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OXFORD SEAALL PROGRAM: FINISHING TOUCHES

National scholars in the field of Law and Literature and renowned law librarians highlight the program for the 1990 Annual Meeting in Oxford, Mississippi. The program, "An Anthology of Issues Facing Law Librarians", includes some familiar faces to members of the Southeastern Chapter, but some newcomers as well. Concurrent programs in most time periods offer interesting and diverse alternatives for attendees. The dates for the Annual Meeting are Friday, April 6, 1990 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) and Saturday, April 7, 1990 (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon).

The first program, "Law and Literature: An Overview", presents Professor John O. Cole of Mercer University School of Law. Professor Cole has written in the fields of law and literature, most notably in 39 Mercer Law Review 907 (1988), "Thoughts from the Land of And." He will be joined in the second program by Professor Teresa Phelps of Notre Dame University and Professor Sally Wiant of Washington and Lee University. The panel discussion will further explore topics raised by Professor Cole in his keynote presentation. Professor Phelps' article in the same issue of the Mercer Law Review examines "The Story of the Law in Huckleberry Finn." Professor Wiant will present a law librarian's point of view and discuss the implications of collecting in other disciplines, such as literature, on the library budget.

Susan Pinckard, Cataloger at Alston and Bird, and Mary E. Johns, Head of Cataloging at LSU Law Library, offer an interesting examination of "Legal Literature: A Class in LC Classification" as an alternative to the panel discussion. The program presents classification instruction and advice for both experienced catalogers and newcomers to the LC classification. Break-out sessions provide the best avenue for instruction with Ms. Pinckard and Ms. Johns leading discussions and providing instructions for librarians with different needs.

Stephen Dennis, Executive Director of the National Center for

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EDITOR’S CORNER

Calling all volunteers! Your newsletter needs you!

The Annual Meeting is nearly here and I need people to report on the various educational programs being conducted. If you are attending the Meeting and would like to report on one of the programs, please call or write me as soon as possible. If you have any preference on which program you would like to write about, let me know at that time. The agenda for the meeting is outlined elsewhere in this issue. All that is required is that you attend the program and write about a half-page summary of its highlights.

The reports on the Annual Meeting in past years have been well-received, and have given valuable information to those SEAALL members who were not able to attend.

Michael J. Petit
Editor
S.E.A.A.L.L. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance as of 1 November, 1989  $3,906.38

Receipts

- Chapter Dues  $180.00
- Newsletter Advertising  $400.00
- Bank Interest  $196.02

Total Receipts  $776.02

Subtotal  $4,682.40

Expenditures

- Membership Directory  $206.25
- Postage (Newsletter, etc.)  $133.05
- Presidential Travel  $37.91

Total Expenditures  $377.21

Balance as of 1 February, 1990  $4,305.19

NOTE:
The ending balance at 1 November, 1989, as printed in Volume 15, Number 2, was incorrect. It should have been $3,906.38. Individual items of receipts and expenditures were as printed. The Certificate of Deposit for $10,000.00 is due 16 February, 1990.

Respectfully Submitted
Diana Osbaldiston
SEAALL Treasurer

LEGAL INFORMATION IN THE CARIBBEAN: SOURCES AND ACCESS

The Caribbean Association of Law Libraries and the International Association of Law Libraries are sponsoring a Joint Conference on legal Information in the Caribbean. The meeting will be held in Bridgetown, Barbados, April 15-20, 1990, and will review the principal legal systems in the Caribbean, major types of legal publishing, and collections of Caribbean legal information in the West Indies, the United Kingdom and North America. Emphasis will be placed on sources of information for acquisitions, reference and interlibrary loan. A limited number of hotel spaces are available, and an early expression of interest would be appreciated. For information contact Larry B. Wenger, Law Librarian, University of Virginia, Law Library, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901.
Preservation Law, will entertain attendees after lunch with his presentation about William Faulkner. Mr. Dennis holds a Ph.D. in American Literature (with a focus on William Faulkner) in addition to his J.D. degree. He will discuss Faulkner's life with some emphasis on Faulkner's homeplace.

After lunch on Friday, librarians may choose between two programs. The first choice (we promise) is "Abortion Law Rhetoric." Locating a presenter for the program has been a problem. Three different speakers have had to cancel due to pressing needs at their respective positions. The Committee is still searching for an informative and interesting speaker. The focus of the program will be an update on abortion law in the United States and a discussion of the direction of the courts in this very important area. J.J. Hayden of SOLINET is the speaker of the concurrent program, "PC Basics: Part One." Mr. Hayden will cover some of the basics of microcomputer operations in Part One of his presentation and will return for a second session in the afternoon with more detailed information about making use of microcomputers in the library environment. The other choice in the afternoon is Stephen Dennis and his presentation about "Historic Preservation Law: Buildings Not Books." Mr. Dennis, the Executive Director of the National Center for Preservation Law (and, yes, the luncheon speaker) is a leading authority in the field of historic preservation. Additionally, he has spent time in the Oxford, Mississippi area and might be able to offer some comments about the efforts made in Oxford to preserve its buildings.

Saturday programs focus on several interesting issues for law librarians. The first choice for librarians will be "Cataloging and Control of Non-Print/Alternative Media Formats". John P. Bissett, Cataloging Librarian at Washington and Lee University, and Catherine Swanson, Technical Services Librarian at the University of Mississippi, serve as the presenters. Both have substantial experience cataloging legal materials. The other choice during this program period is University of Pittsburgh Law Library Director Jenni Parrish and her presentation on "Southern Legal History: Background and Resources." Professor Parrish is well-known as an authority in the legal history area. She is currently working on projects about early judicial history in the southern states.

The second time period on Saturday morning offers Rosalie M. Sanderson, Reference Librarian at the University of Florida, and Anne Caputor, Manager of DIALOG Classrooms Instructions Program, discussing the DIALOG pilot project at the Law Library of University of Florida. Ms. Sanderson is supervisor of the special program which provides law students access to the many databases in the DIALOG service. She will discuss the use of the service and its value to legal researchers. Ms. Caputor will discuss the program and the options for other law school libraries. The final program focuses on "Building a Basic Foreign/International Law Collection (law firms and small academic). The presenter for this program is Claire Germain, Associate Director of the Duke Law Library and a well-known authority and author in the international law field. Ms. Germain will offer advice to law firm librarians and law librarians in smaller law libraries regarding library collections, valuable resources,
and the use of these resources. The 1989-90 Program Committee consists of Donna Bennett (Northern Kentucky University), Rich Buchanan (College of William and Mary), Herb C. Cihak (University of Mississippi), Timothy Coggins (University of North Carolina), Claire Engel (Kilpatrick and Cody), Robert Munro (University of Florida), Alva Stone (Florida State University), and Anne Washburn (Smith, Heims, Mullis & Moore). Contact members of the Committee for more information about the program.

Mark your calendar now for these programs and plan to be in Oxford, Mississippi.

Timothy Coggins Program Chair

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1990 SEAALL POSTCONFERENCE

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

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April 7-8, 1990
Oxford, Mississippi

Presented by
Kaycee Hale, Executive Director
Resource and Research Center
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising

PROGRAM

Saturday, April 7, 1990

12:00 Noon - 2:00 P.M. Registration

2:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. Leadership Options and Opportunities: Maximizing Internal Development

Ms. Hale will discuss how librarians can move into and maximize leadership positions within their institution by successful internal development. Among topics to be discussed are the professional image, staff development, motivation and morale, team building and effective communication.

Sunday, April 8, 1990

8:15 A.M. - 12:00 Noon Dynamic Organizational Skills: Maximizing External Effectiveness

This session will focus on the library in its larger institutional setting. Ms. Hale will discuss how librarians can market themselves, their department, and their organization; professional activities; civic involvement; and the use of media to maximize individual and organizational effectiveness.
A few weeks ago, a problem tested my patience, pride, and pocketbook, but it also reminded me of the value of knowledge and skill. Returning to Oxford after visiting my in-laws in Texas, I discovered that the sub-zero Christmas Eve weather dealt a fatal blow to certain portions of the plumbing in my house. The old adage of "company in misery" proved true when I called a plumber; I queued up with what seemed like hundreds of others in town awaiting the services of a qualified plumber.

Though I am a pretty fair woodworker, I know little about plumbing beyond minor faucet repairs, and my house needed major help. So, I spent nearly three agonizing weeks of showering at friends' houses, trying to cook without using pots and pans, and getting as much wear out of clothes as possible. Finally, more out of pity, I think, than anything else, my secretary called some "good ol' boys" that she knows and found a licensed plumber who was between jobs.

Within hours of the plumber's arrival, I regained my command of the water in my house. I could turn it on, I could turn it off. I could turn it on; I could turn it off. I felt euphoric and paid the bill happily.

Despite the cost, I found that the entire experience renewed my professional self-esteem. I re-learned the value of skills and knowledge because I have a consumer's point of view. And, I will be the first to admit that I needed the reminder, though would have appreciated receiving the message in a less expensive and more convenient manner.

I learned another important lesson recently, too, about my career choice. Until a few weeks ago, I harbored a secret desire to be a truck driver. I always thought that I would enjoy driving each day around the country, but, ironically, an exciting project in teaching legal research taught me otherwise.

Once each week, Professor Carol West, of the Mississippi College Law Library, and I conduct an interesting experiment: teaching legal and legislative research to state legislators. She and I developed a series of eight programs designed to introduce legislators to basic research concepts in statutory law, administrative law, business, case law, and state legal history. Over 100 legislators and members of their staffs registered for the course, and attendance at each week's program averages about 60.

With the current concerns raised by the private librarians and the academic librarians about how to teach legal research to law students, I found it interesting to extrapolate the question beyond law students to law makers. What should our legislators know about the legal system and legal research? Hopefully, Carol and I can better answer the question at the end of the series.

And, how did this kill my desire to be a truck driver? For eight weeks, I drove to Jackson (about 175 miles away) on Monday for the program and return each Tuesday. Even though the drive is not too long, I feel that I am almost being held captive at the wheel of a car for six hours each
week. I much prefer the hustle and bustle of law librarianship.

These experiences have reaffirmed that persons with special skills and knowledge, such as law librarians, proved important services and that librarianship, not transportation, is the right career for me. So, I look forward eagerly to the Chapter's Annual Meeting to provide even more support for my sense of satisfaction in my career choice. But, one thing is certain. The renewal I receive at the Annual Meeting will cost me far less in money and inconvenience than did my plumbing.

I hope to see you in Oxford!

Wes Cochran
President

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COSELL

The Consortium of South Eastern Law Libraries has been productive during the last few months. Beginning last Fall, members of COSELL began exchanging Law School/Library Newsletters. We appreciate Lolly Gasaway's efforts for getting this cooperative project off the ground. Thanks also go to Bill Beintema for his hard work in the rapid compilation of ABA statistics for this Chapter.

In October, Wes Cochran received word that the U.S. Department of Education did not fund the grant application from COSELL to purchase fax equipment. Wes and I decided to resubmit the proposal with very few modifications. We requested $3,000 per member law library for purchase of fax equipment. Many members still need to purchase a machine or wish to upgrade their existing equipment. Awards will be made by September 30, 1990. We are hoping that this proposal will be a success. If anyone wishes to read the grant proposal, please let me know.

The annual meeting of the membership of COSELL will be on Friday, April 6th in Oxford, Mississippi. All member libraries will receive a letter with time and room information. Please plan to attend.

The Board of Directors, Carol Roehrenbeck, Joe Cross, Pam Williams, Lolly Gasaway, Glen Ahlers, and Rita Millican are busy on various projects. We will see you in Oxford.

Nancy Johnson
Chair

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This article studies the qualifications, experiences and accomplishments of current academic law library directors in the Southeastern United States, and compares them to their counterparts nationwide. These comparisons are of particular interest to librarians with aspirations of becoming library directors or to law school deans in the process of hiring one.

For the purposes of this article, the Southeast includes West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. Fifty accredited law schools are encompassed by this geographic area.

To obtain biographical information on the academic law library directors, the Directory of Law Teachers was used. This source provided the information on the directors' sex, professional academic status, birth date, degrees attained, subjects taught and previous law library experience.

A review of the literature revealed only one article on the subject, "Career Paths and Education of Current Academic Law Library Directors", 80 Law Library Journal 220 (1988), by Michael L. Slinger. Using the same sources as used in this study, Mr. Slinger reported the results of his survey of the career paths and education of academic law library directors across the United States in 1986. Slinger recognized 21 types of experiences and activities that seemed important factors in an individual rising to the position of academic law library director and established the method by which this replication study proceeds. While this study does not address all the concerns recognized by the Slinger study, it does examine such characteristics as age, sex, education, experience and faculty status.

**SEX**

Of the fifty accredited law schools in the Southeastern United States, twenty-five of the directors were male and twenty-five were female, a 50/50 split. This is in contrast to the Slinger study which found 61% male and 39% female nationwide.

**EDUCATION**

Eighty-four percent (84%) of directors in this study held an MLS degree or equivalent, lower than the 92% found nationwide in the Slinger survey. While it can still be stated that this constitutes a professional requirement as found by Slinger, it shows a marked deviation from the national norm.

Breaking this down by sex, 50% of those without an MLS were male and 50% female. Surprisingly, the range of years in which these non-MLS directors received their directorships extended from 1962 up to 1986, with the average year of attainment of directorship being 1973--the same for both sexes.

Unlike Slinger's study, the University of Washington does not overwhelmingly lead all other schools in the number of graduates.
who have become directors in the Southeast. In fact, six schools (Illinois, Simmons, Texas, North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Washington, and Wisconsin) are represented by three directors each, for a combined total of 36%. Four schools (Drexel, LSU, Minnesota and Rutgers) were represented by two directors each, for an accumulated 52 per cent. Over half of the directors came from only 10 library schools.

Similar to Slinger's finding that 89% of directors possessed law degrees nationwide, law degrees are possessed by 90% of the directors of academic law libraries in the Southeast. Of those without a law degree, 80% were female and 20% male, while the range of years of attainment of directorship was from 1957 to 1986 (male average 1973; female average 1974). Seventy-four percent hold both a law and a library degree. Of the 26% who did not have both degrees, 62% were female, 38% were male.

Unlike the relationship between individual library schools and attainment of directorship, law degrees were found to be obtained from many different schools with no school holding any particular advantage. Toledo was highest with 6% of Southeast directors, while Florida, Houston, Mercer, Temple, Texas, and Wisconsin had 4% each. Slinger, too, found no predominant law school.

EXPERIENCE

The mean age upon attainment of a first directorship in the Southeast was 38, higher than the national mean age of 33. Nearly 50% of current directors received their first directorship between the ages of 32 and 40: the modal age was 34 and the median 36. There was little difference in age between males and females at the time of their first directorship.

In contrast to Slinger's finding that current directors had held a directorship for 12 years, the mean for Southeastern directors was 10 years. Forty percent of all Southeastern directors have been in that position from two to six years, while sixty percent have been at that position for ten years or less.

These figures indicate that law library directors in the Southeast have been in those positions a relatively short time, when compared to the national average. The large number of Southeastern directors with three years experience is further explained by the prolific hiring of directors in the Southeast in 1986, none of whom had been director before. Of those hired in 1986, 89% were female. This could be evidence of an effort by law schools in the Southeast to hire female directors coupled with either a lack of experienced applicants or the hiring of females with no directorship experience above males who had experience. However, the previous two years of hiring (1984 and 1985), when placed together with 1986 hiring statistics, offset any gains that could have been made by women in 1986. In those years 72% of directors hired were male while only 29% were female.

AGE

The mean age of directors was 47, the median 45, and the mode trimodal at 37, 38, and 43. The difference in these ages, in particular the difference between the mean and median, reflects the existence of a significant number of directors whose ages are 60 or over (18%). Since Slinger's study of two years ago found the mean age to be 45, and assuming the director's mean ages in the Southeast were the same, it appears that the Southeast has not
maintained the youthful nature of directors in the past two years that was found in the Slinger study. However, in a time span as short as two years it is too early to make such generalizations.

ACADEMIC STATUS

Academic rank was divided into professor, associate professor, assistant professor, and instructor. Forty-six percent of directors held the position of professor, 44% held either assistant or associate professor status, while only 2% were classified as instructors. Like Slinger's study, 65% of males held full professor status, while 35% (as opposed to 29% in Slinger) of females enjoyed the same status. While an expectancy yielded 11.5 males and the same number of females as full professor, the actual figures show that 15 males are professors while only 8 females had attained that status. The reciprocal is true in the category of assistant or associate professor. There, with an expectancy of 11 individuals in each category (male and female), only 9 males were found while 13 females held this status. When read in the context of dates of attainment of directorships by sex, it appears that the female directors lag behind their male counterparts due to their recent increase in numbers and the time lag involved in attaining full professor status. Still, the significance of this figure (0.1825), indicates, as Slinger's study does, that serious inequities still exist.

COURSES TAUGHT

Three categories of courses were utilized: (1) Legal research and writing, (2) other law courses, and (3) librarianship. As in the Slinger study, the overwhelming majority of directors are expected to teach (92%). Forty percent of directors teach legal research and writing, only 6% teach other law courses exclusively. Eighteen percent teach both legal research and writing along with a substantive law course, while 10% teach legal research and writing along with librarianship courses. Only 2% taught courses in all three categories.

CONCLUSION

There are numerous comparisons to be made between the Southeast and the United States in general. An MLS and law degree are required for most Southeastern academic law library directors, and there continues to be a large disparity between male and female directors in the granting of professor status.

However, in contrast to Slinger's study, Washington's MLS program does not wield the same influence in the Southeast that is found nation-wide. Additionally, the Southeastern director is 47 years old, has ten years of experience, attained directorship at age 38, and is just as likely to be male as female. This, in contrast to the nation-wide findings that directors are 45 years of age, have twelve years of experience, attained directorship at 33, and is more likely to be male.

These differences seem to indicate that in the Southeast there is an expectation that a director be older, less experienced, and female. The last two characteristics can be explained by the economic savings associated with them, while the first of these can be explained by the hiring institutions' perception of offsetting the lack of experience and sex of the director by seniority. In a conservative area, these all seem plausible. It would be interesting
to see a study linking pay scales of directors of the Southeast with these characteristics.

Additional areas worthy of further investigation include the continuing relationship of academic status and sex, and whether there exist patterns, or waves, of hiring of directors of academic law libraries nationwide.

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AGED AND RARE LEGAL MATERIALS

In 1989, for the first time, the Columbia Rare Books School offered a summer program in Rare Materials in Anglo-American Law. The course ran from July 17 through July 21, and was taught by Morris Cohen, Director of the Yale University Law Library and by David Warrington, Assistant Librarian for Special Collections at Harvard Law Library. The 21 participants included two rare book dealers and librarians whose experience with rare materials ranged from lots to none. Four librarians from Southeastern law schools attended: Michael Lynch from Florida State University, Kent Olson and Marsha Trimble from the University of Virginia, and Pamela Robinson from the University of South Carolina.

Before arrival in New York City participants were prepared by an excellent series of readings on rare books and legal history. Class projects in descriptive bibliography involved handling and analyzing a variety of moderately rare materials from the law libraries of Columbia and Yale. Significant rare materials in the Columbia Law Library were available to participants for examination. There was considerable discussion of the role of rare legal materials in historical research, and of the collection of materials which are rare though not extraordinarily expensive.

The days were packed with meetings and projects to an extent which would impress professionals from outside the library field, for whom a week long seminar in New York usually means lots of time for shopping and museums. A similar program will be offered this summer July 9th through 13th. The tuition is $465, with $30 per night dormitory housing available on campus. For information call the Rare Book School at (212) 854-4734. It may be noted that for institutions with a fiscal year beginning July 1, this year's Rare Book program falls in a year in which there will be no AALL Convention.

Michael Lynch
Florida State University
COMMITTEE NEWS

PUBLICATIONS CLEARINGHOUSE

Have you been asked to provide a library handbook? User instructions for your online catalog? A disaster plan? The SEAALL Publications Clearinghouse has examples that can help you prepare your own publication. Contact Jean Holcomb at the Norfolk Law Library concerning how the Clearinghouse can help you.

To make the Clearinghouse a more valuable resource, we all need to make contributions of our own work products. Do not be bashful! The Clearinghouse is a wonderful resource that we should all contribute to.

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

You should be receiving your copy of the new SEAALL Membership and Law Library Directory very shortly. A great deal of work went into its production, and we hope you will find it was worth the effort (and the long wait).

As with any directory we had to choose an arbitrary cut-off date for revisions. Loading into the database began at the end of October, and the diskettes were sent to the publisher in November.

Many thanks to the William S. Hein Company for printing the Directory for us. Please express your appreciation to the Hein people for their hard work.

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ARCHIVES

The Chapter Executive Committee has decided that the Chapter archives be housed at the Loyola University Law Library. Anyone with archival material from past Chapter activities is strongly encouraged to send them to my attention.

Ed Edmonds
Loyola University Law Library
NOMINATIONS 1990-1991

The Nominations Committee (Mary F. Cross, Chair, Ed Edmonds and Tim Lewis) is pleased to announce the following candidates for 1990-91.

PRESIDENT:

Peggy Martin

EDUCATION: M.L.S. - University of South Carolina
B.A. - University of South Carolina

EMPLOYMENT: Legal Researcher - Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

AALL - Special Exhibit of Internal AALL & Chapter Publications, Chair & Coordination - June 26-29, 1988; Copyright Committee 1988/89; Education Committee 1987/88; Membership Committee 1985/86; Scholarship Committee 1984/85, Vice-Chair 1983/84; Constitution & Bylaws 1982/83; Relations with Publishers & Dealers 1980/81.

SEAALL - Continuing Education Committee 1989/90, 1990 Institute in Oxford; Nominating Committee, Chair 1987/88; Scholarship Committee, Member 1985/86, Chair 1983/84; Program Committee 1984/85, New Orleans Meeting; County & Courts Committee, Chair 1980/82.

Atlanta Law Libraries Association - Continuing Education Committee, Chair 1989/90, Member 1988/89 and 1987/88; Nominating Committee 1988/89; Bylaws Committee 1988/89; President 1985/86; Vice President 1984/85; Secretary/Treasurer 1981.


SPEECHES:


"LEXIS, WESTLAW and Other On-line Databases", Atlanta Bar Association, Atlanta, Georgia, March 20, 1986.

Cherry Thomas

EDUCATION: J.D.; M.L.S.; B.S.; University of Alabama
Admitted 1982, Alabama Bar Association
EMPLOYMENT: Law Library Director and Assistant Professor of Law, University of Alabama

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

AALL - Member

SEAALL - Publicity Committee 1989/90; Placement Committee, Chair 1984/86.

COSELL - Nominating Committee 1988; Board Member at Large 1987/88.


PUBLICATIONS:

Compiled, "Legal Scholarship at the Capstone, A Foundation for Great Teaching (School of Law, Univ. of Alabama, 1989).


TEACHING ACTIVITIES:

Legal Research Course, Fall Semesters 1983- (175-200 students)

Legal Research Workshops in connection with:
- Alabama Probate Judges' Conference, Sponsored by the Alabama Law Institute, 1986 & 1987
- Alabama Municipal Officers' Conference, October 1988
- Alabama Sheriffs' Training Seminar, Sponsored by Alabama Law Institute, 1983

SECRETARY

Jean Holcomb

EDUCATION: J.D. and M.L.S., University of Alabama; B.A., University of North Dakota

EMPLOYMENT: Law Librarian, Norfolk Law Library

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

AALL - Member
Alva T. Stone

EDUCATION: M.L.S., Florida State University

EMPLOYMENT: Head of Cataloging, Florida State University Law Library

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

AALL - Technical Services SIS Cataloging and Classification Committee, 1989/90.

SEAALL - Program Committee 1989/90; Scholarship Committee 1988/89.

ACRL - Member

FLORIDA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION - Member

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION - Member

FLORIDA CENTER FOR LIBRARY AUTOMATION - Technical Services Advisory Committee 1986 - present

PUBLICATIONS:

"Subject Headings" columnist for Technical Services Law Librarian, 1988- .


"Subject Searching in Law Library OPACs", Cataloging & Classification Quarterly (v. 10, nos. 1/2).

SPEECHES:

She has delivered speeches on authority control in on-line catalogs (AALL Conference, Chicago, 1987), on serials and loose-leaves (AALL Basic Cataloging Institute, Knoxville, 1988), and on fundamentals of cataloging (Florida State, Court and County Libraries annual meeting, Lakeland, Florida, 1987). At the upcoming AALL Annual Conference Alva will be speaking on a program about barcoding and item records.

TREASURER

Diana Osbaldiston - will serve a third year as Treasurer to stagger the terms of Treasurer and Secretary.
NOTE: Please send news items about membership and law libraries to Joe at the following address:
Joseph Cross, BRIEFS Editor
Law School Library
University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC 29208

ALABAMA

DAVID LOWE of the University of Alabama directed a training session entitled "Use of the WESTLAW System" on August 22-23, 1989, in Birmingham for the Alabama Bar Institute. David also attended the University English Department's Symposium on Computer Literacy entitled "Literacy Online" held October 26th and 27th.

CHERRY THOMAS of the University of Alabama gave a presentation entitled "Introduction to the Law and Legal Research" on November 9, 1989, before an assembly of Alabama Probate Judges. Her presentation was a part of a program "Probate Law for Probate Judges", sponsored by the School of Law and the Alabama Law Institute.

KENTUCKY

MARK LINNEMAN has been appointed the Director of the University of Kentucky Law Library, effective February 1, 1990. Mark hold his J.D. from State University of New York at Buffalo and his Master of Law Librarianship from the University of Washington. He formerly was Reference Librarian at the University of Iowa, and most recently he was the Law Librarian at the University of Melbourne.


LOUISIANA

New member, CARLA D. PRITCHETT, joined Loyola University Law Library in New Orleans as the Reference Librarian on December 4, 1989. She received her J.D. from Tulane University and her M.L.S. from Simmons College.

Another new member, ELIZABETH M. VALADIE, joined the Loyola staff as the Associate Law Librarian for Technical Services on January 16, 1989. Elizabeth received her M.L.S. degree from Louisiana State University.

MISSISSIPPI

The new law librarian at Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens and Cannada in Jackson is KAYE AMMONS. She has also recently joined SEAALL. Kaye was previously librarian for Young, Scanlon and Sessums.

NORTH CAROLINA

CHRISTINA BEATTY, the office
operations manager at Tharrington, Smith & Hargrove in Raleigh for the past two years, has joined the Chapter. She earned the B.A. degree from Antioch College and worked for six years as a legal secretary.

SCOTTY JENKINS, librarian for Petree, Stockton & Robinson in Raleigh, is a new member. She holds the B.A. in Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has worked as a teacher.

The librarian at Graham & James in Raleigh, CAROL B. TAYLOR, is a new member. She holds the B.S.S.A., has done work on an M.Ed., and has taken paralegal courses.

SOUTH CAROLINA

BARBARA A. STALEY, is Head Librarian for the McNair Law Firm in Columbia. She earned the B.A. from George Mason University and M.L.S. from the University of South Carolina. Barbara has been a librarian for Chem-Nuclear Systems, Inc., Research Planning Institute, and Boeing Computer Services.

VIRGINIA

DONNA BAUSCH has been named Senior Law Reference Librarian at Regent University College of Law and Government Law Library in Virginia Beach. Donna is making the switch from private law firm librarianship, having served most recently as Law Librarian at Woods, Rogers, Hazlegrove in Roanoke.

JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL TO LEAVE PAPERS TO WASHINGTON AND LEE

The Honorable Lewis F. Powell, Jr., former justice of the United States Supreme Court, has announced his intention to leave his personal and professional papers to his alma mater, Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. The collection spans Powell's career on the Supreme Court and his tenures as chairman of the Richmond School Board and president of the American Bar Association.

The collection will be housed in a new addition to Lewis Hall, home of the Washington and Lee School of Law, construction of which will begin in the spring of 1990 and completed in about 18 months. Portions of Powell's papers located in Washington, D.C., Charlottesville, and Richmond will be moved to Washington and Lee.

"The papers of most justices of the Supreme Court have been left to the Library of Congress", said Powell. "My intention to leave my papers to the law school at Washington and Lee is based primarily on the plans, approved by the board of trustees, to add an addition to the law school building that will house my papers and provide facilities for appropriate research. Also, my six years on the campus were among the happiest of my life. I have a deep and abiding affection for the college that bears the names of George Washington and Robert E. Lee."
YES, it is time now for you and your associates to express your preferences for service on 1990-91 Southeastern Chapter committees.

Serving on a SEAALL committee helps you contribute to the Chapter and to your own professional development. To volunteer (yourself or someone else) please complete this form and return it to the address below by May 1, 1990. Committee assignments will be made prior to the 1990 AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, so please SUBMIT YOUR PREFERENCE FORM early. Thank you.

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PLACEMENT

This year the SEAALL Placement Committee is chaired by Phil Berwick, Director of the George Mason University Law Library. Should you wish to place a job ad in the Southeastern Law Librarian please contact Phil at: George Mason University Law Library, 3401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22201, or call him at (703) 841-2648.

The Placement Committee also maintains an active file for applicants. If you wish to have your resume placed in the file just send it to Phil at the above address. If you are a prospective employer and wish to know if there are law librarians in your geographic area searching for positions call Phil so that he can send you any pertinent resumes.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Library Research Specialist. The Washington, D.C. office of Kirkland & Ellis seeks an assertive, self-motivated individual to provide sophisticated research support to an office of 80 attorneys. Opportunity to work in a fast-paced environment with an extensive collection of printed and on-line resources. We prefer candidates with excellent interpersonal skills and 1-5 years of legal or business research experience. An M.L.S. from an accredited library school is required. Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits. Send resume, cover letter and salary history to Librarian, Kirkland & Ellis, 655 15th Street N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

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Law Librarian: Prestigious Miami law firm (130 attorneys) seeks M.L.S. to oversee library operations. Requirements: Knowledge of WESTLAW, LEXIS, online database sources, cataloging, and automation of library procedures; staff supervision. Exceptional opportunity for professional growth. Resumes only to: June Berger, Steel Hector & Davis, 4000 Southeast Financial Center, Miami, Florida 33131-2398, Fax: 305/358-1418.

Head of Reference Department. The search has been reopened for a dynamic, service-oriented librarian, well-grounded in legal research materials and methods and capable of directing the activities of a very busy reference department. The position involves supervising 2.6 FTE reference librarians and the interlibrary loan department in providing service to 1,300 students, 65 faculty members and a large South Florida practitioner community. The Head of Reference reports to the Associate Librarian - Head of Public Services. Qualifications include accredited J.D. and M.L.S. degrees (exceptional candidates with one degree and substantial relevant experience will be considered); at least two years experience in a law school library or similar environment; substantial knowledge of legal research sources (including LEXIS and WESTLAW) and the ability to write about them and to teach their use in formal and informal settings; strong computer skills; demonstrated service orientation. The ideal candidate will also have relevant supervisory experience and some knowledge of non-law areas of research. The position is available January 1, 1990 (or sooner if the ideal candidate is available). Salary depends on qualifications and experience. Generous fringe benefits and
professional development support are provided. Please send resume and names of three professional references to Warren Rosmarin, Associate Librarian/Head of Public Services, University of Miami Law Library, P.O. Box 248087, Coral Gables, FL 33124. The University of Miami is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action employer.

VIRGINIA

Archivist/Librarian. Challenging opportunity to establish and direct the services, program, and staff of the retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Collection. This position requires an ALA-accredited M.L.S. degree with concentration in archives or M.A. in history with concentration in archives. Candidate must have significant archival training and experience. Knowledge of MARC AMC format, computer applications for archives and preservation techniques are required. The position includes competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience, and an excellent benefit package. Applications received by April 15, 1990 will receive first consideration. Please send resume and three references to Sarah K. Wiant, Director of the Law Library, Washington and Lee University, Lewis Hall, Lexington, VA 24450.