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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Beth Adelman
2009 - 2010 ALL-SIS Chair

The Chair of the ALL-SIS Nominations Committee, Jim Kelly, is pleased to report that we have an outstanding slate of candidates for open positions this year. The board has approved the following candidates for this year's upcoming ALL-SIS election:

For Vice Chair/Chair-Elect:

- Kumar Jayasuriya, Associate Law Librarian for Patron Services, Georgetown University
- Adeen Postar, Deputy Director, Pence Law Library, American University
- Lisa Smith-Butler, Assistant Dean, Director of Library & Information Technology, Charleston School of Law

For Secretary/Treasurer:

- Frances Brillantine, Head of Access Services, Catholic University

- Edward T. Hart, Head of Technical Services, University of Florida

In accordance with Article VI, Section 5 of the ALL-SIS Bylaws, Secretary-Treasurer Sara Sampson will prepare and distribute the official ballots to all members of ALL-SIS by April 1. Ballots must be marked and returned to the Secretary by April 25. All candidates shall be notified of the results of election by May 5.

I wish to thank Jim, and his fellow committee members, Stefanie Pearlman, Lauren Collins, Cecily Giardina, Liz McCurry, Sara Repinski, and Duane Strojny, for all their effort in putting together this fantastic slate.

Keep an eye out for an ALL-SIS posting by Sara Sampson containing information about procedures for voting. Please vote - it is quick and easy!

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Kumar Jayasuriya

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Candidate

Biography



Kumar Percy Jayasuriya is currently Associate Director of Patron Services at the Georgetown University Law Library and an adjunct member of the Georgetown Law faculty.

Prior to joining Georgetown, he was the Head of Faculty and Research Services at the University of Texas, Tarlton Law Library. For the last twelve years he has taught legal research courses at Boston University, Texas, and Georgetown. He has published works regarding maritime law, affirmative action, abortion, Supreme Court history, and legal information policy. Recently he published, with Frances M. Brillantine, an article on the future of law library services titled *Student Services in the 21st Century: Evolution and Innovation* published in *Discovering Student Needs, Teaching Information Literacy, and Designing Library 2.0-Based Services*.

During his career he has served in professional law library organizations including ALL-SIS, AALL, local AALL chapters, and the AALS Section on Law Libraries. In those organizations he has focused on new initiatives and innovations. He worked on the ALL-SIS CONALL Committee which created the mentoring event now called ALL-NEW. While serving as a member and then chair of the AALL Research Committee he helped craft the present system to fund library research

projects. Currently he represents ALL-SIS in the Joint Committee on Articulating Law Student Information Literacy Standards. In this committee he hopes to create a new system for evaluating the legal research skills of law students.

Personal Statement

As law schools rethink legal education and academic law libraries evolve in an electronic world, ALL-SIS must continue to lead. First, ALL-SIS can harness emerging technologies to foster communication. For example, the section could use social networking platforms to distribute recordings of the ALL-SIS Alternative Programs presented during AALL annual meetings. By sharing information and ideas we can help our institutions prosper and our members succeed.

Next, ALL-SIS can design innovative ways to attract and mentor new librarians. Supporting the careers of emerging academic law librarians will bring fresh perspectives to the academic law library community.

Finally, the section can sponsor research and scholarship in our discipline. Through new grants or writing competitions ALL-SIS could help our members conduct and publish studies related to issues unique to academic law libraries.

It would be an honor to serve as Chair of the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section's Executive Board and help our members better educate students, promote scholarship, and excel in our initiatives.

Adeen Postar Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Candidate

Biography



Adeen Postar is the Deputy Director of the Pence Law Library at the Washington College of Law, American University. At American, she teaches Advanced Legal Research Techniques and frequently lectures to various groups of Washington College of Law

students on many subjects, including administrative law research, securities law, IP law, and other topics. She is the Associate Editor (with Frank Houdek) of Hein's *State Practice Materials, Annotated Bibliographies* and she is currently working on the chapter on Maryland law.

Adeen has served on several law school committees, including the Admissions Committee, the Student Services Working Group, and is a member of the Faculty Board for the *Administrative Law Review*. Her work at American includes library administration, reference, and she is currently chair of the Collection Development Committee. Prior to coming to American, she worked as the managing librarian of the Washington office of Blank Rome LLP (1998 - 2004), at the Williams Law Library at Georgetown University Law Center as the Coordinator of External Services (1985 - 1997), and as a reference librarian at the Law Library of Congress (1983 - 1985).

Adeen is active in AALL, as well as in LLSDC and SEAALL. Currently she is the incoming chair

of AALL's Research and Publications Committee and has been part of many AALL programs over the years both as coordinator and presenter. At LLSDC she is the current chair of the Mentoring Committee and at SEAALL she is a member of the Education Committee. Her recent service in ALL-SIS includes membership in the Faculty Services Committee and the Student Services Committee.

Adeen has a BA and a JD from Washington University and an MSLS from Catholic University. She is a member of the bar in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Virginia. Before becoming a librarian, she practiced law in Rhode Island and Virginia.

Personal Statement

This is a challenging time to be a law librarian. The ground is constantly shifting around us and for some, it may seem almost impossible to gain any traction. Helping our members gain traction, by which I mean knowledge and support and feedback, is what ALL-SIS is all about. It is a difficult time to be an academic law librarian. Many of our libraries are in dire financial straits. Many of our law students are facing great difficulties in finding legal jobs. Law school faculty face increased pressure to publish and teach. Many recent directorships that have been filled, have not been filled by our members. Tenure for directors is increasingly problematic. Let's not forget about the astounding technical changes in digitized information and how that impacts our collections and our teaching. All of this makes the 2nd decade of the 21st century a pivotal time in our profession. It would be a privilege and honor to help lead the members of ALL-SIS and find innovative solutions and approaches to some of these problems.

Lisa Smith-Butler

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Candidate

Biography



Law Library Employment

- *Associate Dean & Director & Associate Professor of Law, 2009 - Present*
Charleston School of Law, Sol Blatt Jr. Law Library, Charleston SC
- *Assistant Dean & Director, Law Library & Technology Center & Associate Professor of Law, 2004 - 2009*
Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, Law Library & Technology Center, Ft. Lauderdale FL
- *Associate Director, Law Library & Technology Center, 1998 - 2003*
Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center
- *Head of Public Services, 1995 - 1998*
Georgia State University, College of Law Library, Atlanta GA
- *Reference/Operations Librarian, 1993 - 1998*
Powell, Goldstein, Frazier & Murphy, Atlanta GA

Selected Publications

- Books
 - Law Librarianship in the 21st Century (Scarecrow Press 2007) (co-edited).

- Chapters in Books
 - *Administration, in Law Librarianship in the 21st Century* (Scarecrow Press 2007).
- Articles
 - *Workplace Privacy: We'll Be Watching You*, 35 Ohio N. L.Rev. 53 (2009).
 - *Cost Effective Legal Research Redux: How to Avoid Becoming the Accidental Tourist, Lost In Cyberspace*, 6 Fla. Coastal L.Rev. 101 (2008).
 - *Practicing Law Librarianship: Podcasting, Vodcasting, and Law Libraries: How to Understand the Newest "IT" Technology and Use It In Your Library*, AALL Spectrum, June 2006 (co-authored).

Selected Presentations

- *Marketing Your Library: Exploring New Technologies to Create Evolving Newsletters that Energize Your Patrons* (AALL, Portland, Ore., July 2008).
- *Future of Academic Law Libraries* (SEAALL/LLSDC, Alexandria, Va., Mar. 2008).
- *Workplace Privacy: We'll Be Watching You* (Stetson University Junior Faculty Forum, Gulfport, Fla., Nov. 2007).
- *Blogs: Technology Ethics and Trends* (AALL, St. Louis, Mo., July 2006).
- *Laptops in the Classroom* (CALI, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., June 2006).

Professional Organizations

- American Association of Law Libraries, 1992 -
 - Public Relations, 2009 -
 - Publications Committee 2001 - 2003

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Smith-Butler, Cont'd

- Special Committee, Principles of Licensing Agreements 2002 - 2004
- CONE (Council of Newsletter Editors) Co-Chair, 2007 - 2008
- Atlanta Association of Law Libraries, 1993 - 1998
 - Co-Chair of the Newsletter Committee, 1995 - 1997
- South Florida Association of Law Libraries, 1998 - 2009
 - Newsletter Editor, 1999 - 2001
 - Vice President/President Elect 2001 - 2002
 - President 2002 - 2003
 - Past President 2003 - 2004
 - Chair, Scholarship Committee, 2004 - Present
- Southeastern American Association of Law Libraries, 1995-
 - Newsletter Committee, 1996 - 1997; 2000 - 2002; Editor 2006 - 2008
 - Local Arrangements Committee, 2002
 - Secretary, COSELL, 2004 - 2006

State Bar of Georgia, Admitted 1987 (Inactive)
Nebraska State Bar Association, Admitted 1984 (Inactive)

Personal Statement

I am often asked whether I think there is a future for law librarians and law libraries. After all, I am told, “everything is now online.”

Many things are online which makes my job different. It often takes minutes now to accomplish what once took hours or even days. New technology has automated many library tasks, freeing me to pursue more service and

people oriented activities. Because I am in the information business, my days are full as I help faculty, students, and staff navigate their way through the information thicket. An image below, pulled from Google, captures the 21st Century library patron's dilemma.



As a 21st Century information professional and librarian, I help acquire, process, and organize information resources in various formats. I then assist patrons with retrieving this information in a cost effective and efficient manner. To alert patrons about our law library, I market the services we provide. We provide many services to many different patrons. So I answer, “Yes. I think there is a future for law libraries.” It is important to me to share and discuss this viewpoint with my colleagues.

Frances Brillantine Secretary/Treasurer Candidate

Biography



Frances Brillantine has served as Head of Access Services at the Catholic University of America Law Library since 2000. Ms.

Brillantine has chaired several committees at the

Law Library charged with conducting user surveys and has published on the topic of using surveys to improve service to students and faculty.

Frances is an active member of the Law Librarians' Society of Washington DC (LLSDC), having served as president, treasurer, board member, and currently as past president and chair of the membership committee. Frances is also active in ALL-SIS, having served on the Awards Committee in 2008 and the Middle Managers' Breakfast Meeting committee in 2007.

Frances received her B.A., with honors, from George Mason University and her M.S.L.S. from The Catholic University of America.

Frances' publications and presentations include:

- "Student Services in the 21st Century: Evolution and Innovation in Discovering Student Needs, Teaching Information Literacy, and Designing Library 2.0-Based Student Services." In *Public Services in Law Libraries: Evolution and Innovation in the 21st Century* (Binghamton: NY: Haworth Press, 2008).

- "Pressed for Space: Is Movable Compact Shelving the Solution?" 51 *Law Library Lights* 7 (2008).
- Co-presenter, *Beyond Volume Count: Exploring the Evolving Tools for Evaluating Library Quality* (American Association of Law Libraries Annual Conference, Portland, Ore., July 2008) (with Kumar Percy Jayasuriya and Kim Vassiliadis).

Personal Statement

ALL-SIS is a dynamic organization, made so by many dedicated and talented members. Over the years, I have benefited greatly from everything that ALL-SIS offers: excellent publications, conference programs, and the expertise of my fellow ALL-SIS members. I am honored to be considered for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. If elected, I hope to contribute to the excellent job ALL-SIS does in recruiting and supporting new academic law librarians.

Edward T. Hart

Secretary/Treasurer Candidate

Biography



As the Head of Technical Services for the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center at the University of Florida, Edward carries out the center's

collection development and teaches advanced legal research. He supervises the acquisitions and accession of resources to the collection, and works in partnership with the center's Cataloger to manage the department. Prior to moving to Florida in July 2005, he served for five years as the Acquisitions and Collection Management Librarian for the New England School of Law Library, Boston. During his ten years of library work, his roles have allowed him to understand and practice budget management and the need for providing good administrative support to an organization's leadership.

In Fall 2009, Edward had the great experience of teaching the first law library class offered in the library and information science program at Valdosta State University.

Edward earned his MSLIS from Simmons College, his JD from the New England School of Law, and his BA and MA in history from Valdosta State University.

A member of AALL since 2000, Edward maintains membership and participation in ALL-SIS, GD-SIS, and TS-SIS. Prior service to ALL-SIS includes membership on the SIS's Collection

Development and Continuing Education Committees. He was an active member in LLNE from 2000 - 2005, serving as Government Relations Committee Chair, 2003 - 2005. Currently, he is now a member of SEAALL and has served on that chapter's Membership Committee since 2006, including being chair 2007 - 2009.

Personal Statement

The need for academic law librarians for a forum such as ALL-SIS grows more important every day. At nearly every turn we are confronted with changes as the roles of libraries and librarians evolve to best serve the needs and wants of our users. This evolution occurs while most of us find ourselves ever more limited by a lack of financial resources. The ALL-SIS allows us to share our thoughts and efforts on these issues and build a true community that betters academic law librarianship. It takes a great deal of effort to make such a dynamic section run smoothly and this requires dedicated leadership.

I welcome the opportunity to serve our community as Secretary/Treasurer and to support the effective management of the section.

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General Information

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 800 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.

The ALL-SIS Discussion Group

The ALL-SIS discussion group, aka mailing list, is used for official ALL-SIS announcements, news from AALL, and discussion of topics of interest to our members. If you're a member of ALL-SIS, you should be automatically subscribed! To send a message to the list, address the message to all-sis@aallnet.org. Please direct any questions to the forum moderator at owner-all-sis@aallnet.org. For more information, see *ALL-SIS Discussion Group Instructions*, 23 ALL-SIS Newsletter 18 (Summer 2004), available at www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/newsletter/23_3/

Discussiongroup.htm.

ALL-SIS on the Web

ALL-SIS is on the web! Visit the ALL-SIS Home Page at www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/. Electronic versions of *The ALL-SIS Newsletter* are available on our website, as well as other vital information.

Newsletter Information & Deadlines for 2009 - 2010 Academic Year

Please submit all articles and announcements to the ALL-SIS Newsletter Editor. Are you working on any interesting special projects? Have you attended a meeting and learned something you want to share

with colleagues? Do you just want to rant and rave about some problems related to academic law librarianship? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please send your thoughts. Any format, printed, faxed, or e-mailed will do, but it would be easiest for Newsletter production if the article is sent either as an attached text or word processing file or as the body of an e-mail. The **deadlines** for this year's remaining issue is **May 19, 2010**. Thank you for your contributions and for your consideration.