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## Message From the Chair...Kelly Browne

By the time you read this it will be March, but here now, as I am writing, it is Groundhog Day. Groundhog Day is one of my favorite holidays because they usually run the movie of the same name on TV—you know, the one with Bill Murray where he plays a sarcastic, jaded weather man reluctantly sent to cover the “Punxsutawney Phil” story for the enth year in a row. He does not bother to hide his frustration—he acts like a jerk and is mean to everyone. Upon awaking the next day, however, he discovers that it is Groundhog Day again and he is still in Punxsutawney. And so he is the next day, and the day after that. At first he is disgusted. Then he tries to use the circumstances to his advantage; for example, he innocently gleans personal information about his female producer, played by Andie MacDowell, on one day so that he can pretend to be her ideal man and seduce her the next. This, of course, does not work and he gets terribly depressed. Even risking his life and gorging on food is no fun because no matter what he does, he will wake up as if nothing had happened. He is doomed to spend the rest of eternity in the same place, seeing the same people do the same thing every day.

But then Bill realizes that reliving the same day over and over again is really an *opportunity*. He begins to read, take piano lessons and learns to ice sculpt. He starts to help people: he knows a boy will fall from a tree at the same exact time every day and so is there to catch him so that the boy does not break his neck. He knows that a man will choke on his meal every evening, so he is always at a nearby table in the restaurant to save him. When he really changes, Andie MacDowell falls in love with him and the world starts turning again—time reverts back to normal.

So what does this have to do with RIPS? Well, I’ve

always thought there were basically two kinds of people in the world: people who like the movie *Groundhog Day*, and people who don’t. I’ve never met anyone who was ambivalent. But anyway, people who like the movie are generally positive and upbeat—they think it would be neat to be stuck in a Groundhog Day-like time loop. Just think of the incredible things they could accomplish! And that is the way most RIPS members, at least the ones I’ve talked to about it, think.

So let’s review the progress (made without the aid of endless time and knowledge of the exact consequences of every action) we’ve made so far this year:

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1) *Volunteerism Committee Survey*

With over 11% of the membership responding, Matt Wright and his committee are busily reviewing the surveys and analyzing the results.

2) *Building Connections with SISs and other groups around areas of RIPS interest.*

We have established a Research Instruction Liaison Relationship with the Private Law Libraries SIS. Joanne Dugan, who is a member of both SISs, has agreed to help us increase participation in SIS activities by members who work in non-academic law libraries.

We also have established a Liaison Relationship with the Document Delivery Caucus—Andrea Joseph from the University of Connecticut has agreed to fill this role and attend both the Document Delivery Caucus Meeting and our own ILL Roundtable.

3) *Research Instruction Core Competencies*

Several people responded to the call for volunteers to help update the Core Legal Research Competencies document. We plan to divide up the work soon and hope to begin editing shortly.

4) *New Strategic Planning Group Forming*

Since our first Strategic Plan was for 1999-2001 Marc Silverman has agreed to form a new Strategic Planning Group that will meet for the first time in Minneapolis. If you are interested in this endeavor, please contact Marc. Marc is also revising the RIPS Procedures Manual.

5) *Establishing Standards of Excellence for Internet Legal Information Sources*

AALL President-Elect Barbara Bintliff has asked RIPS to work with the Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee (AELIC) to help fulfill an initiative in AALL's Strategic Plan to establish standards of excellence for Internet Legal Information Resources. AELIC Chair Cheryl Nyberg and I have come up with a preliminary plan in which AELIC will design evaluation criteria and a scoring system and interested RIPS members can "test the test" and then evaluate sites of their own choosing. If you are interested in participating in this exciting project please let me know.

6) *Nominations Committee*

The Nominations Committee has worked very hard to bring you an excellent slate of candidates and a ballot that is easy to understand. Please let your vote be counted!

7) *Ninth Annual National Legal Research Teach-In*

Don't forget about the Teach-In when making plans for National Library Week, which is the first week of April this year. Kristin Gerdy has been collecting training tools and this year should be our best ever!

Finally, it is hard to believe, but plans are already underway for the Annual Meeting in Minneapolis—I just ordered the refreshments for our business meeting, which will be Sunday July 15 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., right before the Opening Reception. I look forward to seeing you all there. 🌸

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## AALS 2001, or What happens at an American Association of Law Schools annual meeting? by *Filippa Marullo Anzalone*, Acting Dean of Libraries, Northeastern University, Director of Information/Research Services & Associate Professor of Law, Northeastern University School of Law

Every year, right after the winter holidays, law professors, law librarians, and law school administrators head off for the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools. This year the meeting was held in San Francisco from January 3-6 and the meeting's theme was "Pursuing Equal Justice: Law Schools and the Provision of Legal Services".

You may be interested to know that law librarians are quite active and visible at AALS meetings. I thought that I would share some of the highlights of the meeting for law librarians who decide to sit this meeting out. Who knows—next year you may choose to attend (and the meeting is in New Orleans in January 2002...).

The AALS Committee on Libraries and Technology sponsored one of the first programs in the AALS annual meeting program book, actually it was *the* first program listed. Joan Howland, Chair of the Libraries and Technology Committee, moderated a three hour panel on technology based education entitled, *Distance Education in Law School: Rhetoric vs. Reality; Passion vs. Practicality*. Speakers included Bill Boyd, Bill Graves, Richard Matasar, and John Sebert.

As with any conference, there are lots of really interesting concurrent programs going on, so many that it is sometimes difficult to decide which programs to attend. For example, concurrent with the *Distance Education in Law Schools* program were: *Establishing Pro Bono Programs for Students and Faculty at Law Schools; Socio-Economics and other Schools of Thought; Litigators in a Legal System Without Trails; The Role of the Academy in Improving Family law Practice; Strengthening the Judiciary: Judicial Independence and the Role of Law Schools in the Western Hemisphere; Intersecting Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation: Theoretical and Activists Perspectives; Making the Right Connections: Developing Contacts for International Legal Exchange; Social Norms in Religious Communities; and finally; "Stereotype Threat" and its Implications for Legal Education.*

With such an embarrassment of riches, what's an

attendee to do? Needless to say, audiotapes of the various sessions are a necessity.

There is certainly something for everyone involved in legal education at the annual AALS meeting, and the rich array of programs went on for the duration of the conference. One of my own personal highlights was the AALS Luncheon (no, it wasn't the food). John J. Sweeney, AFL-CIO President, was the guest speaker. I found his speech rousing. His message, that equal access to justice is a fundamental right that should be provided by government, was fitting for the meeting's theme and inspired me, especially in light of the next four years. AALS President Elliott Milstein chose well.

In addition to its annual breakfast and business meeting, the AALS Section on Law Libraries presented a workshop for new directors, entitled, *New Directors Workshop: The Ins and Outs of the Law Library*. Betsy Mckenzie, Sally Wise, Janis Johnston, and Carol Roehrenbeck all took part. Janis Johnston's tips about technical services are worth the price of the session's audiotape. And, not to be missed was the Academy-award winning quality of Betsy's tackle of "Law School Dean" Sally Wise, in a skit about how to work with your dean. Too bad the the tapes aren't DVD.

Some other notable programs (i.e. get the tape) were *What is Authority*, moderated by Daniel Barrett and featuring Bob Berring, the Honorable Margaret McKeown, and Fred Schauer. This was a particularly illuminating and thought provoking panel on changing conceptions of authority, particularly in light of the recent 8<sup>th</sup> circuit *Anastoff* decision and the Supreme Court's reliance on a newspaper reporter "expert" in *Bush v. Gore*.

Although I did not attend the session, *How the Study of the Mind Changes Our Understanding of Law and Life*, I was sure to order the tape. Folks were buzzing about this session (including Jim Milles) that was moderated by Gary Minda and included panelists Peter Gabel, Mark Johnson, Lawrence Joseph, Patricia Williams, and

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*AALS annual meeting...Continued.*

Steven Winter. Professor Winter's forthcoming book, *A Clearing in the Forest* (University of Chicago Press, 2001) is supposedly a hot new item on cognitive science's implications for law and legal theory.

Two other non-library sessions that I enjoyed were, *Developing Strategies and Programs for Maximum Bar Performance: The Ultimate Team Challenge*, sponsored by the Section on Academic Support, and *A Humanizing Dimension for Legal Education: Promoting Health and Satisfaction in Law Students*, a joint program of the Sections on Clinical Legal Education, Law and Mental Disability, and Law and Religion.

Lest you should be dissuaded, AALS isn't all work and no play. The Opening Reception was held at San Francisco City Hall. Additionally, most law schools have evening cocktail hours, publishers and vendors provide snacks, have cocktail hours, and hold ice cream socials. The conference ended with the AALS evening extravaganza featuring *Pride and Joy*, a Bay Area band.

The best part of the conference is the boost it gives winter weary professionals. I like the AALS annual meeting because I get to charge my batteries and see what some of the important issues in legal education are outside of the law library walls. ❁

### RIPS/AALL Deadlines

March 1, 2001	<b>AALL Lexis Publishing Call for Papers Submissions due</b> < <a href="http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp">http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp</a> >
March 2, 2001	<b>Applications due for Grants from the AALL Research Fund</b> One or more grants of up to 10,000 dollars are available to those performing research relating to law librarianship. < <a href="http://www.aallnet.org/about/research_fund.asp">http://www.aallnet.org/about/research_fund.asp</a> >
March 3, 2001	<b>Deadline to order RIPS Teach-In Kits for arrival by National Library Week</b> Orders accepted through March 31. Email Gail Partin with questions, gap6@psu.edu. <i>For ordering information, please see item on page 16.</i>
April 1, 2001	<b>Applications due for George A. Strait Minority Stipend</b> Available to members of a minority group enrolled in library or law school. < <a href="http://www.aallnet.org/service/scholarships.asp">http://www.aallnet.org/service/scholarships.asp</a> >
April 1, 2001	<b>Applications due for Grants to Attend Annual Meeting</b> < <a href="http://www.aallnet.org/services/grant_application.asp">http://www.aallnet.org/services/grant_application.asp</a> >
April 1, 2001	<b>Applications due for AALL Educational Scholarships</b> Available to those pursuing: an MLS if they have a JD; a JD if they have an MLS, an MLS if they have significant law library experience, a non-law degree related to law librarianship if they have an MLS; and continuing education courses if they're a law librarian. < <a href="http://www.aallnet.org/services/sch_edu.asp">http://www.aallnet.org/services/sch_edu.asp</a> >
April 16, 2001	<b>Applications due for Ellen Schaffer Foreign Librarian's Grant</b> Available to foreign librarians who will attend the Annual Meeting. < <a href="http://www.lawsch.uga.edu/fcil/fcil.html">http://www.lawsch.uga.edu/fcil/fcil.html</a> >

## Reference in the 21st Century: The Internet Librarian 2000 Conference Provides a Glimpse by Erin Murphy, Reference Librarian, University of California Davis, School of Law

It's hard to believe the Internet Librarian Conference is in its fourth year. I still remember the first one in 1997 where much of the talk focused on search engines and how they work. In 2000, the few programs on search engines concentrated on their limitations and how to get around them. Instead much of the conference centered on intranets, favorite sites and tips to mine the "invisible web", and moving the digital library beyond the digitized collection. It's clear we are becoming savvier.

Although the conference is divided into "tracks", most of the 1600 attendees seemed to break free from this organizational tool (which may reflect the variety of responsibilities that come under the title "Librarian"). For a full look at the conference's offerings and a chance to view actual presentations, visit Information Today's web site <[www.infotoday.com/il2000/default.htm](http://www.infotoday.com/il2000/default.htm)>. In this article, I want to focus on what seems to be the latest offering in patron services: live reference service over the web.

Several librarians remarked during their presentation that the number of questions received "live" at the Reference Desk has declined in recent years. Most of this is due to the increasing amount of informa-

tion available electronically (and the accompanying belief by many that ALL information is available electronically if they just look hard enough). In an effort to provide service to those library users who prefer not to come in to the library, many libraries in recent years started offering reference service via e-mail. While there may be a certain type of question that lends itself to this medium, both parties to the transaction often leave less than satisfied. The patron isn't quite sure if there is actually someone who is answering the e-mails and whether the answer will occur in an acceptable time frame while the librarian is frequently faced with a reference request which only engenders more questions resulting in several back-and-forth, time-consuming messages. There has to be a better way.

The last day of the Conference included presentations by a public librarian from Denmark and an academic librarian from Florida that suggested a solution: why can't libraries follow the model of Lands End and offer the ability to "chat" with a librarian right when a patron has a reference need? The presenters showed that the software is out there to allow for both chatting and the ability to "push" web pages back and forth. My mind was envisioning the possibilities: finally being able to *really* help students right when they're doing their Lexis and Westlaw searches in the labs that are 2 floors away, assisting a faculty member who's working at home, walking an undergrad through the Thomas site, maybe eventually offering similar services to members of the local bar by having an "ask a librarian" button on their web site. If you can get help buying a sweater, why not assistance finding an international treaty?

Back to work and back to reality. It appears our students are not allowed to "chat" using the law schools' computers so that is a hurdle that must be overcome (and will be I'm sure, with the cooperation of our great IT department). I have been able to try out some web reference software with my fellow librarians since many California libraries are included in a pilot project made possible with Federal LSTA funding in cooperation with the California State Library. Although we have had some glitches "pushing"

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### Annual Meeting/Workshop Grants Available

The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to law librarians or library school students who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession. Funds are provided by vendors, AALL, and AALL individual members. Grants cover registration costs at either the Annual Meeting or Workshops. An applicant must be either a member or student member of AALL or one of its chapters. Preference is given to newer, active members of AALL or of its chapters.

The complete application, qualifications and instructions can be found at:  
[http://www.aallnet.org/services/grant\\_application.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/services/grant_application.asp)

The Grants Committee Chair must receive the applications by April 1, 2001. ❁

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Lexis and Westlaw pages, it is very exciting to actually work with the application. Many other libraries across the nation are already going “live” although I don’t see any law school libraries listed. Marcie Bierlein from Widener Law School recently e-mailed the Digital Reference listserv asking for any insight as to why law school libraries don’t seem to be jumping on such a service as much as business school libraries (her previous “occupational home”). Except for the innate “do it the way we’ve always done it” atmosphere that pervades all aspects of law school education, I’m not sure I have an answer. If you do want to investigate the subject more, check out [pages.prodigy.net/tab01/webcall.htm](http://pages.prodigy.net/tab01/webcall.htm) for links to libraries offering the service and information on the various software programs that are available. There is also a “live reference” discussion group at [groups.yahoo.com/group/livereference](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/livereference).

The Internet Librarian conference reinforced the point that the digital library is not just a collection of digitized information. If it is going to truly be a “library”, it must also include reference service to help users access the information. Web reference software looks like it may help us reach this goal. ✿

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## **AALL Nominations Committee Seeks Candidates for AALL Board**

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The AALL Nominations Committee is in the process of identifying possible candidates for the 2001 Executive Board election. Candidates are needed for the offices of Vice President/President-Elect, Secretary, and two Executive Board members.

The Nominations Committee is charged with presenting, to the best of its ability, a slate of candidates reflecting the diversity of AALL’s membership. The membership of the Executive board must maintain a balance of library type, geographic location, gender, and minority representation.

How is this accomplished? Members of the Nominations Committee review lists of AALL members who have served in leadership positions and compile a master list of possible candidates. In addition, the committee solicits input from SIS Chairs and AALL Chapter Presidents, law-lib, and AALL membership listservs. News items, such as this one, seek to include individual members of the Association in the process.

The Nominations Committee considers a master list culled from all of these sources. Each individual on the list is contacted to determine his or her willingness to serve. Those willing to be considered are included in a shorter list of potential candidates that is again reviewed by the committee, which matches individual names with available offices, keeping in mind the committee’s charge to balance the slate. Each individual on this abbreviated list is called a second time to determine his or her willingness to serve as a candidate for a specific

office. From responses to this round of calls, a slate is prepared at the Annual Meeting.

Be a part of the process of selecting AALL leadership for the future. All AALL members are strongly encouraged to submit names to be considered for AALL office by writing any member of the Nominations Committee or AALL Headquarters by **April 23, 2001**.

### **2001 AALL Nominations Committee**

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## What is UCITA and Why Should RIPS Members Care?

by **Betsy McKenzie**, Director, Suffolk University Law Library

UCITA (Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act) is a uniform state law, designed by the National Commissioners on Uniform State Laws to be passed by all 50 states and the District of Columbia. These are the folks who bring us that terrific tool, *Uniform Laws Annotated*. In this case, however, they are not library-friendly! The ALA, ARL, AALL, SLA and Medical Library Association have all come out against the proposed law, and recently held a teleconference about it. The conference was essentially a call to action for librarians of all types.

You can read about UCITA at <http://www.law.upenn.edu/bll/ulc/ucita/citam99.htm>. There is a very large and useful website at ALA, with links to most others at <http://www.ala.org/washoff/ucita.html>. (*Ed. note. No spaces in URLs.*)

Why should RIPS members care about this law? It will seriously affect our patrons and our ability to get the information they need! The law specifically validates shrink-wrap and click-through licenses, regardless of what your state law otherwise holds about such “contracts of adhesion” where there is no real agreement between the parties. UCITA will also restrict the “fair use” rights libraries and our patrons have enjoyed under the federal copyright law. We will not be able to lend or ILL materials on CD-ROM, disks or Web subscriptions, regardless of how we handled them when we bought them in paper. It only affects electronic material, but that is more of our collections every day!

Under UCITA, we also will not have the right to go into the disk and modify the config file to make the

CD work on our networks. The provisions even deprive consumers of existing remedies for software problems even if the vendor knows about them. Worst of all, it will make broader and more stark the “digital divide” between the haves and the have nots of the world! Information will cost more in a post-UCITA world, and libraries in poor communities will not be able to afford as much, borrow as much, or have the leverage of the wealthier communities!

UCITA WILL come to your state! UCITA has already passed in Virginia and Maryland. Serious efforts were made to pass it in Delaware, and other states are targeted. See the map at the ALA site mentioned above to see how close it is in your state.

The teleconference stressed that we need to educate our bench, our bar and our legislators about the problems with UCITA. We must try to get the word out before UCITA backers set their minds. They tend to argue that UCITA will make your state “e-commerce friendly.” There is actually a great deal of doubt about that, or the claims that the bill will make a predictable, uniform body of law across the country.

What can RIPS members do? Be prepared to work with your public libraries and other local library associations. Educate yourself about the issues. Read the text! Join or start committees that will work to educate the judges, lawyers and legislators in your state. UCITA will seriously compromise the ability of our patrons to get the information they need. RIPS should care about the law!

### Apply for the George A. Strait Minority Stipend

The stipend is awarded to degree candidates in accredited library or law schools who have law library experience and are members of a minority group as defined by current U.S. government guidelines. West Group has pledged financial support for the stipend. Application forms are available at <http://www.aallnet.org/services/scholarships.asp>. The application deadline is April 1, 2001.

### Keep up with Annual Meeting Announcements! Join the AALL Annual Meeting Listserv.

This listserv is for coordinators, speakers, Annual Meeting Program Committee liaisons, and all other interested AALL members. Program Coordinators can use this listserv to ask questions of interest to all program planners for Minneapolis. To subscribe, go to <http://aallnet.org/mailman/listinfo/am2001>.

## RIPS Elections 2001-2002

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### Report of the Nominations Committee

Once again RIPS has shown itself to be an SIS of talented, capable members willing to move into new leadership roles. In keeping with our charge to seek potential candidates representative of the diverse employment and background of the membership, our nominees work in academia and the the law firm environment. The nominating committee's biggest regret is that we have given you so many difficult choices between so many very qualified candidates.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the following candidates for office:

**For Vice Chair/Chair Elect:**

Gary Hill, Brigham Young University, Howard W. Hunter Law Library  
D.R. Jones, Case Western Reserve University, Law School Library

**For Secretary/Treasurer:**

Peggy McDermott, St. Louis University Law Library  
Pamela Melton, University of South Carolina, Coleman Karesh Law Library

**For Member-At-Large of the Executive Committee:**

Rachel Jones, Dickstein Shapiro Morin & Oshinsky LLP  
Suzanne Miner, University of Utah, S.J. Quinney Law Library

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Shear, Darcy Kirk, and Kory Staheli

RIPS-SIS 2000 - 2001 Nominating Committee ❁

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### Meet the Candidates...

<b>Gary Hill, Candidate for Vice Chair/Chair Elect</b>
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#### Education

B.A.	Brigham Young University
J.D.	Cumberland School of Law, Samford University
M.L.L.	University of Denver

#### Employment

1990-present	Deputy law librarian, Howard W. Hunter Law Library, Brigham Young University
1985-1990	Public Services Librarian, Brigham Young University Law Library
1984-1985	Reference librarian, Brigham Young University Law Library
1981-1984	Lawyer-Librarian, University of Texas at Austin
1977-1980	Private practice of law

#### Statement

Since I was asked about running for this position, I have reflected on how much I have learned from presentations, discussions, and teach in material sponsored by the Research Instruction and Patron Services SIS. These activities have helped me to become a better employee and, more importantly, a better person. I owe much to the members of this SIS. If elected, I would strive to give something back to an SIS membership that has given so much to me over the years.

## D.R. Jones, Candidate for Vice Chair/Chair Elect

### Education

1979	B.A., summa cum laude, Mercer University
1982	J.D., cum laude, Mercer University School of Law
1991	Master of Librarianship, University of Washington

### Employment

1998-	Case Western Reserve University Law Library Associate Director for Public Services (June 1999-Present) Head of Public Services (June 1998-June 1999) Adjunct Instructor of Law (1998-Present)
1996-1998	University of San Diego School of Law Lawyering Skills I Instructor
1991-1996	Paul L. Boley Law Library, Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College Assistant Director for Reference Services (1994-1996) Assistant Librarian for Reference Services (1993-1994) Reference Librarian (1991-1993) Adjunct Professor of Law (1992-1996)
1986-1989	Trotter, Smith & Jacobs, Atlanta, Georgia Attorney
1982-1986	Kilpatrick & Cody, Atlanta, Georgia Attorney

### Courses Taught

1996-1998	University of San Diego School of Law Lawyering Skills I (First Year Research, Writing, Analysis and Oral Advocacy) Legal Analysis (Summer 1997)
1995-1996	Lewis & Clark College, Graduate School of Public Administration Information Research Skills
1992-1996	Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College Advanced Legal Research

### Professional Activities and Service

#### American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)

Member, 1990 -

Awards Committee, 1995 - 1997

Chair - Awards Committee, 1996 - 1997

Member, Research Instruction and Patron Services SIS (and former Reader Services SIS and Research Instruction Caucus)

Program Committee, 1998-1999

Program Committee Chair, 1999-2000; 2000-2001

Member, Computer Services SIS

Member, Academic Law Libraries SIS

#### Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries (ORALL)

Member, 1998 -

#### OhioLINK

Member, User Services Committee, 1999-

Chair, OhioLINK USC Web Subcommittee, 2000- (responsible for the redesign of the consortium website)

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Western-Pacific Chapter of AALL (WestPac)  
President, July 1997- October 1998  
Vice President/President-Elect, 1996-1997  
Local Arrangements Committee, 1993 Annual Meeting  
State Bar of Georgia  
Member, 1982-  
*The Atlanta Lawyer*, publication of the Atlanta Bar Association  
Managing Editor and Member of the Editorial Board (1989-1990)

### Publications

SURVEY ON WEB DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT (Briefs in Law Librarianship Series) (in production)  
Co-author, *Introductory Guide to Researching Foreign Law Using English Language Materials in the Marian Gould Gallagher Law Library*, published by West Publishing Corporation as part of the 1994 Legal Research Teaching In International Law Training Kit  
*Lost Legacies of Thoreau and Pinchot: A Review of Bob Pepperman Taylor's Our Limits Transgressed: Environmental Political Thought in America*, 23 *Environmental Law* 1027 (1993)  
*Book Reviews*, 85 *Law Library Journal* 119, 121 (1993)  
*A Glimpse at an International Exchange Program and Changing Conditions in Europe*, 36 *Atlanta Lawyer* 22 (1990)  
Coauthor, *Business Associations, Annual Survey of Georgia Law*, 40 *Mercer Law Review* 61 (1988)  
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Note, *Multiple Listing Services and the Sherman Act: Fifth Circuit Applies "Facial" Rule of Reason Analysis*, 32 *Mercer Law Review* 1295 (1981)

### Presentations and Programs

Panelist and Speaker, "Developing Legal Research Problems and Assignments that Work," presented at the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, July 2000  
Coordinator/Moderator, "Electronic Course Reserves: At the Crossroads of Document Access and Technology," presented at the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., July 1999  
Legal Writing Institute Conference, June 1998  
Speaker - "Integrating Computer Assisted Legal Research and Manual Legal Research"  
WestPac 1997 Annual Meeting  
Coordinated and planned all programs ("Privacy in the Digital Age," "Copyright in the Digital Age" and "California Research and Resources")  
Speaker/Moderator - "Privacy in the Digital Age" and "Copyright in the Digital Age"  
Speech/Presentation - "Ghost Cases: Depublication and Other Issues in Researching California Case Law"  
Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL), Twenty-Fifth Annual Winter Institute (1997)  
Speaker: "Teaching Legal Research in Law Schools"  
AALL Basic Reference Institute, July 1994  
Demonstration/Presentation on Internet and FirstSearch use  
WESTPAC 1994 Annual Meeting  
Discussion Leader  
WESTPAC 1993 Annual Meeting  
Program Organizer: "Legal Research Instruction - Ideas for Action"  
Program Speaker: "Legal Research Instruction - Ideas for Action, Seizing the Teachable Moment"

### Statement

During my service the past two years as RIPS Program Committee Chair, I have seen the work of our creative and dedicated members manifested in programs that have not only been accepted, but have been well-attended. As Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, I pledge my time and efforts to continuing the many fine activities that RIPS sponsors, including the development of strong programs. In addition, I would also like to advance initiatives concerning the RIPS website, as identified in the RIPS-SIS Strategic Plan. In our activities, programs and initiatives, I would like to coordinate with other SISs and build on our common interests and talents.

## Peggy McDermott, Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer

### Education

B.A. Barat College, Lake Forest, Illinois  
 M.S.L.S. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
 J.D. Washington University in St. Louis

### Law Library Employment

1996- Saint Louis University Law Library  
 Head of Public Services and Assistant Professor of Legal Research  
 1981-1996 Washington University Law Library  
 Reference Librarian

### Courses Taught

Saint Louis University School of Law  
 Legal Aspects of Health Services Management - Spring 2000  
 (Delivered a series of lectures on legal research to Ph.D. students in the Health Care Ethics Program.)  
 Washington University, University College  
 Taught both Basic and Advanced Reference Courses

### Professional Activities

#### American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)

Chair, Public Relations Committee of the Research Instruction and Patron Services SIS, 1998- Current.  
*Contu II and the Information Superhighway*  
 Moderator/Coordinator of a program at the AALL Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Penn., July 15-20, 1995.  
AALL Institutes on Foreign and International Law.

Attended a series of five Institutes to train Law Librarians specializing in Foreign and International Law sponsored by the American Association of Law Libraries between 1993 and 1996.

#### Mid-America Association of Law Libraries (MAALL)

Co-chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries, October, 2001.

#### *Reference Forum: Who Can Work Without a Net ?*

Speaker at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries, Topeka, Kansas, October 19-21, 1995.

#### Missouri Education and Research Libraries Information Network (MERLIN)

Member of the MERLIN Reference Services Committee  
 Member of the MERLIN Collection Development Committee

#### *Brussels Seminar on the Law & Institutions of the European Union*

Attended the Brussels Seminar on European Union Law held at the Institute of European Studies of the Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium. (July 2-20, 1997).

### Publications

*American Legal Literature: A Guide to Selected Resources.* (With Bernard D. Reams, Jr., and James M. Murray), Littleton, Colo: Libraries Unlimited, 1985.

*Deficit Control and the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act: The Legislative History of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.* (With Bernard D. Reams, Jr.), Buffalo, N.Y.: W.S. Hein, 1987.

*Tax Reform 1986: A Legislative History of the Tax Reform Act of 1986.* (With Bernard D. Reams, Jr.), Buffalo, N.Y.: W.S. Hein, 1987.

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*Federal Deficit Control: The Legislative History of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Reaffirmation Act of 1987.* (With Bernard D. Reams, Jr.), Buffalo, N.Y.: W.S. Hein, 1989.

*CD-Rom Journal Indexes: WilsonDisc Compared to LegalTrac*, (With Elizabeth M. McKenzie), *Law Library Journal*, Vol. 8, No. 3, pp. 439-459, Summer, 1992.

*Legal Reference Books of 1998, Part Two. European Company Structures: A Guide to Establishing a Business Entity in a European Country* edited by Michael J. Oltmann. (Book Review), *Law Library Journal*, Vol. 91, No. 4, Fall, 1999.

*Staffing the Reference Desk: Improving Service Through Cross-training and other Programs*, Forthcoming in *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*, Vol. 19, No. 1-2, pp. 209-221, 2001.

#### Statement

I have received a great deal from my membership in RIPS. I have met numerous colleagues who have similar problems and concerns. How do we teach law students effective research methods and strategies? How do we incorporate teaching the use of electronic and traditional resources? Both the Legal Research Teach-In and the Briefs in Law Librarianship series assist in answering these questions. I think we all have a great deal we can teach one another and RIPS is a valuable means of sharing information. I would be honored to serve RIPS in the capacity of Secretary/Treasurer.

### **Pamela Melton, Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer**

#### Employment

Jan. 1998 - present	Reference Librarian, Coleman Karesh Law Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia SC
July 1996-Oct. 1997	Reference Librarian, McKenna & Cuneo, L.L.P. Washington, DC
1995-1996	Reference Librarian, McGuire Woods Battle & Boothe, L.L.P. Tysons Corner, VA
1994-1995	Interlibrary loan & special projects, Wilmer Cutler & Pickering, L.L.P., Washington, DC

#### Education

B.A. 1973	Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA
J. D. 1978	Washington & Lee University, Lexington, VA
M.L.I.S. 1995	The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

#### Professional Activities

##### Current

- American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)
  - Research Instruction and Patron Services SIS Chair - Web Committee
  - Southeastern chapter of AALL (SEAALL) Public Relations and Education Committees

##### Former

- Virginia Association of Law Libraries (VALL)
- Law Librarians Society of D.C. (LLSDC)
  - Education Committee
  - Helped coordinate the LLSDC Career Day in 1997

#### Teaching

Currently teach legal research to first year law students.

*Pamela Melton...Continued.*

**Bar Memberships**

- Virginia State Bar - admitted 9/78
- District of Columbia Bar - admitted 6/80
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit - admitted 1982

**Publications**

- Note, *Elrod v. Burns: Chipping at the Iceberg of Political Patronage*, 34 W. & L. L. Rev. 225 (Winter 1977).
- Harvard Law Review on CD-ROM*, 17 Legal Information Alert 14 (October 1998) (product review)
- The Amicus Brief: How to Write it and Use it Effectively*, 91 Law Lib. J. 486 (Summer 1999) (book review)

**Presentations**

- Federal Legal Research on the Internet - a continuing education program for the University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science, Fall 1999
- Citation Survival Guide - an introduction to legal citation for the first year class at the Law Center, Fall 1999
- Introduction to Legal Research - Pre-Law class at the Citadel, Spring 1998, 1999, 2000
- (Forthcoming) Two to Tango: The Following Part of Leading in Library Partnerships, AALL Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, July, 2001

**Statement**

I am honored to be nominated to run for Secretary of RIPS. The members of RIPS are such a creative, energetic, dedicated bunch. They are a source of inspiration to me. I think that the areas of our focus - core competencies, disintermediation, the Legal Research Teach-In, to name but a few - make a real impact on the profession at large. In addition, my involvement with the ongoing development of the RIPS web page has been a wonderful learning opportunity for me. I really enjoy it. As Secretary for the section as well as web committee chair, I would be able to post material to the web in a very timely fashion. I also hope to develop ways to use the web page for member feedback and to enhance it as a vehicle for the various other RIPS committees.

**Rachel Jones, Candidate for Member at Large of the Executive Committee**

**Education**

- M.L.I.S. Catholic University of America, 1987
- B.A. Grove City College, 1981

**Employment**

- 1996- Manager of Professional Education and Training, Dickstein, Shapiro and Morin & Oshinsky
- 1995-1996 Reference Librarian, Georgetown University Law Library
- 1993-1995 Department Head/Supervisor/Manager, Dickstein, Shapiro and Morin
- 1989-1993 Reference Librarian, Dickstein, Shapiro and Morin

**Current Responsibilities**

- Administer the Attorney Professional Development Program and coordinate in-house educational programming both at the Firm level and at the section level.
- Develop and deliver Continuing Legal Education (CLE) approved programs in the areas of legal research.
- Train on Westlaw, Lexis, and Internet research.

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### Memberships

AALL, RIPS, PLL, and the Law Librarians Society of Washington DC.

### Teaching

CLE Instructor for Legal Research on the Internet for Georgetown CLE Department  
Guest Instructor at Catholic University School of Library and Information Science, Reference and Serials Courses  
Guest Instructor for Washington College of Law Legal Methods Program

### Statement

The provision of educational offerings in the broadest arena for student patrons and legal professional patrons is paramount to the continued viability of law librarians. I want to make whatever contribution I can to the collaborative efforts that all law librarians, no matter what institutional base, are putting forward to educate their users.

## **Suzanne Miner, Candidate for Member At Large of the Executive Committee**

### Education

1990	M.L.S., University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
1989	J.D., J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah
1983	B.S., University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

### Employment

1998-present	Head of Information Technology, University of Utah Quinney Law Library
1992-1997	Computer Services Librarian, University of Utah Quinney Law Library
1990-1992	Reference/Outreach Services Librarian, University of Utah Quinney Law Library

### Teaching

1999-present, Coordinator of all library-related teaching  
Teach three sections of first-year legal research classes  
Team-teach Advanced Legal Research  
Teach numerous small-group and one-on-one classes on a variety of research topics

### Memberships

AALL, WESTPAC, Utah Library Association, Utah State Bar, American Bar Association

### Professional Activities

Western Pacific Chapter of AALL (WESTPAC)  
President, 2000-present  
Vice-President/President Elect, 1999-2000  
Government Relations Committee, Chair, 1999-2000  
Education Committee, 1997-99  
Public Relations Committee, Chair, 1994-96  
Site Selection Committee, 1992-95

American Association of Law Libraries  
 Research Instruction and Patron Services SIS  
 Computer Services SIS  
 Grants Committee, 1999-present

Utah State Bar  
 Utah Electronic Law Project Committee, 1998-present  
 Advisory Committee for statewide computer access to legal information, 1996-97  
 Delivery of Legal Services Committee, 1992-95

University of Utah  
 Library Policy Advisory Committee, 1997-2000  
 ASUU Supreme Court Advisor, 1991-96  
 Student Behavior Committee, 1991-94

### Publications

“Success at the Reference Desk: Dealing with the Technologically-Challenged Individual”, *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*. Forthcoming.  
 “A Guide to Legal Research on the Internet”, *Utah Bar Journal*, pp. 16-27, January 2000. Co-author, Marsha Thomas.  
 “Curtailling Lexis and Westlaw Laser Printing Abuse at Academic Law Libraries”, *Automatome*, AALL Automation and Scientific Development SIS; Winter 1996.  
 CD-ROM User Guides. American Association of Law Libraries Reader Services National Legal Research Teach-In Training Kit. West Publishing Co.; 1996.  
 Editor, University of Utah College of Law Computer Newsletter, 1991-97

### Presentations

Speaker, “Legal Research on the Internet, Parts I and II.” Utah State Bar Mid-Year Meeting, St. George, Utah 2000.  
 Speaker, “From ISPs to Applets: What You May Not Know about Computers, Software and the Internet.” WESTPAC Conference, Missoula, Montana 1998.  
 Speaker, “Lawyers on the Internet: Research and Electronic Practice.” Utah State Bar sponsored Continuing Legal Education Program 1997.  
 Speaker, “Surfin’ in Utah: Legal Research on the Internet.” Utah State Bar Annual Meeting, Sun Valley, Idaho 1997.  
 Speaker, “Effective Legal Research.” Utah State Bar Mid-Year Meeting, St. George, Utah 1996.  
 Speaker, “Legal Materials on the Internet.” Wasatch Front Law Librarians Meeting. Salt Lake City, Utah 1995.  
 Panel Member, “Reference Referrals to Special Collections in Utah.” Utah Library Association Fall Conference. Huntsville, Utah 1995.  
 Moderator/Speaker, “The Digital Onslaught and How We Do Business.” WESTPAC Conference. Jackson Hole, Wyoming 1994.  
 Moderator/Speaker, “Electronic Mail” and “Survey of Technological Developments.” WESTPAC Conference. Honolulu, Hawaii 1992.

### Statement

Research instruction and services that we, as librarians, provide to our patrons are key components of successful law libraries. I feel honored to have been asked to run for the Member-at-Large position on the RIPS executive committee. The programs that RIPS sponsors at the AALL Annual Meetings and the Legal Research Teach-In kits have been invaluable resources to me and my colleagues as we have grappled with ways to best teach legal research, both one-on-one and in formal class settings, to a very diverse community-law students, faculty, non-law students, attorneys, pro se patrons and law clerks. As a Member-at-Large, I would do everything I can to assist and support the RIPS officers and members in furthering goals set out by the SIS.

**The Election Ballot is on page 17. Please take the time to vote!**

## 2001-- A Teach-In Odyssey: Legal Research Training for a New Millenium

Does the dawn of a new millennium and all the accompanying technology find you floating aimlessly out in space? Are you feeling beleaguered and bewildered in our fast-paced, ever-changing law library environment? You will be pleased to know that there is one thing in our crazy, mixed-up world that remains constant — the **National Legal Research Teach-In!** It is returning in 2001 for its ninth consecutive year!

The 2001 Legal Research Teach-In, organized by the Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS (RIPS-SIS), offers the opportunity to improve the skills of your patrons and showcase your skills as a teacher and information provider. Following the pattern of the past eight years of highly successful Teach-Ins, Teach-In 2001 is scheduled in conjunction with National Library Week (April 1-7, 2001). As in previous years, the Teach-In committee has worked with the West Group and LEXIS-NEXIS to prepare unique instructional and promotional materials. Thanks to generous donations from the two companies, the MATERIALS WILL AGAIN BE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE. It is a true measure of their commitment to the law library community that both West Group and LEXIS-NEXIS continue to underwrite this activity, as they have since its inception eight years ago.

### RESEARCH TRAINING KITS

Topped the "BESTSELLER" list again last year! — West Group distributed approximately 750 kits to law librarians all over the world! The 2001 Teach-In training kit will cover a wide range of subject areas bringing together traditional legal resources and the newest electronic sources in one convenient package. The kits are designed to provide that extra assistance to get an instructional program off the ground. They may include pathfinders, research guides, posters, lesson plans, lecture notes, research exercises; a myriad of instructional materials developed by law librarians for use by law librarians. One kit per institution is available free of charge from the West Group. **Contact Marketing Support, West Group, by fax 1-800-854-1597 or email [mkgsupport@westgroup.com](mailto:mkgsupport@westgroup.com).** Be sure to provide your name, address, institution, telephone number, and, if available, your West Group account number.

### PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

A BIG HIT from last year is back by popular demand! Over 20,000 notepads were sent out to approximately 525 locations around the United States, Canada, and Australia, setting another new record! Colorful notepads designed with Teach-In committee assistance and produced by LEXIS-NEXIS, can help you promote your 2001 Teach-In activities. These notepads can be used by library staff or given away to patrons as an incentive

to participate in your library events. **Email or fax requests to Melissa Engler, Marketing Manager, Librarian Relations Group, LEXIS-NEXIS, at [melissa.engler@lexis-nexis.com](mailto:melissa.engler@lexis-nexis.com) or 937-865-1585.** Be sure to indicate your name, address, and the minimum quantity you need. If deemed necessary, a limit will be imposed in order to accommodate as many requests as possible.

Orders for training kits or promotional materials should be placed by March 3, 2001, so you will receive them in time for your National Library Week events.

Now is the time to make the commitment that your library will conduct some sort of event involving legal research during National Library Week 2001. With the vast amount of materials available to you, it's easy to plan an educational event. If you need more ideas, descriptions of Teach-In kits from previous years can be found on the RIPS-SIS web page at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis/>. Past years' kits can be obtained through AALL Headquarters. Contact: AALL, 312-939-4764.

Questions or comments about the 2001 Legal Research Teach-In should be directed to either of the coordinators for the event:

#### Gail Partin

Associate Law Librarian, Dickinson School of Law  
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#### Karen Brunner

Library Manager  
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*Submitted by Gail Partin.*

### Update on RIPS-Sponsored Programs at the Annual Meeting

An additional RIPS-sponsored program was accepted by the Program Committee for the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting. The program *Two to Tango: The Following Part of Leading in Library Partnerships* was accepted. Pamela Melton is the coordinator for this program. This makes a total of five RIPS-sponsored programs accepted. The other four programs are: *Facing Reality: The Death of the Reference Desk*; *Teaching Roles & Realities: Choosing the Legal Research Text That's Right for You*; *New Roles For Law Librarians in Applying the ADA: Services for Disables Patrons and Staff*; and *Legal Research for the Xers and Nexters: Redesigning a Program*. Descriptions of each are available in the fall newsletter. ❁

**Research Instruction and Patron Services SIS  
Election Ballot 2001-2001**

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Please vote for one candidate for each of the following: Vice Chair/  
Chair Elect; Secretary/Treasurer; and Member at Large of the Execu-  
tive Committee.

Vice Chair/Chair Elect:

Gary Hill

D.R. Jones

Secretary/Treasurer:

Peggy McDermott

Pamela Melton

Member at Large of  
the Executive Committee:

Rachel Jones

Suzanne Miner

Please complete the ballot, tear out this page and send it to the Chair  
of RIPS by **April 30, 2001**:

Kelly Browne  
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**This page has been intentionally left blank. Please tear out this page, complete the RIPS election ballot on the reverse, and mail it by April 30, 2001 to:**

**Kelly Browne  
University of Connecticut School of Law Library  
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Hartford, CT 06105-2213**

**Every vote counts! Please take the time to vote!**

## **AALL Invites Grant Applications from the AALL Research Fund: An Endowment Established by LEXIS-NEXIS**

The Research Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications through March 2, 2001 for grants from the AALL Research Fund established by LEXIS NEXIS in July 2000. One or more grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded in 2001 to library professionals wishing to conduct research having a bearing on law librarianship and the profession.

The grant application and guidelines are available at [http://www.aallnet.org/about/research\\_fund.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/about/research_fund.asp)

The Research Committee revised the Association's Research Agenda, which serves as a list of suggestions for possible research projects. Though by no means comprehensive, the Agenda's suggestions address the major topic areas of the Profession of Law Librarianship, Law Library Patrons, Law Library Services, Legal Research and Bibliography, Legal Information Resources, and Law Library Facilities. (For a copy of the Research Committee's complete Research Agenda, see [http://www.aallnet.org/about/research\\_fund.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/about/research_fund.asp))

The grants will fund one or more projects of practical value to a large segment of those professions that create, disseminate or use legal and law-related information. The monetary grants may be used to assist in small or large research projects; all applications will be considered.

Applicants must demonstrate experience with research projects and understanding of the dissemination and use of legal and law-related information. Priority will be given to practicing law librarians and AALL members, working individually or in partnership with other information professionals. Applicants must provide a resume and a statement of their qualifications for carrying out this project.

The submission deadline for this application period is March 2, 2001. Grants will be awarded and announced by April 9, 2001. Allocation of the research grants will be at the sole discretion of the AALL Research Committee. The committee members are:

Kevin L. Butterfield (Chair), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
 Johanna C. Bizub, Prudential Insurance Company of America  
 Celeste Feather, University of Connecticut  
 Ellen J. Platt, Santa Clara University  
 Dorene S. Smith, Ater Wynne, LLP  
 Denise R. Stanley, Shapiro and Olander  
 Nancy L. Strohmeyer, Loyola University, New Orleans  
 Barbara A. Bintliff (Executive Board Liaison), University of Colorado

LEXIS NEXIS has been a long time supporter and partner of AALL. The Company is proud of the success with other partnerships with AALL such as the John Johnson Scholarship fund. With these new research grants, LEXIS NEXIS hopes to continue expressing its commitment to the advancement and future development of the profession of information professionals.

LEXIS NEXIS's support for AALL and its members isn't limited to scholarships or these research funds. They also sponsor eight AALL Resource Guides for law firm libraries, the AALL Toolkit on the Value of Law Libraries, and numerous events at each Annual Meeting.

## Member News

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### Promotions & Position Changes...

**Filippa Marullo Anzalone**, Director, Information and Research Services and Associate Professor of Law at Northeastern University School of Law, has been selected to serve as the Interim Dean of the University Libraries at Northeastern University. She intends to return to her position at Northeastern University School of Law when a new Dean of Libraries is named. **Kim Dulin**, Associate Director of the Northeastern University School of Law Library, is currently the Acting Director.

**Sue Drisko** has joined Northeastern University Law Library as Electronic Services/Reference Librarian. She was previously Electronic Services Librarian for Western New England College School of Law Library.

**Felise Thorpe Moll**, formerly the Assistant Librarian of the S.J. Quinney Law Library at the University of Utah, has left law librarianship to work as a law clerk for the Honorable Judith Billings of the Utah Court of Appeals. Felise writes that she will miss working with everyone and seeing everyone at AALL.

**Marcia Zubrow**, Head of Information Services, Charles B. Sears Law Library, University at Buffalo, State University of New York is spending her six month sabbatical leave working on an early English legal history project at the Squire Law Library, University of Cambridge. She is a Visitor in the Law School and a Visiting Scholar at Hughes Hall.

Send in your news! Don't wait until the next deadline...Drop a note anytime. New position? New instruction session? Published something? Your fellow RIPS members want to know! Please send all news to:  
Deanna Barmakian  
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### Publications & Presentations...

**Sarah Hooke Lee**, Golden Gate University Law Library Director, is teaching a section of property law at Golden Gate this spring. Also, GGU law librarians **Michael Daw** and **Maryanne Gerber** have turned the advanced legal research course at Golden Gate into an advanced "e-research" class. The changed title attracted triple the expected number of students signing-up for the class. As a result, next summer's "California Legal Research" course offering will likely be taught by the GGU law librarians as an "e-research" class.

**Melissa Serfass**, Electronic Resources and Reference Librarian at the UALR/Pulaski County Law Library authored a chapter called "Finding Legal Materials" in a recently published book, *Legal Foundations for Arkansas Educators*.

**David R. Bryant**, JD, MLS, adjunct faculty and lecturer in Law Librarianship at Dominican University GSLIS and member of the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee, will be a panel speaker at the 36th International Congress on Medieval Studies on May 4th 2001 in Kalamazoo, Michigan on the topic of "The Medieval Law Library: Evolution from Byzantium to Bologna; From Canon to Civil Cabinets" as part of a panel on "Topics in Medieval Librarianship".

**Bobbi Weaver**, Reference Librarian at the California Western School of Law, has been selected to present a paper titled "What Do They Have That We Don't Have?: A Comparison of Interdisciplinary Collections in Independent Law School Libraries" at the Special Libraries Association Annual Conference in June to be held in San Antonio. She will also be moderating a program at the conference titled "Around the World in 80 Minutes: Social Science Research from an International Perspective."

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