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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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We have all heard the slogan, “Think globally, act locally.” The concept being that we should take good general principles and apply them in our lives and other areas over which we have some influence. When we think not to trash the planet, the act of recycling a single bottle may not seem like much but the cumulative effect of individual decisions is enormous.

Likewise, we law librarians should “Think professionally, act locally.” Whatever strengthens the profession strengthens our library program. On important example of this principle is in staffing decisions. As members of a professional organization we should think about taking

measures that strengthen the profession; increase opportunities, improve stature, and enhance salaries.

Decisions we make at our institutions on a daily basis can influence that profession at large. One small example is staffing the reference desk with a paraprofessional. While this may be a simple and generous act to the paraprofessional, it erodes professionalism. When hundreds or thousands of such decisions are made they cumulate to blur the lines between professional and paraprofessional, diminish the profession in the eyes of patrons, reduce professional opportunities, and erode salaries. When each of us takes action to strengthen the profession we are all benefited.

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This brings us to the wonderful field of candidates we have for ALL-SIS leadership positions. These are people who are giving time and effort to the cause of professionalism. In volunteering they are strengthening our profession by assuring the quality of future programs and meetings. They are benefiting their institutions by shaping trends that will form the law libraries of tomorrow. Please support them with your vote and by volunteering for committee work. We all win.

Leah Sandwell-Weiss

Vice Chair / Chair Elect Candidate

Biography



Leah Sandwell-Weiss has been Reference Librarian and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Legal Research in the Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library, James E. Rogers College of Law, The University

of Arizona since 2000. She teaches Introduction to Legal Research classes and specialty sections on military legal materials and legal research on the internet in Intermediate Legal Research. She has prepared numerous legal research guides for the library's website, including ones on Arizona residential landlord-tenant law, consumer protection, and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA). She also provides support to the College of Law by maintaining faculty webpages, maintaining and updating faculty publication information, including posting articles to SSRN, and posting news items on the College's website.

Leah has served on AALL's Government Relations Committee and Recruitment to Law Librarianship Committee, and as Co-Chair of the Council of Newsletter Editors. She has also served on several ALL-SIS committees, including as Chair, Continuing Status/Tenure Committee; Strategic Planning Committee; Website Committee, and as Chair of the ALL-SIS Newsletter Committee. She was the web editor of the ALL-SIS Newsletter from 2000 - 2004 and overall editor of the Newsletter from 2004 - 2010.

Through her involvement on the Government Relations Committee, she started speaking and writing on the USA PATRIOT Act. She won the AALL Spectrum Article of the Year, 2004 for "A Look at the USA PATRIOT Act Today: Recent Proposed Legislation to Affect Anti-Terrorism and Individual Rights", 8 *AALL Spectrum* 10 (July 2004). She won the award again the next year for "Putting Ideals Into Action: AALL Washington Affairs Office Is the Hub of Law Librarianship's Government Activity", 9 *AALL Spectrum* 12 (April 2005).

Leah has a B.A. and an M.A. in Library Science from the University of Missouri. She received her J.D. from the University of Arizona. Prior to becoming a law librarian, she served 20 years in the United States Air Force, the last 14 as a judge advocate. In January 2011, Leah was ordained a Deacon in The Episcopal Church, with a primary interest in community organizing and immigration reform. In 2010, Leah was the recipient of the Corazón de Justicia award from Coalicion de Derechos Humanos for faith-based work on immigration.

Personal Statement

A few years ago when I wrote an article about law librarians providing support to law college administrators and staff, I imagined a world where law librarians worked only in the law library: they ordered and processed books, answered reference questions from faculty and students, and, perhaps, did a little research of their own, rarely leaving the library confines. It's doubtful that law librarianship was ever so simple and quiet; if it was, it sure isn't now. Nor would most of us want it that way, as much as we might

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Faye E. Jones

Vice Chair / Chair Elect Candidate

Biography



Faye Jones is Director and Professor at the Florida State University College of Law Legal Research Center. Prior to moving to Florida State, Faye was the Director at the Uni-

versity of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law Library. Her other law library experience was earned as Associate Director at the University of California Hastings School of Law Library, Head of Public Services at the University of Puget Sound Law Library (now Seattle University), public services and technical services duties at the Nova Southeastern School of Law Library, and Serials Librarian at the Duke University Law Library. Faye also served as a Navy Judge Advocate General. As a JAG, Faye served as Commanding Officer of her reserve unit, and was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal. She retired as a Commander after 21 years of active and reserve duty.

For the past twelve years, she has taught Cyberlaw and advanced legal research courses. Faye has published bibliographies and works on the legal ramifications of Trust-Based Internet Accountability, spam law, web search engines, intranet design, legal research instruction, and a book chapter "Playing Nicely with Others: Managing Work Relations" in *Beyond the Books: People, Politics and Librarianship*. During her career, Faye has served in professional law library organizations including ALL-SIS, AALL, local AALL chapters, and the AALS Section on Law Libraries. In those organizations, she has focused on new initiatives and innovations. Currently, she is a member of the ALL-SIS Task Force on the US News and World Report

which is working to create recommendations for appropriate measurements and methodologies for law libraries in the USNWR rankings.

Personal Statement

ALL-SIS has a critical leadership role in promoting the interests of academic law libraries. As an organization, ALL-SIS helps attract, educate and mentor law librarians, presents innovative, worthwhile continuing education programs at AALL's Annual Meeting, and advocates for our interests in AALL and other forums. I believe my experience shows that I am a strong leader and team player who can make a substantial contribution to our SIS. I have served ALL-SIS in the past as newsletter editor and on the Program Selection Committee. Presently, I am on the ALL-SIS Task Force on the U.S. News and World Report Standards. I am eager to continue to be part of the work furthering the interests and issues important 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 to better educate new librarians, provide the highest quality programming, promote scholarship, and achieve our initiatives. Thank you.

Jim Kelly

Member at Large Candidate

Biography



Jim Kelly currently is Access Services Research Librarian and Lecturer-in-Law at the Alyne Queener Massey Law Library at Vanderbilt University. At Vanderbilt, he oversees many of the public services functions of the law library while performing reference duties. He also teaches legal research.

Prior to coming to Vanderbilt, he served as a Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor of Library Administration at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He has written for several library publications, including *AALL Spectrum* and *Law Library Journal*.

He is a member of several special interest sections with AALL, and has served on the Nominations, Membership, and Archives committees for ALL-SIS. He is also a member of SEAALL.

Jim earned his J.D. at the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville. He practiced law for several years before attending the University of Kentucky, where he earned his M.S.L.I.S. He maintains his membership in the Kentucky Bar Association.

Personal Statement

In my time as a law librarian, I have met many passionate professionals, dedicated to serving the needs of their different patrons. In these times of economic and technological upheaval, the challenge of being a law librarian and meeting

those needs has never been greater.

ALL-SIS is an important forum and community where academic law librarians come together and work out solutions to these challenges so they can continue to provide excellent service to their patrons. Learning from one another and continued collaboration will be vital to the future of academic law libraries.

I hope to contribute to an organization that provides opportunities for the overall betterment of the entire academic law community. It would be an honor and a pleasure to serve the section as a Member-at-Large.

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fantasize about a quieter life. Law librarians have come to recognize that our services had to evolve beyond the physical walls of the library and the research needs of law faculty and students. Now many of us teach law students, do empirical research for our faculty, review vendor contracts, manage IT for the college as well as the library, and deal with shrinking budgets.

Through ALL-SIS we can share information, provide support to each other, and develop new ways to provide support to our faculty and students. It would be an honor to lead ALL-SIS in this endeavor.

Debora Person

Member at Large Candidate

Biography



Debora Person is an Associate Law Librarian at George William Hopper Law Library at the University of Wyoming College of Law and a member of the College of Law faculty. At the law school since 1994, she has served as Circulation Manager and Head of Public Services. She is currently the

Head of Reference and Public and Technical Services and teaches a Fall semester legal research course to incoming law students. In the course of her employment at Wyoming she has served on many college committees, including Admissions, Academic Policies, and Academic Planning, and she was a member of the university's Budget Committee, Faculty Senate, and Faculty Senate Library Committee, where she served as chair. An active member of AALL, she has had the opportunity to sit on AALL's Research and Publications Committee and is an incoming member of CRIV. She is a past president and current member of WestPac and a long-time member of ALL-SIS where she has participated on several committees.

Debora has published on Wyoming legislative history and early Wyoming legal history. She was a contributing author to the award-winning, *Prestatehood Legal Materials: A Fifty-State Research Guide, Including New York City and the District of Columbia*, and co-authored articles on Wyoming initiatives and referenda and a CALI legal research lesson. She organized a law-

librarian authored column in the Wyoming State Bar Association journal, *Wyoming Lawyer*, and has contributed to a variety of newsletters and legal research publications for librarians and legal professionals. Most recently she is working on a project in conjunction with the State Department of Corrections and the State Library for correctional facility staff and inmate legal research instruction.

Personal Statement

I began my service in libraries long before the term "digital native" came into use, and I envy my colleagues for whom technology is intuitive. For me, technology is something that presents new challenges every day; learning new software, new gadgets, and new applications does not come naturally to me. But I know that I cannot afford the luxury of ignoring new technology. What I value about our profession, therefore, is that I am given the opportunity to work with these technologies, developing and refining my information literacy skills. I have developed web pages, written and published electronic course guides, participated in virtual reference assistance, authored a CALI lesson, presented submission software options to our college faculty, and facilitated their ExpressO and SSRN submissions. I have presented legal research internet instruction to paralegals, librarians, law students, attorneys, and judges. I have investigated social networking software and written about them for the benefit of beginners.

None of this makes me stand out from any other law librarian. Our profession calls on us to do these things. But it is my great good luck to work with professionals who are willing to share their knowledge and push me beyond my comfort area

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Theodore A. (Ted) Potter

Member at Large Candidate

Biography



Mr. Potter is currently the Head of Public Services at the University of Iowa College of Law Library. He spent fifteen years at the University of Toledo Law Library, first as Acquisitions/Serials librarian, and then as a Reference / Public Services librarian. In 1998, Ted moved to Milwaukee to

become the Associate Director of the Law Library at Marquette University, where he taught as an adjunct professor in the first-year and advanced legal research programs. He moved to his current position in 2005, where he participates in the first year legal research and writing program, and supervises reference, student computing support, circulation, interlibrary loan and looseleaf filing. His service to the profession includes AALL and regional association committee work, as well as serving as president of two law librarian associations (ORALL & LLAW), and stints on their executive boards. He currently serves on the ALL-SIS Faculty Services Committee.

Personal Statement

There are many issues that are of concern to us all: in what concrete ways will changes to the ABA Standards for the Approval of Law Schools affect the way libraries and librarians participate in the mission of the law school? How do the competencies of law librarians figure in the status of librarians, if at all? Is empirical research the wave of the day or is it the new norm, and how do we adapt our training and competencies? What role do institutional repositories play in the access to scholarship and has the student-edited law re-

view hit its zenith? How do we protect access to important content that is no longer subject to ownership, but must be repurchased after so many uses or a set time, like e-books? If these issues are of concern to you, I will work diligently to ask the difficult questions and listen carefully to your suggestions and solutions. Now, more than ever, we need your creativity and spirit of hard work and dedication to make our voices heard. I bring a breadth and depth of experience, across multiple libraries and from front-line looseleaf filing to middle management. It would be my privilege to serve you on the ALL-SIS executive board.

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working directly with patrons into the expansive growth areas of technology. I expect technology and the librarian's response to technology will be a main focus of our future, and because academic institutions have responded to the need with strong technology departments, I believe they will lead the way for the profession.

Not all law graduates will go to big cities and large law firms, though. Many will find work in small offices and rural environments. There will always be a need for voices from smaller institutions, and I feel I can represent the merger of modern technology with small institution and rural outreach. I ask for the privilege to learn more about ALL-SIS by serving on the Executive Board, giving me the future opportunity to learn and share with my students and my colleagues.

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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/

[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 2010 - 2011 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

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.

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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 **deadline** for this year's remaining issue is **May 20, 2011**. Thank you for your contributions and for your consideration.