

The ALL-SIS Newsletter

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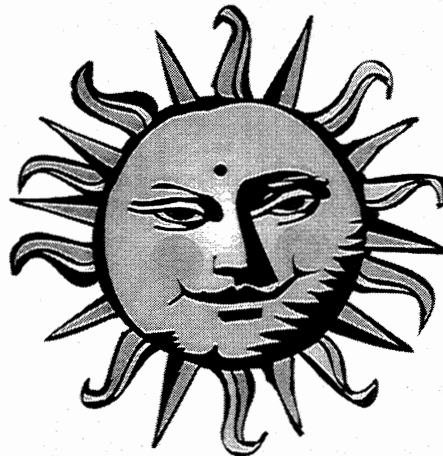
- Legal Research Roundtable.
- Statistics Roundtable.
- Faculty Status and Tenure.
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A Final Yogi-ism From the Maharishi

It is too hard for me to pick a favorite Yogi-ism for this, my final column as your Section chair. The one that cracks me up the most is when Yogi, discussing the Cincinnati Reds before some big playoff game said: "Tony Perez is a big clog in their machine." First and foremost, I have tried not to be too big a clog in this Section machine. My goal when I started my term of office was to try to expand the work of the Section beyond planning for the Annual Meeting, and to give more academic law librarians opportunities for involvement in the AALL, via the Section. We've succeeded in getting a few more people interested in contributing to the work of the Section, we have a couple of new initiatives started, our newsletter and website are among the best in the AALL, we've started a new awards program and we're adding an Executive Committee member to our Section board. In addition, we have some wonderful programs planned for Philadelphia. In all, not a bad year.

It's a start but we can do better. I would like to see this Section, representing a full third of AALL membership, and with a proud heritage of leader-

ship and professional involvement, take more of an active role in identifying the crucial issues that affect our members and then go the next step in formulating and producing activities that further the interests of



By Victoria K. Trotta,
Director of the Law Library & Associate Dean,
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our members. We should take the lead in passing resolutions that affect our members, for example one that says we support full faculty status for our law library directors. We should be lending our expertise and knowledge in the crafting of continuing education programs on behalf of the AALL Professional Development Committee when asked. We should be crafting statistical instruments that would actually be useful as we

attempt to benchmark and articulate first class academic service in this age of stagnating budgets and increased programmatic options and formats. It's our proper place in the law library universe, but we have to make it happen. Yogi Berra also said "It gets dark out here early." There's never enough time to accomplish all you want to, but little by little we can get where we want to go.

Lastly, I want to thank all the ALL-SIS members who pitched in to get various tasks and projects completed. There is a complete list of participants on the ALL-SIS website. It is a huge job in and of itself preparing for an annual meeting. Everything always takes more time than you think

it's going to. But the results are worth it. I urge each of you to volunteer to help our incoming chair, Ruth Hill, continue to develop the programs of our illustrious Section. It's been a fun year for me, I've enjoyed serving as your Section chair, and I thank you for the opportunity. As you know who said once, "We've had a good time together, even when we're not together". See you in Philadelphia !! VKT



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Upcoming Deadline for the Next ALL-SIS Newsletter

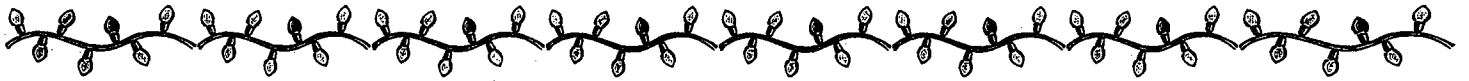


Next Deadline?: This will be the final issue of the 1999-2000 ALL-SIS year. Shaun Esposito will serve as the new ALL-SIS Newsletter Editor, beginning with the next issue. Future deadlines will be announced after the 2000 annual meeting in Philadelphia.



ALL-SIS was established in 1979 to promote interest in and to address issues of common concern to those employed in academic law libraries. The SIS serves as the umbrella organization for all interests - administration, collection development, consortia, directors, fees for service, interlibrary loan, public services, technical services, middle management, etc...

ALL-SIS provides opportunities for all librarians to contribute to the overall betterment of the entire academic law community. ALL-SIS has grown to more than 700 members and is the second largest SIS in AALL. Our members come from all aspects of academic law librarianship. Because of the SIS's broad coverage and subtopic focus, all those working in academic law libraries can benefit from membership and are encouraged to join.



ALL-SIS Officers for 2000-2001

The ALL-SIS elections have been completed, thus we may present a full roster of the ALL-SIS officers for 2000-2001. The election slate includes:

Chair: Ruth J. Hill, Loyola - Los Angeles
Vice-Chair / Chair Elect : Rosalie Sanderson, Emory
Secretary / Treasurer: Beth Smith, Arizona State
Newsletter Editor: Shaun Esposito, U. of Arizona
Webmaster: Beth Smith, Arizona State



ALL-SIS Schedule for Philadelphia

Here is a summary of the ALL-SIS events that will take place in Philadelphia. Check the convention program for room assignments. Please attend as many as possible.

Saturday, July 15

ALL-SIS Executive Committee/Committee Chairs Meeting

Sunday, July 16

ALL-SIS Business Meeting (BYOB or C) 7:00 - 8:45

Convocation for Newer Academic Law Librarians (CONALL) 10:00 - 11:45

ALL-SIS Section Luncheon (Ticketed event; partially sponsored by Westgroup) 11:45 - 1:00

ALL-SIS Roundtable: Dialog with Lexis Publishing and Westgroup 4:00 - 6:00

Monday, July 17

ALL-SIS Directors Breakfast (Ticketed event) 7:00 - 8:45

ALL-SIS Middle Managers Breakfast (Ticketed event) 7:00 - 8:45

ALL-SIS Roundtable: ABA Statistics for Law Libraries 5:00 - 6:00

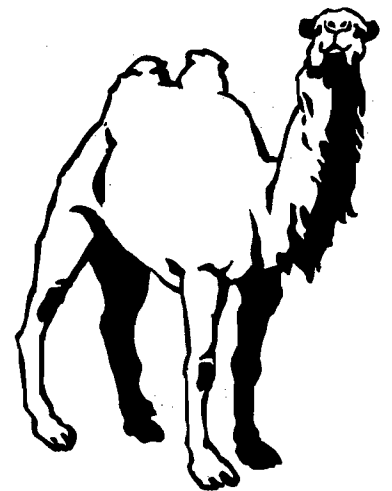
ALL-SIS Roundtable: Continuing Status/Tenure 5:00 - 6:00

Tuesday, July 18

ALL-SIS Roundtable: Statistics 5:15 - 6:15

ALL-SIS Legal Research 5:15 - 6:15

ALL-SIS Reception: Biddle Law Library (sponsored by Lexis Publishing) 6:30 - 8:00



Biddle and Lexis Publishing to Host Academic Reception in Philadelphia

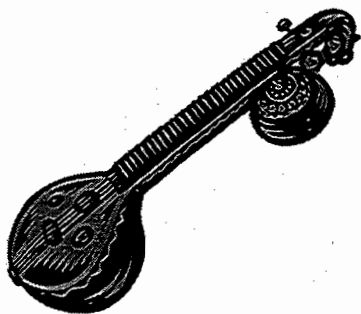
The ALL-SIS academic reception will be held Tuesday, July 18, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the new Biddle Law Library. The reception will be sponsored by Lexis Publishing. Invitations will be sent directly to you the first part of June. Please RSVP so we will know how many people to plan for.

Ed Greenlee,
Biddle Law Library, local arrangements chair.



A New Mantra?: Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

The Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws for the Academic Law Libraries Section are presented below. The committee was asked by the Executive Committee of the Academic Law Libraries Section to bring the current bylaws into conformity with the American Association of Law Libraries bylaws. Specifically the committee was asked to examine the current election process and add a member at large. The additions to the bylaws are indicated in **bold**. The deletions are indicated by underlines. The following articles and sections are being proposed for amendment.



Article II deals with the object of the section. The committee's proposed language is to change object to purpose with no substantive change.

Article V, Section 3 deals with the addition to the executive committee of an elected member, who will serve a 2 (two) year term. It also attempts to clarify when the officers assume office and their duties.

Article VI, Sections 1-7 deals with nominations and the electoral process. Under the current bylaws, the electoral process was out of synch with the American Association of Law Libraries which requires that election results be communicated to by May 15. Thus the proposed changes in the nomination procedures. Rather than have the process tied to when the annual meeting is held it is now date specific. With the addition of Section 2 on notification which permits the notification to be by mail, broadcast email or newsletter at the Executive Committee's discretion, all of the sections needed to be renumbered. The Bylaws Committee thought permitting notification by mail, broadcast email or newsletter at the Executive Committee's discretion would give the Executive Committee the widest latitude. Adding specific dates and not being dependent upon when the annual meeting is held also assists in planning.



Article VII on Amendments was changed to look like the other Articles. Other than stylistic changes, there are no substantive changes to Article VII.

Article VIII on Parliamentary Authority substitutes Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure for Roberts Rules of Order. This brings the Academic Law Libraries Section in line with AALL's bylaws.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALL Section Committee on Bylaws
Janice Anderson
James Duggan
Mary Hood, Chair

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Article I: NAME

The name of this special interest section of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) shall be the Academic Law Libraries Section.

Article II: OBJECT

The object of t **The Academic Law Libraries Section is established: shall be:**

1. To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on Academic Law Libraries; and
2. To represent its members' interests and concerns within the American Association of

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Law Libraries.

It shall conduct its affairs in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Association of Law Libraries.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to any AALL member requesting affiliation with the Academic Law Libraries Section as provided in the AALL bylaws.

Article IV: MEETINGS

There shall be an annual meeting of the Academic Law Libraries Section, held in connection with, or during, the annual meeting of the AALL.

Article V: OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. Officers.

The officers shall consist of a Chair, a Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and a Secretary/Treasurer. The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect shall automatically become chair one year after being elected Vice-Chair, and shall serve as Chair during the second year following that election. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected biennially.

Section 2. Duties of Officers.

The Chair, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer shall perform the duties usually pertaining to their respective offices, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee of the membership.

Section 3. Executive Committee.

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the Officers named above, the immediate past Chair and **one (1) elected member**. **The elected member shall serve a term of two (2) years. All officers and members of the Executive Committee shall serve until the adjournment of the annual meeting at which their successors are announced. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be those usually assigned to such committees in similar associations.**

Section 4. Committees.

There shall be such standing or special committees as the Executive Committee, or the membership of the section, shall create. There shall be a standing Nominating Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee, to consist of three members, no one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Committee, and no one of whom shall be a candidate for office at the succeeding election. Each member of the Committee shall serve for a term of one year.

Article VI: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall submit the names of candidates for the office of Vice-Chair/Chair-elect, Secretary/Treasurer, **and the elected member**, together with their written acceptances, to the Chair by **January 30**. in sufficient time to enable the Chair to inform

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the members of the Section of the nominations prior to April 1, either by publication in the AALL Newsletter, the SIS newsletter, or by mail.

In the event that the Vice-Chair/Chair-elect cannot assume the duties of Chair, and such fact is known prior to **January 15 March 1**, the Committee shall also submit the names of candidates for the office of Chair for the term of one year.

Section 2. Notification.

The Executive Committee shall notify membership of the candidates proposed by the nominating committee by February 28. Notification to the membership can be by mail, ALL SIS newsletter or broadcast email as the Executive Committee decides.

Section 3. Nomination by Petition

Additional nominations may be made upon written petition of five (5) members of the Section. Such petitions, accompanied by written acceptance of the nominees, must be filed with the Chair by March 20.

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Further nominations may be made upon written petition of five (5) members of the Section. Such petitions, accompanied by written acceptance of the nominees, must be filed with the Chair not later than May 1.

Section 4 3. Ballots.

The Secretary shall prepare an official ballot, including nominations by petition. The professional position of each nominee shall appear on the ballot.

Section 5 4. Election.

The Officers of the Section shall be elected by mail ballot. The Secretary shall mail ballots to each member of the Section by **April 1 prior to May 15**. Ballots shall be marked and returned to the Secretary by **April 25 prior to June 10**. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected, and shall be reported by the Secretary at the annual meeting of the Section. All candidates shall be notified of the results of election by **May 5 at the earliest possible time.**

Section 6 5. Tie Votes.

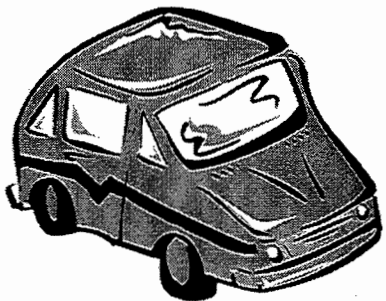
In case of a tie vote, a run-off election shall be held at the business meeting of the Section at the annual AALL convention. Run-off elections shall be by secret ballot. The ballots shall be immediately counted, and the candidate with the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Section 7 6. Destruction of Ballots.

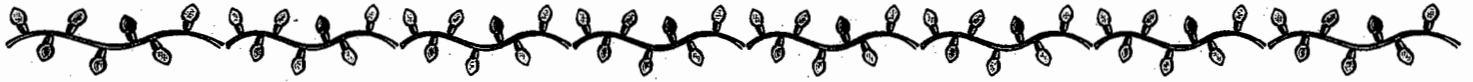
If there are no challenges to the results of the election, the ballots may be destroyed by the Secretary after the annual meeting.

Article VII: AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. Bylaws.



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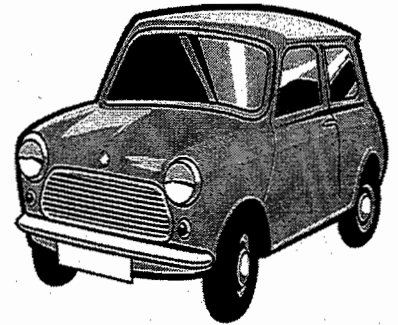
Bylaws of the Section may be adopted, amended or suspended at the annual meeting of the Section by a majority vote of the members present and voting. Or, bylaws may be adopted, amended, or suspended through a mail ballot. Whenever the by-laws are to be changed by mail vote, the Secretary shall mail ballots to every member in good standing of the Section. Such ballots shall state the text of the proposed change, the purpose of the change, and the date by which ballots must be returned to the Secretary. Proposed changes in the bylaws by mail must receive a majority vote of the ballots returned to the Secretary in order to pass. Tie votes shall be considered failure to pass.

Section 2. **Effect.**

Any amendment shall take effect after it has been approved by the AALL Executive Board.

Article VIII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY.

Robert's Rules of Order Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, in the latest edition, shall govern all deliberations of the Section when not in conflict with the bylaws of the Section.



Sitting at the Feet of Pandits: ALL-SIS Educational Programs In Philadelphia

The Education Committee urges you to attend the four programs being sponsored at the Philadelphia Annual Conference by ALL-SIS:

At 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, we offer "Teaching Advanced Legal Research: Law Librarians as Leaders of the Pack." Ruth Levor and Stephen Sepinuck will discuss ways to create innovative lesson plans, and interesting and effective research exercises for advanced legal research classes.

Later, at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, Kristen Cheney, Donald Dunn, and Richard Hurt will provide new directors and middle managers with an overview of the reinspection process and offer strategies for readying the library for reaccreditation in "The ABA Reaccreditation Visit: Process and Preparation."

"Train Your Staff for the Institution as Well as the Job: The Gateway to a More Knowledgeable Staff" is our Monday program. At 4:00 p.m., Paul George, Phyllis Askey, and Thea Robinson will show how the staff training model from the Caterpillar corporation might improve training in libraries by giving the staff member a better idea of how he or she fits into "the big picture" of the library and law school.

Our final program, "Gateway to Career Renewal: Paths for the Experienced Librarian," will occur Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. Roger Jacobs, Joan Howland, William Lindberg, and Rosemary Richardson will explore how experienced librarians can retain enthusiasm and drive in their careers even after they've already "done it all."

Thanks go to Education Committee members Paul George, James Duggan, and Patricia Cervenka for giving us this fine variety of programs in the areas of leadership, management, and resources. Support them with your attendance!



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Summoning the Novitiates: The Convocation for Newer Academic Law Librarians

Are you new to academic law librarianship? Are you puzzled by some of the jargon and acronyms your colleagues toss about? Are you a veteran of the academic endeavor, but sometimes still unclear on who's who or what's what? Do you work in another type of law library and want to know more about academia? If so, this program is for you!

Convocation for Newer Academic Law Librarians—CONALL for short—is intended to clear up the mysteries of academic law libraries, law schools, and their universities. Come with Alice as she explores LawLibraryLand, with the aid of her guide, the White Rabbit. Meet Dean Queen, Tweedledee and Tweedledum, and other exotic inhabitants of the realm.



Following Alice's adventures, participants will have ample opportunity to ask questions of the CONALL Committee and the inhabitants of LawLibraryLand. Finding your way around the law school can be confusing, and sometimes you don't want to ask questions of your colleagues. Ask them here! The goal of the program is to make academic law librarianship more understandable to beginners and experienced librarians alike.

The leadership of the Academic SIS will be introduced, and the editors of many law librarianship publications will be available to informally answer questions about publishing and scholarship.

*NOTE: This program is **not** a substitute for CONELL, AALL's long-standing orientation for newer law librarians scheduled for Saturday, July 15. There will be little, if any, overlap between the two programs. Those new to law librarianship can benefit from both programs.*

Convocation for Newer Academic Law Librarians
Sunday, July 16, 2000
10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Barbara Bintliff,
University of Colorado

Praise for a Guru: ALL-SIS Names Winner of New F.C. Hicks Award

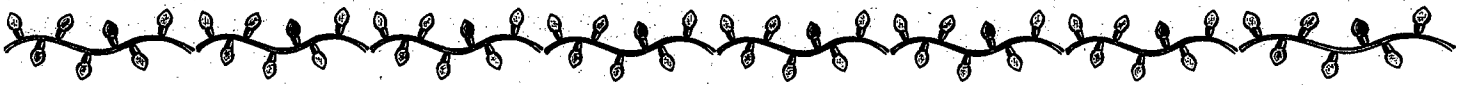
The ALL-SIS is pleased to announce that Penny Hazelton, Professor of Law and Law Librarian at the University of Washington's Gallagher Law Library, has been selected to be the first-ever recipient of the Frederick Charles Hicks Award. This award was created to honor outstanding contributions to academic law librarianship. The awards ceremony will be held on Tues., July 18, at the ALL-SIS Reception at the University of Pennsylvania, during the AALL annual meeting in Philadelphia.

Penny Hazelton's notable contributions to academic law librarianship have been made through her position as director of the law librarianship program at University of Washington and in her many AALL leadership activities over a 25-year period. Her AALL service includes her term as AALL President in 1990-91 and her recent role as Chair of the AALL Task Force to Enhance Law Librarianship Education. In addition, she has been active in addressing academic law library issues as a speaker, author, and editorial board member.

The Frederick Charles Hicks Award was named for the first great American law librarian/scholar, who was also the first academic law librarian to be President of AALL. Information about Professor Hicks and his career can be found as a link from the Hicks Awards notice posted on the ALL-SIS website on AALLNET (www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/awards.html).

Sally Holterhoff
Valparaiso University





Staring at Our Bellybuttons: ALL-SIS Roundtable on Legal Research

Join us to brainstorm on how ALL-SIS can take a greater leadership role on legal research topics. Come and let us hear your thoughts on issues like these:

- *How to bring All-SIS into the center as a co-sponsor of legal research instruction programs, such as TRIALL or PDC workshops/institutes or other programs?;
- *How can ALL-SIS members cooperate more effectively on legal research syllabi and instructional programs?
- *How can ALL-SIS develop a program to provide feedback on what works best in 1st year instruction and advanced legal research classes?
- *How can ALL-SIS members mentor and aid each other to improve our own expertise as instructors, i.e., to better train the trainers?
- *What should be added to the ALL-SIS website to better assist members and our colleagues?
- *How can ALL-SIS position members as resources when their expertise is needed by AALL and other professional organizations?



Let's keep the enthusiasm started last year going! See you in Philadelphia!

ALL-SIS ROUNDTABLE ON LEGAL RESEARCH
AALL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
Tuesday, July 18, 2000, 5:15-6:15pm.

Faye Jones
Hastings College of the Law Library

Counting Prayer Beads of Tulsi Wood: Statistics Roundtable Scheduled for July 18

A roundtable on statistics is scheduled in Philadelphia for Tuesday, July 18, 5:15-6:15 p.m. Please consider this an invitation to all academics. This year's working group, composed of Pauline Aranas, Mark Folmsbee, Larry Meyer, and Mila Rush, hope that you can, and will, come. Agenda items at this point:

1. Any further follow-up on the previous day's discussion of the revised ABA statistics.
2. What measures will academic law libraries need other than those asked for by the bodies (ABA, ARL, IPEDS, etc.) we are obligated to report statistical figures to? Can we compile these at this roundtable, or do we need an after-the-Annual Meeting survey? Please do some homework with your respective libraries, so that we can expedite the compilation. If you can not come to the meeting, please give your thoughts, written (if possible) or verbally, to any of the working group members.
3. Review a prototype of an interactive statistical form.
4. Review the recommendations of this year's working group for the future of statistics in ALL-SIS, and get a feel of what the field thinks. The latter can help guide the SIS's decision-making.

Mila R. Rush
University of Minnesota Law Library



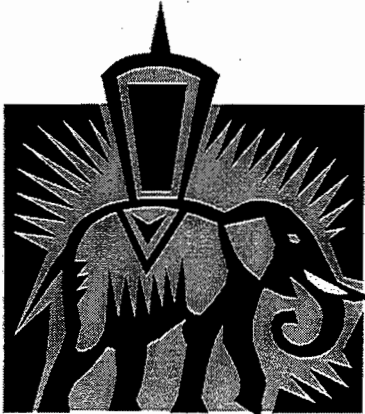


Brahmin or Untouchable?: The ALL-SIS Working Group on Continuing Status/Tenure

As an academic librarian, have you ever struggled with the issues of status, rank, tenure, benefits, or even everyday respect? Many institutions have well-established policies that recognize the value of librarians. Knowledge of such policies may aid other librarians who are struggling with these issues. Every institution is different and must establish and maintain policies for librarians that are appropriate for them. Librarians who have "fought the battle" or have garnered professional respect within their universities may be able to aid others with strategy or simply moral support.

Please attend the roundtable discussion at the annual AALL meeting in Philadelphia on Monday, July 17, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The discussion will focus on what course ALL-SIS should take to promote and advocate the value of academic law librarians as we face issues dealing with status, rank, tenure, and benefits.

Susan T. Phillips
Texas Wesleyan University School of Law Library



Directors' Breakfast: A Discussion of Directors' Evaluations

The article by Bobbie Studwell in the last issue of the newsletter has generated interest in having a discussion during the Directors' Breakfast regarding director evaluations. The breakfast is scheduled for Monday, July 17, from 7 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Tentatively, a panel discussion on director evaluations is scheduled for 7:45 a.m – 8:30 a.m. We would like one more director to volunteer to be on this panel. If you are interested, please contact:

Larry Meyer,
University of LaVerne Law Library
meyerl@ULV.EDU

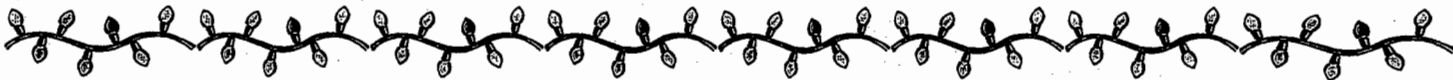
Local Systems Testing: "Alpha & Beta Testing"

The Local Systems Committee of OBS/SIS is pleased to announce an informal "program" at AALL. You are invited to come to their Open Discussion at 11:45am. on Wednesday, July 19, 2000. Learn why Adrian White recommends the beta experience as a result of beta testing Innovative's Millennium Circulation and Serials at Howard University. Find out from Regina Wallen how Stanford University handled alpha testing of SIRSI's Serials and Acquisitions modules. Join in a discussion about the relationship between libraries and their system vendors. This is your chance to learn about system testing, ask questions, and share your opinions. Anyone with an interest in the topic is invited. You are welcome to bring your lunch.

Susan D. Goldner
University of Arkansas at Little Rock / Pulaski County Law Library

News from the ALL-SIS Ashram

- * Therese Clarke, Reference Librarian at the University of Colorado Law Library, presented a Brown Bag Lunch Seminar on Securities Research for the Colorado Association of Law Librarians.
- * Karen Selden, Catalog Librarian at the University of Colorado Law Library, presented "Cataloging Internet Resources: Linking Globally, Coping Locally" at the 2000 SWALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio.
- * Tamara Smith, Systems/Web Services Librarian at the University of Denver Westminster Law Library, is on the Nominations committee of RIPS.



Remembering Nick Triffin

Professor Nicholas Triffin, the former Director of the Pace University School of Law Library, died on April 8, 2000 after a long and valiant battle against amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease). Although his colleagues and students could see the toll this illness took on Nick's body, they could also sense that his will to survive, his dedication to his students, and his love of the study of the law were undiminished. He continued to fulfill his personal and professional obligations with grace and dignity, and taught his last class a few days before his death.



Nick was the Director of the Pace Law School Library from 1984-1998. After retiring as library director, Nick taught international law and advanced legal research. Prior to coming to Pace, Nick served as the Assistant Law Librarian at the University of Connecticut School of Law, and as the Director of the Law Library at Hamline University School of Law. During Nick's tenure as library director at Pace, he built the fine collection that is his legacy to the law school community. He was always a visionary, and invested in technology years before other librarians recognized the role which computers would play in legal research. He inculcated in his staff a service mentality and a genuine desire to help library patrons. Nick was well known as the editor of *Law Books in Print*. His knowledge of legal bibliography, legal publishing, and rare law books was legendary, and often called upon by colleagues both in the United States and abroad.

Nick's goodness, intelligence, and wit will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

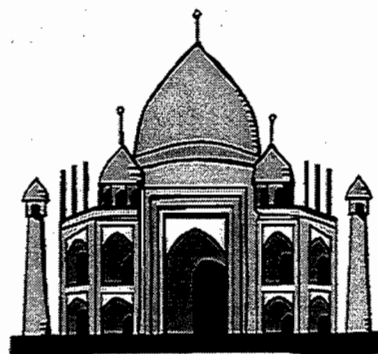
Marie Stefanini Newman
Pace University School of Law

A New Mahatma: Shaun Esposito Prepares to Take a Walk in the Sandals

Shaun Esposito, Head of Public Services at the University of Arizona College of Law Library in Tucson, kindly has volunteered to succeed James Durham as *The ALL-SIS Newsletter* Editor for 2000 - 2001. Shaun recently moved to Arizona from Kentucky, where he worked as the Reference / Electronic Services Librarian at the University of Kentucky Law Library in Lexington.

For the past several years, Shaun served as the newsletter editor for the *Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries (ORALL) Newsletter*. The long-term success of that newsletter attests to the quality of his work.

After a rest of several months from editorial duties, Shaun misses working on a newsletter and looks forward to becoming your new editor.

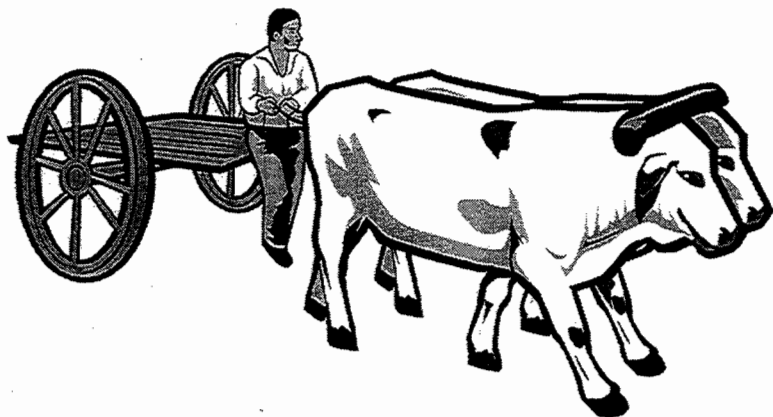
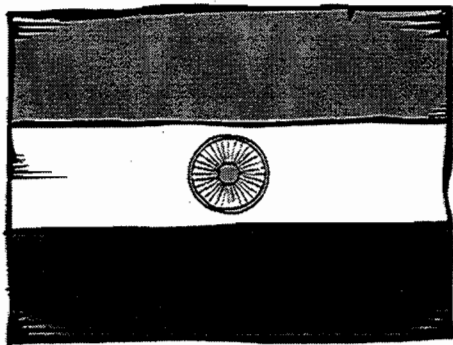


Of Monkeys and Maharajahs: Namaste-ji!

After putting the finishing touches on his last *ALL-SIS Newsletter*, your editor is preparing for another passage to India. As I mentioned in my previous column, I'm heading for the foothills of the Himalayas. This summer will be my second time teaching a course in "The New India," a summer study abroad program for American law students, co-sponsored by Touro College of Law and The South Texas College of Law. I'll be teaching a course called "Indian Legal Culture," which is an introduction to the Indian legal system. In addition, I'll be assisting the program Director as her Administrator, handling travel arrangements and guest speakers. I'm thrilled to be returning to the subcontinent and can't wait to catch the plane. I'm leaving all of you in good hands, however, as Shaun Esposito has volunteered to be our new *ALL-SIS Newsletter* editor. I hope you've enjoyed my two years as editor as much as I have. *Namaste-ji!*



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Who Wants To Be A Volunteer?!!

No, Regis Philbin is not looking for contestants for a clone of his popular game show. But the ALL-SIS is scouting about for Section members to volunteer for the various committees which take care of the Section's programs and activities.

In reviewing the most recent Section Survey, I discovered that less than 2% of our total membership is actively involved in the committee work of the Section. As the second largest SIS we have plenty of bodies but few volunteers. So I'm making an appeal to all Section members to share in building our Section and making it more responsive to its members. This is an opportunity to contribute your expertise to the Section. Don't wait for others to sign up. The more members who come forth, the more the work is shared. Let's not overwork the few who usually sign up for committee work.

This past year two new committees were initiated with great results. The Awards Committee, chaired by **Sally Holteroff** (newly elected AALL Executive Board Member), developed the Section's first award, the **Frederick C. Hicks Award for Outstanding Contribution to Academic Law Librarianship**. The CONALL (Convocation for Newer Academic Law Librarians) Committee, chaired by **Barbara Bintliff** (newly elected AALL Vice-president/President-elect), will host the first program especially for new academic law librarians. One of the little known benefits of ALL-SIS committee participation is elevation to national office! Congratulations to Barbara and Sally!

The success of ALL-SIS depends on the active involvement of its members. So, please plan on volunteering some of your time to the activities of your Section. Below is the list of ALL-SIS committees which cover a wide range of functions and activities. I am sure you can find at least one which grabs your interest.

AWARDS
NOMINATIONS
ARRANGEMENTS
PUBLIC RELATIONS
BYLAWS
RELATIONS WITH VENDORS
CONALL/MENTORING
ROUNDTABLES & FORUMS
EDUCATION
STRATEGIC PLANNING
MEMBERSHIP
WEB SITE
NEWSLETTER

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You now are sitting in the "hot seat" and the million dollar question is:

**Will you accept the call to volunteer
for an ALL-SIS committee?**

A. YES! B. Okay! C. I'll do it! D. Count me in! E. All of the above!

THAT'S MY FINAL ANSWER! SIGN ME UP:

Name _____ E-mail _____

Institutional Affiliation _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

3rd Choice _____ Please put me on any committee _____

*Thank you for your interest in the activities of ALL-SIS. Please return this form
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