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## MY FIRST YEAR AS A LAW LIBRARIAN: PART II

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“The students are talking about you,” the faculty member announced as he approached the reference desk. I braced myself for the remarks to follow. Instead of criticism, he described the students’ speculation as to the owner of a certain high-end vehicle that had been parked in the College of Law’s faculty/staff parking lot. As the implication gradually dawned on me, I finally asked, “You think the car is mine?” The conjecture both horrified and amused me. It was interesting to be on the other side of the divide, no longer a student, but instead the potential fodder of students’ gossip.

This is just one example of the unexpected and memorable moments from my first spring at University of Nebraska’s Schmid Law Library. My second semester saw me teaching 1Ls for the first time in Nebraska and navigating grading assignments. Coordinating film events with student organizations offered me the chance to communicate with students outside of the library and classroom. Interactions with public patrons at the reference desk represented both positive and negative aspects of reference librarianship. I assisted a public patron who left the library seemingly very happy with the information she had sought, but I also recall mentally rehashing, long after a different patron had left the library, additional ways in which I might have helped him, although at the time I had already done everything I could.

Saying goodbyes—for the summer, perhaps forever—to students with whom I had spoken during the school year or when I saw them in the library during the exam period was a more emotionally momentous aspect of the academic year life cycle. Insomnia punctuated the weeks leading up to my annual review. Another unexpected event that took place during my first spring as a law librarian is that I graduated from law school - again! At least, anyone who caught a glimpse of the tassel dangling from my tam during the College of Law’s commencement ceremony might have thought so; the gold-toned plastic proudly proclaimed, “Class of 2017.”

At the reception after the graduation ceremony, as I witnessed Nebraska College of Law’s newest crop of alumni celebrating the conclusion of the law school era of their lives with family and friends, I could not help but ponder the significance of their achievements. While these former 3Ls conclude their Nebraska College of Law careers, mine—I hope—is just beginning.

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**TAKE YOUR PICTURE WITH MARBURY & MADISON IN THE EXHIBIT HALL AT AALL!**

*They’ll also be making an appearance at the business meeting and luncheon Sunday, July 16. Register at [maall.wildapricot.org](http://maall.wildapricot.org).*



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

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I have hired a number of part-time library clerks, who are also law students. I know when hiring them that eventually they will graduate, take the bar, and will likely leave to start practicing law. I don't blame them, because, as awesome as it is to work in my library (we have semi-regular pizza parties, and I have a stress slinky in my office to play with to help calm down nerves), I know that this isn't what these students want to do for the rest of their lives. So rather than inhibiting them from moving on, I do everything I can to help them prepare for the real world. Aside from helping these students perfect their resumes and providing glowing recommendations, I also take the time to work with them on their interview skills. This is an important skill that students and job seekers need to master, and it isn't always as easy as "do your research."

There is an overabundance of information available to interviewees about how to prepare for an interview. Read up on the potential employer, come prepared to ask your own questions, be early but not so early as to be an annoyance; these are standard pieces of advice that can be picked up by a quick "how to interview" Google search. What we as librarians, supervisors, and instructors can do is provide the icing on top of that cake.

For example, I talk to the people I coach about how to prepare for a phone interview. These are getting more and more common as a gateway to the in-person interview, especially in a law firm setting. If you're coaching a potential interviewee on phone interview etiquette, make sure you point out the importance of using one's voice to provide social cues. I tell my part-timers to make sure they are smiling when they are speaking and to not feel silly about using arm movements if that's what they'd be comfortable doing in a face-to-face interview. These actions will affect the sound of their voice and will liven it up, providing them with an energy that would otherwise be lost over the phone. Your smile shows through your voice, I promise.

For in-person interviews, I make sure I advise the person I'm helping to be aware of their body language. I have a friend who has a bad habit of crossing his arms in front of him when he's thinking deeply about a question or feels particularly confident about an answer. I've recently explained to him that most people would read his body language as uncomfortable and aggressive. He wasn't aware that he even crossed his arms or that doing so could be taken as a sign of defensiveness. As such, he has learned to be aware of his body language more, especially when meeting with clients in his job.

I also tell people to do something silly before the interview, whether it is a face-to-face or phone meeting. Personally, I sing show tunes at the top of my lungs with the windows cracked on the way to interviews. It helps me shake the jitters, and I walk in to that interview feeling like a Broadway star. I've had a former part-timer who was interviewing for a position come visit me right before her interview, and we closed my office door and rocked out to Britney Spears (don't judge me, I was helping her!). Whatever that person chooses to do, the idea is that the silly pre-interview event is going to be the dumbest thing they do all day and whatever they say or do in the interview can't possibly top it, right? It's a way to take some of the pressure off that I found has worked for me, and I'm told by others who I have given this advice that it works for them, too.

Think back to your own interviews that you've had, and figure out what worked for you and what didn't. Those that come to you for interview advice are going to be much more receptive to personal stories about successes and failures, and this is information that they likely won't find in the mountain of pre-interview advice literature that is available to

them. Part of being a good supervisor and a worthy educator is preparing our staff and students for the real world and giving them the skills to move on when the time comes. Perhaps now is the time for you all to brush up on your pop music lyrics; you never know when you'll be called upon to be silly with an interviewee in need.

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## TECHNICAL SERVICES TALK

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### **Library Linked Data in Action**

In a [previous installment of this column](#), I discussed Linked Data in libraries in very broad terms and promised that, at some point, I would highlight specific library projects that use Linked Data technology. To fulfill that promise, I'm turning away from theory to discuss some specific applications of Linked Data in the library field.

One important step in the establishment of a Linked Data environment for libraries is the creation of sources of data to which you can make links. There are a number of sources of library-related data available in a Linked Data format. The [Library of Congress Linked Data Service](#) makes available many data sets from the Library of Congress, including LC Subject Headings, LC Classification, LC Name Authority File, MARC Relators, and MARC Geographic Area Codes. The [Virtual International Authority File](#) (VIAF), hosted by OCLC, combines name authority files from libraries around the world and provides access to their data in a Linked Data format. In both of these sources of data, each individual entity (such as a subject heading, a name authority heading, or a geographic area code) is represented by a Uniform Resource Identifier (URI), which can be included in library data to create a link. Each URI includes both human-readable data, so that people can verify they are using the correct entities, and also data in a machine-readable format that can be processed by computers.

Creating sources of data is important, but it will also be important to format the information in library catalogs to interact with search engines and other data on the World Wide Web. The [Denver Public Library](#) has taken steps to do this. In 2014, the library hired [Zephaira](#), a Linked Data consulting firm, to transform their MARC records into Linked Data. As a result, when someone does a Google search for an item that the library owns, it is possible for a library catalog record to show up in the list of search engine results. For example, a Google search for "[Molly Brown papers](#)" returns a link to the Denver Public Library catalog record for their archival collection of these papers as the first result. Because many searchers start their research with Google or another search engine rather than a library catalog, having library collection data in a Linked Data format brings library catalog records to the attention of people who might not normally find them.

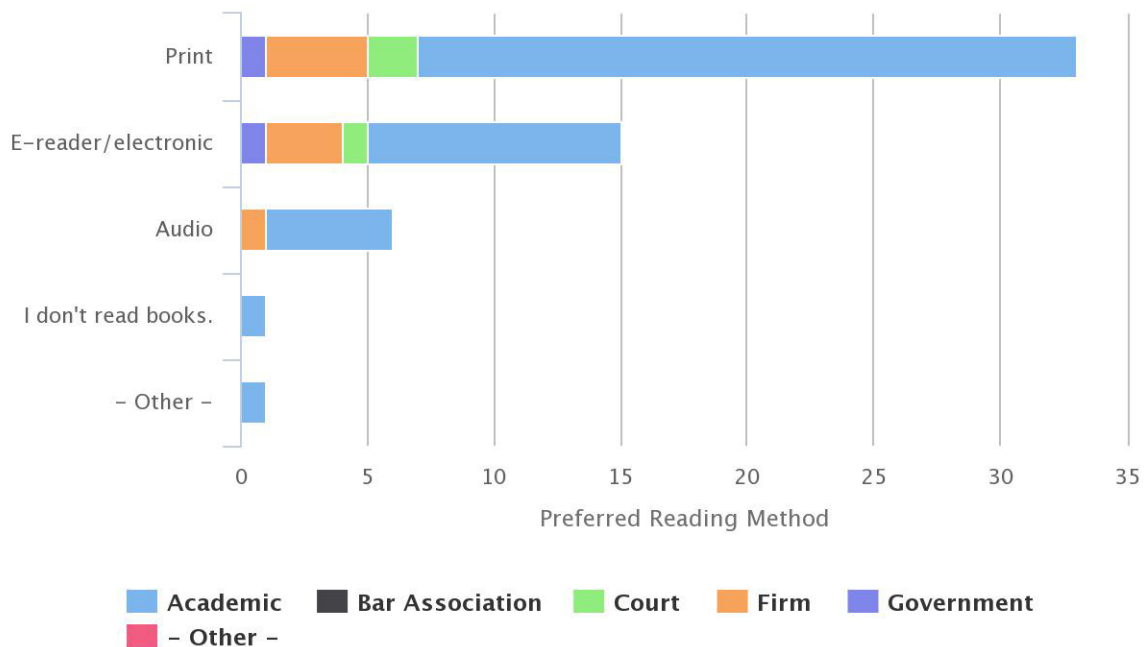
While the Denver Public Library's conversion of their MARC records to Linked Data serves as a good example of what the public-facing catalog could look like and how library data can work together with search engines and other Web resources, it is also important to think about how the back-end processes of creating library data will change in a Linked Data environment. [Linked Data for Production](#) (LD4P) is a project that attempts to explore this aspect of Linked Data in libraries. LD4P is a partnership between the libraries at Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Princeton, and Stanford, as well as the Library of Congress. The goal of LD4P is to develop standards and workflows to produce Linked Data describing library resources.

The first library that I am aware of to have a completely Linked Data catalog is the Oslo Public Library, Deichmanske bibliotek. Their library services platform can be seen in action at the [library's website](#), and the source code is available on [GitHub](#). The platform uses a work-based model for its public-facing catalog; for an example of this interface, see the display for the film [Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix](#). The display provides prominently positioned work-level

el information, and then shows information for two different DVD versions of the movie, as well as a Blu-Ray version. It also very nicely highlights the film’s position in the Harry Potter series, by providing “continues” and “continued in” links to the appropriate films. It also includes a “based on” link to the book of the same name. Following this link brings you to an even more impressive display of various print and audiobook holdings for this title. More information about the behind-the-scenes cataloging work at the Oslo Public Library can be found in [a post](#) from 2014 on the library’s blog.

We are definitely some distance away from the day when Linked Data is the standard encoding format for library data. However, it is interesting to see the strides that have been made in doing concrete Linked Data work in libraries, just as it will be fascinating to see Linked Data projects of the future.

## MAALL MEMBER SURVEY QUESTION: *What’s your preferred reading method?*



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In the Classroom: Above or Beyond?

Having successfully navigated the waters on teaching my first sections of 1L legal research, it seems an appropriate time to reflect on my, and our, position as instructors. We have the opportunity to make a connection with our students that is likely significantly different than that they share with their doctrinal professors. Undoubtedly, this can be of great benefit to our students in a variety of ways. That aside, the question becomes: where does that leave us, walking the fine

line between professor and co-conspirator?

I raise concerns of co-conspirator tongue-in-cheek, of course. Yet, in the more relaxed atmosphere of our classrooms, I cannot help but wonder how our students view us and what they perceive as appropriate behavior in our presence. Certainly, they know we are their professors, their instructors in legal research. Yet, despite its educational importance, legal research seems to be viewed and treated differently than doctrinal classes. So, what does this mean, if anything, for how our students view us?

In class, more than once over the past two semesters, students complained to me (or clearly within my hearing) about their doctrinal professors. I cannot help but think that they wouldn't be having such conversations with, for example, a torts professor about their irritations or frustrations with a contracts professor. I honestly don't know what to make of this. On one hand, I want my students to have an open relationship with me, where they see my office as a safe space for research assistance, mentoring, or even to blow off steam in some capacity. On the other hand, my classroom is still a professional atmosphere, I am still their instructor, and based on what I hear, I suspect they see me, or perhaps my class, as less.

This is hardly an empirical study; I have no idea how these students act in other classes or in front of doctrinal professors, and I don't know if my age, race, or sex play a role in their behaviors. Still, I now believe that my duty to my students extends beyond providing them with well-rounded research skills, and even beyond developing a reliable and comfortable bond between us. My duty to my students further encompasses cultivating their professionalism and clarifying that, even in more relaxed settings, decorum is important. As a practicing attorney, I would never have strolled up to chat with the judge on the bench, even if we were friends outside the classroom. For me, I now see another role I can fill—being the example of what I want my students to become.

Now, with the 2016-2017 academic year behind us, we have the time to truly reflect on who we want to be to our students. For me, perhaps that means changing my level of formality between office and classroom. Take a moment to consider whether you want to cultivate a more personal relationship with your students. Consider whether your students may perceive this relationship as superseding your role as their professor and if that is what you want with your students. I certainly don't know what relationship is best between you and your students, but I can tell you that before the start of the Fall semester, I plan to take a long look at how to better and more clearly walk that fine line for my students.

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### **First Impressions and Continued Engagement: Always Re-Orienting**

#### Introduction

We assume that new junior attorneys require in-depth legal research training but that lateral hires and Shareholders will know their way around external research resources. Those experienced support staff members transferring into law

firms likely also have the prior research familiarity required for their role. However, best practices dictate that all new law firm employees necessarily require an introduction to our internal resources. Librarians should offer each new hire orientation, research training, and refreshers. In addition, firm libraries create an invaluable service when continued support is offered and evolving information needs are met with new tools. These sessions and learning opportunities serve not only to familiarize patrons with the resources offered by the library, but also to connect meaningfully with new and existing colleagues.

### **New Employee Orientation**

Initial orientations are the firm library's chance to "fold in" new employees. After all attorneys receive credentials for frequently used tools, new employee orientation should do the following: familiarize users with our internal resources, establish our presence, and tell them exactly how to reach us. As lateral hires and associates join the firm, Research Services receives 30 minutes to introduce services and systems. A small, mixed group with different but more clearly defined needs allows librarians to inquire about past research experience, future practice, and interests before highlighting the most on-target resources. Multi-page orientation guides containing hotlinks to desk set policies, contact information, subscription options, and other sources act as references after the initial session. These first orientations introduce the library and serve attorneys better than simply sending them to Research Services intranet pages. We should initiate these continued interactions, and as information professionals, make the promise of our cost-savings and knowledge memorable to our colleagues.

### **Always Following Up**

New employees will have questions their immediate associates may not have enough experience or time to resolve. In this moment, we want our new colleagues, who are also initially "outliers," to remember our orientation and know how to reach out to us for assistance. We cannot underestimate or undersell our contributions in these nebulous spaces. One memorable step in creating this connection is the follow-up. Marketing research indicates that repetition encourages our ability to retain information. To avoid fatigue, reach out discreetly and in a timed approach. Structure these follow-ups as a part of the library's internal marketing. As new associates receive their first research assignments, find out what specific tools they already use, and what assistance they require going forward. Note that orientation is ongoing. Take advantage of the teachable moments! A vendor moving a button or the library relocating a resource has the potential to disrupt the flow of an attorney's work. Processes will always change, so use these opportunities to teach a new feature or demonstrate improved usability.

Can experienced professionals learn new approaches to research and take valuable new skills away from research orientations? Through continued requests for in-depth or cost-effective legal research training sessions, we find an affirmative answer. Various methods exist for continued engagement. Perhaps connecting with the vendor trainers your firm already pays for to offer database training fits the bill. A tailored approach may involve one-on-one office visits within a week of orientation, either in-person or via video conference, with the librarian aligned to their practice division. Dig deeper into their information needs and walk through Research Services intranet pages; subscribe attorneys to various titles and services that best address their needs in the moment; inquire about familiar research tools and describe the processes so they know what level of service to expect. Not everyone learns in the same way, so grant mouse control to the attorney during a video conference enabling the user to engage the visual, tactile, and audible senses.

### **Interdepartmental Collaboration**

Libraries connect with outliers throughout the corporate structure of law firms as well. Often these fellow staff members focus on discreet issues in business and legal research. Bridging the knowledge gap solidifies the library as a partner to other departments and secures the team's relevance in the firm's business development. Collaborating with Marketing and Business Development teams is just one example of the possible corporate partnerships. Learning how to use and decipher litigation reporting tools, such as Monitor Suite, read initial complaints, and discover opposing counsel information can prove instrumental in proposal writing. The library should schedule sessions that demonstrate

resources, skills, and helpful contacts. Other Marketing collaborations may include the creation of user support assets, which target how support staff use a resource. For example, when the Knowledge Management department rolls out a new resource to the firm, library team members create on-demand videos in collaboration with a Digital Media Specialist.

Other collaborations may be found with Risk Management, Calendaring, and Conflicts teams. These colleagues require skills in advanced docket research, the understanding of court rules, and the interpretation of legal ethics. Research Flex-Time Attorneys may be assigned to specific projects, such as initial case research for clients subscribed to a litigation management tool. These specialized researchers will need to find jury pool demographics, judges' decisions in similar matters, and background information on plaintiffs.

For each group of outliers, the library should connect with managers, determine resources to support their work, offer tailored training sessions, and periodically check-in. Thinking beyond the initially prescribed orientation sessions and who may benefit in addition to new associates secures law firm libraries a stake in an expanded array of firm business, development, and progress.

## **Meeting them where they are**

### ***New and unfamiliar resources***

New tools can intimidate even veteran researchers. Assess the most needed tools for a practice area or group, and identify who will benefit most from new resources. Issue passwords first to those who will need the resources daily, and invite stakeholders to pilot the tool, provide feedback, and enjoy the early rollout.

Attorneys who prefer print resources can find online versions of the same authority difficult to use. Meet them where they are by first understanding how they use the print. Then translate that strategy in the digital version. Ask for feedback before entirely removing or reducing print resources. Sometimes hosting a quick webinar can demonstrate the ease of use and the added benefit of embedded cross-reference links between codes, cases, history, and citing references.

### ***Fall and Summer Associates***

Provide Fall and Summer Associates with a general orientation as a group to introduce them to the full Research Services toolset. Partners and Senior Associates may not yet have assigned projects, so going broad at orientation fits all needs. While recognizing they may favor free information resources, stress the importance of using the best resources for accessing legal authorities, and assure them the pricing structure is conducive for extensive research without “running up a bill.”

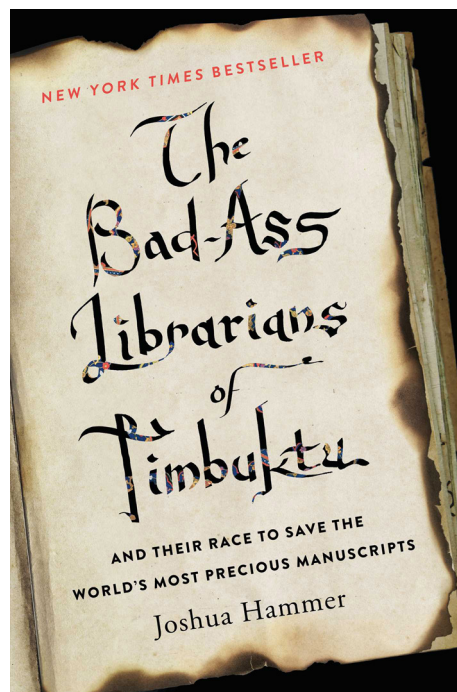
## **Closing**

As much as you can, listen to your attorneys' needs and look for opportunities to satisfy them. Sit in on practice division meetings. Proactively supply content for attorneys that align with pain points you have heard expressed or knowledge gaps they describe as a group. Like any working relationship, the more continued and engaging support we offer, the more we hold their attention and receive input when changes come about.

# MAALL BLUEBOOK WORMS BOOK REVIEW: *THE BAD-ASS LIBRARIANS OF TIMBUKTU: AND THEIR RACE TO SAVE THE WORLD'S MOST PRECIOUS MANUSCRIPTS* BY JOSHUA HAMMER

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The second Bluebook Worms book was *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu: And Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts* by Joshua Hammer. The virtual book discussion took place on April 14, 2017, via Uber Conference. You can find the online discussion thread here: <http://maall.wildapricot.org/page-1861930/4748035#4752649>.

In the 1980s, a young adventurer and collector for a government library, Abdel Kader Haidara, journeyed across the Sahara Desert and along the Niger River, tracking down and salvaging tens of thousands of ancient Islamic and secular manuscripts that had been hidden during the colonial period. Haidara became a historian who wanted to show the world that Africa did have an ancient and noble history and that Islam had many scholarly facets.

By chance, Henry Louis Gates heard about Haidara's library in Timbuktu and helped Haidara get the first of many international grants that he used to build libraries and book conservation laboratories and begin digitizing these fragile works.

Then, in 2012, thousands of Al Qaeda militants from northwest Africa seized control of most of Mali, including Timbuktu. Haidara knew that they would soon target the library, especially the books that took a broad, liberal view of Islam and learning.

As the militants tightened their control over Timbuktu, Haidara organized a dangerous operation to sneak all 350,000 volumes out of the city to the safety of southern Mali using a network of family, friends, and co-workers who had been sworn to secrecy. Buying up every footlocker, box, and container they could find and using boats and jeeps, they managed to move all of the ancient, fragile manuscripts out of Timbuktu and then back when the rebel groups had been crushed—without losing a single volume.

As a law librarian where “everything is online” and we throw out piles of books on a regular basis, I sometimes had to remember that Haidara's trips by camel and donkey to find manuscripts was taking place just a couple decades ago, when you could just as easily thought it was a couple of centuries ago.

Haidara's dedication to books, history, preserving, and sharing knowledge was truly inspiring. The danger and hardships that his band willingly faced to prevent the destruction of a great heritage was remarkable.

While it was a worthwhile book to read, it did have a long section in the middle focused on the warring factions of nomadic rebels and Islamic fundamentalists, with a confusing number of groups, individuals, and back history. In our discussion, many admitted that they stopped reading at that point or had to skim through the more depressing and



confusing parts with cries of “Where’s the librarian?” However, I feel that the daring rescue of the library made it worth reading until the very end.

I thought people might enjoy some images of the [library in Mali](#). Here are some of the truly beautiful [manuscripts](#). The New York Times has a great book review with pictures of the footlockers. There are more pictures, excerpts, and author video on the [publisher’s website](#).

Please keep an eye out for our next selection which will be fiction. Have a suggestion? Let [Chris\\_Tighe@ca7.uscourts.gov](mailto:Chris_Tighe@ca7.uscourts.gov) know.

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## A MOMENT WITH MALLCO

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### **Farewell**

It is with a combination of joy and sadness that I am writing my last Moment with MALLCO. I have accepted the position as Executive Director of NELLCO Law Library Consortium in Albany, New York, and will begin this summer. I believe wholeheartedly in the mission of MALLCO, and I look forward to seeing great things from the consortium in the future. The value placed on cooperation and collaboration is extraordinary, and I will continue to say that the Midwest produces the best people and colleagues.

I will be passing the reigns of MALLCO over to a new Executive Director this summer. And the search is on! This issue of MAALL Markings also includes the job description for the position and information on applying (see the next page). If you are interested, reach out to any of the Search Committee members (including me) for more information or to ask questions. We are seeking an outstanding candidate to take the helm.

### **LawArXiv**

LawArXiv launched in early May, and the project has already grown. We are looking for librarians, libraries, and legal scholars to post their work on the open-access, community-owned repository. If you want additional details about the project, check out the [informational website](#), watch the [webinar](#), or follow @LawArXiv on [Twitter](#). You can browse content and add papers to the repository [here](#). We have also designed two guides for librarians that are available on the [site](#).

If you are attending the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Annual Meeting this summer, be sure to attend the Tuesday morning session called [Digital Repositories, Law Libraries, and the Future of Open Access](#), where I will be talking about LawArXiv along with Carol Watson and Greg Gordon from SSRN. Please touch base with me if you have questions or want to get more involved.

### **MAALL Joint Meeting 2017**

MALLCO has an amazing line-up of programming planned for the Joint Meeting this Fall in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. As in past years, we will be hosting roundtable discussions for each of the interest groups. The chairs of these groups will lead discussion on Acquisitions & Collection Development, Institutional Repositories, Reference & Faculty Services, and Resource Sharing. More information on the interest groups, discussion lists, and past meeting notes are available on [MALLCO’s webpage](#).

Last year’s Paper Workshop was such a success that we will be hosting another round this year. Look for information on submitting a paper in your email very soon. We will be accepting both papers and abstracts for the two categories of

the workshop. Presenters will give a brief rundown of their work and have the opportunity to walk through suggestions with attendees. This is a great chance to share your scholarly work in a professional and helpful environment.

MALLCO will also be hosting a plenary session with a discussion from the new Executive Director about upcoming projects and the direction in which the consortium will be headed. We are hoping to have a great panel on teaching technology on the schedule as well.

## **POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT MALLCO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Mid-America Law Library Consortium (MALLCO) seeks a part-time Executive Director to manage the operations of the consortium and other related duties. As a result of the ongoing collaboration with NELLCO, it is expected that the Executive Director's work requirements will not exceed 10 hours per week. Candidates with full-time positions will be considered.

MALLCO is a nonprofit organization incorporated in the state of Missouri with 27 member libraries from 12 states: Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. MALLCO is a member-driven organization that exists to meet the resource sharing needs of its members in accordance with its vision and mission statements, and to promote cooperation among member institutions. Further information about the consortium is available at <http://mallco.org>.

**POSITION.** Executive Director, Mid-America Law Library Consortium

**RESPONSIBILITIES.** Responsible for providing vision and leadership in developing and furthering MALLCO's mission and strategic plan. Performs administrative activities including those relating to personnel, financial, and legal requirements. Develops budget and monitors expenditures. Works closely with and facilitates the functioning of MALLCO committees, interest groups, and projects; and oversees to completion tasks and responsibilities which they are assigned. Represents MALLCO to and maintains effective relations with other entities. Works closely with the executive directors of NELLCO and LIPA to expand inter-consortial collaboration. Manages any vendor relationships not falling within the MALLCO/NELLCO agreement. Helps the board develop new areas of cooperation/ collaboration. Develops and maintains the MALLCO Web site. Plans and attends all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors. Prepares quarterly and annual reports on MALLCO activities. The complete job description is available at <http://mallco.org>

### **QUALIFICATIONS.**

**Required:** Bachelors, ALA-accredited MLS degree or JD or LLM from ABA-accredited school and at least 5 years of relevant academic law library experience. Excellent communication skills, both written and oral, with strong background in managing relationships. Successful experience with project management. Ability to work independently and with multiple individuals and organizations. Demonstrated ability to see the big picture but give attention to details. Appropriate technical skills.

**Preferred:** ALA-accredited MLS degree. Three years of management or administrative experience, preferably in a library setting. Substantial experience chairing committees and/or serving on boards (either professional or volunteer). Residence in the geographic region encompassed by MALLCO, although it is anticipated that most communication and work will be conducted through technologically-based means. A schedule which permits some consortium work to occur during normal business hours.

**SALARY.** Negotiable. Position is expected to require an average of 10 hours per week.

**AVAILABLE.** July 15, 2017. Applications will be considered until the position is filled.

**TO APPLY.** A letter of application and résumé with references should be sent via email to:

Search Committee Chair John Edwards: [John.Edwards@drake.edu](mailto:John.Edwards@drake.edu)

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Conference season is approaching ... are you ready? On the one hand, I love learning new things and conferences are a great resource for professional development. I attend every educational session that I can fit into my schedule. I also love networking with fellow law librarians, especially the one-on-one time where I can connect with people I haven't seen for a while. On the other hand, I am a heavy-duty introvert, and conferences can be exhausting. By the time a conference is over, I am ready for some alone time with the dog and a good book. Still, I wouldn't miss them for the world. Conferences provide me such amazing professional rejuvenation and inspiration. I hope they do the same for you!

For those members of MAALL who will be attending the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Annual Meeting, MAALL will be involved in several events. MAALL Vice-President Therese Clarke Arado will be attending the Leadership Training for Chapters on Saturday, July 15. This is a great way to see what other chapters are doing and to bring back new ideas. Also on Saturday, MAALL will be participating in the Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL) Marketplace. The CONELL Marketplace is where new members learn about the diverse AALL chapters and committees, what they do, and why they should join. Of course all the new law librarians should join MAALL, so we will be hard at work letting everyone know how awesome MAALL is. On Sunday, July 16, at 12:45 p.m. in Hilton Room 414, MAALL will hold our business meeting and luncheon. Registration details will be posted on the website. I hope to see you there! Also at the AALL meeting, MAALL will have a fabulous poster in the Activities Area. You can check out the MAALL display and take a picture with Marbury and Madison during the following Exhibit Hall no-conflict break times:

Saturday, July 15:	5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	(Opening Reception – ticketed event)
Sunday, July 16:	10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	(Refreshment Break)
Monday, July 17:	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	(Breakfast Break)
Monday, July 17:	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	(Attendee Luncheon)
Tuesday, July 18:	9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	(Refreshment Break)



Looking ahead, our 2017 MAALL Annual Meeting will be a joint meeting with the Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL), the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin (LLAW), the Minnesota Association of Law Libraries (MALL), and the Michigan Association of Law Libraries (MichALL), hosted by Marquette University School of Law in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Honorable Diane S. Sykes will be the keynote speaker. Judge Sykes serves on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Look for a listing and description of the programs on the Annual Meeting website at <https://maall.wildapricot.org/MAALL-Annual-Meeting-2017>. If you have further thoughts and suggestions

for the next annual meeting or future annual meetings, please do not hesitate to contact me or Vice-President Therese Clarke Arado.

Conferences are valuable, but the ability to afford attending a conference can be difficult. To this end, MAALL offers help with grants to various conferences. Be sure and apply for a grant!

I want to thank you all for the opportunity and honor to serve. I look forward to working with all of you throughout the year, and I hope to continue to work with you in the future.

# MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

*Therese Clarke Arado*

*Library Deputy Director, Northern Illinois University College of Law*

Hopefully the summer has started well for everyone. While things no longer slow down in the summer as they did years ago, the focus for me does change and provides a welcome change of pace. The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Annual Meeting is right around the corner, and I hope to see many of you at the MAALL business meeting and other events in Austin.

A bit further around the corner is the 2017 MAALL Annual Meeting, October 19-21, 2017, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which will bring together members from MAALL, the Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL), the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin (LLAW), the Minnesota Association of Law Libraries (MALL), and the Michigan Association of Law Libraries (MichALL). We have received many great program proposals and, hopefully, soon after this issue of *MAALL Markings* is released, we will have a tentative schedule in place. It will be a great opportunity for us to learn from and network with members from all of these wonderful chapters.



May this message find you all happy and healthy.

## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the newest members of MAALL:

- Alyssa Allison, Southern Illinois University School of Law Library
- Kathryn Amato, Marquette University, Eckstein Law Library
- Julia Creech, Kutak Rock LLP
- Marcia Hannon, Kansas Supreme Court Law Library
- Krystin Mavity, Kutak Rock LLP
- Susan O'Toole, Marquette University, Eckstein Law Library
- Josh Pluta, University of Missouri–Kansas City, Bloch Law Library
- Virginia Thomas, Wayne State University, Neef Law Library
- Matthew Timko, Northern Illinois University, Shapiro Memorial Law Library

## STATE MEMBER NEWS



### **Johnson County Law Library**

John Pickett retired as the Director of the Johnson County Law Library on September 30, 2016. He served as Director for 16.5 years. Tom Marsh, formerly of Dentons US LLP in Kansas City, succeeded John in October.

### **Kansas Supreme Court**

Kansas Supreme Court Library welcomes Danielle Payne, Reference Librarian, to the Kansas Supreme Court Law Library. Dani comes to us from the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library.

## Wheat Law Library

Lots of changes happening this spring and summer. Nick Birdsong, our Faculty Services Senior Researcher, was married on May 13 and has moved to Denver. We will miss him, but we wish him all the best! Most of our student assistants graduated, so we're currently hiring, meaning there will soon be lots of new faces at the Circulation and Reference desks. Construction projects and road work going on all around the law school's "neighborhood" are inconvenient and dusty, but exciting just the same. Have a great summer, everyone!



## Drake University Law Library

The Drake University Law Library proudly congratulates the following employees for their recent achievements:

- Rebecca Lutkenhaus was awarded tenure and promoted to Professor of Law Librarianship, effective July 1, 2017. Rebecca earned both her M.A. in Library and Information Science and her J.D. degrees from the University of Iowa, and she has served as Reference Librarian at the Drake Law Library since 2011.
- On May 4, 2017, Jessie Neal, Public Services Associate, and Heather Storms, Access Services Associate, received Drake's annual True Blue Team of the Year Award, recognizing them for embodying the values of leadership, integrity, teamwork, and commitment to the university. They were nominated by Circulation/Reference Librarian Karen Wallace for their recent work on a CD maintenance and repair program for the Law Library.
- Michael Spoerl, Technical Services Associate, was honored May 11, 2017, at Drake's annual employee recognition celebration for his 15 years of service at the Law Library.

## Littler Mendelson, PC

In honor of National Library Week, the Littler library dedicated a week of blog posts to review our services, celebrate the success of our #KnowledgeDesk service portal, and thank those who helped make it a hit. The week culminated with a surprise "ceremony" post recognizing some of the most outstanding patrons. The team identified winners, created individual awards, and sent those with "Top Dog," "High Five," and "Cream of the Crop" trophies to the winners.



## Shook, Hardy, Bacon

Valerie Vogt retired from Shook, Hardy & Bacon on May 5, 2017. Her husband plans to retire in July, and they look forward to traveling to see their son in California and enjoying retirement. We will all miss Val very much! Before she retired, Val said "I would like to express appreciation for the opportunities provided to me during the last 19 years of my employment here at Shook. Professionally, these have included attendance at the annual meetings of professional associations, leadership roles and involvement in local librarian organizations, and events sponsored by vendors of legal research systems. Personally, I've benefitted from attendance at many diversity, work-life balance, volunteer, and physical exercise programs provided by Shook. While I am looking forward to retirement, I'll miss my friends in the library and throughout the firm."

## University of Missouri Law Library

Mizzou Law celebrated National Library Week (NLW) 2017 with a variety of vendor and librarian-led training sessions. We play to our students' natural competitive instincts by tying our NLW celebrations to a research competition for 1Ls as part of their



Advocacy and Research course, so students get research points for each session they attended. This year we threw them in the ring for a round with legal start-up, Casetext, on their CARA and WeCite projects. We followed this with a 1-2 punch from Westlaw and LexisNexis on practice-ready tips from those vendors. Then we knocked them out with a Cool Tools session in the Law Library featuring Ravel Court and Judge Analytics, Fastcase, legal research browser extensions and... kittens! Much food was consumed, kittens were petted, and no one was injured - a winning combination!



### Creighton University Law Library

Kay L. Andrus will retire as Creighton’s Law Library Director and Professor of Law on June 30, 2017. In his words, “After serving 27 years as Creighton’s Law Library Director, and a total of 37 years as a law librarian, it will be time to move on at the end of this fiscal year. Cathy and I relocated from Chicago to Omaha in July, 1990, expecting to remain here for eight to ten years. Although I’ve had opportunities to move on, Creighton is an uncommonly fine law school blessed with a terrific law library, so we decided to stay. Nearly every day of my law library career has been positive and fulfilling. Thank you all very much for your past, present, and ongoing collegiality.”

Troy C. Johnson will become the Interim Director of the Law Library at Creighton University School of Law effective July 1, 2017. Troy has served very well as Creighton’s Electronic Services/Reference Librarian for nearly 17 years. Please congratulate Troy on his new appointment; his email is [TroyJohnson@creighton.edu](mailto:TroyJohnson@creighton.edu).

### Oklahoma City University School of Law

Nancy Cowden, Assistant Director for Collection Services, is retiring on June 30, 2017, after 37 years of service in the law library. Nancy, we will miss you. Enjoy your quality time with your grandchildren!



Jordan Piel, Access Services Librarian, will be starting law school in the Fall. We wish him the best of luck!

## LINKS TO AALL CHAPTERS & SIS PUBLICATIONS

The lists below were originally compiled by Lindsey Carpino for the *CALL Bulletin* and are reprinted with permission. (Broken links have been omitted.) The original post is available at <http://bulletin.chicagolawlib.org/2016/05/aall-chapter-sis-publications>.

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For the next issue of *MAALL Markings* (in September), please let me know if you would like to write up anything about your experience at the 2017 AALL Annual Conference in Austin. I'm happy to accept program reviews, general conference reviews, photos, etc.

Also, don't forget that we are accepting nominations for a \$50 article prize, which ends with the September issue. Please submit your nominations for best article to Lacy Rakestraw at [lacy.rakestraw@courts.mo.gov](mailto:lacy.rakestraw@courts.mo.gov).

Finally, we are looking for more content ideas for *Markings*—please let me know if you have any suggestions.

Happy Summer to you all!

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