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KEN'S PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

Ken Hirsh, President



As I write this column, we approach the middle of an academic year and the end of 2007. This is a traditional time of year to ponder how much things have changed, since whatever reference point we may choose, and to imagine how things might be in the future. For those of you who are Andrew Lloyd Webber fans, you may be reminded of the song "This Time Next Year" from "Sunset Boulevard." Each of us has milestones to note, whether personal or professional, and as librarians we are keenly aware of the seemingly ever-escalating rate of change.

As an organization, SEAALL undergoes change. Some of it is planned, and even cyclical. In this issue you will find the biographies of the candidates running in our election in February. I again wish to give my thanks to Pedro Padilla and the other members of the nominating committee for the excellent slate we are offered. I look forward to our organization having any of the candidates in leadership positions.

David Lehmann has agreed to chair the strategic planning committee, whose work is now underway. The committee's charge reads as follows:

The roles of law librarians and other legal information professionals are challenging ones: in addition to serving complex and diverse needs of members of the legal community, they face a society undergoing profound technological changes at a rate never before seen. As the premier professional organization serving law librarians and legal information professionals in the southeastern United States, it is our responsibility to maximize this organization's value to its own members.

To be successful, an organization such as this one must think, plan, and act strategically. It must identify the challenges facing its membership, help identify ways of meeting those challenges, and enable and encourage its membership to use the corporate organization to conquer those challenges.

The president of SEAALL charges the special committee as follows:

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ALABAMA

Faulkner University Thomas Goode Jones School of Law

Timothy P. Chinaris, Associate Dean for Information Resources and Professor of Law was elected President of the Florida Bar Out of State Practitioners Division for 2007-08.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Georgetown University

Georgetown Law Library has a number of changes to report. **Barbara Monroe**, former Reference Librarian here, is the new Collection Development Librarian. **Rachael Smith** came in October from Ohio State University Law Library to be our International and Foreign Law Reference Librarian. **Yasmin Morais** began in July as our new Library Resident.

Howard University

The Howard University Law Library is pleased to announce that Ms. **Kimberly (Kim) Waidelich** has joined the staff as the new Cataloging Librarian. Kim earned her Masters in Library Science from the University of Southern Mississippi and her B.A. from Columbia College.

She has worked in libraries for over 25 years. Kim will be responsible for original and copy cataloging. Prior to her arrival at Howard, Kim was the Law Librarian at the Brevard County (Florida) Board of Commissioners.

GEORGIA

Dougherty County Law Library

Laureen Adams wrote: I wanted to let you know that my one-person law library won the William B. Spann, Jr. Award for 2007 from the State Bar of Georgia for pro bono services. Here is the link to the press release: <http://www.kilpatrickstockton.com/news/downloads/LynnFowlerProBono.pdf>.

Georgia State University College

Nancy P. Johnson, Law Librarian and Professor of Law at Georgia State University College of Law, and **Ron Wheeler**, Associate Director for Public Services at Georgia State University College of Law Library, have published *Georgia Practice Materials: A Selective Annotated Bibliography*, in *State Practice Materials: Annotated Bibliographies* (Frank G. Houdek ed., William S. Hein & Co., 2007).

Nancy P. Johnson (GSU), **Elizabeth Adelman** (University of Buffalo), and **Nancy Adams** (U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia), have published the book, *Georgia Legal Research* (Carolina Academic Press, 2007).

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Guide the membership of SEAALL in thinking strategically. Review the information gleaned from surveys, meetings, and your own communications with your fellow members to identify needs which this organization can address. Having done so, lay out a three-year plan of action that will set out the strategies, goals, and objectives of this organization. Deliver a report, including a recommended strategic plan, by the chapter meeting to be held at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries in Portland, Oregon in July, 2008.

I hope you will agree with me that the charge is both challenging and promising. Please encourage the committee and offer your assistance if requested.

Finally, another sign of change is growth. More than a year ago, law librarians in the Maryland Law Library Association expressed the wish to become eligible for membership in SEAALL. It will be mutually beneficial for those librarians and for our organization to expand in this way. I encourage you to support the change this will require in our articles of incorporation. I expect we will have the opportunity to vote on that change in the February election.

Best wishes to you and your families for a great holiday season. Ken



FROM THE EDITOR

As always, I'm looking for articles, photos, suggestions, and feedback. Many thanks to all of you who have contributed. Let us know what you'd like for the upcoming year. Join! Submit articles and photos. Share interesting projects and ideas from your library and your librarians. This is our newsletter so help make it count.

[Send your submission or comments to smith-butlerl@nsu.law.nova.edu](mailto:smith-butlerl@nsu.law.nova.edu)



University of Georgia

Acquisitions Librarian **Wendy Moore** presented a program during the annual meeting of the Georgia Council of Media Organizations in October. The program was aimed at helping information professionals in non-legal settings answer law-related reference questions with skill and confidence. In addition to providing search tips and recommended internet resources, Ms. Moore cautioned the attendees against giving legal advice and practicing law without a license.

Suzanne Graham is the new Cataloging Services Librarian at the Alexander Campbell King Law Library. Suzanne most recently was the Monographs Original Cataloger at UGA's Main Library; after conducting a national search to fill this position, we ended up finding the perfect candidate in our own backyard! Prior to coming to UGA, Suzanne also held positions at the University of Southern Mississippi Library and the University of Alabama special collections library. In addition to her Masters in Library Science, Suzanne also has a M.A. in History and a B.A. in History and Russian Language & Literature from the University of Alabama.

Carol Watson, Associate Director for Information Technology, is serving a two-year term as vice-chair of UGA's Information Technology Management Forum, which provides the university with expertise on IT management and leadership issues.

FLORIDA

Florida Coastal School of Law

Florida Coastal School of Law's roving Reference Librarian is soon to return. **Joey Hernandez** has been serving our country in Afghanistan for the last year. We are ecstatic that she will soon be coming home sometime in January 2008. Thank you to Joey and her fellow soldiers who do their best for us.

Nova Southeastern University

Robert Hudson is serving as President and **Meg Kribble** is serving as Secretary for the **South Florida Association of Law Libraries (SFALL)** this year.

Meg Kribble recently published an article about Second Life in *Spectrum*.

Lisa Smith-Butler, presented a paper, *Workplace Privacy: We'll Be Watching You*, at the Junior Faculty Forum at Stetson University School of Law.

KENTUCKY

University of Kentucky

The University of Kentucky is pleased to announce that **Michelle Cosbyn** has joined the College of Law Library staff as a Reference Librarian.

Michelle is a graduate of Butler University and Indiana University Bloomington and most recently worked at the University of Miami.

LOUISIANA

In September, **Georgia Chadwick** was appointed director of the Law Library of Louisiana replacing Carol Billings who served as director for almost 30 years. Georgia had served in several positions at the library, most recently as associate director. Previously she has worked for law firms in Washington, D.C., New Orleans, Houston and Dallas. She also worked at Southern Methodist University law school library, at the Tarlton Law Library at the University of Texas, Austin. Georgia is a graduate of Newcomb College of Tulane University and of the library school at the University of Denver.



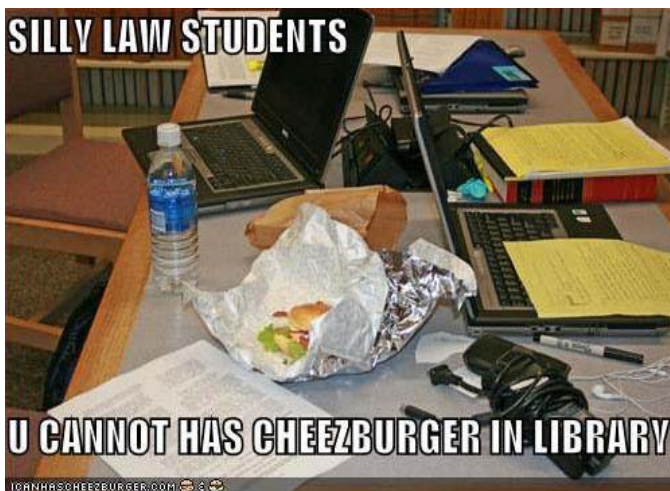
NORTH CAROLINA

University of North Carolina

UNC Law Library is pleased to announce the appointment of **Donna Nixon** to the position of Assistant Director for Public Services where she will supervise services to patrons, including access services, interlibrary loan services and the activities and services of the reference librarians. Additionally, she will participate in library management through the library's management team. Donna earned her J.D. from Stanford University and her M.L.S. from UNC's School of Information and Library Studies. Donna comes home to UNC from the Duke Law Library where she has served as Head of Reference since 2004. Prior to her appointment at Duke, Donna worked at UNC Law first as a graduate assistant from 2001-02 and then as a Reference Librarian for several years.

Wake Forest

As of November 1, we have a new Reference Librarian here at Wake Forest. His name is **Jason Sowards**, and he comes from Coastal School of Law's library in Jacksonville, Florida where he was also a reference librarian.



SEAALL Slate of Candidates

For Vice-President/President Elect

Charlene Cain

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Baton Rouge, LA

Maureen Eggert

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Professional Center Library
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Worrell Professional Center
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Winston-Salem, NC

For Secretary

Rebekah Maxwell

Associate Director for Library Operations
University of South Carolina
Coleman Karesh Law Library
USC Law Center
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Helen Mellett Walker

Assistant Librarian



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Birmingham, AL

For Member at Large

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Acting Assistant Librarian for Technical Services

Florida A&M University

College of Law Library

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Orlando, FL

Timothy P. Chinaris

Associate Dean for Information Resources

Jones School of Law Library

Faulkner University 5345 Atlanta Highway

Montgomery, AL

Biographies of Candidates

Charlene C. Cain

Current Position: Head of Access Services, Law Library, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University

Education: MLIS, Louisiana State University, 1986; MA (History), Louisiana State University (1980); BA, Nicholls State University, 1977.

Professional Membership and Service:

American Association of Law Libraries

Co-Chair, Annual Meeting Local Advisory Committee, 2006-2007

Member, Awards Committee, 2004-2006

Member, Funding Advocacy Initiatives Special Committee, 2003-2004

Chair, Government Relations Committee, 2002-2003

Member, Government Relations Committee, 2000-2002

State Coordinator on UCITA for Louisiana, 2000

Member, Council of SIS Chairs, 1998-1999

Chair, Government Documents SIS, 1998-1999

Member, Academic Law Libraries SIS, Government Documents SIS,

Legal Information Services to the Public SIS, Online Bibliographic SIS, Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS, Social Responsibilities SIS

SEALL





Member, Local Arrangements Committee, 2006-2007

Member, Government Relations Committee, 2001

Recipient, Lucile Elliot Scholarship, 1992

New Orleans Association of Law Libraries, member, 1990-

Depository Library Council to the Public Printer, Member, 2000-2003

Louisiana Library Association
President, 2003/2004

Chair, Intellectual Freedom Committee, 2001-2002, 1999-2000, 1998-1999 and 1994-1996

Chair, Academic Section, 1992-1993

Chair, Government Documents Roundtable, 1990-1991

Instructor, Sources of Government Information, School of Library and Information Science, Louisiana State University, Fall 2001, Fall 2004, Fall 2006, Spring 2008

Presentations:

“USA PATRIOT Act, an Update, LaSSAL, Louisiana Library Association, September 2007

“Protecting the Right to Read,” presented for School Library Media Services Librarians classes, Dr. Ann Nauman, Southeastern Louisiana University, June 2005; June 2006

“Legal Reference Workshop,” Public Library Section, Louisiana Library Association, September 2004; November 2004

(Co-Presenter, with Cathy Hartman and Margaret Lane), “Depository Library Council: War Stories from Three Decades, Louisiana Library Association annual conference, March 2004

“Privacy Primer for Library Staff,” Louisiana Library Association annual conference, March 2004

“CIPA, COPPA, and the USA PATRIOT Act: Background and Status,” Libraries Southwest Administrators’ Conference, February 2004

(Co-Presenter, with Marie Erickson), “The USA PATRIOT Act and Its Implications for Libraries,” State Library of Louisiana Spring Administrators’ Conference, May 2003

“Permanent Public Access of State Government Information,” Southeastern Association of Law Libraries annual conference, Lexington, KY April 2003

(Co-Presenter, with Marie Erickson), “Finding the Law,” a workshop on legal research for the layman, at the invitation of the State Library of Louisiana, October 2002

SEAALL State Legislative Update,” Southeastern Association of Law Libraries annual conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL, April 2002

Protecting the Right to Read,” Workshop for Vernon Parish Librarians, November 2001

History of the Intellectual Freedom Movement in the United States,” in “Pornography on the Internet: A New Reality,” American Association of Law Libraries annual conference, Minneapolis, MN, July 2001

Panelist “Separate But Unequal No More: Integrating Federal Documents Collections,” American Association of Law Libraries annual conference, Minneapolis, MN, July 2001

Researching the Law,” Louisiana Library Association annual conference, March 2001

Resources for Study of the Louisiana Civil Law,” American Association of Law Libraries annual conference, Philadelphia, PA, July 2000



Louisiana Regulatory Materials and All That Jazz,” for the New Orleans Association of Law Libraries, November 1999

Presenter, “Louisiana Regulatory Materials and All That Jazz,” for the Louisiana House of Representatives Research Staff, September, 1999

(Co-Presenter, with Beth Bingham), “New Advocacy Training Program,” Louisiana Library Association annual conference, March 1999

The Not QUITE Ready for Censorship Players Present: The Challenge of Challenges,” Louisiana Library Association annual conference, March 1999

The Case of the Poisoned Apple in the Ivory Tower: Intellectual Freedom and the Academic Librarian,” Association of College and Research Libraries, Louisiana Chapter, February 1999

Following the Federal Regulatory Process” for the Louisiana House of Representatives Research Staff, October 1998

(Co-presenter, with Fran Buckley and Paul Arrigo), “My Dinner with GPO,” American Association of Law Libraries annual conference, Anaheim, CA, July 1998

Panelist, “Louisiana Coalition Against Censorship (LACAC): Its Formation and Goals,” Louisiana Library Association annual conference, March 1998

Panelist, “Library Equity, Decency, and Access to Information for All,” Louisiana Library Association annual conference, March 1998

Panelist, “Freedom to Learn: The Importance of Free Expression in Education,” forum co-sponsored by the Louisiana Affiliate of the ACLU, the American Association of University Women, the Louisiana Library Association, et al, Baton Rouge, LA, October 1997

“Legal Reference and Collection Development” a three-hour workshop presented to the staff of Watson Memorial Library, Northwestern State University, September 1996

Freedom to Read Forum sponsored by the Louisiana Affiliate of the ACLU, Mandeville, LA, April 1996

Coordinator and presenter, “Law and Policy Issues in Intellectual Freedom,” a regional leadership development institute, Little Rock, AR, November 1995

“Legal Reference and Collection Development” a three-hour workshop presented to Bayoulands Library System members, October 1995

“Intellectual Freedom Concepts,” a three hour workshop presented to the Libraries Southwest consortium, September 1995

The Basics of Intellectual Freedom”, July 27, 1995

“Intellectual Freedom Concepts,” a three hour workshop, May 13, 1995

“Fear and Loathing on the Information Super Highway”, April 10, 1995

Publications:

Editor, Louisiana Library Association, Intellectual Freedom Manual, rev. ed., 2005.

Author, “Permanent Public Access to State Electronic Government Information Project: an Overview of the Report,” 66 *Louisiana Libraries* 16 (Winter 2004).

Louisiana State Author and Southeastern Regional Editor, *Permanent Public Access of State Government Information: A State-by-State Compilation and Resource Guide*. A project of the American Association of Law Libraries Government Relations Committee and the Washington Affairs Office funded by a grant from Aspen Publishing Company, 2003.
Co-author, Louisiana Library Association Intellectual Freedom Manual, rev. ed., 2000.



Co-author (with Madeline Hebert), AALL
Government Documents Special Interest Section, State
Bibliography–Louisiana, 2001 revision.

With Larry Schankman, Mansfield University, PA.
Online Government Documents Tutorial, a joint
project of the Government Documents Special Interest
Section of the American Association of Law
Librarians (AALL) and the American Library
Association’s Government Documents Roundtable
(GODORT). Located at [http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/
tutorial/](http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/tutorial/)

“The Case of the Poisoned Apple in the Ivory Tower:
Intellectual Freedom and the Academic Librarian,” 62
Louisiana Libraries 11 (Winter 2000).

“Librarians as Censors,” 58 *LLA Bulletin* 126 (Winter
1996).

Co-author (with Myrtle Smith Bolner), LLA
Intellectual Freedom Manual, 1994.

Awards:

AALL Presidential Certificate of Merit, Presented to the
AALL Government Relations Committee , 2002-2003,
Charlene Cain, Chair, for producing *The Permanent
Public Access Of Sate Government Information: A State-
By-State Compilations And Resource Guide*, that
furthers the Association’s Strategic Plan and Promotes
Access to Government Information, Presented at the 96th
Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, July 2003

Anthony H. Benoit Mid-Career Award, Louisiana
Library Association, 2002

Margaret T. Lane Award, Louisiana Library Association
GODORT, 2001

Alex P. Allain Intellectual Freedom Award, Louisiana
Library Association, 2001

American Library Association/Freedom to Read
Foundation, Intellectual Freedom Roll of Honor, 1999

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M.L.I.S., University of Southern Mississippi,
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B.A. (Liberal Studies) *summa cum laude*, University
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Professional Association Memberships and Service

American Association of Law Libraries, 1993 -

- Economic Status of Law Librarians Committee
2006-2008
- Publishing Initiatives Caucus 2005 -
- Gen X/Gen Y Caucus 2006 -
- Mentoring & Retention Committee 1997-1999
- Recipient, Matthew-Bender grant 1997

Academic Law Libraries SIS 1994 -

- Continuing Status/Tenure Committee 2003-
2005

Research Instruction and Patron Services SIS 1996 -

Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of
Law Libraries 1994 -

- Program Committee 2007-2009
- Community Service Committee 2007-2009
- Government Relations 2005-2007, Chair 2006/
2007



- Secretary 2002-2004
- Scholarship Committee 2000-2002; Chair 2001/2002
- Placement Committee 1997-1999; Chair 1998/1999
- Recipient, Lucile Elliot Scholarship 1996

Jackson (MS) Area Law Librarians 1994-1997

Central Mississippi Library Council 1994 -1997

- President 1996/1997; Vice-President 1995/1996

American Bar Association 2004 -

North Carolina Bar Association 1999 -

- Education Law Practice Section 2005 -
 - Co-chair of CLE program committee 2006
- General Curriculum committee 2006-2007

Florida Bar Association 1992 -

- *Out of State section 2007 -*

Member, advisory panel for revising the Mississippi Code Index 1996-1997

Member, Paralegal Curriculum Advisory Committee, Daytona Beach Community College 1993-1994

Presentations:

(upcoming) “Avoiding Ethical Dilemmas and Malpractice in North Carolina,” NBI/West LegalEd Center (Dec. 2007).

“Federal & North Carolina Legal Resources On The Internet” (with Sally Irvin),

North Carolina Library Association Biennial Conference (Hickory, NC, October 2007).

“Internet Research Tools Without the Expense,” NC Bar General Practice Section Annual Meeting (Carey, NC, April 2007).

“Small Office Management for the Legal Professional,” National Business Institute (NBI), (Greensboro, December 2006).

Coordinator/Speaker, “Up and Down the Career Ladder: Finding the Right Rung for You,” AALL Annual Meeting (St. Louis, July 2006).

Coordinator/Moderator, “Managing for Cultural Diversity,” AALL Annual Meeting (San Antonio, July 2005).

Coordinator/Moderator, “Publishing Outside the Law Library Box: Opportunities Beyond Law Library Publications,” AALL Annual Meeting (San Antonio, July 2005).

“Find It Free and Fast on the Net: Advanced Internet Strategies for the North Carolina Legal Professional,” NBI, (Greensboro, April 2005).

“Effective Legal Writing for the Paralegal in North Carolina,” NBI (Raleigh, February 2005).

Panel member, “Ask the Experts,” AALL Annual Meeting/CONNELL (Seattle, July 2003).

“Basics of Legal Assisting in North Carolina,” NBI (Charlotte, 2003).

Moderator/Speaker, “Legal Research for Xters and Nexters: Redesigning a Program,” SEAALL Annual Meeting (Fort Lauderdale, 2002).

Moderator/Speaker “Legal research for Xters and Nexters: Redesigning a Program,” AALL Annual Meeting (Minneapolis, 2001).



“Internet Strategies for the Paralegal in North Carolina,” NBI (Raleigh & Greensboro, 2001).

Workshop on Internet Legal Research, Volusia County Law Library (Daytona Beach, 1999).

“Internet Strategies for the Paralegal in North Carolina,” NBI/IPE (Greensboro, 1998).

Publications:

“Writing a Winner: How to Put Together a Successful AALL Annual Meeting Program Proposal,” AALL Spectrum (February 2007).

Book Review, *Legal Information Alert* (November 2005) (reviewing The ABA Legal Guide for Women, (2004)).

Product Review, *Legal Information Alert* (April 2003) (reviewing LexisNexis Florida Annotated Statutes (online version 2003)).

Program materials for “The Law of the Internet in North Carolina,” NBI (2001).

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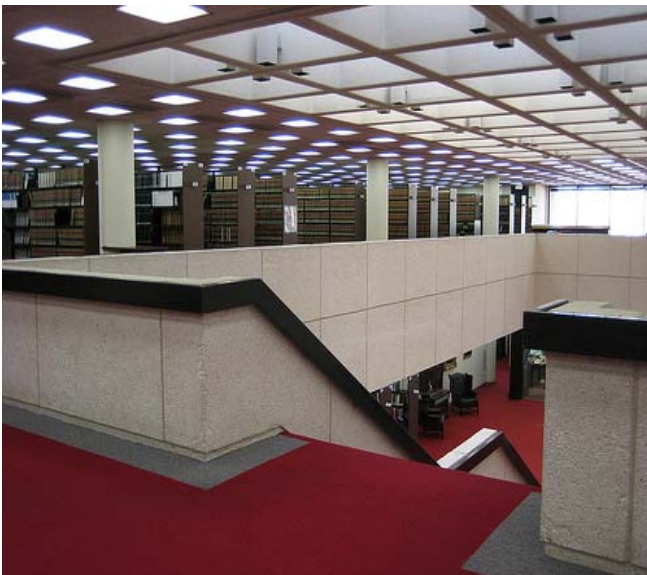
09/77 – 05/81 B.A., Georgia College, Milledgeville, GA

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Lady Street, Columbia,
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05/97 – 11/97 Columbia Librarian; Sinkler &
Boyd, PA; 1426 Main
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04/94 – 05/95 Graduate Assistant, Reference
Department; Coleman
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Carolina; 701 Main
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of Law, Mercer
University; 1021
Georgia Avenue, Macon,
GA

05/82 – 07/91 Administrative support; Mercer
University School of
Medicine; 1550 College
Street, Macon, GA

01/77 – 02/82 Mill worker; J.P. Stevens
Textiles; Highway 441,
Milledgeville, GA

Memberships:

State Bar of Georgia (Inactive)

American Association of Law Libraries

2002–Present Mentor, Mentor
Program

Spring, 2002 Served on ad hoc
committee to revise “AALL
Sourcebook for Law Library Governing
Boards and Committees”

Information Advocacy
Group for legislative outreach on
information issues

Southeastern Chapter, American Association of
Law Libraries

2007-2008 Member, Membership
Committee

2006-2007 Chair, Membership
Committee

2005-2006 Member, Membership
Committee

2004-2005 Chair, Government
Relations Committee

2003-2004 Member, Government
Relations Committee

2002-2003 Member, Placement
Committee

2001-2002 Chair, Membership
Committee

1998-1999 Chair, Government
Relations Committee

1997-2000 Member, Membership
Committee

1995-1997 Member, Government
Relations Committee

South Carolina Library Association

South Carolina Special Libraries Association

Professional Activities:

2007 Seventh Annual Carolinas Legal Research and
Writing Colloquium



Wake Forest, North Carolina

Annual Meeting, Southeastern Chapter,
American Association of Law Libraries,

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

2006 Annual Meeting, Southeastern Chapter,
American Association of Law Libraries,

Raleigh, North Carolina

2005 Annual Meeting, Southeastern Chapter,
American Association of Law Libraries,

Montgomery, Alabama

2004 Annual Meeting, Southeastern Chapter,
American Association of Law Libraries,

Richmond, Virginia

2003 Third Annual Carolinas Legal Research and
Writing Colloquium,

Duke University School of Law, Durham,
North Carolina

2002 Annual Meeting, Southeastern Chapter,
American Association of Law Libraries,

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

2001 Annual Meeting, Southeastern Chapter,
American Association of Law Libraries,

Atlanta, Georgia

1999 Annual Meeting, Southeastern Chapter,
American Association of Law Libraries,

Knoxville, Tennessee

1998 Annual Meeting, Southeastern Chapter,
American Association of Law Libraries,

New Orleans, Louisiana

University Service:

2008 – 2011 Secretary, Faculty Senate

2007 Secretary-Elect, Faculty Senate

2003 – 2006 Faculty Senate

2005 Greeter at New Faculty Orientation

2003 – 2008 Faculty Committee on Libraries

2004 – Pres. Safe Zone Ally

Law School Service:

2007 First Year Law Student Advisor

Faculty Advisor, Law Democrats

Faculty Advisor, Childrens' Advocacy

Law Society

2005 – Pres. OPAC Team for III/Millennium System

2005 – 2003 First Year Law Student Advisor

2002 First Year Law Student Advisor

Awards:

2002 Spirit of SEAAL Award for service to the
Chapter

1999 Lucille Elliott Scholarship (professional
development grant from Southeastern

Chapter, American Association of Law
Libraries)

Presentations:

2007

07/06 Law Library Orientation Session and Tour, Dr.
Richard L. Frierson, Linda T. Moore, Esq., and



the Forensic Psychiatry Fellows of the USC School of Medicine

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| <p>03/02 Legal Resources Orientation, Law Library Tour and Resource Session for paralegal certification students of John Schummer, Esq., South University</p> <p>02/16 Invited Speaker, South Carolina Small Claims Judges Association, Annual Clerks' Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC: "Helping the Public to Locate Legal Information on the Free Web"</p> <p>2006</p> <p>08/26 Overview of Law Library Services and Resources for SC Journal of International Law and Business</p> <p>08/25 Legal Resources Orientation, Law Library Tour and Resource Session for paralegal certification students of Ripley Thames, Esq., South University</p> <p>07/07 Law Library Orientation Session and Tour, Dr. Richard L. Frierson, Linda T. Moore, Esq., and the Forensic Psychiatry Fellows of the USC School of Medicine</p> <p>04/14 "SC Statutory Research", presentation to the Orientation School for Newly Appointed Magistrates and Municipal Judges, SC Court Administration, Criminal Justice Academy, Columbia, SC</p> <p>03/29 Panel Speaker, "Teaching Westlaw and Lexis", for U.S. Department of Justice Librarians' Conference, National Advocacy Center, Columbia, SC</p> <p>Law Library Tour for U.S. Department of Justice Librarians</p> <p>02/24 Legal Resources Orientation, Law Library Tour and Resource Session for paralegal</p> | <p>certification students of John Schummer, Esq., South University</p> <p>01/10 Co-presenter (with David Lehmann), Orientation on Health Law resources for students of Prof. Jacqueline Fox's Bioethics class</p> <p>2005</p> <p>08/26 Legal Resources Orientation, Law Library Tour and Resource Session for paralegal certification students of Ripley Thames, Esq., South University</p> <p>07/08 Legal Resources Orientation, Law Library Tour and Resource Session for members of the Forensic Psychiatry Department, USC School of Medicine</p> <p>04/18 Legal Resources Orientation, Law Library Tour and Resource Session for paralegal certification students, South University</p> <p>02/18 Legal Resources Orientation, Law Library Tour and Resource Session for paralegal certification students of John Schummer, Esq., South University</p> <p>2004</p> <p>10/27 Legal Resources Orientation, Law Library Tour and Resource Session for paralegal certification students of Ripley Thames, Esq., South University</p> <p>09/04 Legal Resources Orientation, Law Library Tour and Resource Session for graduate students of Dr. Phil Cook, College of Education, Winthrop University</p> <p>02/19 "Information Literacy and the USA Patriot Act", for Dr. Dan Barron's freshman</p> |
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undergraduate education class at USC, Davis College of Library and Information Science

Internet” for staff training seminar, South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center

02/07 Legal Resources Orientation, Law Library Tour and Resource Session for graduate students of Dr. Phil Cook, College of Education, Winthrop University

1999

11/29 Overview of Legal Research Materials for paralegal students of Columbia Technical College

2003

07/21 “SC Statutory Research”, for the Orientation School for Newly Appointed Magistrates and Municipal Judges, SC Court Administration’s Criminal Justice Academy, Columbia, SC

10/30 Co-presenter, “Legal Resources on the Internet”, for professional public librarians, Panning for Gold seminar, sponsored by the Davis College of Library and Information Science, USC

05/29 Co-presenter (with Pamela Melton), “Legal Research on the Free Web”; Lorman Educational Services seminar, “Effective Research Strategies for the Legal Professional in South Carolina”, Clarion Town House Hotel, Columbia, SC

1998

09/09 Legal Resources Orientation and Law Library Tour for students of Dr. Pauline Pagliacca’s class, Psychology and the Law, USC Department of Psychology

2002

03/18 “SC Statutory Research” for the Orientation School for Newly Appointed Magistrates and Municipal Judges, SC Court Administration’s Criminal Justice Academy, Columbia, SC

03/19 Legal Resources Orientation and Law Library Tour for graduate students, USC’s Department of Media Arts

02/17 Overview of West’s legal databases for students of Joycelyn Green, Esq., Institute for Paralegal Studies

2000

09/26 Legal Resources Orientation and Law Library Tour for students of Dr. Pauline Pagliacca’s class, Psycholegal Issues in Children’s Health and Mental Health, USC Department of Psychology

01/27 Legal Resources Orientation and Law Library Tour for students of Dr. Deborah

01/24 Curry’s education law class

09/19 Legal Resources Orientation and Law Library Tour for students of Dr. Pauline Pagliacca’s class, Psychology and the Law, USC Department of Psychology

1997

12/16 Co-presenter (with Joseph R. Cross and Robert Jacoby), “Legal Resources on the Internet” for the Hilton Head Bar Association, Hilton Head, Sc

07/28 Co-presenter, “Overview of Legal Research Materials” and “Legal Resources on the

Programs:



Co-presenter (with Jan Baker), "Backpack to Briefcase: Packing Essential Research and Writing Skills for 'Careerland'", Carolinas Legal Research and Writing Colloquium,

Wake Forest School of Law, May 23, 2007

Moderator, "Sowing the Seeds: Structuring Internships for Your Library", South Eastern

Chapter, American Association of Law Libraries, Annual Meeting, April 13, 2007

Co-presenter (with Russell Altman), "Helping the People You Can't Help", American

Association of Law Libraries, Annual Meeting, March 27, 2004

Co-presenter (with Maureen Eggert), "Legal Research for the Xers and NEXers:

Redesigning a Program", South Eastern Chapter, American Association of Law Libraries,

Annual Meeting, April 13, 2002

Publications:

Internet Law: A Field Guide. Jonathan D. Hart. BNA Books, 2006. (Book Review)

Legal Information Alert, February 2007, at 11.

"Looking for Answers for Serving the Informational Needs of Prison Populations in

South Carolina", Palmetto Information Notes (Newsletter of the South Carolina Special

Library Association), Vol. 21 No. 2, Fall 2006, at 7.

Disability Discrimination and the Workplace. Peter A. Susser. Bureau of National

Affairs, 2005. (Book Review) Legal Information Alert, March 2006, at 7.

Mental Health Aspects of Custody Law. Robert J. Levy. Carolina Academic Press,

2005. (Book Review) Legal Information Alert, November/December 2005, at 11.

Piercing the Veil of Secrecy: Litigation Against U.S. Intelligence. Janine M. Brookner. Carolina Academic Press, 2003. (Book review) Legal Information Alert, January 2004, at 12.

"The Federal Judiciary – An overview of the federal court system and the basic resources that index federal judicial law" (Book chapter) in Government Publications Unmasked:

Teaching Government Information Resources in the 21st Century. Wendy Mann and Theresa R. McDevitt, Eds., Library Instructions Publications, 2003.

With David Heisser, "Using Your Powers for Good: Advocacy for Information Issues", News from the South Carolina Library Association, Vol. 1, No. 3, July 2003, at 12;

also available at <http://www.scla.org/uploads/Documents/200303sclanewsletter.pdf>.

"Intro to Webslinging: How even the totally clueless can pub up a functional Website using Netscape Composer", News from the South Carolina Library Association, April 2003, at 2, available at <http://www.scla.org/docs/200302sclanewsletter.pdf>.

Mealey's Litigation Report: Thimerosal & Vaccines (Journal Review) Legal Information Alert, February 2003, at 15.

United Nations Peace-Keeping Operations: A Guide to French Policies, Edited by Brigitte Stern. United Nations University Press, 1998. (Book Review) Vol. 27, Issue 4, Journal of Government Relations, July-August 2000.



Helen Mellett Walker

Current Position: Assistant Librarian, Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP, Birmingham, AL

Education: MLS, University of Alabama, 1992;
BA, University of Alabama Birmingham, 1988.

Professional Association Membership and Service:

AALL

Council of Chapter Presidents – Past Member
Private Law Libraries-SIS
Research Instruction and Patron Services-SIS

SEAALL

Programming Committee 2006-2007
Coordinator: “Librarians Without a Home”, 2007
Coordinator/Moderator: “Law Firm Economics”, 2006
Coordinator: “Preparing Students for Law Firm Research”, 2006

LLAA (Law Libraries Association of Alabama)

President/Vice President (past – served two consecutive terms as chapter president)
Executive Board Member at Large (current)
Membership Committee
Nominating Committee
Programming Committee

Special Libraries Association

Legal Division
Alabama Chapter: Secretary (past)

Presentations:

Alabama Library Association: Panelist “Special Libraries in Alabama” April 2007

LLAA: “Marketing Your Library” October 2005

UA SLIS Alumni Day: “USA Patriot Act” November 2006

UA SLIS Career Day: Panelist: February 2006

UA SLIS Guest Speaker: Special Libraries and Law Librarianship classes 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006

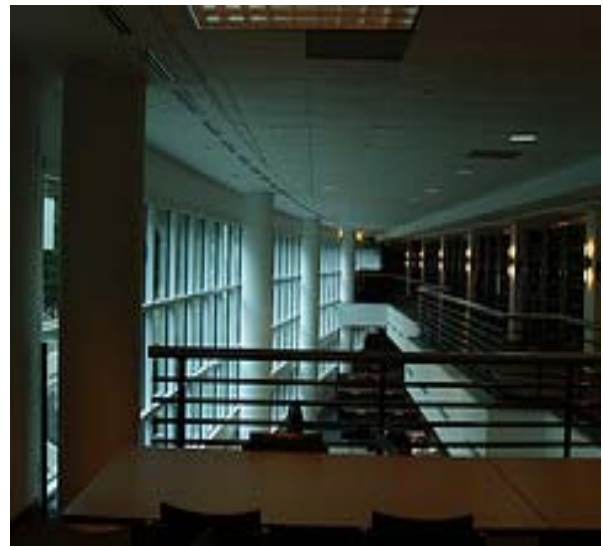
Previous Professional Experience:

Reference and Bibliographic Instruction Librarian

Oesterle Library, North Central College, Naperville, IL

Facilitator/Trainer

Regions Bank, Birmingham, AL





Linda M. Sobey

Current Position: Assistant Director for Technical Services, Florida A & M University College of Law Library, Orlando, FL

Education: MLS University of South Florida, 2000.

M.A. (Counseling), University of Central Florida, 1988.

B.A. (Paralegal Studies), University of Central Florida, 1985.

Professional Association Memberships and Service

American Association of Law Libraries,

2003-

· **Academic Law Libraries Section**

Member - Public relations committee, 2004-05.

Member - CONALL/ MENTORING committee, 2005-06.

· **Technical Services Section**

Member - Membership committee, 2006-08.

American Library Association, – 1997-

Florida Association of College & Research Libraries, 2002-

Currently Board Member 2007-2010.

Florida Library Association, 1997-

Southeastern Association of Law Libraries, 2003-

- Member – Newsletter and Public Relations Committee, 2004-06.
- Member – Nominations Committee, 2005-06.
- Member – Membership Committee, 2006-08.

Special Libraries Association, 2003-

- Member - Legal Division External Public Relations Committee, 2004-05.
- Chair - Legal Division Nominations Committee, 2007-08.
- Board Member – Florida & Caribbean Chapter of SLA, 2007-09.

OTHER PARTICIPATIONS

- AALL Leadership and Management Institute, 2007, Tucson, AZ
- SLA Leadership Summit, 2007, Reno, NV'
- People to People Ambassador Program Librarians Delegation to Russia, 2005.
- People to People International Educational and Humanitarian Initiative to China, 2006.

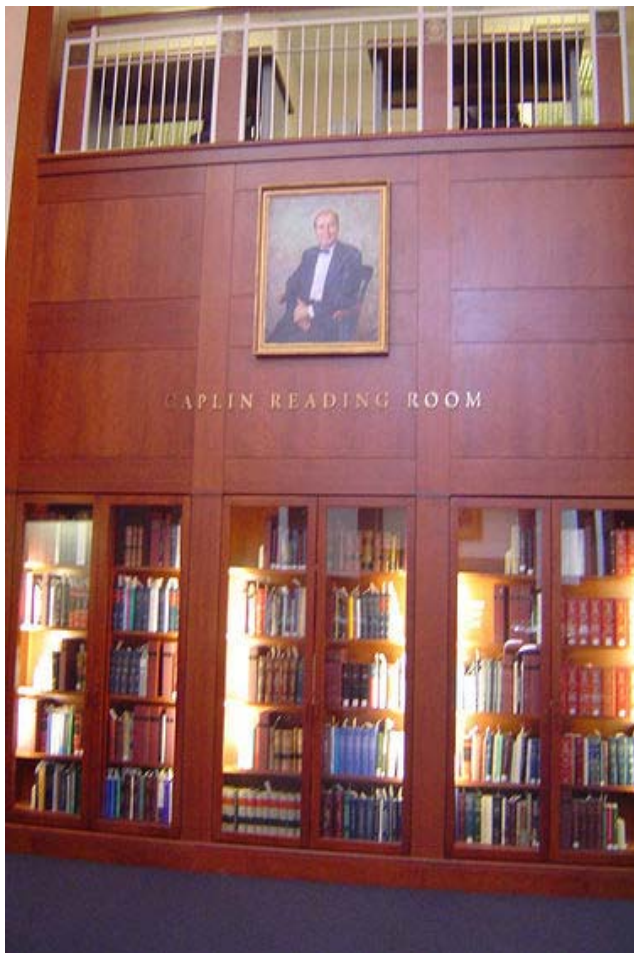


PRESENTATION:

“Cataloging Coast to Coast”, poster session presented with Selma Jaskowski and Linda J. Sutton at the Annual Conference of the American Library Association, Chicago, Illinois, July 10, 2000.

PUBLICATIONS:

Jaskowski, Selma K., Sobey, Linda M., and Linda J. Sutton. “Cataloging Coast to Coast”, *Technical Services Quarterly* 19(2), 2001.



Timothy P. Chinaris

Current Position: Associate Dean for Information Resources and Professor of Law,

Faulkner University, Jones School of Law, Montgomery, AL

Previous Positions: Assistant Dean of Information Resources, Appalachian School of Law, Grundy, VA; Associate Dean, Information Resources and Technology, Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, FL; Ethics Director, Florida Bar, Tallahassee, FL

Education: MLIS, Florida State University, 1996; JD, University of Texas, 1984; BA (Business Administration), Florida State University, 1977

Professional Memberships and Service:

American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 1996-Present

Bylaws Committee, 2006-Present

Southeastern Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL), 1997-Present

Membership Committee, 2006-Present

Law Library Association of Alabama (LLAA), 2005-Present

Association of Christian Librarians (ACL), 1999-Present

Virginia Association of Law Libraries (VALL), 2000-2005

Holston Associated Libraries (HAL)

Board of Directors, 2003-2005

Northeast Florida Information Network (NEFLIN)

Board of Directors, 1997-2000

Jacksonville Public Library



Board of Trustees, 1999-2000

Chair, Budget Committee, 1999-2000

Florida Library Association (FLA), 1997-2000

Intellectual Freedom Committee, 1998-1999

Tallahassee Public Library

Volunteer Reference Librarian, 1993-1996

Alabama State Bar

Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee,
2007-Present

Florida Bar

President, Out of State Practitioners Division,
2007-2008

Professional Ethics Committee, 1997-2003;
2007-Present

Virginia State Bar

Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee,
2003-2005

Presentations:

AALL Annual Meetings

“Managing Difficult and Change-Resistant
Staff Members,” scheduled for 2008

“Pioneering with Professionalism: The
Journey Begins with Ethics,” 2006

SEAALL Annual Meetings

“Managing Difficult and Change-Resistant
Staff Members,” scheduled for 2008

“The 21st Century Academic Law Library,”
2006

“Professionalism Begins with Ethics,” 2005

“Law Librarians and the Unauthorized Practice

of Law,” 2002

Virginia Association of Law Libraries (VALL) Annual
Meetinga

“Ethics and Professionalism in Law Libraries,”
2002

Virginia Library Association (VLA) Annual Meetings

“Ethics and Professionalism in Today’s
Libraries,” 2003

Virginia State Bar (VSB) Annual Meetings

“Ethical Issues in Online Legal Research,”
2003

Presentations before various legal and law school
organizations:

ABA National Conference on Professional
Responsibility; Southeastern Association of
Law Schools (SEALS); Symposia at St.
Mary’s University College of Law, Ohio
Northern University College of Law, and
Faulkner University School of Law; Florida
Bar; Kentucky Bar Association; Virginia Trial
Lawyers Association; Virginia College of
Criminal Defense Attorneys; Association of
Professional Responsibility Lawyers; Inns of
Court in Jacksonville, FL, Orlando, FL, and
Panama City, FL

Selected Publications:

Creator and webmaster of legal ethics web site
[sunEthics.com](http://www.sunethics.com) (www.sunethics.com).

Florida Ethics Guide for Legal Assistants and
Attorneys Who Utilize Legal Assistants (4th ed., Fla.
Bar Continuing Legal Education, 2006).

Chapter on “Ethics, Professionalism, and Discovery”
in Virginia Discovery, primarily authored by Jeffrey
Kinsler (West Publishing 2005).



Primary drafter, Florida Bar lawyer advertising rules (1999 revision).

“Even Judges Don’t Know Everything: A Call for a Presumption of Admissibility for Expert Witness Testimony in Lawyer Disciplinary Proceedings,” 36 *St. Mary’s Law Journal* 825 (2005).

“More Than the Camel’s Nose: The Sarbanes-Oxley Act as Bad News for Lawyers, Clients, and the Public,” 31 *Ohio Northern University Law Review* 359 (2005).

“Florida Professional Responsibility in 1999: The Rules of the Game,” 24 *Nova Law Review* 199 (Fall 1999), co-authored with Elizabeth Clark Tarbert.

“Professional Responsibility: 1998 Survey of Florida Law,” 23 *Nova Law Review* 161 (Fall 1998), co-authored with Elizabeth Clark Tarbert.

“The Ethics of Ethics Consultation: The Consulted Lawyer’s Perspective,” *The Professional Lawyer*, 1997 Symposium Issue.

“Florida Professional Responsibility Law in 1997,” 22 *Nova Law Review* 215 (Fall 1997), co-authored with Elizabeth Clark Tarbert.

“Professional Responsibility: 1996 Survey of Florida Law,” 21 *Nova Law Review* 231 (Fall 1996).

“Professional Responsibility in Florida: The Year in Review, 1995” 20 *Nova Law Review* 223 (Fall 1995).

“Ethics As Law: High-Impact Teaching of Legal Ethics,” featured on the front page of *law.com*, March 6, 2001.



SEAALL Financial Statement

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JULY 2007 TO DECEMBER, 2007

Opening Balance \$ 59,893.94

Income

USC for AALL Reception \$ 2,912.00

Membership Dues 8,140.00

TOTAL INCOME \$11,052.00

Expenses

CONNELL Grant \$ 400.00

AAALL –Insurance 620.00

Scholarships 6,000.00

Reimbursements

Ken Hirsh-Domain Name 30.41

Katherine Marsh –Dues 20.00

Paula Tejeda – July mailing 93.68

Sally Wambold –Fidelity 17.41

TOTAL EXPENSES \$7,815.00

CLOSING BALANCE \$ 63,130.94

INVESTMENTS

Bank of America CD 3,496.48

Fidelity CD 6,122.30*

TOTAL ASSETS \$72,749.72

***ENDING VALUE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2007**



LLSDC/SEAALL 2008

Alexandria ... Here We Come!

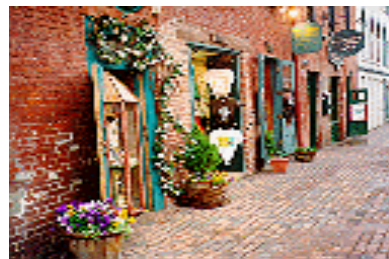
Incorporated in 1749, Alexandria has a history intricately linked with the founding of America. It was Captain John Alexander, a Scotsman, who for 6000 pounds of tobacco purchased and named the land now known as Alexandria. As a major colonial trading center, it was five Royal Governors of the colonies who set the Revolutionary sentiment in motion. In 1755, they recommended to the British Parliament that the British could benefit from the new wealth in Alexandria. Subsequently, the first colonial tax was levied over the objection of several soon-to-be-well-known Americans. In 1774, local leaders, including George Washington and George Mason, approved Mason's *Fairfax Resolves* which recommended ending trade with England and culminated with America's War of Independence with the British.

As with trade, military strife is also an integral part of Alexandria's history. During the period leading up to the Civil War, Alexandria had the now regretful distinction of being home to one of the largest slave trading companies. In 1861, the day after Virginia seceded from the Union, Federal troops occupied Alexandria. Located only 6 miles from the District of Columbia, Alexandria became a significant base for Union army operations. Until the end of the Civil War, Alexandria had the distinction of being the longest occupied territory of the Union army.

Today, Alexandria is populated by approximately 130,000 people who primarily work for the federal government or (serve in) the U.S. military. Although home to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the national headquarters of the Salvation Army, Alexandria is now probably most well

known to some for the depiction of T.C. Williams High School in the 2000 movie, *Remember the Titans*, starring Denzel Washington as legendary football coach Herman Boone.

In keeping with the proximity of our meeting to the United States Patent and Trademark Office this year's theme will be *IP for the IP: Intellectual Property for the Information Professional*. Our Thursday Institute will be an all day program focusing on legal issues related to intellectual property law and IP research. Judge Leonie M. Brinkema of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, who holds both a law degree and M.L.S. will address Institute attendees during the lunch hour. The Annual Meeting program will feature a wide range of presentations on topics such as social networking sites and the law library, the FBI's efforts to crack down on the sale of illegal and fake consumer goods and other programs with a focus on both IP and non IP topics. On Friday we will welcome our keynote speaker, journalist Helen Thomas. Ms. Thomas is often referred to as the "First Lady of the Press" and has covered every president since John F. Kennedy. On Saturday Dr. Michael Kurtz, Assistant Archivist for Records Services at the National Archives will join us as our plenary speaker. Dr. Kurtz is the author of *America and the Return of Nazi Contraband* and will discuss the political, legal, and moral dilemmas faced by the United States and its allies after World War II in restituting millions of items of cultural property looted by the Nazis.





So, from March 26 – 29, 2008, be sure to attend the 2008 Joint Meeting of LLSDC and SEAALL. Join your law library colleagues where you can relive history in Old Town Alexandria, as well as learn the latest intellectual property advances at the USPTO.

We look forward to hosting you.

The LLSDC/SEAALL 2008 Annual Meeting Planning Committee

Billie Jo Kaufman, SEAALL Co-Chair

Rhea Ballard-Thrower, SEAALL Co-Chair

Abigail Ross, LLSDC President

Frances Brillantine

Mike Petit





My First Time

Ryan Saltz, Circulation Librarian

Florida Coastal School of Law

Jacksonville, FL

The hardest part of developing a program for AALL annual meeting is the waiting. You contact speakers, and you wait. You ask for committee or SIS sponsorship and you wait. You send in your proposal and then you wait. You get a response and then you wait. Finally it comes time for AALL...well; I'm still waiting for that too. There is a piece of advice that I got once that says, "Luck happens when opportunity meets preparation." This phrase is a reminder to me to always be prepared because you never know when a great opportunity will come about that will allow you to make a difference in someone's life, or that could make a difference in your life.

I enjoy teaching and sharing knowledge. I especially enjoy educating people on the most up to date topics that they are probably not aware of. I realized an opportunity to be able to share knowledge that I had during AALL conference in New Orleans. No, not everything that happens in New Orleans has to stay in New Orleans. Friendships, experiences, and knowledge are things that you are allowed to take with you and tell your mother about it. Besides if you did anything else while in New Orleans it was probably caught by a webcam positioned around the city. Here is how I realized an opportunity and how it led to my first program proposal, and yes, I told my mother.

One afternoon at the conference I ended up attending a Government Relations Committee meeting. During the meeting I listened to the discussions so that I could gain a good understanding of the work the committee does. Towards the end of the meeting the chair began talking about program ideas that the committee was going to sponsor for next

year's annual meeting and asked if anyone had any other program ideas that they thought would be interesting. At this moment of opportunity I was prepared, however, since I was a guest at the meeting I was not sure if I was allowed to speak up so I whispered to my colleague (who was also responsible for encouraging me to attend this meeting) that the committee should sponsor a program on understanding network neutrality. This is a topic that I have been following with great interest yet it is so trivial that most people are resigned to just not understand it and let the government figure it out. My colleague immediately whispered back "that's a great idea" and then allowed me to present the idea to the committee who all thought that it would be a good program. My encouraging colleague and I were then charged with developing a program on understanding network neutrality to present to the committee for sponsorship.

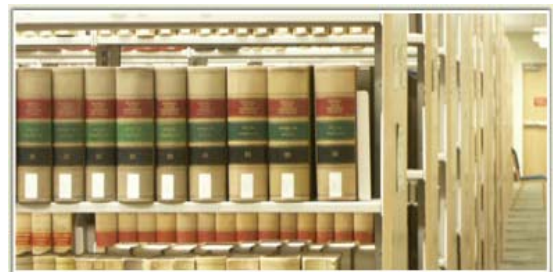
This proved to be an engaging task as there were only a couple of weeks from the end of the conference to the deadline for submitting program proposals. Though I had been following the debate there was still a good amount of research that needed to be done in order to outline a program proposal that could be understood by anyone and not just those who understand policy issues. The other research that needed to be done was to narrow down the field of potential speakers. Believe it or not network neutrality is a hot topic on Capitol Hill as well as amongst those who have vested interests in policy issues that affect the infrastructure of the Internet that we use every day. Once I was able to narrow down the possibilities of speakers I created three categories; the first being of those who were the top authorities on the topic and who have published their views extensively. The second category was of those who were authorities on the topic but had not published quite as extensively as the first group. The third category was made up of anyone else who good deliver a presentation regarding

network neutrality because if by chance people in this category were to be contacted there would be a very tight deadline for the proposal to be due and a commitment to hold the dates of the conference would be needed right away.

I proceeded to contact the people in the first category and it turns out that both of them were on vacation and not due back for at least week. This is where the waiting happens. Fortunately there was enough time to wait for now. From this I was able to establish a timetable of cutoff times when an answer was needed or move on to contacting the next person. Both of the people in the first category were able to respond within the time set forward, but unfortunately both responses were in the negative. So I moved on to contacting the next group of people, and of course I had to wait. As it turns out both people in the second group were on vacation as well. It also turns out that both of them tend to check e-mail while on vacation. One of them responded in the negative as did the other, however the second person was able to recommend someone who had been keeping up with the issues better than he. So I contacted the recommended individual and one person from category three. Again, it was time to play the waiting game. The recommended individual responded within three days and was more than happy to speak on the topic. He was even happier because it would give him a chance to experience his first AALL conference. Now that one person had confirmed that they could hold the dates of the 2008 conference I was still waiting on one more person to confirm. I finally heard back from him at the beginning of the next week. He was interested in speaking at our conference, but he asked for a rather large honorarium. I responded back to his request to attempt to get him to lower his request and have yet to hear back from him. It was time for my colleague and me to submit our proposal to the GRC for sponsorship approval. Since it had taken so long to finalize speakers we did not have to wait real long for the committee's sponsorship decision as they were meeting at the end of the week.

The committee liked the proposal and gave us the go ahead on submitting it to the Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC). The program has been submitted and the waiting game continues.

As this is a topic that I have a great interest in and the fact that it is my first annual meeting program proposal I would love for it to be accepted. If for some reason it is not accepted I will just have to make sure that I am better prepared for when the next opportunity comes about for me to get lucky. Now that I have gained experience in communicating with committees, colleagues, and putting together a program proposal, doing it again, even the necessary waiting, are worth it and I am definitely going to keep submitting programs that I feel are timely, relevant, and allow me to share knowledge. I encourage anyone else who has a passion to teach and share knowledge about their interests to submit their ideas to the AMPC as well. It is a great way to foster individual growth and growth within the profession of law librarianship as a whole. I have learned all this, and it was only my first AALL conference. I cannot wait until the next one.





One Part Supreme Court, One Part Online Video, One Part Archive Makes a Fun and Useful Library Resource

Brian Barnes, Research, Instructional Services & Circulation Librarian,

Mississippi College School of Law Library

In today's technological society where a librarian can spend his lunch break catching up on missed episodes of *The Office* free from NBC.com, I come from the mindset that our legal resources should also be freely available to our patrons and the legal community as a whole, provided, of course, that we can implement it without expending too much of that important green stuff. If you really think about it, what is a library good for? It provides knowledge and instruction while trying to not be too boring, it preserves materials for future use, and it uses technology to spread knowledge (even books are advances from the previous medium of spoken histories and stories, not to mention computers and databases). A project I have been fortunate enough to guide fits into all of these parameters and has turned into the [Mississippi Appellate Court Video Archive](#).

This idea rolled around in my head for about a month after I missed my best friend's first argument before the Mississippi Supreme Court because I was teaching 1L Legal Research. In six short weeks the idea turned from a mere concept into a resource that has had over 1000 hits and 300 unique visitors in its first 3 weeks. This archive currently has over 325 oral arguments with some of the more notable ones being [Nevada Barr Jones' divorce appeal](#), the [Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi case](#) which pitted the Mississippi Governor against the Mississippi Attorney General over tobacco litigation settlement money, and a case where a [tree house owner](#) took his city to the

state supreme court over a local zoning ordinance and won his right to keep the tree house (for now). This is the fun, sexy side of the database that makes my Dean smile when he thinks of potential donations that might come in because some attorney or student's parent might see we are doing something new and innovative, and it makes it worth while to me when my friends (and my wife) who normally could care less about anything involving a law library say "That's pretty cool." Libraries do not always present the opportunity to be innovative and have fun while providing valuable educational and archival resources, but this project seems to achieve that goal.

On the more serious side of the project is all the work behind the scenes that many never realize has occurred. This brief description may serve as a guide for those who might want to pursue similar projects in their jurisdictions. The project started by taking this "crazy" idea of mine to the Dean of our law school who liked it, especially the reasonable cost as compared to the possibility of promotion for Mississippi College Law. Our Dean then took the project proposal to the Mississippi Supreme Court and sold the idea to them in order to get the ball rolling. After a couple of months of red tape and revised agreements, the Court issued an order granting us this project and all the pressure shifted to the library to make it happen. I spent almost three weeks, minus reference desk and teaching time, with our IT department designing the web pages and databases and uploading three years worth of arguments. Once all of the setup is done the normal input process then involves going to the Supreme Court every Thursday to pick up the CD's, pulling the files off the disc, renaming the file to the docket number (which is our database identifier), then uploading them to our website (which we purchased separately from the school site for bandwidth concerns). Additionally, I then input into an Access database the docket number, party names, and attorney names to give an entry for



the database to return from our search boxes. Over time, I also have to update these entries with links to the opinions, which obviously come out well after the argument itself, the briefs by each party for the current and future arguments, and synopses which are produced by our library director as part of a service she has long provided for subscribers. It is this database work that many librarians are used to that make the project really stand out in comparison to the archived videos produced in Texas or New Jersey and why I am so proud of what we at Mississippi College Law have produced.

In the end, this project took a lot of front-end work but only takes about four hours of maintenance a week on my part now that is running. However, and maybe more importantly, this project has allowed me to live up the nickname some of the “longer serving” librarians at the Mississippi College School of Law Library have given me: Project Boy.

P.S. Note from one of the “longer serving” librarians: We should have seen it coming, Brian started as a student assistant when he began law school. He was happiest when we had problems that just begged to be fixed. Be forewarned though, his enthusiasm is contagious.



Submitted SEALL Committee Reports

Membership Committee Report

Edward T. Hart, Chair

Chiles Legal Information Center, University of
Florida, Levin College of Law

The Committee has continued its primary mission welcoming new members. Fifteen new members have joined our ranks since the meeting in Baton Rouge. The Committee is also pondering two new projects of surveying lapsed members and reaching out to the library science schools in our region. We welcome your comments and suggestions on either of this projects.

Speaking with DeDe Bradsher (Jones School of Law) of the AALL Membership Retention Committee, we share a concern noting the number of our colleagues entering retirement. When this situation is combined with other conversations about hiring pools for open positions in the region, it makes one wonder about the future of law librarianship. We must reach out to new potential law librarians whether they are still in graduate school or pondering a change of careers. The Committee is here to assist anyone



SEAALL Government Relations Update

Christine Sellers,

Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd

The following updates are provided by Mary Alice Baish, AALL Washington Affairs Office.

Robert C. Tapella Sworn in As the New Public Printer

Immediate Past President Sarah (Sally) G. Holterhoff was invited to testify before the Senate Rules and Administration Committee at the September 12 hearing on the nomination of Robert C. Tapella to become the new Public Printer. Her statement was endorsed by ALA, MLA and SLA. Unfortunately, the hearing was postponed at the eleventh hour although Sally and Mary Alice Baish were able to meet with Mr. Tapella and Acting Superintendent of Documents Richard G. Davis for a substantive discussion. Mr. Tapella's nomination was confirmed by the full Senate on October 4 and the swearing in ceremony was held on November 6.

New PACER Pilot Project

On April 1, 2006, the AALL Executive Board endorsed a "Resolution on No-Fee FDLDP Access to PACER" that was submitted to them by the Government Relations Committee. [hotlink: <http://www.aallnet.org/aallwash/re04012006.html>]. The resolution was endorsed by the American Library Association in June 2006. It requested that GPO work with the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts to allow users of federal depository libraries to access PACER at no-fee. The Judicial Conference met in September and approved the establishment of a joint pilot project with GPO that will involve approximately 15 federal depository libraries. GRC member Lawrence (Larry) R. Meyer, director of the Law

Library for San Bernardino County, CA, deserves special recognition for his tireless advocacy for many years to bring PACER into the Federal Depository Library Program.

Jonathan Franklin Selected as an International Copyright Advocate

Jonathan Franklin, Associate Law Librarian at the University of Washington's M.G. Gallagher Law Library, has been selected as an International Copyright Advocate for a new pilot project funded by the ALA Washington Office for Information Technology Policy. This new opportunity was created to build expertise and broaden the ability of the Library Copyright Alliance [hotlink: (<http://www.librarycopyrightalliance.org/>)], of which AALL is a member, to be represented at the international level.

OITP will train the new International Copyright Advocates to represent us on issues related to copyright advocacy at forums such as the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA). We thank the OITP for creating and funding this important new program that will benefit libraries all over the world. Congratulations, Jonathan!

AALL Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee

At its March 24, 2007 Executive Board meeting, the American Association of Law Libraries adopted the Principles and Core Values concerning public information on government Web sites developed by AELIC (Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee). AELIC and AALL believe these Principles and Core Values are essential guidelines that all government agencies should follow when developing websites that provide information to their



citizens, the legal community and other users. The Principles as adopted by the AALL Executive Board are available at http://www.aallnet.org/committee/aelic/AELIC_Core_Values.pdf

You can help too - read and share information included in AELIC's Authentication Survey; help AALL monitor government Web sites that provide legal information; communicate your discoveries of exemplary Web sites to AELIC; and attend program C-4 "Official But Not Authentic: The Future of Electronic Legal Information" to be held on Sunday, July 13, 2008 during our annual meeting in Portland. Please comment on the draft guidelines for evaluating a legal Web site at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=dyUaYL8sHNbDz5mCOW_2fyjO_3d_3d. **You can also request from AALL headquarters brochures containing the guidelines which can be distributed at meetings, events, and exhibits.**





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