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President's Message by Joe Custer

We are starting to round the corner to head down the straight-a-way. In two months we will be attending the 2009 MAALL Annual Meeting, October 15–17, in Columbia, Missouri. Thanks to a lot of people, some of whom will be mentioned below, preparation is right on schedule.

Before I do my part of trying to entice you to beautiful Columbia, Missouri (I spent a year there getting my MLS at Mizzou, so I know of which I'll speak), I want to just point out the hard work of the MAALL Executive Board and the committees this year. I need to thank an outstanding Executive Board that has tirelessly video-conferenced with me every two or three weeks on HearMe through out the year. Darla Jackson, Lee Peoples, Jan Medved, Jeri Hopkins, Pam Tull, Karen Wallace, and Randy Diamond are not only a delight to work with, but also the most service-oriented group of individuals I've been associated with. The culmination of their hard work will be on display at Columbia.

In addition, as I stated in Fayetteville, the life blood of a regional chapter is in the hard work of its committees. This year was no

exception. I want to say thanks to all the people who chaired committees this year and the people who served on them. Your service is greatly appreciated. Some notable work is listed as follows.

Thanks to the **Nominations Committee** (Chair: Karen Wallace; Members: Brian Striman and Stefanie Pearlman), we had a great slate of candidates this year. There were contested races for each position. I want to sincerely thank all who ran for agreeing to do so. These people include Rich Leiter, new vp/president-elect and Rhonda Schwartz, our runner-up; Courtney Selby, new treasurer and Ann Kitchel our runner-up; and finally, new member-at-large Kathryn Hahn and our runner-up, Doug Lind. I know from personal experience how difficult it is for a busy professional librarian to agree to commit to the time it takes to fulfill one of these very time-consuming positions.

The **Grants Committee** (Chair: Needra Jackson; Members: Karen Wallace, Cathy Chick, Stefanie Pearlman, and Brian Striman) is currently working on who will be awarded travel grants to Columbia this fall. This year

MAALL received a chapter registration award from AALL that the Grants Committee awarded Sara Lowe from Drake. Sara has been a librarian but is new to law librarianship.

The **Archives Committee** (Chair: Ann Kitchel; Members: Nancy Cowden, Jennifer Spector, and Pamela Tull) has been very active this year. Their first goal was to just verify where the archives are. After this was determined their main focus has been to bring the archives up-to-date. They've been actively seeking out and collecting current Business Meeting Minutes, Board Meeting Minutes, and Treasurer Reports and making them available, with the help of the Internet Committee, on the MAALL Web site. They are making good progress with this effort.

The **Service to the Public Committee** (Chair: Colleen Williams; Members Pam Tull, Melissa Serfass, and Deborah Showalter-Johnson) updated the library services profiles on the MAALL Web site.

The highlight for the **Government Relations Committee** (Chair: Chris Steadham and all his state

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advocates) this year has been the establishment of strong ties with the AALL Government Relations Office. The Government Relations Office director Mary Alice Baish and advocacy communications assistant Emily Feldman have created an Advocacy Toolkit (<http://www.aallnet.org/aallwash/toolkit/contents.asp>) that can help guide MAALL's Government Relations Committee's future endeavors.

The **Bylaws Committee** (Chair Randy Thompson; Members: Judy Morgan and Jessie Wallace Burchfield) did a great job of harmonizing the MAALL bylaws to the AALL bylaws. The new bylaws were adopted at the MAALL Business Meeting at Washington, DC in July. You can view the new bylaws on the MAALL Web page.

I would be amiss if I didn't mention the fantastic job that the **Newsletter Committee** (Chair & Editor: Matt Novak and all his many editors) does. Matt, with the help of his many editors, publishes three newsletters a year with the regular features of the "President's Message," "Letter from the Vice President," "Member News," "Meet MAALL Members," and "News from Other Chapters."

That leads us to the **Education Committee** and **Local Arrangements Committee** and the upcoming MAALL annual meeting in Columbia. These two committees have done an exceptional job this year in making our conference theme, "**Show Me the Past-Imagine the Future,**" come alive. It's just my opinion, but this may be the best MAALL Annual Conference I've ever attended or been involved with. The Education Committee (Chair: Darla Jackson; Members: Ann Fessenden, Mary Kay Jung, Cindy Shearrer, and Chris Steadham) have come up with a program for everyone, whether you are an academic, law firm, or court librarian. Regardless if you are looking at the past or the future, or both, you are going to have several interesting program sessions to choose from. Programs such as "Women of the Missouri State Supreme Court: Words of Experience," "Famous Trials Digital Collection Development and Use," "Business Information on the Internet," "Gale Digital Collections: 'Reliving Law - Reliving History,'" "Collection Decisions in Times of Shrinking Budgets," "Gathering the Documents & (Perhaps) Discovering Legislative Intent: State Legislative History Research," "Developing a Teaching Philosophy," "Past, Present, and Future: Development of a Digital Project from Start to Finish (Lloyd Gaines Digital Collection)," and "Implementing an Open Source Library System," are just a few of the many exciting programs being offered. To get more information on all of the outstanding offerings please visit the conference Web site at <http://law.missouri.edu/maall/>.

The Local Arrangements Committee (Chair: Randy Diamond; Asst Co-Chairs: Resa Kerns & Cindy Shearrer; Members: Cindy Bassett, John Dethman, Needra Jackson, Steve Lambson, and Kathy Smith) has pulled out all the stops to bring Columbia's history to life. The city had been both a stagecoach stop for the Santa Fe and Oregon trails, and later a depot for the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad. It was also the location for the state's first theater and the current home of the Missouri Theatre for the Arts. The Local Arrangements Committee has made it possible for us to attend a presentation of *US V. Brown* (the noted activist abolitionist from Kansas). This production will be put on by the Historical and Theatrical Trial Society (HATTS). Three years ago at the University of Missouri Law School, Professor Easton (recently named Dean of the Wyoming Law School), did something of historical significance when he founded HATTS, which explores notable historical events for which there were no trials (until now).

The Local Arrangements Committee has also worked very effectively in arranging yet another special offering. Along with the University of Missouri Law Library and University of Missouri Libraries, MAALL will be welcoming Duke's scholarly communications officer, Kevin Smith. Smith is a nationally recognized librarian and lawyer who will be presenting a special workshop on Friday, October 17 called "Copyright in Higher Education – Developments and Trends." For those librarians dealing with, or interested in, copyright and IP issues, this is an essential workshop that will deal with

the easy accessibility of information and data through the Internet [that] has changed the way faculty and students **use** information and is forcing institutions of all levels to revisit copyright and intellectual property issues. At the same time, institutions are addressing the **ownership** of works such as scholarly books and articles, conference papers, teaching materials, class projects, and websites created by the campus community as they see the potential for additional income by commercializing online courses. (MAALL Local Arrangements Committee, "Copyright in Higher Education – Developments and Trends," MAALL 2009 Conference, <http://law.missouri.edu/maall/copyright.html>).

So come on out to Columbia, Missouri, October 15 through 17, and let MAALL "show" you why Columbia is such a special place. See you there!

From the Vice-President by Darla Jackson

2009 Annual Meeting Programs ... Show Me the Past – Imagine the Future

Our keynote speaker is Stephen D. Easton, Dean of the University of Wyoming College of Law. He will deliver his talk on the use of historical trials in legal education. Several of the programs on the opening day of the conference will follow the theme of use of historical trials. Following the programming, we will have an opening reception/dinner at the newly renovated Missouri Theatre. After dinner, there will be a performance of the Historical and Theatrical Trial Society. Additional information about the performance is available at <http://law.missouri.edu/maall/pdf/flyerHATTSSfinal.pdf>.

The Education Committee's goal has been to offer a wide variety of programming that will appeal to the varied interests of the membership. For the techies, programs such as "Technology Generation Gap in the Legal Workplace," "Automating the Selection, Acquisitions, and Cataloging Functions Using YBP's GOBI System," and "Implementing an Open Source Library System will be of interest." Administrators will also appreciate the program on the "Technology Generation Gap," as well as programs on "ADR in the Law Library Environment," and "Show Me a Plan ..." on developing a strategic plan for your library. Members involved in legal research instruction will be attracted to programs such as "Developing a Teaching Philosophy," "Filling the Gap: Teaching Research of International Commercial Arbitration Issues," "Let's Talk Legal Research Instruction," and "Let's Talk Legal Research Knowledge/Skills Assessment." There are programs, including "Collection Decisions in Times of Shrinking Budgets" and "Twenty Dollars a Day: Marketing Your Library in Challenging Economic Times" that will address the challenging economic situation. There are also a significant number of other programs that will have appeal to the membership. A complete listing and description of all of the programs is available from the Web site for the Annual Meeting: <http://law.missouri.edu/maall/descriptions.html>.

MAALL 2009

Show Me the Past
Imagine the Future

34th Annual MAALL Meeting, October 15–17, 2009
Hosted by the University of Missouri School of Law Library
<http://law.missouri.edu/maall/>

Why come to MAALL 2009?
Affordable continuing education
Innovative programming
Great speakers
Small conference atmosphere
Camaraderie and networking
~AND~
Missouri is breathtaking in the fall.

Keynote Address
Dean Stephen D. Easton
University of Wyoming College of Law
The Use of Historic Trials in Legal Education

Douglas O. Linder UMKC law professor and creator of the *Famous Trials* web site

Trial of John Brown presented by MU Law's Historical and Theatrical Trial Society

Missouri Supreme Court Women Justices Panel
Hon. Mary R. Russell and Hon. Ann Covington

Copyright in Higher Education Workshop
Kevin Smith Duke University

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I want to thank the members of the Education Committee; Ann Fessenden, Mary Kay Jung, Cindy Shearrer, and Chris Steadham, who helped put together what we feel to be a strong slate of programs. Randy Diamond has also been amazingly helpful in suggesting and coordinating programming.

I would also like to request that anyone interested in serving on a committee for this upcoming MAALL year, which officially starts at the Columbia annual meeting, please contact me. There are many posts to be filled and your service will be greatly appreciated.

I hope you will begin to make plans to attend the exciting meeting in Columbia. See you there!

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Driving Ms. Eckford

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*Elizabeth Eckford, barely five feet tall, arms full of books, anxiously searched for a place to enter the school building, but tall, armed soldiers blocked her way. When a crowd of fifty protestors closed in on Elizabeth, the guardsmen did nothing to restrain them. "Get her, get the nigger out of here. Hang her black ass."*²

On October 16, 2008, at approximately 6:15 p.m., I stepped inside Elizabeth Eckford's cozy but well kept house in south central Little Rock. Ms Eckford's sister had greeted me at the door and told me Elizabeth will be right out. When Elizabeth came out to meet me she asked me if I had eaten. I said 'No,' and she told me I will need to eat before I take her to Fayetteville. "How about some chicken pasta and black eyed beans?"

"Sounds great!" I had eaten my fair share of southern cuisine before, having attended the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR), where my older sister had matriculated in the late 70s and early 80s and where she lived and practiced during the first year of my attendance.

After telling Elizabeth that I was familiar with the Little Rock of the 1980s, she started to talk about how the city had changed. She said that Bill Clinton's presidency had given the city a positive shot in the arm. She stated he had been a good president regardless of his personal life. She didn't tell me she had flown in planes with the president nor that she was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor from the man from Hope, Arkansas.³

This woman who I had read about and whose name I imagined was well known to anyone who advocated or studied civil rights, was very humble. She said it could have been anyone in that *Life* photo⁴ and she was really only one of nine. But I repeated what she had probably heard in one form or another for over a thousand times up to that point in her life: that the obvious virulence and torment she was enduring was captured all over the world and had finally exposed the United States' hypocrisy regarding race relations.⁵ She just looked at me and slightly shook her head.

After eating we got into the van to head up to Fa-

etteville, where she had agreed to speak before the Mid American Association of Law Librarians (MAALL) Annual Meeting. She asked to sit in the back because she was very tired and wanted to lie down. She worked during the days as a probation officer at Pulaski County and it had been a hard week. She asked me to turn on NPR. I presumed that she probably wasn't in the mood to talk about 1957 after a long day and I respected her wishes.

While driving through Little Rock she did speak up after a couple minutes. She wanted me to drive by the Clinton Library, so I changed my previous route slightly. She pointed out the library and some of the development that had taken place in the last twenty years. I had not been back to Little Rock since my sister moved to practice in Houston and I appreciated her commentary. Finally, on the outskirts of town, I told her that I had actually met Governor Faubus at a social function while a law student at UALR. I couldn't remember much about the social function, or about him for that matter, other than the fact that his glasses fell apart when we shook hands. Elizabeth laughed for the first time and told me I must have a heck of a handshake. I told her no more than the next guy and that his glasses were in terrible shape because I saw them fall apart on him a couple more times later that evening.

Elizabeth surprised me when she told me that Governor Faubus was not that bad of a man and was arguably, in many respects, a good governor for the state of Arkansas.⁶ While she didn't convince me that she liked the man, she seemed to be atoning, in however small a way, for his sins. "He wasn't a Governor Wallace."

She went on to say that while the incident tainted his whole political life, she didn't think he was a racist (like many other folks in the South were at that time). Rather, she posited that he was just caught up in a crazy situation and responded the same way any other southern Governor would have at the time.⁷

I didn't say a word because frankly I never seriously studied Faubus, being so turned off by him. Perhaps her feelings toward Faubus were tempered because he, along with several reporters and segregationists at that time,⁸ stated that the Nine were innocent pawns in Daisy Bates' NAACP crusade, deliberately

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sending the children into the angry mobs to gain some sympathetic publicity.⁹ Elizabeth did speak of Daisy Bell on the drive and confirmed to me that she felt as though the Nine had been betrayed by her. She said that Bell promised to support them through that terrible day but she was no where to be seen when the trouble broke out.

After awhile Elizabeth stated that she needed to lie down. After driving for about an hour I came to Alma, Arkansas, near Fort Smith. I decided to get some gasoline and I woke her up in case she needed to use the restroom. After we both got back into the van to drive the remaining 50 miles or so, we started to chat again. I asked her about Hazel Massery, the woman who befriended her later in life. The same woman who was the Caucasian girl captured in the infamous *Life* photo depicting Hazel uncontrollably yelling hate-filled ignorant words directly behind Eckford as she attempted to enter the school on her first day.

She told me they were not friends anymore. She told me that she found out that “Hazel was all about Hazel. She was in it for the fame associated with befriending me,” said Elizabeth. “I have no time for her today. We haven’t spoken for years.”

Turning quickly from Hazel, Elizabeth told me that for years she wouldn’t talk about what she was going to address the next evening before the MAALL group. Then she realized with astonishment just a few years ago, while addressing a small group of Little Rock children, that they had no idea what happened at Central High School in 1957. Perhaps they weren’t even altogether straight on why this older African American lady was even speaking to them.

She realized then that she had to do her part in telling these children what happened in their back yard. What Little Rock was like in the 1950s when their grandparents may have been their age. She said that “we can’t forget the past lest we fall back into it.” Today Elizabeth is received reverentially by school children, with them lining up after she speaks to talk to her, take pictures and have their textbooks signed. We were very fortunate that Elizabeth also makes another exception in speaking at libraries and before library groups. After her speech on October 17 there was complete silence and several tears. In this case

the librarians lined up, took pictures and had their programs signed.

NOTES AND REFERENCES

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- ⁸ *Supra*, note 3.
- ⁹ *Id.*

What I Learned at the AALL Annual Meeting

By: M. Sara Lowe, Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor of Law Librarianship, Drake University Law Library

I was able to attend my first AALL meeting (July 25-28) in Washington, DC, thanks to the MAALL Grant Committee, who awarded me the 2009 AALL Chapter Registration Award. I learned much at the conference, but a few items stand out as highlights of the experience.

1. Being new to law librarianship, it was extremely interesting to hear the different points of view from academic, firm, and government law librarians. I left the conference with a much deeper respect for the work done by varied branches of the profession.
2. Related to the first point, “Emerging from the Cocoon: Innovative Ways to Reteach Legal Research to Externs and Summer Associates” was eye-opening and extremely informative. The legal research obstacles that firm librarians face when the new crop of students arrive each summer (e.g., some students don’t understand how to find books in the catalog or how the LC Classification System works) has forced me to rethink how we approach the issue from the academic librarian standpoint. The sad truth is that we don’t really address it. I left this session with many ideas about research basics, both legal and general, that we need to remind our students of before the mass exodus off campus each summer.
3. The first point was also reinforced in the session “Legal Research Questions on the Bar Exam: Preparing Our Students.” Hearing the perspectives of someone with the National Conference of Bar Examiners was invaluable. The NCBE is not quite sure how to address this problem as there are many issues and challenges associated with standardized tests. They welcome the input of law librarians (at firms and academic institutions). Both Sunday sessions reiterated to me that all types of law librarians need to work together to resolve thorny issues such as this one. Collaboration can only make our profession stronger.
4. “So You Think You Can Teach: Keeping the Audience Awake and Learning Alive” was another excellent session I attended. More than innova-

tive ideas for teaching legal research (e.g., using film clips to reinforce legal research, finding the beauty of written law in the Wilderness Act, using props to reinforce the point of the lecture), the speaker’s enthusiasm for the topic was contagious and I left the session ready to jump into the fall semester.

Perhaps the most important thing I took away from the 2009 AALL Annual Conference is: how valuable law librarianship is along with a renewed sense of the purpose of our profession. I have always believed that librarians are a vital part of society. Although some naysayers would have us believe that since everything is freely available online (of course, it isn’t) librarians are no longer necessary, this conference illustrated how valuable and vital our skills are, in a firm, a government office, a university, or a court house.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the MAALL Grant Committee for selecting me as the recipient of the 2009 AALL Chapter Registration Award. The experience reiterated to me that I made a wise career move when I became a Reference Librarian at a Law Library.

News From Other Chapters

CALL (Chicago Association of Law Libraries)

CALL Bulletin http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/publications/callbull211_revised.pdf

Spring 2009 Number 211

As always, CALL presented an issue full of content. Lorna Tang's article about resolving vendor and publisher issues offered helpful hints on how to effectively deal with disagreements. Next, Pam Cipkowski summarized a recent presentation by Marjorie Bloss about RDA (Resource Description and Access) and the future of cataloging. To keep members abreast of technology, Maria Willmer described several sources while Sharon Nelson and David Shapiro evaluated LibraryThing.

CoALL (Colorado Association of Law Libraries)

CoAll Scuttle <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/scuttle.asp>

Spring 2009 Volume 19 Issue 2

Robert Linz, associate director and head of public services at the University of Colorado Law Library in Boulder, follows up on his earlier article regarding the decision to "break-up" with Windows Vista in favor of a faster Ubuntu. Linz discusses the usability of the Ubuntu interface and its drawbacks.

LLOPS (Law Librarians of Puget Sound)

LLOPSCited <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llops/committees/newsletter/summer09.pdf>

Summer 2009 Volume 19 Issue 4

Among the highlights in this issue was an article by Ann Hemmens about the chapter's Sunshine Week program with a list of speakers and topics. Marcus Hochstetler presented some key points from a visit with Jean Wenger, a Board Member from AALL. Katherine Foster gave readers tips on marketing yourself in a sluggish economy. Lastly, Ellen Bowman suggested some ideas on how to better gauge customers' needs.

MALL (Minnesota Association of Law Libraries)

MALL Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/mnews.htm>

March/April 2009 Volume 35 Issue 5

Lindsey Hutchins Matts contributes the top tech tips that she picked up from the Midwest Regional Conference for Educause. She highlights several new online resources that could be used to improve communication with patrons or colleagues including Buzzword: <http://www.adobe.com/acom/buzzword/>. Buzzword provides a free, online document sharing space akin to Sharepoint or Google Docs. An intriguing feature is that of being able to add auditory comments to a document. See Lindsey's article for other cool tools.

ORALL (Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries)

ORALL Newsletter <http://www.orall.org/>

June 2009 Volume 2009 Issue 2

Kathleen M. Sasala, director of the Cleveland Law Library Association, discusses the efforts made at her workplace to make the library more environmentally friendly. From starting with a "green audit" to planning ways to improve their energy footprint in the future, Ms. Sasala outlines the tips and tricks they use to keep the Earth healthy *and* save money for the library.

SANDALL (San Diego Area Law Libraries)

SANDALL News <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/sandall/newsletter2009-05.pdf>

May 2009 Volume 11 Issue 5

Various authors recapped the 2009 Spring Workshop that included sessions about the current economic outlook, alternative careers, and volunteer opportunities. John Adkins gave excellent descriptions about types of private papers ranging from white to green. Finally, Betsy Chessler clarified ADR (alternative dispute resolution) terminology and where librarians can find ADR information such as awards or lists of neutrals.

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SCALL (Southern California Association of Law Libraries)

SCALL Newsletter <http://aallnet.org/chapter/scall/newsletter/NewsletterMayJune2009.pdf>

May/June 2009 Volume 36 Number 5

Carolina Rose provided readers with an interesting synopsis of how California courts view legislative history. Ed Butler focused on SCALL's speaker at the Spring Meeting, Rebecca Lonergan, who updated members on interrogation techniques. The gossip column, "Heard About Town," was once again handled by Larry Meyer.

SEAALL (Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries)

The Southeastern Law Librarian <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/newsletter.htm>

Spring 2009 Volume 34 Issue 2

SEAALL reports on their use of Twitter for the #SEAALL2009 conference.

WestPac (Western Pacific Chapter American Association of Law Libraries)

WestPac News <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/newsletter.asp>

Spring 2009 Volume 33 Issue 2

In the Westpac Round-Up of news, Alison Perry of Hawley, Troxell, Ennis & Hawley Library in Boise, Idaho, describes their JITT (Just in Time Training) program. Firm members will be invited to attend a training "fair" at which they will receive training on a variety of topics. In reward for attending short sessions, such as a hoops game to learn how to "jump through the hoops" of legal research, they will be entered into drawings to earn larger prizes.

WPLLA (Western Pennsylvania Law Library Association)

WPLLA Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/wplla/>

Spring 2009

The WPLLA Newsletter is chock-a-block with lots of great information. Catalogers will be interested in the tribulations of working with Arabic materials, techies will be interested in "Ten Sites in Five Minutes" and "Favorite Internet Resources," and public services librarians will want to check out the color coded maps. Something for everyone!

Member News

Arkansas

Kathryn C. Fitzhugh, reference/special collections librarian at the UALR/Pulaski County Law Library in Little Rock, published her first encyclopedia article in the *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture* at www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net on "Moses Aaron Clark (1834(?)–1924)." Mr. Clark was a nineteenth century African American lawyer, jurist, and Masonic leader. In June Kathryn gave a presentation on the civil rights work of Rev. Rufus King Young at the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center in Little Rock. Rev. Young served as pastor to three of the Little Rock Nine during the 1950s.

Melissa Serfass, electronic resources and reference librarian at the UALR/Pulaski County Law Library gave a presentation "Researching Animal Law Topics on the Web" at an April, 2009 continuing legal education program, "Practical Animal Law."

Iowa

Karen Wallace, circulation/reference librarian at Drake University Law Library, has an article coming out in the Fall 2009 issue of *Library Leadership & Management*. The article is titled "Creating an Effective New Employee Orientation Program" and is an extension of her program at MAALL in Lincoln. Two MAALL libraries, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Law and University of Missouri-Columbia Law, are included as best-practice examples.

The Drake University Law Library completely rearranged its main stacks collections, completing a multi-year project that involved installation of compact shelving and extensive weeding. The new arrangement provides additional growth space in collection areas that were too tight. It also reorganizes the main collection strictly by Library of Congress order, rather than pulling out reporters and other select materials to be near the photocopiers, no longer a priority in these days of digital research.

Kansas

Fred Knecht retired on March 6, 2009, after 40 years of service to the State of Kansas, including twenty-eight years as law librarian for the Kansas Supreme Court Law Library. We wish him well in his retirement.

Kat Greene, automation & acquisitions librarian at Wheat Law Library, University of Kansas School of Law, was recently awarded tenure. Congrats to Kat!!

Missouri

Mark Bernstein has left Saint Louis University to become director at Drexel University's Law Library. Richard Amelung is serving as acting director.

There has been a great deal of activity at Saint Louis University Law Library recently. In April the University opened a new near-by storage facility for the three university libraries with a maximum capacity of 750,000 volumes. The Law Library transferred over 100,000 volumes at that time. The content of most of these materials is already available to the library's patrons either electronically or in microform. This summer the remaining 260,000 print volumes are being reconfigured to provide more and improved study space for students and expanded office space for newly hired faculty members. By the time the new students arrive on August 12, all tables and carrels that had not yet been electrified will be wired and new carpeting will be laid where stack space has been relocated. We look forward to having colleagues visit. Please let us know when you're in town,

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and we'll be please to provide a tour!

Nebraska

The Nebraska State Library is pleased to announce the display of a new exhibition, "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" from October 25 to December 4, 2009. The State Library in the Capitol is one of only 25 libraries in the United States selected to host the traveling exhibition, which was organized by the National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, and the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office, Chicago.

Based on an original interactive exhibit in Philadelphia, this traveling version explores Lincoln's struggle to resolve the basic questions that divided Americans at the most perilous moment in the nation's history: Was the United States truly one nation, or was it a confederacy of sovereign and separate states? How could a country founded on the belief that "all men are created equal" tolerate slavery? In a national crisis, would civil liberties be secure? This exhibition develops a more complete understanding of Abraham Lincoln as president and the Civil War as the nation's gravest constitutional crisis.

We would like to invite you to participate in this special occasion by offering the library display to your organization for a private tour or event between October 26 and the beginning of December. The Library is happy to assist in organizing your event and locating presenters on topics related to the display.

In August 2009, Anne Lomax Baumgartner will have been a law librarian at Baird Holm LLP for twenty-five years.

In July 2009, Mary T. Stultz commemorated her fifteenth anniversary at Baird Holm LLP. Anne and Mary have job-shared the position of library manager for the last fifteen years.

Rachel Lee is a library assistant at Baird Holm LLP since July 2009. She works from noon to 5:00 p.m. daily.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City University

Emily Brown joined the OCU Law Library Staff, as the circulation librarian, in early August. Emily holds an MLIS from the University of Pittsburgh and prior to joining the OCU staff served as the outreach librarian at Northeastern State University. Jim Gettys, who has served for fifteen years as the Daytime Circulation Supervisor at OCU Law Library, retired on August 3, 2009. Jim will certainly be missed but we know that Emily will do a great job in leading the Circulation Department. OCU Law Library will also be hiring two additional circulation assistants to assist in covering expanded hours of operation.

The retirement of Judy Morgan, the OCU law library director and former MAALL president, in July 2010, has been announced. Lee Peoples has been named to assume the director position.

Lee Peoples, associate director of the OCU Law Library, spoke at a Georgetown symposium titled: "The Future of Today's Legal Scholarship" held in honor of the late Robert Oakley. Peoples discussed the use of blogs in judicial opinions and litigation. Peoples also spoke at the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting in a session titled: "Law Librarians Abroad: Is a Foreign Study Program for You?"

Congratulations to Nancy Cowden. Nancy, who has served as the head of technical services at OCU for some

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time, was recently promoted to the position of assistant director for technical services.

Darla Jackson, OCU head of reference and access services, will be serving as the vice-chair for the ALL-SIS Programs Committee in 2009-2010 and as a member of the Law Library Journal /AALL Spectrum Committee 2009-2012. Darla has also been selected to author a regular column for the *Law Library Journal*. Darla coordinated a program on empirical research for the 2009 AALL Annual Meeting and will also be involved in a presentation on the topic at the 2009 MAALL Annual Meeting. Darla will also be participating in presentations on state legislative history research and research of international commercial arbitration resources at the 2009 MAALL Annual Meeting.

Karen Kalnins, OCU Reference Librarian, has completed the interviews of over thirty-five Oklahoma legal professionals and is working to make excerpts of the transcripts of these interviews available electronically to interested libraries. Karen received a grant from AALL to support this effort. Karen will also be moderating a program, “Automating the Selection, Acquisition, and Cataloging Functions using YBPs GOBI System” at the 2009 MAALL Annual Meeting.

Kathy Broad, OCU systems librarian, will serve as a panel member for “Automating the Selection, Acquisition, and Cataloging Functions using YBPs GOBI System” at the 2009 MAALL Annual Meeting.

University of Oklahoma Law Library

Professor Darin Fox was appointed to the LLMC Digital Board of Directors for a term that runs from 2009-2011. He was previously serving as a member of the Advisory Council of LLMC Digital.

Meet MAALL Members

Meet ... Gary Vander Meer
by Stefanie Pearlman

Gary Vander Meer is a dedicated man. He dedicated almost three decades to the same law library, has been married to the same woman for over thirty years, and is even willing to purchase a Barbie movie to round out a collection (more on that later).

Gary received his Master of Science in Librarianship from Western Michigan University, a program that ceased to exist shortly after he and Martin Wisneski attended (he doesn't believe they were the cause of its demise). He has been a law librarian since 1981. When choosing a career path, Gary intended to go into academia, but not law librarianship. When a position opened at the David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library of Northern Illinois University, however, he couldn't resist the close proximity to his family. Gary has spent his entire career there and is currently the associate director and technical services librarian. He enjoys the fact that, “every day seems to bring something unexpected.” In AALL, he has focused most of his attention on the Technical Services Special Interest Section, serving as chair, secretary/treasurer and on its Awards Committee.

Gary also dedicated eight years of his life to the Navy, including three he spent on a submarine in Charleston, South Carolina. He has been married to Jan, who accompanies him to many MAALL Annual Meetings, for over thirty years. They have a daughter who is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Museum Studies. In his spare time, Gary collects versions of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. His collection varies from motion pictures, to television shows to the aforementioned Barbie version, which he is collecting with some reluctance.

Although Gary is considering the prospect of retiring in a couple years, which he admits brings a smile to his face, I'm sure he will find something else to dedicate his time and talents to enjoying.

Treasurer's Report



MAALL Treasurer's Report 2009

Last updated: 08/05/2009

Revenue

Individual Memberships	\$840.00	42 individuals	
Institutional Memberships	\$1,760.00	153 individuals	(17 institutions)
<i>Total Membership</i>	<u>\$2,600.00</u>		

2009 MAALL Registrations		<i>individuals + comp</i>
2009 AALL/MAALL Luncheon		<i>lunches</i>
2008 MAALL Carryover		
<i>Total Conference Revenue</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	

BNA	
10K Wizard Technology	
W. S. Hein Sponsorship	\$2,000.00
LexisNexis Sponsorship	\$1,000.00
YBP Library Services Sponsorship	
Thomson	
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Uark	
Women Lawyers' Assn. Sponsorship	\$100.00
<i>Total Vendor Contributions</i>	<u>\$3,100.00</u>

Total Revenue \$5,700.00

Expenses

AALL Online Election Fee	\$250.00	
Annual Report Renewal	\$10.00	
MSTCA Theatre Rental	\$600.00	2009 MAALL Meeting
Kevin L. Smith	\$194.40	Expedia Air Fare
<i>Total Standard Expenses</i>	<u>\$1,054.40</u>	

Total Earmarks

Total Expenses \$1,054.40

Earmarked Funds

Available Funds \$21,918.21

Current Balance \$21,918.21

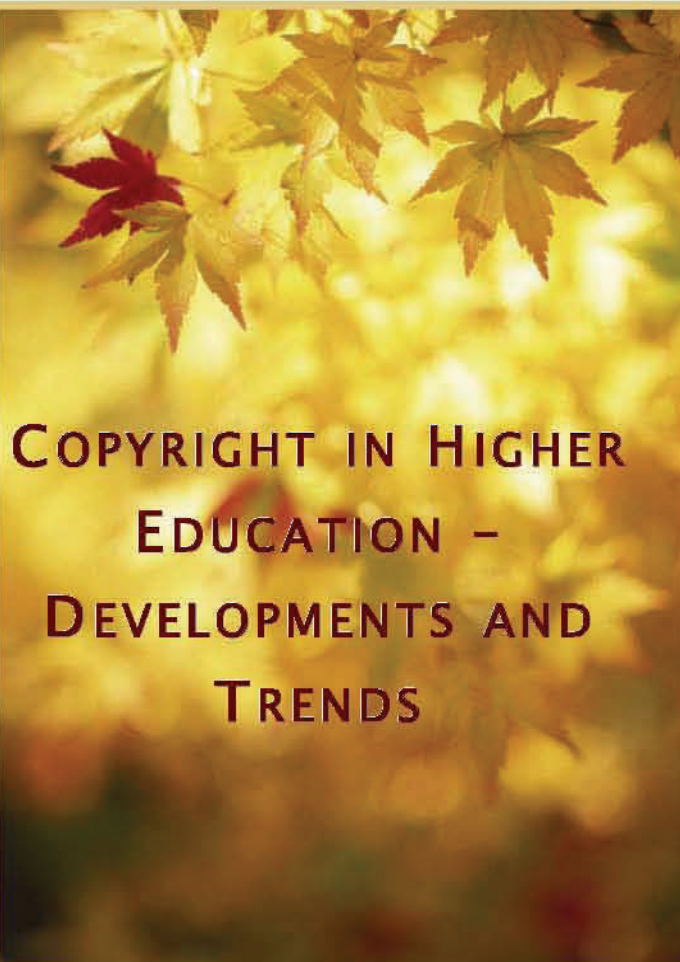
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Show Me the Past

Imagine the Future

Friday, October 16, 2009

Presenter: Kevin Smith, Scholarly Communications Officer, Duke University



**COPYRIGHT IN HIGHER
EDUCATION -
DEVELOPMENTS AND
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Workshop Summary

Scholarly Communications Office
Role in campus copyright management

Fair use, the state of play
*Current state of law and practice around
fair use in higher education*

Copyright & licensing applications
*Course management systems and
performances of all types on campus*

**The Google book settlement and
copyright management**
*The proposed settlement and October fairness hearing
provide a timely foundation to discuss ownership and
management issues for scholarly authors*

Institutional policy implications
*Overview of the key issues and choices that must be
made in setting copyright policy for a campus*

KEVIN SMITH is a librarian, a lawyer, and Duke University's scholarly communications officer. He is a resource to university faculty, staff, administration, and students for advice on a wide variety of copyright, publishing, and licensing issues. Kevin serves on the faculty of the Association of Research Libraries' institute on scholarly communications and on the American Library Association's legislation subcommittee on intellectual property. He maintains a highly-regarded weblog on scholarly communications <http://library.duke.edu/blogs/scholcomm/>

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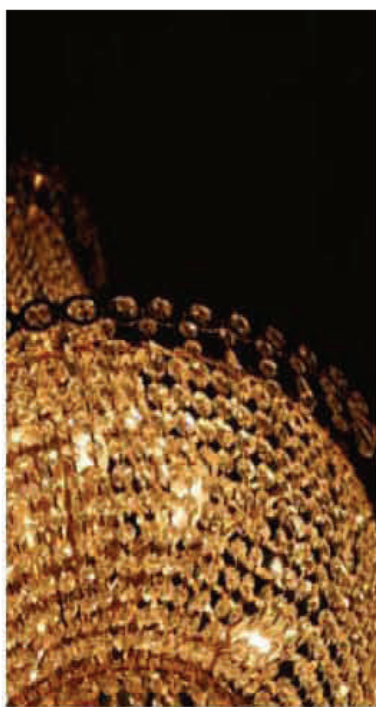


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THE HISTORICAL AND THEATRICAL TRIAL SOCIETY (HATTS) at the University of Missouri School of Law promotes thinking and reflection on the process of law by holding trials that never were. HATTS, created three years ago by Professor Stephen Easton, first presented "United States v. Meriwether Lewis and Silas Goodrich" at the new Elwood L. Thomas Inn of Court. Since then, HATTS participants have tried Missouri's Governor Crittenden for his role in the assassination of Jesse James and made sure that Al Capone was finally prosecuted for the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. Alas, Capone was acquitted, but so goes the blind eye of Justice!

This fall HATTS puts John Brown on trial for his role in the murder of five pro-slavery men at the Pottawatomie Creek Massacre. Brown (freedom fighter to some, 19th century terrorist to others) was never tried for these crimes. Now, a jury of twelve, with a guest federal judge presiding, will decide whether Brown will be held accountable.

Thursday, October 15, 2009
MAALL Dinner: 5:30pm, Trial: 7:00pm
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Presented at the historic Missouri Theatre Center for the Arts.

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