

Research Instruction and Patron Services SIS 2006-07

The officers of the Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS) for 2006-07 were Jessie Wallace Burchfield, Chair; Irene Good, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Jennifer Murray, Secretary/Treasurer; Lynn Murray, Member at Large; Eric Gilson, Member at Large; and Deanna Barmakian, Immediate Past Chair. Michelle Rigual was the Newsletter Editor.

RIPS is the corporate author of *Briefs in Law Librarianship*, no. 56 in the AALL Publication Series, edited by Roberta Studwell. The most recent brief is *Survey on Law Librarian Liaison Services* by Matthew Wright.

RIPS is in its second decade of organizing the annual National Legal Research Teach-In. Each year, prior to National Library Week, Teach-In Committee members solicit contributions of unique instructional and promotional materials such as pathfinders, research guides, lesson plans, lecture notes, and research exercises for compilation in a *Teach-In Resource Training Kit*. In 2007, RIPS released the first all-electronic Teach-In Kit, which was received with great enthusiasm. Thomson West, a generous sponsor of the print Teach-In Kit, now provides the graphic design and layout for the Kit, which can be accessed by AALL members at http://www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis/teach_in.htm.

RIPS awarded its second Annual Meeting registration grant to Sherri Thomas. The grant is an effort to encourage newer members to become involved in RIPS and AALL. Grant recipients are asked to attend the RIPS business meeting and write an article about their Annual Meeting experience for the RIPS newsletter.

RIPS sponsored two educational programs at the 2007 Annual Meeting: “Multi-tasking Millennials: Blessing or Curse?” and “Setting New Precedent: Using Unpublished Opinions Under New Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 32.1.” RIPS members also sponsored three roundtables and co-sponsored the joint roundtable “Library Services to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners” with LISP-SIS and SR-SIS.

The RIPS Research Instruction Committee revised and enhanced its *Legal Research Text Bibliography*, which can be found online at www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis/bibliography.pdf.

RIPS received a grant from the Continuing Professional Education Committee for establishing a series of webinars. The initial webinar will be on November 15, 2007, and will feature Catherine Sanders Reach discussing recent technological advances, their relationship to legal research, and their benefits to different types of libraries. Robb Farmer drafted the grant proposal and set up the first webinar.

Chair Jessie Wallace Burchfield and members of the Publications Committee worked with Julia O'Donnell to revise the RIPS Brochure. New brochures were distributed at the 2007 Annual Meeting along with promotional post-it pads designed by Melissa Serfass.

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Projects that RIPS may undertake in the coming year include redesign of the RIPS Web page, seeking collaborative relationships with other AALL entities, and further development of the webinar series.

Jessie Wallace Burchfield, Chair
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