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## JUST WRITE IT! WHY YOU SHOULD CARE ABOUT WRITING AND PUBLISHING

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**(ARTICLE ADAPTED FROM THE AUTHOR'S EXPERIENCE ON THE 2019 AALL ANNUAL MEETING PANEL "JUST WRITE IT! EMBRACING YOUR INNER AUTHOR")**

### SCHOLARSHIP IS IMPORTANT TO OUR PROFESSION

Scholarship elevates librarians, and gives a voice to the profession. As professional librarians, we have important things to say, and we must use the opportunity of scholarship to say them. In my experience, I find that after being published, I am more likely to be approached to contribute additional articles, presentations, press consultations, etc. I am asked to comment on both traditional library work and on my more expanded Knowledge Management role. Published authors are respected across professions. I have noticed a difference in my interactions with my own colleagues who have seen and read my published work. It is generally observed that those who excel in their given profession will publish during their career.

### CREATING SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTES TO YOUR PERSONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Becoming involved in scholarship helped get my name noticed in the profession. After speaking a few times and publishing, I would run into more people who knew my name even before we were introduced. That familiarity allowed me to meet others through networking opportunities and thus learn from a much wider scope of librarians. I had joined the conversation. I was now seen as someone who both had something to say, and someone who was interested in hearing what others had to say. To be frank, after publishing, I got brave! I applied to work on the Spectrum Editorial Board, I ran for a PLLIP position, and I took on speaking engagements. I even took on and volunteered for additional work at the firm. Each opportunity taught me something new. I met new librarians from many firms, courts, and law schools. I learned a great deal about how AALL works, and I connected more and reached out more frequently to my colleagues. These experiences have given me greater insight when making strategic decisions for my library. The time I put into my scholarship has paid back dividends in professional development.

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## **OVERCOMING CHALLENGES AND PUBLISHING ON A REGULAR BASIS**

Might I suggest that you set publishing goals for yourself each year? Decide how many articles, blog posts, or book chapters you want to author in a year. My personal goal is to participate in four scholarship events a year. Finding time to write articles or presentations is certainly a challenge. I like to use my down time to draft ideas; for example I often write on planes when it is otherwise difficult to stay productive. Another idea to both find time and keep you to a schedule is to work with a co-author, someone to help drive you. Another idea is to avoid reinventing the wheel. You can re-use your ideas. Follow up your presentation with an article, and advertise your article with a blog post. Get the most bang for your buck by sharing your work on a variety of platforms. Whatever tactic you use to help yourself stay involved in scholarship, be accountable. Tell your boss, a trusted friend, or co-workers that you have a goal of x number of articles or presentations a year and then report to them at annual review time.

## **CO-AUTHOR, ISN'T THAT LIKE A SCHOOL GROUP PROJECT?**

As mentioned, a co-author can help you stay on task. I have found having a co-author is nothing like the dreaded school group project. In one instance, I co-authored a chapter for an ARK publication because the opportunity was presented by the publisher to me, but one of my employees had done the vast amount of the work on the project. While it might have been my idea, I did not want to take credit for her hard work. Having a co-author means half of the work, and you get someone to bounce ideas off, and you will learn a new writing and research style. While I have yet to have the opportunity to co-author an article with a librarian from another organization, I have presented with many colleagues from other school or firm libraries. Using a co-author can pose a challenge in coordinating schedules and it may take time to sync your writing style; however, I consider each librarian I have published with a good friend and a trusted colleague. Through the drafting process, each person on the team shares his or her unique style, providing a new learning opportunity. I find that after each experience, I have new tools to utilize in future projects. I would happily co-present or co-author again.

## **PICKING A TOPIC AND STAYING CURRENT**

It can be challenging to come up with new ideas for authorship. To be interesting to your audience, you should discuss new and innovative topics. However, do not be intimidated by the need to be unique and creative. You are an expert; you have a unique spin on many topics. Your experience gives you credibility. You know so much more than you might think that you do. You may think the task of canceling print and creating online libraries is mundane and a tired topic, but your success with that critical project is very interesting to those who are struggling to make the transition. I would advise you not to vent or restate the same issues that the profession has seen for years, but show what you have done and how you have successfully conquered a long-standing challenge. Think about the pain points in your department and what you have done to fix them. Consider writing on new innovative projects from your library as case studies. Respond to the community. Remember, you are doing something unique and you have a voice. Share your ideas with others!

Current awareness reading is vital to your work. I like to read and keep abreast of what issues are being covered by other research specialists. As stated, you do not want to repeat topics, but use your professional reading as a personal brainstorming session. Routine reading will help you keep the creative juices flowing. In our library at Littler, we have a weekly-curated professional development newsletter. That is the foundation of my current awareness. We also have a curated legal trends newsletter I read weekly. I have a few other news feeds that I follow, and I rely on colleagues to share articles with me. If I tell myself that I do not have time to read the article, I stop and remind myself that this is a very important part of my job.

## **SCHOLARSHIP SHOULD BE A COLLABORATIVE EXPERIENCE**

My writing is a group effort, even when I am the only named author. I bounce ideas off of colleagues. I ask trusted co-workers to read and provide their insights, and I always get a proofreader. I recruit colleagues and

mentors to edit and add comments during the drafting phase. I am also very lucky that I have internal firm resources to utilize. Our Public Relations department will review articles and offer editing assistance. Our PR department has also assisted me with finding appropriate publishers for my work. Search within your organization and see if you can find similar resources to assist you with your authorship goals, or utilize tools through AALL such as The PEGA-SIS sponsored Beer & Edits: A Writers' Network.

### **THERE ARE MANY SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, EVEN ONE FOR YOU**

Every librarian and information professional has experience that should be shared with the greater community. Find your voice and determine how you want to share that voice. For further details on scholarship opportunities, please see the AALL2go recording from the session "Just Write It!" which can be found at <https://www.aallnet.org/recording/all2019-i5-innerauthor/>

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## REPORT FROM MAALL ANNUAL MEETING LIZ GLANKLER TRAVEL GRANT RECIPIENT

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Getting in the spirit seemed to be an easy task at the MAALL Annual Meeting. Staying at the Drury right next to the Arch (and just a block away from a coffee shop), along with crisp autumn air, provided just the right atmosphere for our conference. This was my first experience at MAALL, and it was truly a treat. I enjoyed getting to put faces to names finally!

Although my typical M.O. tends to lean toward quiet and reserved, I managed to meet new people and take the first steps toward networking with those in the region.

The conference overall was a learning experience. Since I am from a law firm, it is enlightening to hear the viewpoints of those in academia. While they prime students for the next step, law firms are the ones receiving their end product. There was a decent amount of collaboration and discussion between us at the annual meeting, and I look forward to continuing the conversation to keep bridging the gap between schools and law firms. This conversation happened in many of the sessions I attended, and I think it is a great starting point to get the dialogue started and move forward together.



*St. Louis Arch (photo by Matt Braun, MAALL Markings Photography Editor)*

The Drury was perfectly located. Using the Drury, Washington University School of Law, and Saint Louis University School of Law meant getting a nice slice of St. Louis. I loved being so close to the Gateway Arch, and exploring parts of St. Louis on foot was mesmerizing.

Listening to the Keynote Speaker, Judge Susan Block, inspired me to think creatively about finding solutions to problems. I keep reflecting on her experiences and stories she shared. Sometimes making a difference in the community means purchasing a bed for one child. Actions and ideas mean something, whether their intent is known or unknown. Actions impact the community around you, and I intend to see that my actions may affect the law librarian community for the betterment of not only myself, but for my colleagues and the profession.

I had a wonderful time at MAALL, and I am very thankful MAALL awarded me a travel grant so I was able to attend and present. I look forward to sharing my experience and notes with my colleagues, building relationships with those I met, and putting into practice the knowledge I gained. I am already excited about the next opportunity for professional development and looking forward to Indianapolis in 2020!

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## MAALL ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM REPORT: "SHOWING OUR SPIRIT: PROMOTING OUR UNIQUE EXPERTISE & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS"

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At the 2019 MAALL Annual Meeting, Keelan Weber and I presented "Showing Our Spirit: Promoting Our Unique Expertise & Special Collections." This program discussed a [LibGuide we created](#) to help MAALL librarians find resources, expertise, and fun promotional ideas within the MAALL Community.

[Our LibGuide](#) is based on a wiki Brian Striman and I created nine years ago. Since the wiki had not been updated in many years, Keelan and I decided to update the format and information. We decided to keep the same general categories (Areas of Expertise, Special Collections, and Promoting the Libraries) and began collecting new content from a series of emails and surveys sent to MAALL librarians. We received responses from 19 academic law libraries, 6 government libraries, 1 "other" library, and no firm libraries. After receiving the responses from our colleagues, we organized it into the LibGuide and presented it at the MAALL Annual Meeting.

The main objective of our program was to present the LibGuide draft and obtain feedback from MAALL members on several issues. We asked: Should we add categories? Should we remove any existing categories? Should we use a privacy setting? Should we include links to MAALL or MALLCO resources? As a result of that discussion, we decided to: add an access to justice tab, publish the LibGuide in a private status (requiring the user to have the URL before they can access it), and not include links to MAALL or MALLCO resources. We also committed to updating the LibGuide annually, by sending out an email to MAALL members asking them to review the LibGuide and provide any updates.

We plan to send out an email by the end of this year to allow librarians to add new information, review their entries, and provide any last-minute feedback. We are very grateful for the feedback we received and hope the LibGuide is valuable to our MAALL friends and colleagues.

# IN THE SPIRIT: PHOTOS FROM THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING IN ST. LOUIS



*Left:* AALL Representative Emily Florio, near the promotional table for the MAALL 2020 Annual Meeting in Indianapolis (Photo by Matt Braun); *Below:* A Jayhawk reunion of Allison Reeve Davis, Pam Crawford, Chris Steadham, Joe Custer, and Joyce McCray Pearson (Photo by Lacy Rakestraw)



*Left:* Cindy Shearrer, leading a discussion among MAALL members at a panel session; *Right:* Karen Wallace, passing the gavel to incoming MAALL President, Lacy Rakestraw (Photos by Cindy Bassett)



*Below:* Susan Boland taking notes using a tablet at one of the many informative sessions (Photo by Cindy Bassett)



*Above:* Annual meeting attendees learn more about PowerNotes, among other products, in the Exhibit Hall (Photo by Matt Braun)



*Above:* Gail Wechsler poses with MAALL's very own Marbury and Madison (Photo by Matt Braun)

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# SAVE THE DATE FOR INDIANAPOLIS!

The 2020 MAALL Annual Meeting will be held in Indianapolis, IN from October 22 - 24, 2020. We look forward to seeing you there!



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## MANAGING THE CIRCUS: TIPS FOR JUGGLING STAFF REQUESTS, PATRON ISSUES, AND YOUR OWN NEEDS

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### **A NOTE ON THANK YOU NOTES**

You have just finished what you think is a stellar interview that fits your skills perfectly. Now just one more step in the process: the thank you note. This name is a bit of a misnomer; you shouldn't be thanking the interviewer for the gift of a potential job. Instead, think of this communication as less of a thank you, and more as a post-interview follow up note. Before you get started, there are a few questions you'll need to address first.

#### **1. HANDWRITTEN OR E-MAIL?**

The first question is whether sending an email note is sufficient, or if you'll need to hand write the follow up. The old convention says that you should stick to hand written notes, just like you would hand write a thank you note for a wedding gift. As stated above, however, the goal of your note isn't really to thank your interviewer for giving you any type of gift. While a handwritten thank you note is meant to acknowledge the time a guest put in to selecting a gift for you, that consideration isn't really necessary in a job interview scenario. Yes, of course you took up some of your interviewer's time; but they were compensated for that time, and in the end the employer does get something out of your interview whether they decide to hire you or not. With that in mind, you certainly will not be regarded as odd if you choose to send a handwritten note, though it will be fine to send a note via email in most cases.

You should also consider how you have been contacted throughout the interview process. Use this as your guide to determine the interviewer's preferred communication style. If they used postal mail for contact, you should consider that as a statement of their preference and respond in the same fashion. Likewise, use email if they have utilized that contact method. A word of caution though. Resist the urge to do both, as it may come across as a bit desperate and make you seem too high maintenance.

#### **2. WHAT TO SAY?**

You have decided how to draft your note, now to decide the substance. Most people think of this note as a standard thank you note that I have already discussed above. This is the wrong approach to take for this valuable chance for one last pitch. The interviewer already knows you're interested in the job, and already has

a copy of your resume and cover letter, so resist the urge to just rehash those. Instead, reference a point in the conversation you had in a positive way to show that you were paying attention and are enthusiastic about the challenge. Then talk about how your experience and/or skills relate to and would help the employer with that challenge. An example:

Dear Interviewer:

I greatly enjoyed speaking with you today about the Lion Tamer position at Sue Us Circus. I agree with your approach to lion dental hygiene, and feel that the knowledge I gained from my five years' experience working with the medical unit at the Narnia Lion Sanctuary will prove invaluable in Sue Us Circus's plan to enlarge the Lion Treatment Facility. The skills I sharpened in the pursuit of my Master of Lion Services degree taught me the importance of accurate dosing of anesthesia in a big tent environment. I look forward to hearing from you soon regarding your hiring decision.

### 3. WHEN TO SAY IT?

I am the kind of person that likes to get a task done immediately so there is no chance of forgetting any important details. While I encourage you to jot down notes from your interview that stuck out to you, wait a day or two after your interview to send your note. This will let your interviewer know that you have given careful consideration to your conversation together, and are not just checking a to-do item off your list.



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That said, waiting too long risks coming across as aloof, or as if you have forgotten and are now rushing to complete the task. Like it or not, this bit of business etiquette still matters in today's professional world.

### 4. OH NO, MULTIPLES!

What happens if you have not one, but four interviewers? If you have contact info for all the individuals who participated in the interview, send each an individual note. Make sure to vary the content so that each note is unique, in case they compare notes with one another.

If you don't have contact info for all the participants, you have a few choices. You can ask your main contact for info for the other participants. Or you can send a note to that main contact and ask her to share your note with her team. In that group note, be sure to address everyone equally.

## DAZED AND INSTRUCTED

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### **'TIS THE TIME OF THE SEASON . . . FOR GRADING!**

As I have written many times in this column, every semester I get a little bit better at every aspect of teaching. My lessons are clearer, assignments are more concise, in-class exercises are more direct, and I have gotten a much better handle on managing my time. Yes, I have really grown in my teaching position, and I enjoy it all the more every time I teach a class. Of course, there is an exception to all of this growth and joy, and it is the dreaded grading that always accompanies teaching. Every year I think: this is the time, this is the moment; I will finally bring grading under control. And once again, a year goes by where I look back in regret at the slow, meandering process that was grading this semester's assignments.

To be fair, this semester was unique to many others, mainly because this was the only semester I have taught where my family welcomed our third child and first daughter, Annette (picture included... you're welcome).



My schedule was always intended to be cut shorter once she was born, but her complicated delivery led to my taking extended time off, leading to a backlog of work, including my grading. While it would be easy for me to claim the "baby excuse," in reality I had time to conduct my grading, but often put it off for more interesting, though less pressing work. I meant to get to it at night after my other children went to bed, but I was either (1) too tired, or (2) too enamored with spending time with my daughter. Therefore, I put it off until work the next day, thus creating the terrible cycle of procrastination.

Herein lies my grading dilemma, and I suspect many other teaching librarians' dilemma: grading is boring. I love creating the assignment, and walking the line between testing my students while still giving them direction enough to not get lost in the weeds. I am very confident that my assignments provide just enough struggle that the students will remember the research process, while not being so difficult that they spend far more time on them than they should. However, once I start grading, after about an hour of grading, at about the fifth assignment, I start to see the same patterns and realize I have over thirty of these to get to, and my mind starts to wander to more exciting activities like shelf reading or loose-leaf filing. Since I have so much other work to do, and since much of it is far more exciting, I tend to give short shrift to grading as a tradeoff. I invariably find myself trapped in the same grading quandary semester after semester.

This has led me to write this column, partly to get my great shame off of my chest, but also to invite some shared misery. As of yet I am still looking for the key to an easy grading schedule, which I assume does not exist, but I have only been doing this for a short time. I would invite feedback and suggestions from some of the members of MAALL, which I hope to not only utilize in my teaching, but hopefully I can share in future columns. While I am the one writing this column, I realize there are hundreds of academic librarians who have far vaster and various experiences than myself. I hope to use this coming year in the column to share not only my own experiences, but the full example of Academic Law Librarianship from Mid-America.



So here is to a great MAALL year of sharing, productivity, and success. I look forward to hearing what others have to say and wish to share, as I have always found these conversations most helpful to my own career and psyche. Now if you'll excuse me, I have to go: I have some grading to do.

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## MOMENT WITH MALLCO

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Greetings! I hope everyone is feeling great as we wrap up the fall semester.

I'd like to thank our hosts in St. Louis for a fantastic MAALL Annual Meeting in October. As always, it was great to come together with colleagues and gain expertise. I'd also like to thank everyone who attended our MALLCO programming on Thursday morning. We had some great discussions in our round table sessions and paper workshop! We are looking forward to continuing those conversations next year in Indianapolis.

We have two opportunities for members of MALLCO libraries to serve as Interest Group Chairs for the coming year and beyond. Our Resource Sharing Interest Group focuses on interlibrary loan, document delivery, and other resource sharing functions. The Acquisitions and Collection Development Interest Group deals with matters relating to collection management. Both of these groups are seeking a new Chair. The main responsibility is to lead the annual interest group round table at MAALL each year. There are also discussion lists for each group that are used to share information.

And finally, I'd like to invite EVERYONE to save the date for Ignite: Legal Tech Innovation 2020, a conference co-presented by MALLCO and Case Western Reserve University School of Law. Join us in Cleveland April 3-4, 2020 to hear from experts in legal technology. Details for a program and registration are being finalized and will be released soon. In the meantime, pencil it in your calendars! Have a happy holiday season!

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Goodness, December arrived quickly! It feels like the annual meeting in St. Louis, where we all Got in the Spirit, just happened! If you feel that way too, it's time to get up to speed on all things MAALL. As your new President, I want to thank you all for everything you do to make this organization fantastic. This is a group where one or two people cannot do everything, so we rely on you all for your service and knowledge. Truly, thank you.

A new year means new possibilities. If you are looking for a new possibility, look no further than MAALL committees. We can always use your expertise and passion to make a great committee even better! If you have an eye on something in particular, shoot me an email and I'll get in touch with the committee chair and see if we can get you a spot. This is an easy way to get to know other MAALL members and get something nice and new on your resume.

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The exec board talked at a recent meeting about how to attract more members. One of our thoughts was that we needed more non-academic programming to attract more non-academic members. If you are a part of that group like I am (Courts, Firm, Government, Prison, etc.) I really encourage you to step up and represent your group. Work on developing a program for next year's conference in Indianapolis. Write an article about something with which your group in particular struggles. If you want to have a voice as part of that group, you need to be that voice. And I'm here to help you; just give me a shout.

Finally, take a moment to appreciate everything you all have already done in 2019. Some of us wrote a fantastic article that was accepted for publication. Some of us got married. Some of us probably had a baby, probably? Some of us may have received a successful vote for tenure. Together, we have done a whole lot during this past year. I clearly can't wait to see what 2020 brings.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

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I have to say, I am kind of bummed. Somehow, I was in St. Louis in October for three wonderful days at the MAALL Annual Meeting 2019, and I consumed no frozen custard from Ted Drewes. Unacceptable. First item of business for the Annual Meeting 2020 in Indianapolis: A shrimp cocktail from St. Elmo Steak House.

I guess that is enough about food issues. Seriously, the St. Louis meeting was outstanding. Much gratitude to the Local Arrangements Committee for finding us a wonderful, historic hotel almost directly under the Gateway Arch for our first two days, for bringing us to a reception in the stately reading room at the Washington University Law Library, and for welcoming us to the spectacular Scott Hall at Saint Louis University School of Law to cap off the meeting.

Many thanks as well to the Education Committee for coordinating such an engaging slate of programs and roundtables, as is customary and expected at the Annual Meeting. While it may seem a long way off, our planning for the Annual Meeting 2020 in Indianapolis will kick into high gear quite soon.

While the green flag has just dropped and we are accelerating towards turn 1, the Education Committee will be working like any great pit crew in making sure that all goes smoothly as we approach October 22-24, 2020.

As the incoming chair of the Education Committee, I ask you to consider sharing your time, talent, and ideas with the committee. If you're interested in serving on the Education Committee, contact me ([braun22@illinois.edu](mailto:braun22@illinois.edu); 217-300-0536) with any questions.

Whether you are relatively new to MAALL or have previously served this special organization, your participation on the committee will be most valued. The more technicians we have on our pit crew, the more we will be able to navigate yellow flags and restarts, and ultimately uphold our high standards of Annual Meeting performance.

May you have the happiest of holidays and a great start to 2020.

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## STATE MEMBER NEWS

### Northern Illinois University, David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library

The NIU Law Library was host to the Bicentennial of Illinois Law Exhibit. The exhibit, created by the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission, highlights prominent lawyers and cases in Illinois history, as well as provides interesting information on the first 200 years of the court. We were honored to have the opportunity to host the display and share the history with our patrons.



### Ruth Lilly Law Library, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law

Associate Director Susan deMaine has been elected to a three-year term on the Executive Board of AALL. Professor deMaine has been a faculty member of the Ruth Lilly Law Library since 2012 and has been instrumental in the development of the current legal research curriculum and the streamlining of the library collection. She is currently working on a public access project to digitize the Indiana Code from pre-statehood days to the present.



### Drake University Law Library

Elicia Ropte has joined the law library staff as the Public Services Associate. She will coordinate interlibrary loan, process and digitize law school archives, and work at the Information Desk. She earned her B.A. from the University of Northern Iowa and has prior experience working in the Des Moines Public Library system. Elicia can be contacted at [elicia.ropte@drake.edu](mailto:elicia.ropte@drake.edu) or by phone at 515-271-3759.



### Eighth Circuit

The Eighth Circuit Library welcomes Deanne Fix as its new Branch Librarian for the Eastern District of Missouri!

### Law Library Association of St. Louis

Library Director Gail Wechsler says thank you to all the MAALL members who donated books as part of this year's annual MAALL conference in St. Louis. We collected 60 books that were donated to Caring for Kids, a local non-profit that provides urgent supplies to

abused, neglected, and at-risk children in St. Louis County. A donated book will be included in each delivery of urgent supplies. The founder of Caring for Kids, the Honorable Susan Block, was the MAALL 2019 Conference Keynote Speaker, and the attached picture is of Caring for Kids' Director, Jan Abrams, with some of the books.

### **Little Mendelson, P.C.**

Little Mendelson welcomes a new Assistant Librarian, Jamie Holdeman. They also congratulate those on staff who were first time attendees or presenters at the MAALL Annual Meeting, and congratulations to Jackie Lemmer for receiving the winning ticket for free entry into the AALL Annual Meeting!

### **Washington University Law Library**

On Wednesday, September 25, the Washington University School of Law Library hosted its first Midwest Research Expo. The event gave faculty, students, and staff the opportunity to stop by the Law Library and learn about new legal resources. Several vendors, including academic publishers Brill and Gale, the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, LLMC Digital (Law Library Microform Consortium), PowerNotes, Westlaw, and LexisNexis were represented at the event.

The Expo came about thanks to a collaboration between the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Saint Louis University, University of Missouri-Columbia, and Washington University law libraries. The libraries

teamed up to host a series of half-day vendor expos across four days, September 23-26. In addition to Washington University, the Midwest Research Expo traveled to the other collaborating institutions.

At Washington University, the event took place in the Janite Lee Reading Room. The participating vendors presented and promoted their research resources

and products to students, faculty, and staff. We had snacks and held a raffle for a day's use of a private study room during finals, and the vendors gave away plenty of swag, including cups, blankets, and notepads. It was a fabulous event, and Law Library staff look forward to hosting the expo next year.



## Creighton

Hans Herzl-Betz is the new Senior Librarian for Reference and Instruction at Creighton University School of Law. Some of his major duties include supervising the circulation desk, answering reference and research questions, and teaching legal research courses. Hans received his JD-MSLIS degree from Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA. He is originally from Elmira, New York.



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