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## RETIRING MEMBERS

Due to their extraordinary contributions, the MAALL Executive Board approved giving the following retiring members with a lifetime membership to MAALL. Certificates will be mailed to these retiring members after the MAALL Annual Meeting. Many thanks for all your contributions to MAALL!

**Ann Fessenden** has retired after serving as the Circuit Librarian for the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals for 30 years. While there, she oversaw numerous expansions and renovations of court library branches. Ann also managed the implementation of many new services, including software training, the development of various traveling and permanent displays, and the establishment of the Court Archives. She served as president of MAALL from 1993 to 1994 and as president of AALL from 2007 to 2008. She co-chaired Local Arrangements for the 2006 AALL Annual Meeting in St. Louis. Ann won the Bethany J. Ochal Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession from the State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section and was elected to the AALL Hall of Fame in 2015.

**Susan Goldner** was the Technical Services Librarian at the Bowen Law Library, University of Little Rock, Arkansas, for 26 years. She served as the executive director of MALLCO from 2010 to 2015, and as president of MAALL from 2001 to 2003. She also served as the AALL Chapter Council President and contributed heavily to *Technical Services Law Librarian*. Her role as a leader in the use of integrated library systems in law libraries was demonstrated through her work as the chair of the Innovative Law Users Group and as AALL liaison to the Machine-Readable Bibliographic Information Committee. She created the Arkansas Legal Index and co-authored AALL Annual Meeting: An Annotated Index of the Recordings.

**Mary Kay Jung** was the director of library services for Thompson Coburn for over 25 years. Prior to that, she was deputy circuit librarian for the U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit. Aside from serving as MAALL president from 1999 to 2000, she served on the Education, Grants, Programming, and Local Arrangements Committees and was on the Strategic Planning Task Force. She also chaired the Nominations Committee and the Special Committee to Study Firm and State, Court, and County Law Librarian Professional Development. She served on the Local Arrangements Committee for the 2006 AALL Annual Meeting in St. Louis. She won Law Firm Inc.'s Innovators of 2008 award and was on the Westlaw Advisory Board from 1993 to 1995.

**Steve Lambson** has retired. Now he can devote himself to a life of leisure. All of us who have had the privilege of knowing and working with Steve know that will not be the case. His energy would have been the envy of a thirty-something. For us at MU, he has been the soul of Reference and its leader for many years. He was a superb teacher

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who was integral to our increasing involvement in the 1L research and writing classes. In addition, at the University of Missouri, he was for many years a member of the Student Conduct Committee, finishing that tenure this year as its Chairman (even after retirement!). He was long a member of MAALL and the editor of *MAALL Markings* for many years, including during the conversion from paper to online, which had its challenges.

**Margaret “Peggy” McDermott** was the Head of Reference and Faculty Services at Saint Louis University (SLU) Law Library from 1996 until she retired in 2014. Peggy came to SLU in 1996 from Washington University. In 1997, she graduated from Washington University’s Law School. Her primary legal interests were International Law and Tax. While at SLU, she was on numerous committees for both the law school and the library, including the curriculum committee and the Center for International and Comparative Law. She served on numerous AALL committees and was in the Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section. Peggy volunteered and worked on several local arrangements committees for the MAALL Annual Meetings. She was a moderator in St. Louis in 2012 and a presenter at the Omaha meeting in 2013. Even though Peggy has retired from SLU Law Library, she is still very much a part of the Library and the Law School. She teaches a class in Advanced Legal Research in International Law and is currently writing abstracts for the titles appearing in LLMC.

After 39 years of service, **Marilyn K. Nicely**, Head of Technical Services and the American Indian Law Librarian, will retire from the University of Oklahoma Law Library on June 30. Marilyn joined the OU Law Library in 1976 as Acquisitions Librarian. In the 1980s, she was a leader in the Technical Services Special Interest Section of AALL. In the 1990s, Marilyn completed the Native American Constitution and Law Digitization Project, which contains tribal constitutions, codes, and other tribal law resources online. In 2012, Marilyn began a project to digitize primary Congressional materials consisting of thousands of legislative reports and documents, presidential addresses, and executive agency reports pertaining to American Indians in the Serial Set. She will continue to work on this project as a volunteer after her retirement, and she plans to make this database freely available on the Internet. In 2014, Marilyn made a \$500,000 planned gift to the College of Law. Marilyn’s gift will establish a permanent endowment to provide scholarships for minority students and provide additional financial support to the Donald E. Pray Law Library. We could not be more grateful for Marilyn’s incredible generosity and the legacy she will leave at OU Law.



Marilyn K. Nicely with her certificate for Lifetime Membership to MAALL. Photo courtesy of Cindy Bassett.

**Brian Striman** has retired after thirty-something years as Head of Technical Services at the Schmid Law Library, University of Nebraska College of Law. Prior to working in Lincoln, Brian worked for some years at Creighton University School of Law. Over his years of service to the law school, Brian endeared himself to colleagues, faculty, and staff through a combination of humor, passion, and eccentricity. He always had a collection of tools for nearly any purpose (and at least passing skills to use them!) and, as manager of the law college’s basement storage area, he was also the cardboard box magnate, with a ready and varied collection for any purpose. For years, Brian was known as a consummate professional, a nationally known expert in



Brian Striman receiving the “2015 Renee D. Chapman Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions in Technical Services Librarianship” at AALL in Philadelphia. Photo courtesy of Bess Reynolds.

Libraries (Vice-President/President-Elect 1991-1992, President 1992-1993), and the American Association of Law Libraries (Special Committee to Develop Performance Measurements for Law Librarians, Nominations Committee, and Awards Committee). She was honored to serve on the LexisNexis Librarian Relations Advisory Board, the Westlaw Librarian Advisory Board, and the Thomson Reuters Executive Librarians Advisory Board. Lori retired as Director of Library, Conflicts & Records on June 1, 2015.

Innovative Interfaces Inc’s ILS, and a tireless volunteer in national and regional professional organizations. He was also known for his nuanced descriptive cataloging and as an excellent speaker and teacher who was in regular demand for classes and conferences. He plans to spend his retirement riding antique motorcycles, picking up the guitar (again), and cataloging his art collection.

**Lori Weiss** is one of those people you want around when you need a lift or some inspiration. She’s intelligent, optimistic, energetic, diligent, and funny. All these characteristics and more helped her succeed as the leader of the largest law firm library in the Kansas City area, Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. Though it wasn’t in her job title, she successfully guided the firm’s Knowledge Management program for over 15 years. Lori was active in the Kansas City Association of Law Libraries, the Mid-American Association of Law

## TALKING ABOUT RACE IN THE LIBRARY -- PART 1

*Sabrina A. Davis and Catherine “Deane” Deane*

At the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) 2015 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, I attended a coffee talk by Catherine “Deane” Deane, Foreign & International Law Librarian & Lecturer in Law at Vanderbilt Law School, on talking about race/diversity in the library. I felt that this was an important issue that should be addressed to a wider audience, and Deane graciously agreed to be interviewed for a series of contributions to *MAALL Markings* – this is Part 1 of that series. For additional background information, please peruse the four diversity-related blog posts Deane has written:

- Spectrum blog from Feb. 26, 2015, [“Why Talk About Race in the Library”](#)
- Spectrum blog from May 4, 2015, [“How To Talk About Race in the Library?”](#)
- Spectrum blog from July 15, 2015, [“It’s Not A Scratch, It’s Scratches: How To Respond To Racial Microaggressions In The Library”](#)
- RIPS blog from Sept. 11, 2013, [“Supporting Diversity in Law Librarianship”](#)

**Question:** Several of your blog posts use the term “racial microaggression.” How do you define this term, and what are some examples that are commonly encountered in libraries or universities?

**Answer:** I want to introduce two more terms, Racial Battle Fatigue and aversive racism, because they all relate to each other.

## Aversive Racism

“...aversive racism represents a subtle, often unintentional form of bias that characterizes many White Americans who possess strong egalitarian values and who believe that they are nonprejudiced” (Dovidio; Gaertner; Kawakami; and Hodson, 2002).

## Racial Battle Fatigue

Just because this form of racism is not intentional does not mean that it is not harmful. It is so harmful that psychologists have a term to describe the physical and emotional impact on People of Color of dealing with race-related stress. Actually, they have several terms, but one is Racial Battle Fatigue:

The term racial battle fatigue (RBF) is used to describe three major stress responses— physiological, psychological, and behavioral— and involves the energy expended on coping with and fighting racism that is exacted on racially marginalized and stigmatized groups (Martin, 2015).

[Racial battle fatigue looks like burn out.](#) People of color experience all of the regular stress of life, and then laid on top of that is the stress of being part of an oppressed group. Many students of color operating on university campuses experience high levels of [race-based traumatic stress](#), leading them to underperform, leave the college, or switch to a Historically Black University, because the effort it takes to combat the daily racial microaggressions that occur on predominantly White college campuses hinders their academic progress and their emotional well-being. There are many examples of this in the social science literature.

## Racial Microaggressions

Racial microaggressions take the form of statements, actions, or environments that offend People of Color because they reveal aversive racism on the part of the speaker, actor, or creator of the environment. The term micro is misleading because the impact is not small.

I think it's easy to dismiss microaggressions as political correctness gone wild, or as coddling, because on its face, a microaggression is basically an insult that hurts people's feelings based on their identification with an oppressed group. But it's more like they are casual insults that carry with them the weight of hundreds of years of oppression. Moreover, these glimpses of the implicit biases of people who identify as non-racist, and who might be considered friends and allies, can be crushing, because in that moment we realize that if even the most well-intentioned people are still aversive racists, what hope do we have for a just world?

You often see people who have experienced racial microaggressions say, “I guess I should not have been so [naïve](#).” That's because when we let down our guard and someone close to us says something like “Oh you got a scholarship? My parents didn't understand that as a white man I'm not eligible for as many scholarships,” is hurtful first because the speaker assumes that the scholarship was obtained for race and not for merit, but it's also doubly hurtful because it was believed that the individual was speaking to someone who was thought of as being disinclined to racism.

Racial microaggressions are particularly harmful because they are insults to which some People of Color have special sensitivity. This is not because People of Color are weak, but because many of us are already silently dealing with Racial Battle Fatigue. In addition, each microaggression adds to the already considerable burden of trying to live and maintain our emotional equilibrium in a country where we are bombarded with messages telling us that we are less than human, and where many of us live in fear for our physical safety.

The messages sent to People of Color by racial microaggressions are a collective reminder that such people are seen as inferior, untrustworthy, and irrelevant. “Racial microaggressions cause considerable psychological distress among Black

Americans, and are manifested in nearly all interracial encounters. They set in motion energy-depleting attempts to determine whether incidents were racially motivated.” (Sue, Capodilupo & Holder, 2008). This is energy that we could be investing in our education, hobbies, family, community activities, and our careers that gets diverted to deal with the emotional fallout from living in a society where we are constantly reminded (often by well-meaning people) of how the dominant culture dehumanizes us. It is exhausting, and studies have linked racial microaggressions to significant stress-related health problems (Torres, Driscoll, and Burrow, 2010; Ong, Burrow, Fuller-Rowell, Ja & Sue, 2013).

#### Widespread Impact of Racial Microaggressions

Let me be clear. This is not to say that there is some small subset of People of Color walking around who are overly sensitive to unintentionally racist remarks. According to Smith, Hung, and Franklin (2011), “Racism is omnipresent and therefore all racially subjugated people feel racial microaggressions, whether consciously or in a maladaptive state of denial. Therefore, People of Color in the U. S. confront the withering cumulative effects at both the individual and group level.”

One of the more powerful stories that I have come across is that of Professor Ramona Fernandez, who published her story in a law journal. In this excerpt on her article, *De-Tenured: A Latina Endures More Than Four Decades in the Educational Industrial Complex*, she references the 2012 book, *Presumed Incompetent*, which highlights how women of color in academia have to overcome an assumption of incompetence held by their students and colleagues. She writes, “Long ago, I ceased to perceive most of what *Presumed Incompetent* calls microaggressions. Over time, I accepted the microaggressions I could not ignore as reflective of my personal failings. I was wrong to do this. All of us come to believe some of the negativity directed at us. All of us transform some portion of the most irrational and vicious attacks we experience into the conclusion that the fault is in ourselves” (Fernandez, 2013).

#### Social Science Definition

I'd like to point you to Sue et al. for a scientific definition of racial microaggressions:

Racial microaggressions are brief and commonplace daily verbal, behavioral, or environmental indignities, whether intentional or unintentional, that communicate hostile, derogatory, or negative racial slights and insults toward people of color. Perpetrators of microaggressions are often unaware that they engage in such communications when they interact with racial/ethnic minorities. (Sue, et al., 2007).

This definition is useful for social science research because it names a phenomenon that we experience, so that we can figure out how to help people reduce the likelihood that they will be the perpetrator, and to help the potential audience of such a microaggression to be resilient in the face of it.

#### Why Librarians Should Care

For us as librarians, the point of studying it is to figure out ways to create libraries that foster a climate for diversity, and to avoid reinforcing oppressive systems through benign neglect and so called color-blind policies.

To claim that addressing racial microaggressions as a problem is coddling people instead of creating resilient citizens is to relinquish responsibility for the oppressive environments that the slow march of American history has generated on college campuses, and to deny the reality that white people benefit from identifying as White. This is why so many people are confused as to why former National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) leader Rachel Dolezal chooses not to identify as White. Moreover, the racist backlash of people who complain about reverse racism, and claim that Dolezal identifies as Black to get so-called black privilege reflects what journalist Jeet Heer cleverly describes as the “Voice of Aggrieved Privilege.”

The problem that Black Activists come up against time and again is that people do not want to be confronted

with their own racist beliefs. It's so much easier to claim that the Other is overreacting. Calling these racist insults microaggressions allows those who want to deny the value of attempting to reduce the incidence of microaggressions to be able to ignore these harmful acts for three reasons. One reason is "white fragility" - it makes them uncomfortable to be faced with their own racist subconscious beliefs, so they claim that it's not that big a deal (minimizing) and they try to find a non-racist way to explain what they did.

The second reason is that the use of the term micro allows people to claim that the Person of Color who is complaining about it is overreacting and "playing the race card." This allows the perpetrator to save face while invalidating the experience of the recipient. With microaggressions, intent does not matter; what matters is the impact. It's not up to the perpetrator to decide whether or not the recipient is overreacting to a display of aversive racism that exists within a historical context of hundreds of years of racism in which the racial microaggression is socially situated.

A third reason is that the use of the term aggression makes the perpetrators feel misunderstood. People mistakenly believe that if they do not intend to be aggressive, then the term aggression is being unfairly used against them. Ask any large Black man about this or any passionate Black woman (you could start with the Black Women's Book Club that got kicked off a wine tour train for laughing too loudly, where it could be determined that aggression is in the eyes of the beholder). The lie in this definition of aggression is easily seen; we are all familiar with the term passive aggression, and this is much more like that kind of aggression. Nevertheless, from the perspective of actually trying to communicate clearly, we may need two different terms. For the perpetrators who we are trying to convince us to be more mindful of their comments, we could call it a race related faux pas. For the recipient who is in need of validation while they try to do a sanity check, we could call it an expression of aversive racism.

Whatever we call it, we can't talk about diversity initiatives on college campuses and in law school libraries until we examine the phenomenon known as racial microaggressions, and we decide that it's time to remedy this problem in part by becoming more mindful of when our implicit bias manifests itself in a potentially harmful way in words, deeds and environments.

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Cindy Bassett*

*Electronic Services Librarian, University of Missouri School of Law*

Dear MAALL friends,

If you are anything like me, advocacy doesn't come naturally to you. I know that I have felt hesitant about putting forward my ideas about what and how anything should be done. Maybe I've grown up, but I am discovering that I am passionate about a variety of topics! In the case of MAALL, there are so many, so consider this an abbreviated list:

### **Access to Justice:**

Your Executive Board voted this spring to endorse a resolution supporting UELMA in MAALL member states. You can read it on page 24. The Government Relations committee is working with AALL Government Relations Office to coordinate an effort to get Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA) on the legislative agenda in Missouri. If you, too, feel passionate that the public should have enduring electronic access to the law, maybe this is an area for you to lend your talents.

### **Books to Action:**

This year, MAALL is doing a service project called a Book to Action project. It has two parts: Read a common book and then donate books to a prison library system for the prisoners to read.

**Book:** MAALL is invited to read a common book. There will be time at the Annual Meeting in Kansas City to discuss the title for those who are interested. The book the committee has chosen is *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. Mr. Stevenson, an attorney in Alabama, writes about the justice system as a whole and how it treats citizens differently based on race and wealth. You can read the NYTimes review of this title at <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/19/books/review/just-mercy-by-bryan-stevenson.html>.

**Action:** Our keynote speaker last year, Steve Bogira, when asked what law librarians could do to help those in prison situations, suggested that we work on providing reading material for the incarcerated. Joining us at the MAALL Annual Meeting for the book discussion will be Kimberly Bresnahan, Library Coordinator for the Missouri Department of Corrections. Those who wish to take part can bring one or more books to be donated to the prison libraries in Missouri. Kimberly will take them back to Jefferson

City. They provide legal research titles to each library, but they could use fiction/non-fiction titles, new or gently used.

### **MAALL Members:**

More than anything, I am passionate about you, the members of MAALL, who have so willingly devoted time and energy to creating this vibrant organization, in many different ways, and according to your gifts and talents. Some of you serve by providing your time and expertise to be a speaker at the MAALL Meeting in Kansas City. Others serve by coming to join the conversation. I look forward to seeing you all there!

## MAALL AT AALL



Marcia Dority Baker at the MAALL table (photo courtesy of Cindy Bassett) and Stefanie Pearlman with Marbury and Madison (photo courtesy of Stefanie Pearlman).

## LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

*Jennifer Prilliman*

*Associate Director and Law Library Professor, Oklahoma City University School of Law*

This summer I attended the AALL Chapter Presidents and Vice Presidents Leadership Training Session. It was valuable training, but more than the training, it really left me thinking about the future of MAALL. I will be talking more about that at our annual meeting and in future columns. We all know the profession is an ever-evolving one, and our professional organizations must keep pace with those changes. The training session also drove home the number of chapters available. To borrow from the airlines, you do have a choice when you choose a chapter, and we are so glad that you have chosen MAALL.

More than being just a chapter filled with great people, we want to be a useful resource in your professional development. To that end, the education committee has worked hard to make sure there is valuable programming for everyone at this year's annual meeting. Many of programs address the future of law libraries and planning for changes



to come, and they will appeal to librarians in all aspects of law librarianship. Below are a few things to look forward to:

**Updates from OCLC** – Representatives from OCLC are joining us virtually to explain all of the changes occurring with OCLC! This will be a great opportunity for everyone in the library to gain a better understanding of OCLC.

**The Future is in the Funding** - The law library that does not rely on outside funding is rare. In Kansas, a portion of court docket fees provides the majority of operational funding for county law libraries. What do law librarians do when they learn of legislation that threatens their revenue stream? They get involved in the political process and learn quickly how to write opposition statements, find supporters, and advocate. Their libraries' futures depends on funding.

**Staying Up to Date In Times of Change** - Effective strategic planning can foster meaningful self-evaluation that helps libraries to remain relevant, demonstrate professional expertise and value, and effectively advocate as valued stakeholders. This panel session will include a discussion of our experiences with strategic planning at the University of Kansas, along with more general topics such as the importance of promoting collaboration, morale, and maximizing the strengths of each library staff member.

**The Catalog is Dead, Long Live the Catalog** - The last ten years have seen progressive changes in library catalogs and cataloging: RDA, FRBR and FRAD, Bibframe, Linked Data, Folksonomy, Faceted Search, Discovery Layers. Many of these changes are only slowly being implemented and some have already come and gone. Do these changes truly make for improved services to our users? What changes are necessary, and once identified, how can smaller law libraries with limited budgets and shrinking tech services staff, keep up? This session will review the current state of catalogs and cataloging with the goal of offering practical implementation strategies for law libraries in the heartland.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Kansas City!



Law Book Sculpture at National Constitution Center. Photo courtesy of Cindy Bassett.



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# INSIDE THE DAG HAMMARSKJOLD LIBRARY OF THE UN

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*Foreign Comparative & International Law Librarian and*

*Adjunct Professor of Law at Marquette Law School*

The Oxford English Dictionary (OED) defines mecca as a "... place regarded as supremely sacred or valuable, or where a faith, policy, truth, etc., originates. Also, more generally: a place which attracts people of a particular group or with a particular interest; ..."<sup>1</sup> It can be said that Paris, France, is the mecca of fashion, or that Naples, Italy, is the mecca of pizza. We would add that the United Nation's (UN) Dag Hammarskjold Library is the mecca for international legal research.

With 193 member states and two observers<sup>2</sup>, the UN is the largest intergovernmental organization. One of a number of policies associated with the UN is its promotion of "the rule of law at the national and international levels..."<sup>3</sup> This necessarily includes access to these rules of law. One manner of access is through the Dag Hammarskjold Library and the librarians who are dedicated to serving the information needs of UN member states' delegates.

While the world community and many international law librarians use the UN website, which is available in the six official languages of the UN, few of us have reason to visit the Dag Hammarskjold Library, because most documents are available through the [Official Document System](#) or through a [UN depository library or information center](#). In connection with a book that we are writing, we were welcomed to tour the Dag Hammarskjold Library and to attend a couple of the research training courses offered through the library.



Dag Hammarskjold portrait courtesy of the UN. All other photos courtesy of Heidi Frostestad Kuehl and Megan O'Brien.



The UN Headquarters, built in 1952, is a complex of buildings located on the east side of Manhattan covering roughly 17 acres. However, because the UN enjoys extraterritorial status, it is not technically a part of Manhattan. In late 1959, the UN accepted a gift from the Ford Foundation to build a UN library. Approaching the UN on foot, as we did via 42nd Street, one first notices the colorful flags of the UN member states flying in front of the 39-story Secretariat building. Arranged alphabetically from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, these flags have become an icon of the UN Headquarters.

Entering through the Visitor's Center, we cleared security and crossed an outdoor plaza that faces the East River. We paused to view the newly-installed, permanent Memorial to the Victims of Slavery and Transatlantic Slave Trade. This memorial commemorates the more than 15 million men, women, and children who were victims of a 400-year-long transatlantic slave trade.<sup>4</sup> It was inaugurated on March 25, 2015, the International Day of Remembrance for this tragic chapter of history.

Passing through the courtyard, we entered the conference building which houses the Security Council Chamber. We walked past the Secretariat and the General Assembly buildings, down a corridor and around a corner, to arrive at the

entrance to the library. The Dag Hammarskjöld Library is located next to the Secretariat building, on the southwest corner of the complex.

Just outside the library entrance is an oil portrait of Dag Hammarskjöld. It reveals little of the man's complexity, intelligence, and spirituality. Dag Hammarskjöld, born in Sweden, was the second Secretary General of the UN and a remarkable statesman and peacemaker. He ran the UN from 1953 – 1961. He died in a plane crash in 1961 on his way to participate in a negotiated cease-fire in connection with the Congo Crisis. A UN investigation in 1962 failed to uncover the cause of the plane crash. Ban Ki-Moon, current UN Secretary General, recently appointed a panel of independent experts to further investigate the circumstances surrounding the crash. This panel submitted a report to the UN in June of 2015 indicating that it had found significant new evidence. Ban Ki-Moon conveyed this report to the General Assembly,<sup>5</sup> adding that further inquiry was needed to establish the facts and full truth surrounding the death of Dag Hammarskjöld and the other 16 passengers on the plane.

Dag Hammarskjöld was awarded, posthumously, the Nobel Peace Prize in 1961. The library was dedicated to him in November of 1961. Dag Hammarskjöld's only book, *Markings*, is a diary of reflections beginning in 1925 and continuing through a few weeks before his death. Dag Hammarskjöld's diary entries offer a glimpse of the inner spiritual workings of a man who carried out his duties on the world stage with quiet diplomacy. While these spiritual explorations were largely a private practice, one outward manifestation of his spirituality is seen in his commitment to the 1956 renovation of the [Meditation Room](#) that is part of the UN Headquarters.

Above the entrance to the library hangs a plain, blue sign that reads "Dag Hammarskjöld Library," evocative of the unassuming man. Upon entering the library we encountered the reference desk on our right and a portion of the old, wooden card catalog on our left. The reference desk was staffed with three librarians when we arrived. The librarians serve the Secretariat, permanent missions' staff, UN delegations, and other official groups of the UN. The reference librarians also help people who visit the library both in person and online through the [ASK Dag](#) feature of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library page.



UN Law Librarian Susan Goard, who previously worked as a librarian at the Supreme Court of Canada, provided a tour of the library. The main reading rooms of the Dag Hammarskjöld library greeted us with rows of stacks containing international law monographs and treatises. The Assembly and Security Council reports lined the walls of the main reading room. The Woodrow Wilson Reading Room offers open space for carrying out research. The wavy ceiling architecture is the focal point of this room which faces west and offers a view of the main security entrance for UN staff. Lined with the card catalog, the warm, wooden tones of the décor and furnishings harken back to a pre-digital era.

Any UN monographs, treatises, or books that are pre-1979 require the use of this extensive card catalog and research librarian expertise. With over three million documents, the archival and non-digitized information that is housed on three floors of closed stacks is a massive data set for comprehensive historical research. Whereas the traditional card catalog provides information for materials prior to 1979, [UNBISnet](#) is the online catalog for all materials post-1979 at the UN Dag Hammarskjöld Library and the Library of the UN Office at Geneva. While the majority of the library's print collection is in English and French, it does attempt to collect in all languages of member states.



After touring the main reading room and the Woodrow Wilson Reading Room, we walked through the maps room, which contains some of the over 80,000 maps available at the library, and into the training room where we would eventually participate in a UN treaty research training session and a UN documents training session.

Overall, the tour of the reference area, the main reading room, the Woodrow Wilson Reading Room, and the maps collection helped to paint a more complete picture of the UN's print holdings and what must be an incredible effort at collection development and collection maintenance in today's largely digital era. Following our tour, we enjoyed coffee with Ms. Goard at the UN cafeteria, which offers a panoramic view of the East River and Roosevelt Island. Conversations in French, one of the two working languages of the UN, occurred nearby. Our informal chat covered a variety of topics including library operations and matters related to providing library services to patrons both in person and online using various platforms.

During the afternoon we attended our first UN research training session, Treaty Research, which was presented by Ms. Goard. Ms. Goard's colleague, Ylva Braaten, handled the second session, UN Documents, which took place the following morning. These research training sessions are offered periodically and are geared to those working at the UN, including delegates, and NGO representatives. The trainings were informative and offered useful tips for working with the [UNTS](#) and [MTDSG](#) databases as well as the [Audiovisual Library of International Law](#) collection. In-depth instruction was provided on reading document symbols, working within the [ODS](#), [UNBISnet](#), and [UNique](#) databases.

As librarians, we are acutely aware that libraries have evolved from storehouses of information to workshops for specialized research. Our visit, including the training sessions that we attended and the librarians we met, embodied this shift. The UN Dag Hammarskjold Library, true to its namesake, is a quiet powerhouse supporting the international legal research community. Our thanks go to Ms. Goard, Ms. Braaten, and the rest of those who have devoted their professional work to creating a truly world-class library. In sharing their expertise, these librarians play a crucial role in the UN's ongoing efforts to bring about a more just world.



<sup>1</sup> "Mecca, n." OED Online. Oxford University Press, March 2015, <http://www.oed.com/> (accessed 29 May 2015).

<sup>2</sup> As observers, the Holy See (Vatican City) and Palestine are prohibited from voting at the General Assembly meetings, but may participate and speak. See, UN Permanent Membership, <http://www.un.org/en/members/aboutpermobservers.shtml> (accessed 29 May 2015).

<sup>3</sup> See United Nations and the Rule of Law, <http://www.un.org/en/ruleoflaw/index.shtml> (accessed 29 May 2015).

<sup>4</sup> United Nations, International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, <http://www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/memorial.shtml> (accessed 29 May 2015).

<sup>5</sup> G. A. Res. 70/132 available at, [http://www.un.org/ga/search/view\\_doc.asp?symbol=A/70/132](http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/70/132). See related documents at <http://ask.un.org/faq/49766>.

# GREETINGS FROM MARBURY & MADISON!

Whew! This summer has been a hot one, but we've been having a blast! We stuck around St. Louis for a while, taking in some more sights, and then we went for a ride along the Katy Trail. From Missouri, we headed off to Philadelphia for the annual AALL Conference. Then we made the trip to Little Rock, Arkansas!

While in the STL, we visited two more St. Louis law firms. The first stop was Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale. We were able to watch a Cards v. Cubs baseball game out the window, and the library was even equipped with binoculars and a radio for the full Cardinals experience! We got the full tour, and even learned to play the ever-popular game "Multimedia Fling." The librarians have been using this game to celebrate National Library Week in the firm since 2007.

After that wild day, we hit up Sandberg, Phoenix & Von Gontard. We arrived when the new summer associates were training. Even though it was summer, we huddled by the cozy fireplace in the library. We also couldn't fight the urge to take a snapshot in the firm's courtroom. Marbury demanded, "Order in the court!"

MAALL President Cindy Bassett couldn't resist how adorable (and transportable) we are, and she took us on her bike ride along the Katy Trail. We saw a lot of beautiful scenery, stopped at some unusual sites, and got plenty of exercise. Madison even learned to play the banjo!

After we cleaned off the grime from the trail we hopped on a plane to Philly. We met tons of people and some other stuffed creatures too. We were definitely the critters to take a selfie with in the exhibit hall. We took in some of the educational programming, caught up with a ton of MAALL members, ate plenty of candy, and befriended a cheetah. Who would have thought!?

Where are we headed next? Well, we are on our way to Kansas City to check out the sites and report back before the 2015

MAALL Annual Meeting. We are sooooo excited to see all of you in Kansas City in October! Then we are going to the University of North Dakota to see the newly-remodeled library and to participate in the Homecoming celebration!

Peace, Love, and Prairie Dogs,  
Marbury & Madison



# MAALL ANNUAL MEETING KEYNOTE SPEAKER ANNOUNCED: AARON DEACON

*Meg Martin*

*Branch Librarian, Kansas District, US 10th Circuit Court Library*

We are delighted to announce that Aaron Deacon, Managing Director of KC Digital Drive, has agreed to serve as the Friday lunch Keynote Speaker at the 2015 MAALL Annual Meeting. Aaron will speak to and report on everything that is happening with Google Fiber and all the digital initiatives that are making Kansas City the place for technology innovation and a leader in the Smart Cities initiative. Kansas City was named a top spot for startups (<http://www.kctv5.com/story/28398529/kansas-city-named-top-spot-for-startups>) in March 2015. There isn't a better person to explain how "Everything is Up to Date in Kansas City!"

Here is an article describing how the University of Missouri - Kansas City (UMKC) School of Law (and a Law Librarian) is in the middle of getting up to date: <http://www.kcdigitaldrive.org/article/umkc-law-school-steps-up-as-national-leader-in-legal-technology-innovation/>.

More about Aaron from [http://schedule.sxsw.com/2014/events/event\\_IAP23240](http://schedule.sxsw.com/2014/events/event_IAP23240): "Aaron Deacon is managing director for KC Digital Drive, a bistate initiative to drive innovation and collaboration within Kansas City and capitalize on next generation infrastructure. KC Digital Drive covers a broad range of issues including education, health care, the arts, entrepreneurship, sustainability and digital inclusion.

"He has been an instrumental leader in helping Kansas City prepare to be the first major U.S. metro area with gigabit connectivity in the home. Among many initiatives related to Google Fiber's Kansas City project, he helped to create the Building the Gigabit City community brainstorming session. He led the Give Us a Gig initiative to educate Kansas City communities about the possibilities of gigabit speed and help neighborhoods express demand for service. And he is cofounder of the Gigabit City Summit, a series of telepresence roundtables designed to facilitate conversation among city leaders around the world about shaping city infrastructure around next generation networks."

Read additional information about Aaron Deacon in [The Kansas City Star](#) or in this [interview](#).

## FIRST YEAR TEACHING: HOW I GOT HERE FROM THERE

*Clanitra Stewart Nejd*

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In 2014, I made the life-changing decision to move from Cayce, South Carolina, to DeKalb, Illinois, to embark on my first year as a Reference and Instructional Services Librarian and Assistant Professor at the Northern Illinois University (NIU) College of Law. The road leading to that decision was a winding one, beginning with my days at the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University in Macon, GA. In that program, I discovered my love for legal research under the tutelage of my first-year legal research professor, Patricia Cervenka (the current Director of the Marquette University Law Library). Rather than pursue law librarianship at that time, I went on to practice public interest law and public policy advocacy. Over the years, however, I never forgot my positive experiences with legal research and through my work in the law library at Mercer. Because of those experiences, when I decided to make a career change, law

librarianship was foremost in my mind.

Of course there was one huge obstacle in my path to becoming a law librarian - I had not obtained a degree in library science. After much internal debate about the financial ramifications of doing so, I decided to leave my full-time position to obtain my Master's in Library and Information Science degree at the University of South Carolina. The two-year program proved to be an opportunity to discover the "real work" of librarianship, both through classes and internships. Some months after graduation, I applied for the position at NIU College of Law.

Although I was confident that the position was exactly what I was seeking, I must admit that a tiny part of me felt a slight trepidation about moving to a new area of the country. After all, life in the Southeast generally does not involve fur-lined boots, parkas, portable heaters, or a remote starter on a car. By making such a move, I would be leaving behind family, friends, and the comfort of knowing that driving on snowy or icy roads would be, at the most, a once-a-year experience. For me, however, a few minor inconveniences were negligible when compared with the opportunity to pursue this new path. So when I was offered the position, I accepted, and by May 2015 I was settling into DeKalb, my new home.

My new position incorporates both reference services and legal research instruction. I gained significant experience with reference services as a library science student, but I was less experienced with legal research instruction. Although I had conducted many educational sessions and CLEs for attorneys, judges, and members of the public over the years, I had not spent much time with law students. One positive aspect of starting the position in May was that I had a couple of months to get my bearings before stepping into the classroom.

Teaching law students would prove to require different techniques than I had originally anticipated. I quickly learned that putting oneself back into the mindset of a student who is a legal tabula rasa ("blank slate") is more difficult than one would think. The creation of every lecture slide, every research exercise, and every assignment was underscored with the understanding that I could not assume any more knowledge on the part of the student than I had imparted.

More than that, I discovered firsthand that the way law students learn has fundamentally changed since I was a law student. Instead of students who are used to working with print materials and dutifully handwriting notes, I found a generation of visual learners who expect electronic access to any type of information. These students wanted (and deserved) to understand how the information I was teaching them could be practically applied and how it would benefit them in the future. These differences challenged me to make sure that I was, to the best of my ability, teaching my students using the methods that would best help them to learn rather than relying on what I preferred or happened to be using as educational tools. In the short-term, this meant incorporating substantial visual components and real-life examples into my teaching, to which the students responded positively.

While I enthusiastically embraced most of the challenges and surprises that accompanied teaching legal research for the first time, I cannot honestly say that grading brought me much joy. Although grading exercises and assignments allowed me to quickly see if the class as a whole was struggling with a topic, it also left me with a slightly guilty feeling on the rare occasion that a student earned a "bad" grade. During my first semester teaching, that guilty feeling was coupled with feeling some degree of responsibility for the grade. Had I not taught the subject matter in a way that was easily understandable? Had the questions been unclear or confusing? Or could the grade be attributed to a lack of student effort? Even though my colleagues assured me that grading is something that takes everyone some time to get used to, it took two or three assignments before I became more comfortable with the grading process and students reactions to their grades, both positive and negative. Indeed, it was not until the spring semester that I was able to fully shed any irrational feelings of responsibility for a less-than-stellar grade.

As the year progressed, I gained more confidence in my teaching abilities and thought about ways to improve my teaching. I attended faculty development courses to enhance my skills and learn additional methods and tools to

incorporate into my instruction. I sought input from my colleagues on my lectures and assignments, and I asked for advice when I needed it. By the end of the spring semester, I felt so comfortable with legal research instruction that I began to develop an advanced legal research class focused on legal resources and research strategies related to public interest law. I am pleased to say that I am teaching that course in the fall of 2015. Quite a journey for just one year!

Now, as I begin my second year of teaching, I can incorporate what I learned during the first year. Teaching an advanced legal research class will no doubt be different from teaching a basic legal research class. However, I plan to meet any challenge head-on, confident that if my first year of teaching has taught me anything, it has taught me that with effort, perseverance, and time, anything is possible.

## AALL ANNUAL MEETING WORKSHOP REVIEW: RESEARCHING THE EUROPEAN UNION (W3)

*Colleen Williams*

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On Saturday, July 18, 2015, I attended the Researching the European Union workshop (W3) at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. The presenter was Ian Thomson, Director of the European Documentation Centre at Cardiff University in the United Kingdom. The workshop covered many useful resources, including:

### **Europa**

[http://europa.eu/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/index_en.htm)

This is the official website of the EU and is maintained by the communications department of the European Commission. Introductory information published here includes EU law basics (how decisions are made, application of law), doing business (import/export, public procurement), publications (statistics, open data policy), and topical information (agriculture, budget, energy, trade). An introductory guide to the EU systems and links to its institutions is at [http://europa.eu/about-eu/institutions-bodies/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/about-eu/institutions-bodies/index_en.htm).

### **EUR-Lex**

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html>

EUR-Lex is a free website that contains the Official Journal of the European Union (the official publication of EU legislation and other EU documents), text of EU law and related documents (treaties, legislation, case law), national law (laws of EU member states), and legislative procedures. Case law is also published on Curia ([http://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/j\\_6/](http://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/j_6/)). Registered EUR-Lex users (also free) can save searches and documents, personalize RSS feeds, and participate in the EUR-Lex user community.

### **European Sources Online**

<http://www.europeansources.info/>

This website is “the added value information service that focuses on the European Union, the countries of Europe and on issues of concern to citizens and stakeholders in the Europe of today.” It used to be a subscription database through ProQuest, but it is now free. Thomson has edited this website since its ProQuest days. It contains information guides on individual EU member states, EU policies, EU institutions, and guides to EU information from various national sources. It also has news and analysis on individual European nations (including those that are not EU member states) and on topics such as monetary policy, social issues, and the labor market.



## Search Europa

<http://searcheuropa.eu/>

Thomson said that Search Europa is the most efficient resource for finding EU information. It is a Google custom search tool created by the European Journalism Centre. There are separate search boxes for Europe (with options to search for PDF, Word, and PowerPoint files), law, blogs, and audio/visual.

## Searching for Publications

ECLAS: <http://ec.europa.eu/eclas/F>

EU Bookshop: <https://bookshop.europa.eu/en/home/>

ECLAS is the European Commission Libraries Catalogue. It includes hyperlinks to free resources. The EU Bookshop has publications on many topics, including agricultural policy and economic indicators. PDF downloads are free, while print publications have a limit of 20 titles per order with one publication free.

## Registers

Registers contains documents of EU institutions that may not have been published on Europa/EUR-Lex.

- European Parliament Public Register: (<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegistreWeb/search/simple.htm;jsessionid=A34A1BBFFAA82234C3286846EF46C273?language=EN>)
- European Commission, Register of Commission Documents: (<http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/index.cfm;jsessionid=DE4F55EE6150DE5FE0A9F0D038F83309.cfusion14501?fuseaction=search&language=en&CFID=1509901&CFTOKEN=8279b3ee797998b-5D5013B8-983B-38D7-56E8FAE69072C27C>)
- European Commission's Comitology Register (<http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regcomitology/index.cfm?CLX=en>)
- European Council Public Register (<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/documents-publications/>)

## Terminology

Thomson covered many translation and language usage resources, including:

- Interactive Terminology for Europe (IATE): <http://iate.europa.eu/SearchByQueryLoad.do?method=load>, the official database for EU interpreters.
- European Commission's Translation and Drafting Resources: [http://ec.europa.eu/translation/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/translation/index_en.htm)
- Europa's institutional style guide, main acronyms and initialisms: <http://publications.europa.eu/code/en/en-5000400.htm>. This is particularly useful for understanding document abbreviations.

This is nowhere near a comprehensive list of resources covered in the workshop; I limited this recap to introductory resources for those unfamiliar with EU research (Europa, EUR-Lex) and to interesting resources that were new to me. Please feel free to contact me for information on other topics covered (e.g., policy, laws of member states).

# EVERYTHING'S UP TO DATE IN KANSAS CITY!

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[MAALL 2015 Annual Meeting](#): Everything's Up to Date in Kansas City!

Meeting dates: October 22-24, 2015

Hotel registration: [Holiday Inn Country Club Plaza](#) (More hotel information [here](#))

Conference registration form: watch the [website](#) - coming soon!!

We are so excited to be hosting this year's annual meeting and we're working hard to make it fun, educational, and interactive. Paul Callister, Michael Robak, and all of the committee members are paying attention to the details as we prepare for your visit.

The Holiday Inn Country Club Plaza is located on the world-famous Country Club Plaza. The hotel provides free access to wi-fi, parking, and daily breakfast. Parking is free for local attendees who do not stay in the hotel but register for the meeting. Thursday and Friday events will be held at the Holiday Inn, and Saturday morning events will be held on the campus of the [University of Missouri Kansas City School of Law](#). Transportation to the school will be provided. With 20 programs to choose from, we're confident you'll find content that appeals to you.

As a MAALL member, you can attend for as little as \$179 if you take advantage of the early bird registration rate prior to September 22. A student rate will be available on the registration form. Encourage the students you know to attend.

Please plan on joining us for the welcome reception on Thursday night to be held at the [Simpson House](#), catered by [Jack Stack Barbecue](#) – yum! Vegetarian options will be provided. There will be a pianist to entertain us during the evening. Simpson House was built in 1909 by Burnette Simpson, a prominent Kansas City attorney. The house is constructed of limestone from nearby Carthage, MO. The house's distinctive features include ornate paneled wood ceilings and trim throughout of cherry, walnut, and oak. The windows are made of beveled lead crystal and stained glass. The foyer boasts a magnificent walnut staircase with hand-carved wooden balusters.

The Plaza was designed to resemble the architecture of Seville, Spain, combining Old World elegance with modern convenience. The space is an open-air art gallery with courtyards filled with fountains, classic sculptures, and authentic Spanish tile murals. There are more than 35 restaurants in the area offering a variety of cuisines: contemporary American, Kansas City steaks and barbecue, fresh seafood, gourmet burgers, and specialty pizza. Many of the dine-arounds will be hosted in these restaurants, which are only a short walk from the Holiday Inn. Watch for more information about the dine-around opportunities! Over 120 high-end retailers are just waiting for you to visit. Choose from tiny shoe boutiques, multifarious chocolatiers, couture clothiers, art galleries, and fine jewelry. You can easily find something special for yourself or your children, whether they are of the two- or four-legged variety!

Travel & Leisure magazine ranked Kansas City the 4th most-cultured city in America (music and art), the 4th "friendliest city," and the 9th most charming city (200+ fountains, interesting architecture, and chef-driven restaurants.) We look forward to seeing you in October! #MAALL15

## MEMBER NEWS



### **From the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville**

Angela Hackstadt has been appointed to the following American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Committees: Technical Services Special Interest Section (TS-SIS) Acquisitions Standing Committee; Indexing Legal Periodicals Committee; and Technical Services Annual Meeting Subcommittee.

Colleen Williams continues on the Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS-SIS). If you are interested in submitting a potential conference program, chat with Colleen.

### **From the University of Arkansas, Little Rock**

Jeff B. Woodmansee, Assistant Professor of Law Librarianship at the UALR Bowen School of Law, was appointed to

serve a three-year term (2015-2018) to the AALL Digital Access to Legal Information Committee, received the 2015 AALL Annual Meeting Chapter Registration Award for the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL) regional chapter, and co-authored a legislative survey of states currently offering tax incentives to attract angel investment for entrepreneurs recently published in *Tax Notes and State Tax Notes* (Joseph Bell, Michael Watts, and Jeff B. Woodmansee. *Equity Investor Tax Credits: Legislative Update*. *Tax Notes*, Vol. 147, No. 12, pp. 1435-1443; *State Tax Notes*, Vol. 76, No. 13, pp. 1027-1033.) His photography was also featured in a top Arkansas legal publication: "Sun Rising on at MacArthur Park", *Daily Record*, Vol. 621, No. 27, pp. 24.

A blue graphic with a white outline of the state of Kansas. The word "Kansas" is written in a gold, serif font across the center of the state outline.

## Kansas

### **From The University of Kansas**

Since last we met...our Cataloging and Technical Services Librarian, Allison Reeve, has taken a Research Librarian position with Littler Mendelson in KCMO. Lindsey Collins, our Faculty Services Senior Researcher, has moved into the KU Medical-Legal Partnership at KU Med Center. We were sad to see them go, but wish them the very best in their new endeavors! We have interviewed for both positions and should have both filled by mid-September. At this moment, our staff of five is working feverishly to welcome the new 1Ls, new SJDs, and the returning students back to Green Hall. It's always an exciting time, and we're pumped!

A blue graphic with a white outline of the state of North Dakota. The words "North Dakota" are written in a gold, serif font across the center of the state outline.

## North Dakota

### **From the University of North Dakota Thormodsgard Law Library**

On the move: The law school and law library staff moved back into their expanded and remodeled building in August 2015. The law faculty moved in before the first year law students arrived for new student orientation, August 17-20. Fall classes began for all law students on the 24th of August. After a year of being out of our home, it will be a welcome relief for students, faculty, and staff to be in one building again. Be sure to watch for the next issue of MAALL Markings, where we hope to provide pictures of the dedication and open house to take place here during the weekend of UND Homecoming in October.

New staff: Anne Mostad-Jensen joined Thormodsgard Law Library as Head of Faculty Services on July 1, 2015. Anne will be responsible for providing support for faculty scholarship, teaching, and service. She comes to North Dakota from Concordia University School of Law in Boise, Idaho, where she was a Reference Librarian. Anne holds a JD from Santa Clara University School of Law and an MLIS from St. Catherine University in St. Paul, MN. Anne is originally from northern Minnesota and is excited about her return to the frozen upper Midwest.

### **From the U.S. Court of Appeals**

Suzanne Morrison, Courts Librarian at U.S. Court of Appeals library in Fargo is retiring September 30, 2015. Suzanne is expecting a new grandchild in October and she says this makes it six altogether under the age of 6 years! Since none of them are in Fargo, she and her husband will be doing a lot of traveling. She says she will miss all of the wonderful colleagues she has. Nevertheless, she is looking forward to getting up in the morning and planning her own day!

### **From the North Dakota Supreme Court Law Library**

Rosemarie Sperle at the North Dakota Supreme Court Law Library is retiring October 1, 2015. She has worked there for 28 years. In 1997, after the flood, Ted Smith, director of the Supreme Court Law Library, allowed Rosemarie and co-worker Marcella Kramer to volunteer to come to the Law Library in Grand Forks in order to help the staff catch up with the backlog of mail and print materials to be processed. Since they were already familiar with legal materials and the processing needed, they were a big help, and did a wonderful job.

The UND Law Library staff send their best wishes to both Suzanne and Rosemarie for a happy and healthy retirement!



## Nebraska

### From University of Nebraska

Stefanie S. Pearlman, Professor of Law Library & Reference Librarian, Schmid Law Library, University of Nebraska-Lincoln is the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of the Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section (SR-SIS) of AALL for 2015/2016.

Emily Dust Nimsakont has joined the Schmid Law Library as Head of Cataloging & Resource Management. Emily's previous job was Cataloging Librarian at the Nebraska Library Commission. Prior to that, she was a Reference Desk Assistant at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Love Library.

Bridget Walsh joins Schmid Law Library as a Library Services Associate.

Previously, Bridget worked in Love Library for three years, first as a student worker, and then in a grant position, copy-cataloging annual reports, tariffs, and other materials in the Charles J. Kennedy Railroad Collection.



## South Dakota

### From The University of South Dakota

Changes continue at the The University of South Dakota Law Library. Last year marked several physical changes to the law library, including the installation of two new Technology Learning Centers, as well as technology-enhanced study tables. This summer, staffing changes have been the theme. Daniel Burniston joined the staff in July as the Head of Technical and Collection Services, coming to the law library from the University Libraries, where he served as the Interlibrary Loan Manager and

interim archivist. The law school will also soon be initiating a search for a new Assistant Dean/Law Library Director. Another event on the horizon for the USD Law Library is a CLE session on Free and Low Cost Legal Research to be offered during USD's homecoming weekend, Dakota Days.

## NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

*Rebecca Lutkenhaus*

*Reference Librarian, Drake University Law Library*

### Chicago Area Law Librarians

CALL Bulletin <http://bulletin.chicagolawlib.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/CALL-Bulletin-Issue236-Summer-2015.pdf>

Issue 236, Summer 2015

In "Legal Research on the Go: Mobile Apps," Lindsey Ann Carpino provides a roster of apps focusing on news, productivity, litigation, and other topics. Caprino also links to additional sources for apps that librarians might want to consider adding to their research toolbox. Kara Dunn offers tips and a list of additional resources for creating effective research guides in her article "Library Research Guides: Best Practices."

### Houston Area Law Librarians

HALL Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/hall/newsletter/Spring15.pdf>

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Mica Maddry provides a run-down of "Oil, Gas, and Energy News Resources" that provides current awareness for attorneys.

## **Law Library Association of Greater New York**

Law Lines <http://www.llagny.org/lawlines>

Kristen Perez recaps a National Library Week event at the New York Law Institute in her June 12, 2015 posting "[Ellyssa Kroski on Treasures and Technology at the New York Law Institute.](#)" In a June 28, 2015 posting titled "[The Law of Drones \(unmanned aerial vehicles\).](#)" Debbie Melnick offers a bibliography of New York and federal laws and secondary materials in this evolving area.

## **Law Librarians of New England**

LLNE News [http://llne.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/LLNENews\\_32\\_1-updated.pdf](http://llne.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/LLNENews_32_1-updated.pdf)

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Carli Spina shares information about the Open Access Button and the U.S. Copyright Office Fair Use Index in her column "Tech Trends." The article "Access to Court Records" summarizes LLNE president Melinda Kent's testimony in a public hearing concerning the public's access to publicly available court case records in Massachusetts. "Beyond the Book Drive" discusses LLNE's latest efforts to provide outreach to public libraries in the New England region. They are developing a legal research web portal and establishing a network of volunteers willing to serve as a resource for public librarians handling legal research questions.

## **Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C.**

Law Library Lights <http://www.llsdc.org/assets/LLL/58/llsdc%20newsletter%2058.4.pdf>

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In "A Different Perspective on Legislative Data," Kelly A. McGlynn summarizes the informational sessions offered as part of the Committee on the House Administration's [Legislative Data and Transparency Conference](#). The sessions discussed the hurdles and processes for making legislative data accessible and usable. Amy Taylor reviews Carson Tate's book *Work Simply: Embracing the Power of Your Personal Productivity Style*.

## **Minnesota Association of Law Libraries**

MALL Reference Desk <http://mall.wildapricot.org/Resources/Documents/news414.pdf>

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In "Evidence Based Medicine: Strategies for Success," Kathleen Otto defines what Evidence Based Medicine is and discusses how to frame questions and find and evaluate evidence. The article concludes with references for further reading.

## **Southwestern Association of Law Libraries**

SWALL Bulletin <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/swall/bulletin/2015SummerSWALLBulletin.pdf>

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Sara E. Campbell discusses her experiences using Kaywa to create a QR code to embed on a fabric poster for the AALL Annual Meeting in "QR Codes: The Black Swan of Law Library Digital Marketing." Mariann Sears reports on the sessions provided as part of the 2015 Open Access Symposium held at the UNT Dallas College of Law. Sessions focused on topics including the vanishing public domain, the advantages of open access law reviews, and UELMA's progress in Texas.

# A MOMENT WITH MALLCO

*Corie Dugas*

*Mid-America Law Library Consortium Executive Director*

This is my first column for *MAALL Markings* after stepping in as the Executive Director of MALLCO. For those I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, in addition to my position at MALLCO, I also work full time at Saint Louis University's Vincent C. Immel Law Library. I have been with SLU Law for almost eight years, and am currently the Outreach & Public Services Librarian.

My goal for my time with MALLCO is to continue the great work that my predecessor, Susan Goldner, has done. Additionally, I hope to build on the existing collections and collaborations, and help create new, exciting professional development opportunities for the faculty and staff at MALLCO libraries. Now that I've kicked off the introduction, let me highlight a few of the key things that have been happening with MALLCO.

## **LMN Collaboration**

Beginning in January, Susan began a formal partnership called LMN (Legal Information Preservation Alliance (LIPA), MALLCO, and New England Law Library Consortium (NELLCO)). One of the primary goals of this collaboration is to create relevant, practical, low-cost, online professional development opportunities for the membership of the three organizations. We are at the beginning stages of investigating possible opportunities, and we welcome the ideas of interested members.

## **NELLCO Vendor Relations**

On July 1, NELLCO took over the majority of the vendor negotiations, interactions, and billing for MALLCO. The transition has gone smoothly. MALLCO libraries will receive discount notices, renewals, and invoicing directly from NELLCO. This has also opened up additional discounts previously unavailable to MALLCO libraries.

## **Discussion List Transfer**

During Susan's tenure, the MALLCO Discussion Lists were maintained through UALR. They have since been moved to Google groups. The lists are as follows: General List, Acquisitions & Collection Development Interest Group, Institutional Repositories Interest Group, Reference & Faculty Services Interest Group, Resource Sharing Interest Group, and Web & Technology Interest Group. If you work at a MALLCO member library and would like to join any of these lists, please email me at [cdugas@slu.edu](mailto:cdugas@slu.edu).

## **MAALL Annual Meeting**

As in years past, MALLCO will be hosting a half-day of roundtables on Thursday morning of the MAALL 2015 Annual Meeting in Kansas City. The Interest Group Chairs have put together a great slate of discussion topics for the roundtables. There will also be a MALLCO eBook conversation during the regular programming. We will be talking about the current EBL project, as well as additional possibilities to pursue.

## **What's Coming Next?**

Soon members will be noticing changes to the website. The transition will be happening gradually. The Members-only content will be easier to navigate, and content previously hosted on the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's LibGuides will be moved to MALLCO LibGuides. Barbara Ginzburg will be heading the transition with her skillful work on the website.

I am still in the process of learning about MALLCO and its members. If you have ideas for future projects, or would just like to chat, I would be happy to hear from you. What attracted me to this organization is the sense of camaraderie and the fact that MALLCO recognizes that we are at our best when we learn from each other.

# FROM THE EDITOR

*Sabrina Davis*

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## **“Right Here, Write Now!” – Annual Article Contest**

I am pleased to announce that *MAALL Markings* will be offering an annual \$50 prize to the author of a selected article. The contest is called “Right Here, Write Now!” and will run from December – September, beginning with the December 2015 issue.

Readers will be able to nominate articles for consideration after each issue (watch the MAALL listserv for more details), and all nominated articles will be submitted for a popular vote by MAALL members. The winner will be announced and the prize delivered at the Annual MAALL Meeting in October each year. However, the winner will be notified before the meeting.

Have questions? E-mail me at [sadavis@okcu.edu](mailto:sadavis@okcu.edu) for answers!



## **MAALL MARKINGS INFORMATION**

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# UELMA RESOLUTION

A **RESOLUTION** to Support the Enactment of the Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act in the States of Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and South Dakota

**WHEREAS**, the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries believes that permanent public access to official authentic legal information is critical to the legal system of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries holds that information published on government websites must be trustworthy and reliable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries promotes the idea that information on government websites must be preserved and permanently accessible, and offered to the public without charge whenever possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries has found that most of its member state governments, including the states of Arkansas, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and South Dakota have not yet met their responsibility to provide trustworthy, reliable access to online legal information; and

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act promulgated by the Uniform Law Commission provides a technology-neutral, outcomes-based approach to ensuring that online state legal material deemed official will be preserved and will be permanently available to the public in unaltered form; and

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act requires that if legal material is published only in electronic form, it must be designated official; and

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act requires that electronic legal material that has been designated official must be capable of being authenticated, preserved and permanently accessible to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries have advocated for adoption of the Act and have supported similar efforts of its parent organization, the American Association of Law Libraries, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries, a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, supports enactment of the Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act in the States of Arkansas, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and South Dakota as well as in all other states throughout the United States and the District of Columbia.

*Endorsed by a vote of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries Executive Board of the 8th of June, 2015.*

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