



Message From the Chair...Marc Silverman

I have always found Minneapolis to be an extremely creative place, bustling with energy and a positive outlook. I think a lot of this rubbed off on the various programs and meetings that RIPS sponsored at the annual meeting. An incredible amount of work was accomplished, ideas were shared, future goals were set, and we had a lot of fun.

Before the conference, one of the things I was most concerned about was the revision of the RIPS Strategic Plan. The original plan had run its course and it was time to reevaluate our direction. A group of dedicated RIPS officers met at 7:30 one morning to begin the process. It's a tribute to past Chairs Kristin Gerdy and Kelly Browne that we were able to discard about two-thirds of the old plan due to the goals having been met. The new strategic plan appears on pp 8-9 of this newsletter. One issue that we were hoping to resolve in Minneapolis is still in limbo. The decision whether to make our newsletter available electronically has been put off until a report investigating this issue is released by the SIS Council.

RIPS committees are working on a variety of old and new projects. The Research Instruction Committee chaired by Sheri Lewis is working to add those few features to the Core Legal Research Competencies document that were recommended by the AALL Publications Committee. The Program Committee, headed up by D.R. Jones and Jessie Cranford, has submitted several interesting proposals for next year's conference. Gary Hill and the Patron Services Committee are working on drafting an ADA policy for AALL. RIPS members Jean Wenger and Gail Partin are currently working with

AALL's Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee to establish standards for Internet legal information sources. They will soon be asking for help from the RIPS membership to test criteria developed by the Committee in the evaluation of specific websites. There is work waiting in the wings for both the Nominations Committee and the Public Relations Committee but before these committees can begin they need some additional members. If you would like to volunteer a little of your time to help in these areas please contact our volunteer coordinator Rachel Jones at jonesr@dsmo.com.



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Research Instruction and Patron Services SIS Business Meeting Minutes Sunday, July 15, 2001, Minneapolis, MN

The 2001 Business Meeting of the AALL Research Instruction and Patron Services (RIPS) SIS was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by SIS Chair Kelly Browne (University of Connecticut School of Law Library).

The minutes from the 2000 Business Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, as published in the Fall 2000 issue of *RIPS Law Librarian*, were approved by voice vote.

Financial Report

Pamela Melton (Coleman Karesh Law Library, University of South Carolina), incoming Secretary/Treasurer, gave the financial report for Melissa Serfass (UALR/Pulaski County Law Library), who was unable to attend. As of 6/30/2001, the balance on hand in the treasury was \$2,238.60.

Annual Report to Membership

Kelly Browne, outgoing Chair, stated that this past year RIPS had focused on some of the initiatives from its 1999-2001 Strategic Plan.

Update and publish the Core Legal Research Competencies--Darcy Kirk and the Research Instruction Subcommittee submitted the Core Competencies to the AALL Publications Committee. After a review by the full committee, RIPS was invited to resubmit the proposal with some additional information, including a persuasive argument that the Core Competencies should be a part of the AALL/Hein Series. Members of the Research Instruction Committee are updating the Core Competencies and revising the publication proposal.

Increase participation by members from all types of libraries--Matthew Wright, chair of the Volunteerism Committee, compiled and analyzed the results of a survey of the entire membership. The results of the survey and Matthew's conclusions can be found in vol. 23 of the *RIPS Law Librarian* (Spring 2001).

Build Connections with SISs around areas of RIPS interest--RIPS has established liaison relationships with the Private Law Libraries SIS; Document Delivery Caucus; Professional Development Committee; State, Court and County SIS; Foreign, Comparative and International Law SIS; and Computer Services SIS.

Newsletter Task Force

The task force, co-chaired by Melissa Serfass and Gail Partin, was charged with investigating whether the newsletter should be published electronically and whether RIPS should accept advertising in the newsletter.

Strategic Plan

Incoming chair, Marc Silverman (University of Pittsburgh, Barco Law Library), has formed a new Strategic Planning Group, to evaluate the implementation plan for AALL's 2000-2005 Strategic Plan and build selective initiatives into RIPS' 2001-2003 Strategic Plan. One initiative that definitely will be included is working with the Access to Electronic Legal Information (AELIC) to establish standards of excellence for Internet Legal Information Resources.

Teach In

The Ninth Annual Legal Research Teach-In was a huge success. Gail Partin, Karen Brunner & Kristin Gerdy coordinated this event.

Programs

The RIPS Program Committee, chaired by D.R. Jones, submitted six program proposals to the AALL Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee for the 2001 AALL Meeting. Five of those proposals were accepted for presentation.

Introduction of New Officers and Board Members

Kelly Browne introduced the new officers and board members for 2001-02. They are **Marc Silverman**, Chair; **D.R. Jones** (Case Western Reserve University Law School Library), Vice Chair/Chair Elect; **Pamela Melton**, Secretary/Treasurer; **Deanna Barmakian** (Harvard Law School Library), Newsletter Editor; and **Suzanne Miner** (S.J. Quinney Law Library, University of Utah), Executive Board Member-at-Large. New committee chairs are **Gary Hill** (Howard H. Hunter Law Library, Brigham Young University); Patron Services and **Rachel Jones** (Dickstein, Shapiro, Morin & Oshinsky, LLP), Volunteerism; **Peggy McDermott** (U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit), Public Relations; **Melissa Serfass**, Web Page; **Sheri Lewis** (Mercer University Law Library), Research Instruction; **Jessie Cranford** (UALR/Pulaski County Law

Library) and **D.R. Jones**, Programs; and **Lee Ryan** (University of San Francisco Law Library), Nominations.

SIS Committee Reports

Public Relations and Recruitment Committee

Kelly Browne reported for Peggy McDermott, who was unable to attend. RIPS has 538 members, representing all 50 states. Kelly introduced our new members from Montana and Oklahoma. Our membership is 60% academic, 19% firm, 11% state, court, county & bar, 5% corporate and 5% unaffiliated.

Web Page Committee

Pam Melton thanked the volunteers who have helped with the web page this past year. She attended the first AALL webmasters workshop, which was extremely informative. She will pass on the information she learned to Melissa Serfass.

Research Instruction Committee

Darcy Kirk said that AALL was not convinced that the Core Competencies needed to be published. They believe having them on the web is enough. Hein was not interested in publishing them either. However, the committee will still do the introduction and table of contents that the AALL publication committee requested.

Patron Services Committee

Jessie Cranford's article, based on a RIPS survey of library policies and published in *Legal Research Quarterly*, has a huge amount of research on food and drink policies in libraries. She suggested linking it to the RIPS web page.

Nominations Committee

Joan Shear reported that the committee nominated six people to run for the open offices. She thanked all who agreed to run. The election for Member-At-Large was a tie and the run-off was decided by one vote. She reminded us that every vote counts. She mentioned that she had a hard time getting firm librarians to agree to run and thinks that they need to be more involved.

Program Committee

D.R. Jones reported that the RIPS Program Committee submitted six program proposals to the AALL Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee for the 2001 AALL Meeting. Five of those proposals were accepted for presentation. This year the AMPC is limiting SISs to six proposals, hoping that they will suggest only very strong programs. The Program Planner's Handbook is available on the AALL website. She will set-up a program planning

list-serv. She thanked all who participated last year and invited anyone interested in developing a program idea to a meeting of the Program Committee Tuesday morning at 7 a.m.

National Legal Research Teach-In

The Teach-In was a big success again this year. Gail Partin reported that 604 kits were mailed out. That number is up from last year. Lexis sent out 19,054 note pads, fewer than last year. Three PowerPoint presentations were posted on the website. She asked that we keep the Teach-In in mind if we are willing to share research guides or other materials. It is a good publishing opportunity.

Briefs in Law Librarianship Series

Bobbie Studwell (Thomas M. Cooley Law School), editor of the Briefs, presented tokens of appreciation from RIPS to the authors of three of the latest Briefs - Gary Hill, Patricia Cervenka and Chris Anglim. There are eight more briefs in the works.

New Business

Newsletter Task Force

Gail Partin, Melissa Serfass and Kelly Browne were the members of the newsletter task force. They did not get many responses to the survey about the newsletter and the results were inconclusive. Out of 75 respondents, 44 were in favor of publishing the newsletter electronically only, 25 were in favor of publishing electronically and in print, and 4 were in favor of publishing only in print. Since AALL also has a task force on newsletter issues, a decision was put off until the results of the AALL considerations are known. Deanna stated that she welcomed any content input from members.

RIPS Strategic Plan for 2001-2003

Marc Silverman stated that since the previous Strategic Plan was ending, we needed to review and come up with a new two year plan. AALL has a very ambitious strategic plan, which mentions that RIPS would be a good SIS to help do a lot of things. We do have two representatives on AELIC to review criteria for legal information websites. There are other committees that need RIPS representatives. Marc urged members to volunteer. He congratulated the leadership from the past several years, saying that several years ago RIPS could get no attention from the AALL Executive Board. His committee was to meet in Minneapolis to begin work.

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Liaisons

Kelly Browne announced the following RIPS liaisons to other SISs:

- SC&C-SIS: Coral Henning
- PDC: Darcy Kirk
- FCIL-SIS: Gail Partin
- PLL-SIS: Joanne Dugan
- Doc. Del. C.: Andrea Joseph
- CS-SIS: Susan Boland

Kelly Browne passed PURRON, the Penguin (our RIPS mascot) to Marc Silverman, marking his assumption of the chairmanship of the SIS. Marc presented Kelly with a Pittsburgh Penguin mug and a crystal clock in appreciation for her work as chair during the past year. Marc stated that the strategic plan is foremost in his mind now, setting goals and getting started on them.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. ❄️

Prepared by Secretary/Treasurer Pamela Melton.

RIPS Roundtables in Minneapolis

RIPS continued hosting the increasingly popular roundtable discussions at the AALL annual meeting in Minneapolis this year, giving law librarians an opportunity for brainstorming and problem solving.

Marc Silverman was the facilitator/discussion leader for the reference roundtable, which was very well attended, with at least 25-30 people taking part. Participants discussed electronic reference and using students to watch the desk at odd hours.

Darcy Kirk led the research instruction roundtable, Martha Clark led the circulation roundtable, and Jessie Cranford led the ILL roundtable. Participants at the ILL roundtable discussed vendor issues and the ever-popular topic of dealing with law review.

Submitted by Jessie Cranford.

**American Association of Law Libraries
Research Instructions & Patron Services Special Interest Section
Treasurer's Report 2000-2001**

Balance on hand 7-1-2000 3,640.55

Income 2000-2001

Dues	3,192.00
Royalties	193.65

Total Income 3,385.65

Expenses 2000-2001

Food & Beverages	1,461.78
Newsletter	1,733.72
Promotional Items	1,561.88
Signs	30.22

Total Expenses (4,787.60)

Balance on hand 6/30/2001 2,238.60

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Serfass
RIPS Treasurer, 2000-2001

RIPS Program Proposals for the 2002 Annual Meeting

by D.R. Jones

The RIPS Program Committee submitted six program proposals to the AALL Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee for the 2002 AALL Meeting in Orlando. The committee worked under tight time constraints to get the proposals ready for submission. Thank you to everyone who submitted programs and otherwise assisted in the program proposal process.

RIPS SIS submitted the following program proposals for the AALL 2002 Annual Meeting. At press time, we had not heard which programs were accepted. Please watch for announcements on the RIPS-SIS listserv. Please note that the titles and descriptions for accepted programs may change slightly in the final program for the Meeting. The programs are listed alphabetically by the name of the proposer.

Using Online Tutorials to Teach Legal Research

Submitted By: **Meg Collins**

This program will illustrate the development of a series of legal research tutorials for students at Georgetown University Law Center. The tutorials were developed through a cooperative effort of the Library and Legal Research and Writing (LR&W) faculty. They will be used in the 2001-2002 academic year as a supplement to classroom teaching of legal research skills. The tutorials are an answer to students' increasing reliance on the web as a research and learning tool. Both the LR&W faculty and the librarians wished to respond to the students' increasing expectation for immediate online access to information. The program will emphasize (i) collaboration with the LR&W faculty, and (ii) technological development of the tutorials.

Creating Better Connections: Access to Website Content for the Sight-Impaired

Submitted By: **Bill Draper**

How can the sight-impaired access your Web content? The program begins with a brief look at the obligations to accommodate access needs of sight-impaired patrons using library web sites. A husband and wife, each sight-impaired and technologically proficient, will demonstrate how various approaches to Web design impact the ability of the sight-impaired to access Internet information. You will get a practical list of DOs and DON'Ts for web

design. You will also hear a representative from a law school which has installed a special parsing program for the sight-impaired on its Web site.

Legal Oral History: Making Connections Through Time and Across Organizations

Submitted By: **Edward J. Greenlee**

Law libraries are now participating in the creation of legal history as they develop legal oral history programs. Focusing on interviews with alumni as well as with prominent faculty and members of the bar, bench and legislature, law librarians can take a significant role in establishing legal oral history programs at their own institutions. Librarians with on-going legal oral history programs will present the basics of doing oral history as well as detail the development and functioning of their programs and how these programs have been received by the parent institutions.

Detecting and Preventing Plagiarism

Submitted By: **Judy Kaul**

Plagiarism is a puzzle. Is it encouraged by the boilerplate style of legal writing? Can we identify a psychological profile? The speakers have identified plagiarized work or conducted extensive research on plagiarism. Giving lively experiential examples, they will guide participants through the puzzle of plagiarism, including identification signals and detection tips. What tools aid in detection? Familiar arsenals of research databases, search engines and CALR services aren't enough. The Internet's vast resources and term paper mills require more power, without resorting to a subscription to *The House of Cheats*. Speakers will demonstrate and compare some effective software plagiarism detection tools.

Practical Legal Research Exams: The Connection Between Theory and Practice

Submitted By: **Pamela Melton**

Many law students find legal research instruction abstract and confusing, often because they don't have any need to use those skills at the time they are taught. Legal research exams can make the connection between theory and

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practice. What are the obstacles to creating a practical exam? How can they be overcome? First, a 20 minute "reality-based" (think *Survivor*) video follows a librarian as she creates, schedules and administers a practical exam. Then the first panelist will discuss her institution's experience with practical legal research exams. Finally, the second panelist will discuss incorporating practical elements into standard legal research exams.

On-Line with Washington: A Panel Discussion About Public Participation in Federal Rulemaking

Submitted By: **Linda Tashbook**

After introducing the traditional process for commenting on proposed federal regulations, Barbara Brandon, a policy analyst with Information Renaissance, will demonstrate how the on-line forum functions and is facilitated. An Information Project Manager from EPA will discuss the agency's role in on-line forum development using the EPA's Summer 2000 on-line dialog as an example. The Law Librarian will discuss the comment maker's perspective, emphasizing the law librarian's involvement in advising federal agencies and coordinating comment participation by library patrons. Finally, the entire panel will analyze the effects of the on-line forum and ideas for librarian involvement in future on-line rulemaking. ❖❖

Briefs in Law Librarianship: Quick Update

Over the course of the past twelve months, eight Briefs surveys have been produced and distributed by RIPS authors. Response to the surveys has been good and many of the authors are now compiling results and/or finalizing documents.

Jessie Cranford is nearly finished with her document on Food & Drink Policies. **Cathy Cochran** is also nearly finished with her document on Electronic Reserves.

Other authors and titles of their surveys:

- D.R. Jones** - Web Site Development and Management,
- Sarah Hooke Lee** - Teaching Internet Legal Research,
- Vic Garces** - Collection Development,
- David Armond** - Document Delivery,
- Barbara Glennan** - Staff Training and Development, and
- Linda Tashbook** - Licensing Issues and Policies

If you are interested in authoring a Brief in Law Librarianship, please contact Bobbie Studwell, Associate Dean for Library and Information Services, The Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Phone: 517-371-5140 x3400, studwelr@cooley.edu. *Submitted by Bobbie Studwell.*

For a history of the Briefs in Law Librarianship series, see RIPS Law Librarian, Fall 2000, p. 11.

Nominations Sought: Public Access to Government Information Award

The Government Relations Committee is currently soliciting nominations for the 2002 **Public Access to Government Information (PAGI) Award**. Established in 1999, this award honors significant contributions by persons or organizations involved in the protection and promotion of greater public access to government information. Recipients need not be law librarians or members of AALL. Previous PAGI award winners have been the United States Government Printing Office in 1999 for its website, GPO Access, and the Library of Congress in 2000 in honor of its website, THOMAS.

Criteria for selection include:

1. A contribution that significantly improves public access to government information, thereby increasing the public's knowledge about the workings of government.
2. The extent to which the individual or organization has had a positive impact on protecting and promoting public access to governmental information.
3. The extent to which the effort advances the AALL mission and Government Relations Policy.

Though nominations are solicited annually, there is no requirement that the award be given every year. The award is jointly administered by the Government Relations and Awards Committees. All nominations are considered on an individual basis, with complete confidentiality, and according to the criteria listed above.

Nominations must be sent to the Chair of the Government Relations Committee, Anne Burnett University of Georgia Law Library, Law School, Herty Drive, Athens, GA 30602, email aburnett@arches.uga.edu, **no later than February 1, 2002.**

A Teach-In Retrospective — Tenth Anniversary Celebration! Call For Contributions

The Tenth Annual National Legal Research Teach-In will soon be upon us and we need YOUR contribution to make our Tenth Anniversary a special one. It is amazing, and nearly overwhelming, to see how dramatically legal research has changed over the past ten years. Yet our profession has remained at the forefront despite the confusion, often leading others along the path to innovation and change. If you are one of those “pathway guides” — even if only for one small part — consider sharing your solutions with law librarians around the country by contributing to the Teach-in Kit.

Sponsored by RIPS-SIS, the Teach-In gives law librarians the opportunity to share materials and ideas for legal research instruction. Each year the Teach-In committee creates a set of materials that can be used to design and advertise programs and events for our institutions. These materials are distributed several weeks prior to National Library Week (April 14-20, 2002) to anyone interested in legal research instruction. Over the past ten years Teach-In materials have been distributed to an increasing number of interested people in diverse institutions all over the world. In 1993, for the first Teach-In, resource kits were distributed to 315 locations and promotional items (posters & bookmarks) went to about 200 people. A new record has been set each year, culminating in 2001 when resource kits were sent to over 700 people and over 20,000 notepads were used for promotional purposes! From these brief figures it is easy to see that the Teach-In has become an integral part of the law librarian landscape.

Teach-in 2002 will focus on integrated legal research, as opposed to media-centered training (i.e. electronic v. print). It is time to revisit classic areas of legal research, this time using an integrated approach. If you have created instructional resources that have taken a new or unusual approach to the complex issues involved in choosing appropriate information sources, your colleagues would be eager to see what you have done and how you have done it! For suggestions of classic legal topics that could be revisited, see the RIPS Teach-In web page at http://www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis/teach_in.htm.

It is never too early to plan for success! Now is the time for YOU to become involved in the creation of these materials! Please take a few minutes to consider if you have research instruction materials (including teaching techniques, training scripts, lecture notes, outlines, handouts, exercises, lesson plans, user guides, pathfinders, research guides, or descriptions of past training events) that you could contribute. If you do or if you have comments or suggestions, please contact Kristin Gerdy or Gail Partin as soon as possible (but no later than December 31, 2001). Thanks for making our 10th anniversary Teach-In the best one yet!

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RIPS Members Invited to Join AELIC on Web-Based Legal Information Project

AALL President Barbara Bintliff has requested that members of RIPS assist the Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee (AELIC) with an item on the AALL Strategic Plan. The aim of the project is to establish standards of excellence for legal information on the internet.

Volunteers are needed from RIPS to join AELIC in drafting criteria to evaluate the reliability and usefulness of web-published judicial opinions, bills and statutes, and rules and regulations. The criteria will be applied to any type of site publishing these kinds of primary materials, court sites, bar association sites, corporate sites, etc.

For background on the project, and to see some of AELIC's recently developed criteria for evaluating government web sites, please visit <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/aelic/index.html>.

If you would like to volunteer for this project or find out more about it, please contact either **Gail A. Partin**, Associate Law Librarian, Dickinson School of Law Pennsylvania State University, 717- 240-5294, gap6@psu.edu, or **Jean M. Wenger**, Government Documents/Foreign & International Law Librarian, Cook County Law Library, 312-603-5131, jwlawlib@ameritech.net.

Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section Strategic Plan 2001-2003

Strategic Direction #1: Invigorate the Leadership and Member Involvement of RIPS

1. Increase participation in SIS activities by members who work in non-academic law libraries.
 - A. Build connections with other Special Interest Sections around areas of RIPS interest, such as establishing a research instruction liaison relationship with the Private Law Libraries SIS and consulting with the Computing Services SIS and the Technical Services SIS regarding publication opportunities in the Briefs in Law Librarianship series.
2. Provide outreach to new RIPS members.
 - A. Obtain regular lists of new members from AALL headquarters.
 - B. Send new members a welcoming packet of RIPS informational materials.
 - C. Survey mentoring possibilities through Connell.
3. Increase RIPS visibility within AALL.
 - A. Appoint a scholarship/grant review committee to investigate ways in which RIPS could provide a small grant or scholarship each year and to propose award criteria.
 - B. Create a checklist of publicity opportunities for the Public Relations Committee to follow throughout the year in order to promote SIS activities.
 - C. Encourage RIPS committees to communicate with similar committees in other special interest sections to share ideas and advocate needed initiatives to AALL headquarters.
4. Expand RIPS-sponsored events at the AALL annual meeting to possibly include Dutch-treat lunches or dinners and a RIPS-hosted table at the Monday luncheon.
 - A. Executive Committee members schedule and promote new events vigorously to all RIPS members.

Strategic Direction #2: Develop the Committee Structure of RIPS and Support for Committee Activities.

1. Review RIPS committee charges and rewrite them to provide more specific direction for committee activities.
2. Encourage RIPS members to join committees.

Strategic Direction #3: Establish Ongoing Support for Long-Term RIPS Activities

1. Publicize RIPS web page within AALL and to the larger community.

2. Ensure continuation of the Briefs in Law Librarianship Series by assisting the editor in recruiting authors, establishing liaisons (including SIS liaisons) to ensure surveys are completed, and providing other support if needed.
3. Provide support to help the teach-in committee promote and complete their annual event.

Strategic Direction #4: Examine primary communications tools for members.

1. Investigate new ways the SIS web page can function in RIPS activities.
 - A. Undertake a limited survey to come up with ideas.
 - B. Redesign the web page.
2. Examine the economic feasibility of producing the newsletter in electronic form and make a decision as to its publication form. Make a decision on whether to accept advertising.
3. Develop a new brochure for the SIS. ❏❏❏

Research Committee to Disburse \$13,000 in Research Grants

The AALL Research Committee is seeking nominees for the AALL/Aspen Law & Business Grant Program, which will award one or more research grants, totaling up to \$13,000.

The grant program funds research projects that create, disseminate, or use legal and law-related information. Projects may range from the historical (indexes, legislative histories, bibliographies, biographies, directories) to the theoretical (trends in cataloging, publishing or new service models in libraries) to the practical (implementation models for collection, personnel or infrastructure management).

The revised AALL Research Agenda is one source for project ideas. It is available at <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/research/agenda.asp>. The program is intended to not only promote research within the profession but to also remove obstacles to project completion caused by tight operating budgets. And so, the grants may be used for expenses such as research assistants, photocopying, data entry and research-related travel.

The AALL/Aspen Law & Business Grant Program was made possible with the generous \$50,000 contribution from Aspen Law & Business, a New York-based legal publisher, in 1996. About \$25,000 of the original

contribution funded two major AALL research projects in 1996 and 1997. The remaining funds will be used to sponsor research projects in 2001 and 2002. Aspen Law & Business considers its contribution as an investment in research that will provide a prospective look at the role of librarians, researchers and legal information providers and will yield results to which publishers can respond. Their goal is to sponsor research that will have a practical impact on law librarianship and inspire products and changes in the marketplace.

The AALL Research Committee will accept applications for the AALL/Aspen Law & Business Grant Program through Dec. 1. All applications will be considered. Grants will be awarded and announced by Jan. 1, 2002. The grant application and guidelines are available at http://www.aallnet.org/about/aspen_grant_application.asp.

Please contact any member of the committee with questions or if you would like to discuss a research idea or proposal. The committee members are: **Chair Kevin L. Butterfield**, Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; **Celeste Feather**, Univ. of Connecticut; **Kevin P. Gray**, Gonzaga Univ.; **Paul D. Healey**, Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; **Grace M. Mills**, independent; **H. Kumar Percy**, Univ. of Texas; and **Dorene S. Smith**, Ater Wynne, LLP.

Member News

Kristina Niedringhaus is now the Associate Law Librarian at Georgia State University College of Law. Previously she was the Senior Electronic Services Librarian at the University of Toledo College of Law.

Sarah Hooke Lee, formerly the Associate Dean for Library Services at Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco, has been selected as founding Director of the Law Library and Information technology for the new Florida International University College of Law in Miami.

David Selden, the director of the National Indian Law Library at the Native American Rights Fund in Boulder, Colorado, has been appointed to a three year term on the Colorado Council for Library Development (CCLD) (<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/cclid.htm>). The CCLD is the principal advisory body to the Colorado State Board of Education and the State Librarian. As stated in the bylaws: "The council is empowered to study, advise

and recommend action on issues pertaining to all types of libraries in Colorado. The Council considers aspects of problems brought before it, as well as those aspects which are of immediate concern to each Council member's interest area. The Council is responsible for monitoring the progress of the plan for library development and acts as the official advisory body for programs under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)." The committee consists of twenty-two members, including representatives from different types of libraries, the state librarian, and citizens. Mr. Selden was appointed to the Council to represent the needs of special libraries in the state of Colorado.

Edwin J. Greenlee, M.S., J.D., Ph.D., Acting Co-Director/Associate Director for Public Services at Biddle Law Library at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, presented a paper at the Law and Society Association International Conference in Budapest, Hungary, July 2001 entitled "Research Resources for the Law and Society Researcher: Accessing Primary and Secondary U.S. Legal Material Via the Internet."

Melissa Serfass, Electronic Resources and Reference Librarian, and **Jessie Cranford**, Circulation Librarian, at the University of Arkansas Little Rock/Pulaski County Law Library, published "Federal and State Court Rules Governing Publication and Citation of Opinions" this summer in 3 Journal of Appellate Practice and Process 251.

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Submissions from RIPS members are highly encouraged. Please send submissions as an email, an email attachment, or on disc to the editor:

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<https://www2.security-one.com:2001/home/aallsecu/sis_application.html>. (no space in URL)

Upcoming RIPS and AALL Deadlines

Apply for an AALL/Aspen Grant 12-1-01
http://www.aallnet.org/about/aspen_grant_application.asp

Volunteer for an AALL Committee 12-3-01
http://www.aallnet.org/committee/volunteer_form.asp

Submit Items for RIPS Teach In 12-31-01
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RIPS Law Librarian Submissions 2-1-02
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