’s annual meeting, contact Marty Witt.

Abortion in Louisiana
Sara Pic is on the Local Arrangements committee. The issue of the restrictive abortion law passed in Louisiana and pending before the courts was raised. The education standing committee will explore awareness and/or fundraising efforts.

Need to nominate SR-SIS members for awards
A call should be sent out for more SR-SIS members to be nominated for AALL awards.

18. Adjournment
Meg Butler thanked Jane Larrington’s leadership this year, for being “a breath of fresh air,” and feeling positive about the coming year.
Marty Witt moved to adjourn and David McFadden seconded.

*Minutes submitted by Cindy Guyer

SR-SIS
Report of Secretary/Treasurer
(7/10/19 by Cindy Guyer)
Treasurer’s Report

• Current Accounts
As of 5/31/2019, we have taken in $1,350 in dues (a slight increase from last year’s amount of $1,195).
Our Annual Meeting expenses this year have included pronoun ribbons and poster costs totaling $344.63. We also agreed to supplement the cost of the honorarium for speaker Lacey Schwartz. SR-SIS will pay $1,500 of the $2,500 honorarium, and is a cosponsor with the Black Caucus for the program session Storytelling for Empowerment and Change (Tuesday at 8:30 am). Again this year, the SOGI Reception was sponsored generously by Bloomberg Law, pledging $3,000 for the event.
Our balance as of 5/31/2019 is $15,465.26. Last year’s reported balance was $13,594.03, so the SR-SIS account continues to grow and is fiscally strong.

• Holoch Memorial Fund and Reception
As of 9/30/2018, the fund received $2,089 in income from contributions. This amount includes the proceeds raised from the 2018 SOGI reception which were $1,413. Washington DC pride buttons were purchased for $93. The charge for the buttons is $1. Any amount raised over the purchase cost will be donated to the Holoch Memorial Fund.
This year’s Holoch Memorial Fund grant of $1,000 was awarded to David Holt.
The Holoch Memorial Fund balance as of 9/30/2018 was $32,964. The restricted endowed corpus is $10,000, leaving $22,964 as available funds.
Secretary's Report

- Election

42 ballots were cast in this year’s officer election. Marcelo Rodriguez was elected Member-at-Large with 42 votes. Marty Witt was elected Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect with 41 votes. There were no write-in candidates. It should be noted that votes were down about 20 votes.

Next year’s election will include the offices of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer.

Months of Year-to-Date
Apr - May 5/31/2019
Beginning Balance 10/1/18 $ 15,159.28
Revenues
3030 Contributions
3140 Dues 1,170.00 1,350.00
3260 Miscellaneous Revenue -
3310 Sales/Occasional Papers - -
3370 Registrations -
3480 Royalties 5.98 5.98
3500 Miscellaneous Sales - -
3560 Newsletter Subscriptions - -
3570 Workshop Registrations - -
Total Revenues 1,175.98 1,355.98
Expenses
4020 Accommodations - -
4160 A/V Equipment - -
4490 Food & Beverage 50.00 50.00
4530 Awards 1,000.00 1,000.00
4570 Honoraria
4720 Miscellaneous Expense
4740 Supplies - -
4860 Postage/Freight - -
4960 Printing
4990 Brochures - -
5010 Newsletter Expenses - -
5060 Online/Internet Expenses - -
5190 Souvenirs/Giveaways -
5280 Telephone - -
5320 Transportation -
Total Expenses 1,050.00 1,050.00
Excess Revenues over Expenses 125.98 305.98
Ending Balance @5-31-2019 $ 15,465.26
Holoch Memorial Fund
Schedule of Fiscal Year Activity by Fund
September 30, 2018
Holoch
Memorial
Balance at 10/1/2017 $ 29,049
Income and transfers in:
Contributions 2,089
Transfers from Current Reserve Fund
Investment earnings 471
Unrealized gain/(loss) on investments 1,475