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ONBOARDING A NEW LEGAL RESEARCHER

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Upon the anniversary of my first year doing legal research, I thought it appropriate to share a short article on my onboarding perspectives. But first a bit of history....

I've been doing research for 20 years, cutting my teeth on Dialog Classic, Investext, and the old Bloomberg terminal for an investment banker. Then I joined this awesome greeting card company—Hallmark Cards—to research new business opportunities, size industries and marketplaces, track our competition, and study consumer behavior. Though I had used LexisNexis sparingly along my journey, Westlaw, IntelliConnect, and PACER were not terms in my vocabulary, nor in my toolset. It seems odd now, because I've been using these powerful resources almost daily in this last year.

If you onboard new legal researchers in your libraries and knowledge centers, I hope my perspectives spark some new approaches.

1. Meet your new researcher where they are on legalese. They do not yet use the industry common language, let alone your organization's dialect of it. Avoid acronyms and nicknames until you have a common understanding of what those mean. Assess your new team member's absorption level, then start using terms and concepts you want them to know, along with your definition. The first time I heard the word "treatise," I ran to a quasi-dictionary known as Google to discover that a treatise is a just a compiled legal expertise on a subject. A simple concept, yet a new word I needed to understand. Though an embarrassing example, that is just one of the many new words and concepts I learned in order to better serve my firm attorneys. Along these lines, supply your new legal researcher with a *Black's Law Dictionary*...or they will go to Google.

2. Explain the difference between case law, statutes, and regulations; how each come about; and how each integrate and depend on one another. With so many sources of primary law, to be an effective researcher, it's critical to develop an understanding of these authorities and the secondary sources that cite them. Also explain the legislative process, in case the last time your new researcher learned it was in his or her high school U.S. government class or even while watching *Schoolhouse Rock!*

3. Don't have your vendor trainers be your researcher's first touchpoint for online resources you've invested big bucks in. Begin the training for these resources personally, sharing your perspective and explanation on why you use them, when you use them, which tool is best to address which research need, and any usage or billing nuances that are specific to your organization. Then invite the vendor trainers to show off the power of their tools, offer follow-up training options, and provide a contact list. This dual approach provides your new researcher with a deeper perspective and appreciation for the toolset with which they will eventually work magic.

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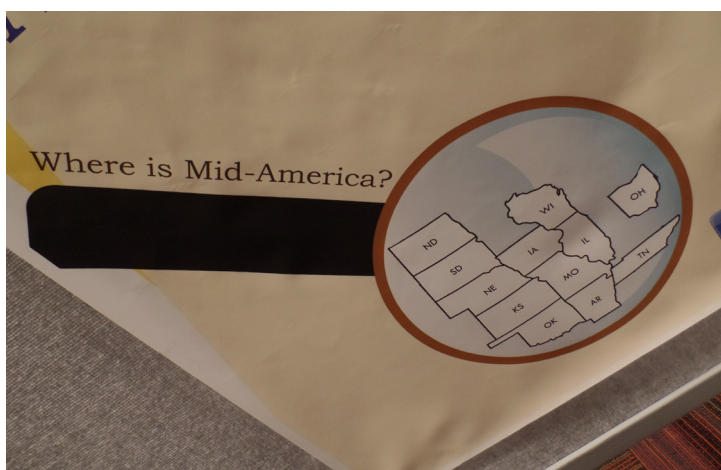
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4. Encourage curiosity, humility, good listening and teaching skills, and the art of a good reference interview, especially if your new researcher didn't come in with those strengths. These are critical for any researcher and allow them to build rapport and trust with their patrons, which adds to their confidence and opens more doors for learning. Push them outside of their comfort zone on projects, and be there to guide them when they get stumped. Let them see how you address the research needs of your organization. Realize that you are their role model...whether you want to be or not...until they get up to speed.

More perspectives on onboarding abound, but I'll leave you with those initial thoughts for now. Though I have passed the test of my first year in legal research, I am by no means saturated yet. There is still much to learn about effectively tapping into the research to best address my attorneys' and their clients' priorities, both proactively and reactively. And I hope, for all those who step as blindly as I did into legal research, that you and your teams and associations will be as supportive for your new legal researcher as mine were for me.



Michelle Falkoff, Director and Associate Professor of Law in Northwestern's Communication and Legal Reasoning Faculty, speaks at the MAALL business meeting and luncheon at the AALL Annual Meeting 2016 in Chicago. Photo courtesy of Sabrina Davis.



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Susan M. Boland

Associate Director of Public & Research Services

University of Cincinnati Robert S. Marx Law Library

As I write this column, it's been almost two months since the AALL Annual Meeting. We had a great MAALL Luncheon. I want to thank Heidi Kuehl and Therese Clarke Arado for their work in getting our fabulous speaker, Michelle Falkoff. I also want to thank our University of Iowa colleagues for being wonderful ambassadors for law libraries and law librarians. Michelle spoke very fondly of her time at the University of Iowa and the work they did with her. On a professional note, she has inspired me to try applying some fiction workshoping techniques to legal research instruction. On a personal note, she made me think about trying to write fiction again!

I was lucky to attend the AALL Chapter Summit and the Chapter Legal Training. What a great experience! At the Chapter Summit, one of the things that came up repeatedly was the issue of engaging members. This has been an issue in every organization I have ever been a part of, but one of the things that Peggy Hoffman, the facilitator, brought home to me was the idea that engagement runs along a continuum rather than an all-or-nothing proposition. Engagement by an individual ebbs and flows. Engagement does not just mean doing things like committee work (although please do volunteer!). If you are reading this column, you are engaging! If you took a picture with Marbury and Madison, you are engaging! I got some great ideas on other ways to engage members and I am looking forward to trying them out. Who's up for a virtual happy hour?

Our annual meeting in Oklahoma City is fast approaching. If you haven't already, register immediately! We have a wonderful set of programs and talented presenters. I look forward to engaging face-to-face with everyone at the annual meeting. Sarah Sladek, author of *Knowing Y: Engaging the Next Generation Now*, asserts, "Value is no longer created by the association themselves, but by the people within." The value of MAALL has always been you.

MAALL Annual Meeting

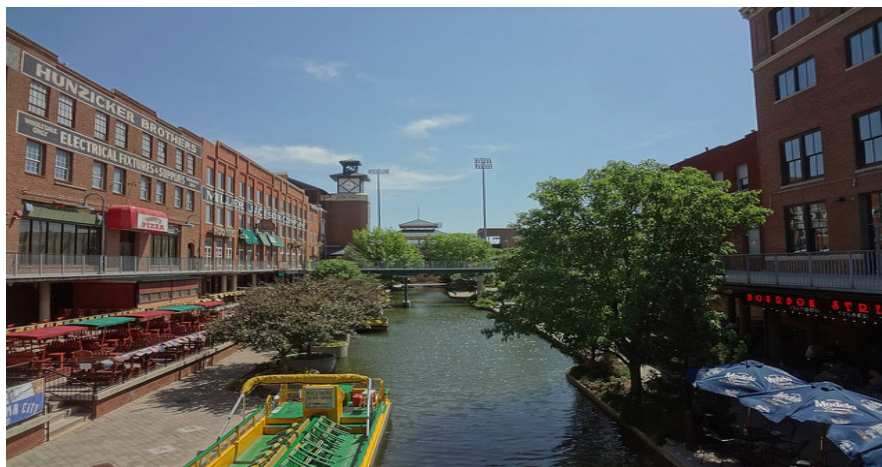
Date: October 13 – 15, 2016

Where: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Hotel: Aloft Oklahoma City Downtown – Bricktown, <http://www.aloftoklahomacitybricktown.com/>

Theme: Expanding Circles

Meeting website: <http://maall.wildapricot.org/MAALL-Annual-Meeting-2016>



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SUMMER BOOK CLUB: CONNECTING FACULTY AND STAFF DURING THE LOST MONTHS OF SUMMER

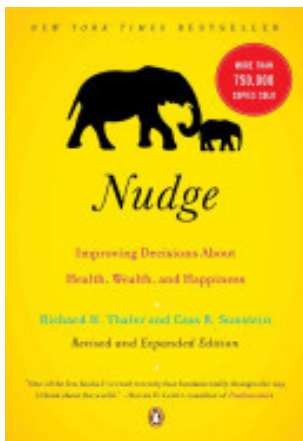
Cindy Bassett

Electronic Services Librarian

University of Missouri School of Law Library

A faculty member new to our school and community casually mentioned in the late spring of this year that she would like to join a book club. To me, finding a book club that fits is akin to a spiritual quest, one that must be undertaken with reverence and fasting and maybe a white steed. But her comment did give me an idea - why not have a short-term summer book club for the law school? How hard could it be? As it turns out, not hard at all. Here is what I did:

1. Create a short proposal for my director: I thought through what I would need for a summer book club, which really wasn't anything the library didn't already have on hand. We have access to books, we have space to meet, I had time to send emails organizing the event, and we have coffee.

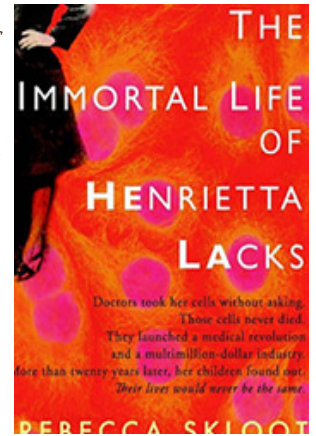


2. Select the titles: Director's approval in hand, I sent a message to all the faculty and staff. Here at Mizzou Law, we [collectively read a book each year](#); that title is pre-selected and we hold faculty-led discussions on it during orientation for the 1Ls. I reasoned that if we discussed it for summer book club right before orientation, it would help the faculty leading the 1L discussions to feel prepared. Another [non-fiction title](#) had been chosen as the topic of a symposium in the fall, so that, too, was a natural pick. That left one more title, which I decided would be a fiction title. I sent a message to the faculty and staff with a title that I thought might be of interest and asked for their ideas about what to read. People weighed in and the last title was selected.

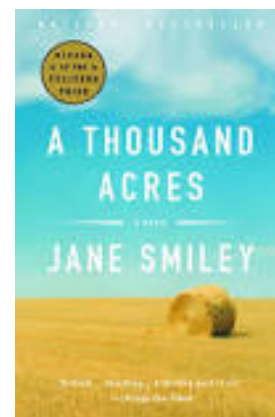
3. Put it on the schedule: To select the dates we would discuss each title, I sent a [Doodle poll](#) to everyone for the dates I thought would work. Once I knew who could come and when (I attempted to schedule a date that worked for as many as possible), I sent Outlook calendar invitations to all the faculty and staff for the first event, reasoning that it would be easier for them to automatically put it on their calendar. I included in the invitation the information about the book we were reading, including instructions for requesting the title through the library. I repeated this for the remaining two books.

4. Meet and discuss: On the day of the discussion, I sent an email to everyone reminding them of event and inviting them to come even if they hadn't finished the book. For each book, I searched online for sample discussion questions that I could tailor to my group. I made coffee and we discussed!

So, I know you are wondering—did anyone show up? Did I throw a party and then sit by myself, drinking coffee and thinking about books? Now that you mention it, that sounds like my kind of party! The answer is yes, people showed up. Not everyone, but a nice mix of faculty and staff, some of whom I interact with regularly and some of whom I would never have expected to join a book discussion group. I got to know some of my colleagues in a way I hadn't before. I learned that the dean's administrative assistant is an avid reader and that our financial aid officer has a keen interest in economic regulation. And, of course, the professor who wanted the book club came too, as she should since I created this with her in mind!



Some titles were better received than others, though. The fiction title we chose (mea culpa – I suggested it) was *A Thousand Acres* by Jane Smiley; it is a retelling of the King Lear story set in Iowa. It is a fantastic novel, multilayered and masterful in its creation, but with a very hard-to-swallow theme of incest and patriarchy. To top it off, the discussion for it was scheduled in July when many were on vacation. So, there was not as much participation for that book. Several people that I had expected to be active participants begged off. The falling off of participation reminded me of high school and how hard it was for me to make myself read classic fiction with dark themes. Altogether, it was a challenging book to read when many had other priorities.



As summer comes to a close, I am evaluating this experiment and considering whether I will recommend repeating it. In all, the summer book club program was low-cost in terms of staff time and resources. It was high-return in that we raised the visibility of the library as a leader of intellectual engagement for faculty and staff. **Low-cost + High-return = win-win for the Law Library.**

EARLY STATE RECORDS DIGITIZATION PROJECT

Richard Amelung, Professor Emeritus of Legal Research

Erika Cohn, Director of the Law Library, Assistant Professor of Law

Vincent C. Immel Law Library, Saint Louis University School of Law

The Vincent C. Immel Law Library at Saint Louis University School of Law will participate in a \$500,000 project with LLMC (Law Library Microform Consortium) to provide unprecedented digital access to the *Early State Records*. This microfilm collection, created by the Library of Congress in the late 1940s, covers colonial, territorial, and early statehood documents for the 48 states that formed the United States at that time. Materials microfilmed were drawn from more than 40 libraries and archives around the country. They include manuscript materials documenting the earliest forms of representative government to initial contact and agreements with the native populations. One can count perhaps 20 copies of the set in existence.

Phase I of the project will focus on digitizing half of the collection's nearly 2,000 reels of microfilm held by the Vincent C. Immel Law Library. This phase is estimated to contain 5,000 titles and will require three years to complete. Phase I will provide access to the 15 states on the Atlantic seaboard, as well as the Native American documents. The Law Library will catalog and create abstracts for the collection, continuing a long-standing agreement with LLMC to provide these services for all titles that appear in the [LLMC Digital](#) database. Underwriting this important effort are individual LLMC member institutions, including the Library of Congress, a group of Florida libraries under the lead of the University of Florida, and the law libraries at Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, North Carolina, St. John's, Stanford, Yale, and others. Funding for Phase II, the remaining 33 states, is underway. Once the project is complete, LLMC subscribers and their patrons will enjoy unprecedented access to unique materials that have remained virtually unknown for nearly 200 years.

SEND US YOUR NEWS!

Want to share some exciting news from your library? Contact your State Member News Liaison and share the good news in the next issue of *MAALL Markings*.

MAALL Markings will be honoring deceased MAALL members on an ongoing basis. Please send obituary notices to maall.newsletter@gmail.com.

CONNELL: AALL ANNUAL MEETING 2016

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Photo courtesy of LeighAnne Thompson

As the recipient of the MAALL Grant to attend the Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONNELL) at the AALL Annual Meeting 2016 in Chicago, I was very excited to attend CONELL, but had no idea what to expect. My mentors had told me that CONELL would be a unique, fun experience to meet other newer law librarians, but I had not asked for any details.

While volunteering at the AALL Registration Booth on Friday before the Saturday CONELL session, I overheard people referring to the CONELL “speed networking” event. As a classic introvert, I was a little worried. But, past attendees assured me that it would be a great experience. Friday evening, I participated in the CONELL “dine-arounds” (also known as “dutch treat dinners”) and went to Howells & Hood with our hosts and several other law librarians who had recently started their careers at academic and governmental institutions. We had a great time getting to know each other over dinner and craft beer, and we all looked forward to CONELL the following morning.

When I arrived at 8:15 on Saturday morning, I was expecting a full day of lecture-type programming followed by a speed networking event. Instead, the day was filled with fun events and opportunities to learn about the many resources that AALL offers. The day began with introductions from each of the members of the AALL Executive Board, who told their personal stories of how they made their way to the profession. Each speaker was very candid and inspirational in sharing their unique journey and their commitment to improving the profession.

The speed networking event turned out to be one of my favorite events of the day. I met so many interesting people and was shocked at how quickly three minutes passed! The day culminated in an architectural cruise of Chicago. We all boarded the boat cruise and enjoyed perfect weather while learning more about the beautiful City of Chicago.

I highly recommend CONELL to all new law librarians! I learned so much about the many resources and leadership opportunities available through AALL, and I met many wonderful individuals and formed new friendships.



Druet Cameron Klugh spends quality time with Marbury & Madison at the MAALL poster at the AALL Annual Meeting 2016 in Chicago.

EXPLORING THE EXPANDING CIRCLE OF LEGAL INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS

Ted Potter

Reference Librarian and Adjunct Lecturer in Law

University of Iowa Law Library

“Association for Legal Information.” Sound familiar? Are your nostrils flaring? Did your blood pressure go up a tick? Do you want to talk about it? Calmly . . . rationally . . .

Jenny Sutherland and Ted Potter invite you to come to the MAALL Annual Meeting this October to discuss the evolution of duties and responsibilities of the professionals in legal information fields and to analyze the possibilities of expanding your circle to encompass these professionals. They will use AALL’s recent rebranding initiative as a catalyst for that analysis. AALL Vice-President Greg Lambert will talk about the philosophy of the AALL rebranding initiative, touching on big themes and sharing some anticipated and desired outcomes, particularly as they relate to expanding the circle. Following the presentation, co-facilitators will pose a series of questions to guide small group discussions of the legal information landscape and the implications of expanding the reach of the legal information profession. The session will conclude with a large group discussion regarding the benefits and challenges of expanding your circle. It promises to be a lively session, so come share your opinion. (The facilitators will have water pistols, just in case things get too hot!) Bring your friends from law firms, courts, and counties, from IT and records management, and any others who might be interested in the conversation. See you in OKC!

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the newest members of MAALL:

- Susan deMaine, Assistant Director for Information Services, Indiana University McKinney School of Law, Ruth Lilly Law Library
- Richard Humphrey, Reference and Instruction Librarian, Indiana University McKinney School of Law, Ruth Lilly Law Library
- Benjamin Keele, Research and Instruction Librarian, Indiana University McKinney School of Law, Ruth Lilly Law Library
- Miriam Murphy, Director, Indiana University McKinney School of Law, Ruth Lilly Law Library
- Rena Stoeber, Research and Instructional Services Librarian, Indiana University McKinney School of Law, Ruth Lilly Law Library
- LeighAnne Thompson, Student, University of Illinois
- Eric Young, Law Library Director & Assistant Dean, University of South Dakota School of Law

RETIRING MEMBERS

Deloris M. (Dee) Barker retired from Washburn University School of Law on June 30. She began work at the Washburn Law Library in February 1999 as a Library Assistant II in the U.S. Government Documents Selective Depository. She served faculty, students, and members of the public (including attorneys) capably by processing U.S. and Kansas government documents and assisting researchers in using the collection. While working at Washburn, she completed a B.A. degree in Computer Science (May 2007). She also earned her Master's of Library Science degree from Emporia State (August 2011). Her duties expanded to include day-to-day operation of the electronic discussion groups hosted at the law school. She also was responsible for maintaining the attorney directory and editing links in WashLaw Web. In recent years, she opened the library each weekday at 7 a.m. and provided early morning reference service. Dee was awarded the *Eminentes Universitatis* designation. (Adapted from *MAALL Markings*, Member News, June 2016 issue.)

Emmy Bullock retired in November 2015 from University of Arkansas – Fayetteville. Emmy wore many different hats during her 20 years at the Young Law Library: Evening and Weekend Circulation Manager, Stacks Supervisor, and Acquisitions/Serials Assistant. (Adapted from *MAALL Markings*, Member News, December 2015 issue.)

Professor John E. Christensen retired from Washburn University School of Law on June 30. While attending law school at the University of Utah (J.D., 1975) he saw an AALL poster in the library, "Have you ever considered a career in law librarianship?" That encounter changed his life. After completing his M.L.S. at UC-Berkeley in 1976, John was in "boot camp" at Tarlton Law Library (University of Texas at Austin) from 1976-79. He joined Washburn Law in 1979 as the Library Director, expecting to stay three to seven years. That turned into 37 years. He was recently awarded Emeritus Professor of Law status by Washburn University. John served as MAALL President (2006-2007) and President of the Mid-America Law School Library Consortium (1984-86 and 2000-2001). (Contributed by Martin Wisneski, Assistant Director and Head of Technical Services, Washburn University School of Law.)

Jan Cook, was a 44-year State of Kansas employee, with 38 of those years with the Kansas Supreme Court Law Library. Jan retired effective April 1, 2016. She will be greatly missed. (Adapted from *MAALL Markings*, Member News, March 2016 issue.)

Deborah Sulzbach, Acquisitions/Reference Librarian and Associate Professor of Law Librarianship at Drake University, retired in January 2016, having served 15 years with Drake. Deborah came to the Law Library in January 2001 after 20 years at the Des Moines Public Library. Among her duties at Drake, Deborah supervised the acquisition of all library materials, coordinated the library's rotating display of art by Drake and local artists, and digitized the entire Kardex file of serial holdings. (Adapted from *MAALL Markings*, Member News, December 2015 issue.)

Joanne Cognac Vogel retired from Saint Louis University on June 30, 2016, after 46 years of service. Joanne began her career in the main campus library and transferred to the law school in 1975. When she first arrived, Joanne worked in the Government Documents Department. After earning her M.L.S., Joanne became the Head of Access Services in 2007. While at the law library, Joanne used her love of history to work with the special collections and archives. Of particular interest to her was the Leonor K. Sullivan collection, for which she co-authored a guide. We want to thank Joanne for her years of dedicated service, and we wish her all the best as she begins this new exciting chapter. (Contributed by LeAnn Noland, Library Associate, Sr., Saint Louis University School of Law.)

Sherry VonBehren, Interlibrary Loan Associate, retired from Drake University after more than 30 years of service. Sherry started at Drake in August of 1985. Through three decades and two different library buildings, Sherry oversaw all interlibrary loan activities, welcomed and assisted law students and other patrons at the Information Desk, designed and constructed timely, popular displays at the library's main entrance, and cheerfully performed 30 years' worth of "other duties as assigned"! (Adapted from *MAALL Markings*, Member News, December 2015 issue.)

A MOMENT WITH MALLCO

Corie Dugas

Executive Director

Mid-America Law Library Consortium

I rounded the bend of one year serving as MALLCO's Executive Director this summer, and I'm delighted to report that the consortium has added some new things for member libraries and continued with those projects that have benefited members in the past the most. I want to highlight a few of these resources.

LibGuide Sharing Project

In early summer MALLCO launched the LibGuide Sharing project. MALLCO librarians submit their best guides, they are posted online, and other libraries can use them in their entirety or as a jumping-off point to create something similar. The aim of this project is to cut down on the amount of time MALLCO libraries spend creating research guides while still allowing them to offer a variety of quality content to their patrons. At this time, we have five guides available for sharing. They are posted to the [MALLCO](#) website.



MALLCO Pre-Conference at MAALL

We are beyond thrilled that this year we will be further expanding the MALLCO Pre-Conference on Thursday morning before the MAALL Annual Meeting begins. In addition to doing a general session and holding roundtables for our interest groups, we are adding another option: Paper Workshops. These paper presentations will be held concurrently with the roundtables and give MALLCO member libraries' staff a chance to choose between more options.

Upcoming

This fall we will be continuing on with the MALLCO surveys that have been so valuable in the past, including the ABA Survey, ARL+ Survey, and Salary Survey. We have been thrilled to have Joe Custer, from Case Western Reserve University, serve as our President for the last two years. In January we will welcome Allen Moye, from DePaul University, as the new President of MALLCO. We will be electing a new Vice-President this fall.



MEMBER NEWS



Drake University

Jessica (Jessie) Neal has joined the Drake University Law Library staff as Public Services Associate. She will coordinate interlibrary loan and document delivery, staff the Information Desk, and complete special projects. She comes to us from the Grimes (Iowa) Public Library where she was Lead Circulation Clerk. Jessie has experience working in higher education as a Language Arts Adjunct at Des Moines Area Community College and STEP Tutor at Mercy College of Health Sciences (Des Moines). She earned her B.A. at Iowa State University and her M.A. at Saint Louis University.

May 25th was the go live date for Drake University Libraries' migration to the Ex Libris ILS, Alma/Primo. Drake now joins nine other institutions in Iowa (+ Creighton) in the Two Rivers Alma Collaborative (TRAC).

Supreme Court Law Library

Danielle Dougherty is the new Acquisitions/Reference Librarian at the Kansas Supreme Court Law Library.



Wheat Law Library, KU

Summer is winding down, and our 1Ls started August 18, while 2Ls and 3Ls started the 25th. We had five of our seven student assistant graduate in May, so we'll have fresh faces at the desk. Looking forward to a great new year!



Stinson Leonard Street LLP

Tammy Bearden celebrates one year of legal research at Stinson Leonard Street LLP.

Littler Mendelson P.C.

The library team at Littler Mendelson P.C. continues to grow, welcoming Crystal Bauer, Sara DeCamp, Jill Kilgore, Jackie Lemmer, and Allison Murphy in 2016 to the staff of now 20. The growth and fresh energy make for exciting times at Littler!

University of Missouri

Cindy Bassett, Electronic Services Librarian at the University of Missouri, is experiencing turbulent and exciting change. She was recently promoted to Librarian III, became the Chair of the Computing Services Special Interest Section of AALL, and will be starting law school as a 1L at the University of Missouri (part-time). Wish her well, but don't expect a response until December!

University of North Dakota

Tammy R. Pettinato has been named Interim Director of the Law Library. Tammy has been an Assistant Professor at UND Law since 2013, specializing in legal writing and employment discrimination law. Prior to joining UND, Tammy was a Visiting Professor at the University of Louisville School of Law, Assistant Director of Career Services at the University of La Verne College of Law, and a Reference Librarian and Lecturer at UCLA School of Law. She has published several law review articles, and her co-authored book, *North*



Dakota Legal Research, is forthcoming this Fall. Tammy earned her J.D. from Harvard Law School and her M.S.I. from the University of Michigan School of Information.

David Haberman has been named Acting Associate Director of the Law Library. Dave has been a valuable member of the law library staff for many years. In addition to his Acting Associate duties, he currently serves as Head of Student Services and most recently served as Interim Director, during which time he steered the law library's transition into its new facilities. Dave is also an alumnus, having earned both his B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of North Dakota.

The law library also says good-bye to two terrific staff members whose contributions will be greatly missed. Kaaren Pupino, Head of Technical Services, opted to accept a separation agreement that was offered by the main university. Kaaren, who has served UND and the law library for 39 years, is looking forward to bringing her many skills to the University of Mary in Bismarck, where she has accepted a position as an instructional services librarian. Her contributions will be sorely missed, but we wish her all the luck in her new position.

Anna Blaine, Head of Bench and Bar Services, recently began a new position as the Head of Public Services at the University of Idaho College of Law. We were very sorry to lose such a dedicated employee, but our loss is the University of Idaho's gain.



Oklahoma City University School of Law

Effective July 1, 2016, Timothy Gatton (Head of Reference Services) and Sabrina A. Davis (Reference Librarian) became Law Library Professors.

University of South Dakota

The University of South Dakota McKusick Law Library is off to an exciting start to the Fall semester. Our summer project involved significant weeding and shifting on our main floor, allowing us to take down several ranges of shelving. The open space was converted to a commons area with soft seating, which was relocated from another area of the library. Because the library staff coordinated the moving of all the shelving and furniture, the space was created at a very low cost with a big result!

The McKusick Law Library also continues to expand student services and outreach efforts. The Law Library is now Tweeting from the handle @USDLawLibrary. We also added the West Academic Study Aids subscription for the upcoming school year.



GREETINGS FROM MARBURY & MADISON!

Whew! We had a blast in Chicago for the AALL Annual Meeting. Now we know how all of those Olympians feel when everyone wants their autograph and to snap a selfie. We are so popular!

We rode up from St. Louis to Chicago, catching up on our favorite podcasts. Have you all been listening to [Radiolab's More Perfect?](#) It is about Supreme Court decisions and how they impact us—mandatory law librarian listening. When we finally made it to Chicago, our first stop was at the CONELL Marketplace where we got to meet tons of new law librarians. We found a few MAALL folks, some native Midwesterners, and, of course, took tons of pictures with our new friends!

While we were there, we spent a lot of time in the exhibit hall and hanging out by our MAALL poster. We took tons of selfies, passed out stickers with our picture on them, and promoted MAALL to everyone! We were able to attend the MAALL Luncheon and listen to the amazing Michelle Falkoff speak. If you want to see all of our pictures from Chicago, check out the [M&M at AALL 16](#) album on [Facebook](#) or scroll through our [Twitter](#) feed.

Next up is #MAALL16 in Oklahoma City, and we couldn't be more excited! We're hoping to head down early so that we can take a ride on the Bricktown water taxi, explore the Boat District, the Myriad Botanical Gardens, and the Oklahoma City National Memorial Museum. We'll be sure to take tons of pics and post them on social media.

Just a reminder, we love traveling the Midwest. Book a trip for us to visit you with our assistant Corie (cdugas@slu.edu). We can't wait to see lots of you in Oklahoma City this fall for #MAALL16!

Peace, Love, and Prairie Dogs,
Marbury & Madison



#MAALLandMe



Even more pictures on Facebook!

FROM THE EDITOR

Sabrina A. Davis

Reference Librarian and Law Library Professor

Chickasaw Nation Law Library

Oklahoma City University School of Law

Keeping with the theme of Expanding Circles, I would like to extend a warm welcome to three new MAALL Markings staff members. Lacy Rakestraw, Director at St. Louis County Law Library, is our new Copy Editor. Lindsey Carpino, Reference Librarian at Sidley Austin LLP in Chicago, is now the State Member News Liaison for Illinois. Allison Reeve, Research Librarian at Littler in Kansas City, MO, is the new State Member News Liaison for Missouri. (And a special thank you to Matt Braun for pulling double duty as Photography and Layout Editors for this issue and next!)

In addition, we are introducing a new, permanent feature to help expand our circle outside of MAALL—a list of URLs for publications and blogs from other AALL Chapters and Special Interest Sections for you to explore at your leisure.

And to our most important circle—our readers—thank you for your continued support as we close out Volume 25 of MAALL Markings. We welcome your feedback on how we can continue to improve; please send any comments and suggestions to maall.newsletter@gmail.com. In particular, I would be interested in instituting regular columns, so let me know if you have any ideas and would like to volunteer.

Finally, one last plug for the MAALL Annual Meeting in my hometown—don't forget to register at <http://maall.wildapricot.org/MAALL-Annual-Meeting-2016>. We hope to see many of you here!

UPDATED LOOK FOR MAALL WEBSITE COMING SOON

Rebecca Lutkenhaus

Reference Librarian

Drake University Law Library

MAALL's Wild Apricot website will be getting an updated look in October 2016. The new design offers many benefits, including a modern look, improved access to the site's content, and a responsive design that automatically scales to various screen sizes. The website's URL (<http://maall.wildapricot.org>) will not change.

MAALL Markings newsletters will still be archived at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/maall/newsite/newsletter>, but will be fully accessible via links on the MAALL Wild Apricot website. MAALL webpages hosted by AALL that are currently accessible at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/maall/index.shtml> will redirect users to the updated Wild Apricot website.

MAALL members will be notified when the updated website goes live in early October, so they can provide feedback to the Website Committee. The website will be officially presented to the membership during the MAALL Annual Meeting.

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