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# Southeastern Law Librarian

Fall 2010

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## Presidential Ponderings

SEAALL President  
Karen B. Douglas

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As I write this, the 2010 holiday season is beginning. This is a time of year when a flurry of activity is taking place. SEAALL is experiencing its own flurry of activity right now. Our Handbook Revision sub-committee is hard at work making revisions and adding current information to the SEAALL Handbook, which is considered the "bible" of our organization. Many of the changes have occurred because new technology has altered the way we do business. These changes are now being reflected in the handbook.

In addition, Carol Nicholson and the Scholarship Committee have been hard at work reviewing scholarship applications. Student Scholarship winners will be announced shortly. More money has been allotted this year for scholarships and awards, since the poor economy has made the need greater.

Carol Watson and her Program Committee have come up with an excellent selection of programs for next year's Annual Meeting in Columbia, SC. New programming formats, such as "Ignite" presentations which cover 6 mini topics in a half hour slot, and poster sessions will be used for the first time. I'm looking forward to these programming innovations. Pamela Melton and the Local Arrangements Committee are also making plans to entertain us in grand fashion while we're in Columbia. I'm anxiously awaiting my first trip to that fascinating city.

Not to be outdone by the SEAALL Program Committee, our Education and Publications Committee, which is responsible for submitting program proposals to AALL, had 3 programs accepted for the AALL annual meeting next year in Philadelphia. Congratulations to Jennifer Behrens and her committee for this achievement.

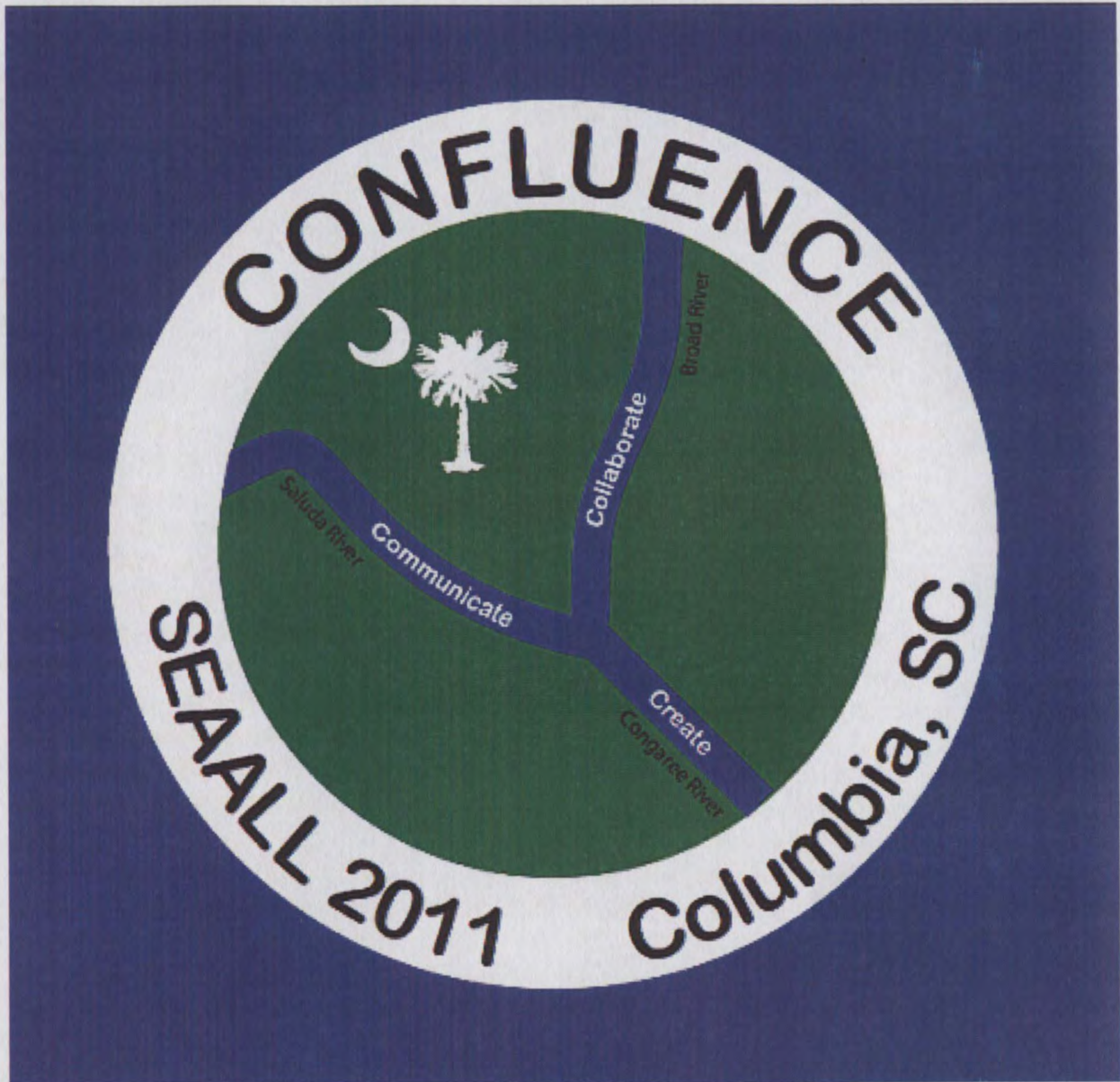
Paula Tejada and the Nominations Committee have come up with an excellent slate of candidates for our upcoming election. We will elect a vice-president/president elect, a treasurer and a member-at-large. I am pleased to say that all 3 types of law libraries are represented on the slate. Biographical information about our candidates will be included in this newsletter.

All of the work of this organization is done by volunteers willing to share their time and talents to create an organization that will serve your needs. SEAALL wouldn't succeed without them. When Carol Watson sends out her call for volunteers, please be willing to respond. I hope to see many of you at next year's Annual Meeting in Columbia, SC. I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season and a prosperous new year.



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# Powerpoint is Dead

Carol Watson, Director of the Law Library  
Wendy E. Moore, Acquisitions Librarian

University of Georgia, Alexander Campbell King Law Library

PowerPoint is dead. At least the PowerPoint filled with bullet points being read word-for-word by the presenter – a mainstay of presentations for the past 15 years. In its place is a new, more dynamic use of presentation software - utilizing engaging images, mind focusing text, and quick timing to reach out to audiences.

At AALL 2010 in Denver last July, in our presentation “Using Pecha Kucha to Enhance Your Presentations,” we introduced one way to invigorate your use of PowerPoint. You can read more about the presentation in the September/October 2010 AALL Spectrum program review “Pecha Ku-What?” by Donna M. Fisher, but it boils down to structuring your presentation around 20 slides, shown for 20 seconds each on automatic advance. No stopping, no going back, and you must know your material!

There are other similar formats gaining popularity. Ignite also has 20 slides, but shown on automatic advance for only 15 seconds a piece, making the total presentation only 5 minutes long. 6 x 6 is a grouping of 6 presentations that each last 6 minutes long, but contain no set rules beyond that, so you might not even use presentation software at all. Battledecks is a new presentation style being seen frequently at library conferences. Presenters (“contestants”) are given a topic ahead of time, but the PowerPoint slides, usually 10-15 slides, are prepared by someone else. The slides are first seen by the presenter during the actual presentation, making the challenge to synch content to the slides in front of an audience.

Whether you’re creating a Pecha Kucha, Ignite, 6 x 6, Battledecks, or traditional PowerPoint presentation, the following tips can be helpful for enhancing your presentation:

- Smile. Speak confidently, clearly and loudly. The way you deliver your first words set the tone for the presentation. Begin by strongly and decisively establishing your presence.
- Summarize. Present a brief roadmap of your presentation. What should the audience expect to learn from you?
- Enunciate. Speak directly into the microphone. Don’t forget, if you turn your head to explain something on the screen, a fixed microphone doesn’t turn with you. The audience cannot hear when you are facing the screen.
- Create. Good presentations uncover something unexpected. Whether your presentation is personal, funny or professional, the audience wants to learn something they haven’t thought about before. Don’t just describe what is on the screen or read the text of bullet points.
- Elaborate. Don’t forget that the audience is interested in your thought process. How did you arrive at your conclusions? What mistakes did you make along the way?
- Breathe. The audience needs pauses to digest and reflect upon your content. Consciously add in silence by including pauses on every slide. Try to eliminate distracting vocal noises such as ums or ers.
- Rehearse. Finishing your slides doesn’t mean that you are ready for your presentation. Practice until you feel a relaxed rhythm taking over your speech. Then you are on your way to being well-prepared.
- Simulate. Practice standing up just as you will be on the day of your presentation. Do not rehearse by simply practicing to yourself at your desk. If you need to regularly glance at your notes, you are not ready to present yet.
- Simulate. Practice standing up just as you will be on the day of your presentation. Do not rehearse by simply speaking aloud at your desk. If you need to regularly glance at your notes, you are not ready to present yet.

Most importantly, have fun. When you are enthusiastic about your topic and confident about your presentation, your mood will be infectious.

Now that we've whetted your appetite for trying new presentation formats, you'll get the chance to see these formats in action at the upcoming SEAALL Annual Meeting, April 14-16, 2011. One of the program sessions will feature 6 Ignite presentations on the following topics:

- Law Library Lessons from the Godfather Trilogy – management techniques, growing your influence, and other helpful tips from Corleone family.
- Why is Ally McBeal behind our Circ Desk? – implementing a popular DVD collection in your library.
- Partnering with Student Journals for Delivery of Library Services – developing an outreach program to streamline services to journals
- NCSTL.org: Forensic Library Without Walls – a description online resources available from the National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law.
- Democratizing the Law: Pinch me, I'm dreaming! – could we be on the verge of a world where the law is free?
- Advocating Adoption of Creative Commons Content – how to advocate for an open licensing model.

We look forward to seeing you at SEAALL 2011 and we hope you enjoy experimenting with new presentation formats. Long live PowerPoint!

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## Free Money Giveaway

Carol Avery Nicholson, Chair  
SEAALL Scholarship Committee

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill -- Katherine R. Everett Law Library  
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As budgets become increasingly restrictive it is good to know that SEAALL is still able to provide scholarships and grants to assist members in need who desire to pursue professional development opportunities. Of course money is never truly free. SEAALL is able to fund scholarships and grants through membership dues and good fiscal management. Take advantage of this opportunity – apply for one of the scholarships below by February 25 and you may be the fortunate recipient of “free money”.

**Lucile Elliott Scholarship:** Provides financial aid for any purpose reasonably designed to improve one's career in law librarianship. The amount of the award will vary depending on the proposed activity.

**Kathryn P. Mattox Memorial Scholarship:** Named in honor of Kathryn P. Mattox, this scholarship is intended to help defray the cost of attendance at the AALL or SEAALL annual meetings.

If you missed these opportunities, there are still more possibilities for those of you hoping to attend AALL in July at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/scholarship/index.htm>. Also, do not forget to check AALL and SIS offerings at <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/grants/grants.asp> and [http://www.aallnet.org/services/sch\\_edu](http://www.aallnet.org/services/sch_edu). asp to find a number of grants & scholarships that will ensure a strong SEAALL presence in Philadelphia and provide other educational support.

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# SEAALL Scholarship Recipients

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The SEAALL Scholarship Committee is proud to recognize this years scholarship recipients:

- Katie Crandall
- Anna Guerra
- David Hansen
- Natacha JeanBaptiste
- Brad E. LeMarr
- Kelly Leong
- Jennifer Mart-Rice
- Jeffrey Nelson

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## SEAALL Financial Report

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Period of July 31, 2010 - November 23, 2010

OPENING WORKING BALANCE*			\$68,867.86
INCOME			
MEMBERSHIP DUES		4,220.00	
Student	40		
Associate	80		
Individual	120		
Institutional	3,980		
TOTAL INCOME		4,220.00	
TOTAL WORKING BALANCE			\$73,087.86
EXPENSES			
AALL 2010 MEETING		161.83	
Reimbursements	161.83		
INSURANCE		620.00	
Liability Insurance	620.00		
SEAALL 2010 ANNUAL MEETING		1,000.00	
Avalon Charity Donation	1000.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$1,781.83
CLOSING WORKING BALANCE			\$71,306.03
INVESTMENTS AS OF June 25, 2010			
American Founders Bank, Inc. CD	3,971.81	10,361.80	
Fidelity	6,389.99		
TOTAL ASSETS			\$81,667.83

Submitted by Dee Wood, SEAALL Treasurer

The SEAALL Newsletter Committee in no way endorses any candidate through this forum. The below information has been provided by the candidates for informational purposes.

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## SEAALL Candidate - Marcia Burris

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SEAALL Vice-President / President Elect Candidate

**Statement:**

I am honored to be a candidate for SEAALL Vice-President/President Elect. In the current challenging economic environment it is as important as ever that librarians are well-aligned to the missions of our organizations, whether we work in law firms, law schools or other types of institutions. SEAALL can help us to succeed in our roles by aligning to our needs and providing excellent educational programs and opportunities for growth through participation and interaction with other professionals.

My own career in law libraries began when I took a part-time college job as a library filer, and discovered that I liked the law library better than my intended profession. In 1990, I founded a library staffing and management service, and over the course of that business I gained valuable experience in a wide variety of law firm and government libraries. After ten years of running my business in the San Francisco area, I relocated to South Carolina. Since then I have had the pleasure (and sometimes challenge) of managing the Ogletree Deakins Library during a period of rapid firm growth from 150 to over 500 attorneys in 40 offices.

I believe that professional development of individual librarians, the status of librarians in our organizations, and the future of law librarianship are all closely connected, and fundamentally dependent upon each other. I am excited about the prospect of working in the role of Vice President/President-Elect to continue building on the leadership of others in providing professional development opportunities for all members of our association, and I would welcome the chance to serve you in this capacity.

**Current Position:**

Library Manager, Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart, Greenville, SC 2001-

**Previous Position:**

Owner & Principal, Burris Library Associates, San Francisco, CA (1990-2000)  
(Law library staffing, management and consulting for law firm and government libraries)

**Education:**

M.L.I.S., University of California, Berkeley  
B.A. in English, San Francisco State University

**Professional Organization Memberships:**

AALL 2001-  
SEAALL 2001-  
SLA 2009-  
Piedmont (SC) Library Association 2001-2005

**Professional Association Activities:**

Member of SEAALL 2005 Annual Meeting Program Committee 2004-2005  
Member of SEAALL Community Service Committee 2005-2007  
Member of SEAALL 2011 Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee 2010-

**Selected Presentations:**

Co-presenter, "Reducing the Costs of Legal Research: Best Practices Onshore & Offshore", emphasizing reduction of online costs through effective contract negotiation, at ILTA (International Legal Technology Association) 2009 Annual Meeting, Washington DC, August 2009.

Moderator, "What Lawyers Wish Librarians Knew About..." at SEAALL Annual Meeting, Montgomery, AL, April 2005.

Co-presenter, "Effective Management of Employees" at SEAALL Annual Meeting, Richmond, VA, March 2004.

Co-Presenter, "Technical Services and the Small Library" at SEAALL Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL, April 2002.

Presenter and Moderator "Emergency Preparedness: Planning for the Unthinkable" at Piedmont Library Association Winter Meeting, Greenville SC, February 2002.

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## SEAALL Candidate - Edward T. Hart

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SEAALL Vice President / President Elect Candidate

**Statement:**

Building relations and networks is an important part of law librarians' professional development, and doing so in the Southeast as part of SEAALL is central for those who call this corner of the country home. Often, the performance of our primary duties, service to our users and maintenance of our collections, is aided by our contacts in SEAALL. The knowledge gained from others within our regional network whether it is through direct assistance in answering a reference question or ideas shared at our annual meeting makes us better librarians. Being a member of SEAALL is an optimum venue for such exchanges. To achieve such success, we need a successful chapter, and to be successful, volunteers must take up the duties needed to run the organization and support the development of its members.

I welcome the opportunity to serve SEAALL as Vice-President / President Elect and to continue the effective management of the chapter seeking to meet the needs of the chapter's members.

**Current Position:**

Head of Technical Services and Adjunct Professor of Law, Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center, University of Florida 2005-

**Previous Positions:**

Acquisitions and Collection Management Librarian, New England School of Law Library, 2000-2005

**Education:**

M.S.L.I.S., Simmons College

J.D., New England School of Law

B.A. and M.A. in history, Valdosta State University.

**Professional Organizations Memberships:**

American Association of Law Libraries 2000-present

American Library Association 2000-present

International Association of Law Libraries 2002-present

Southeastern Association of Law Libraries 2005-present

Law Librarians of New England 2000-2005



**Service to the Profession:****Current:**

ALL-SIS Secretary-Treasurer, 2010-2012  
GD-SIS Publications Committee, 2007-2011 (Chair 2008- 2011)  
GD-SIS Jurisdocs, Editor, 2009- present  
TS-SIS Education Committee, 2010-2011  
GD-SIS Program Committee, 2009-2011  
SEALLL Membership Committee, 2006-2011 (Chair 2007-2010)  
Law Librarianship Liaison, Valdosta State University MLIS Program, 2005-present

**Past:**

AALL Membership and Retention Committee, 2007-2009  
ALL-SIS Continuing Education Committee, 2008-2009  
Northeast Florida Library Network, Continuing Education Committee, 2007-2009  
TS-SIS Education Committee, 2007-2008  
ALL-SIS Collection Development Committee, 2006-2007 & 2009-2010  
Massachusetts Committee on Relations with Information Vendors, 2002-2005 (Chair, 2004-05)  
LLNE Government Relations Committee, 2003-2005 (Chair, 2003-05)  
AALL Hospitality Committee for 2004 Annual Meeting  
LLNE Spring 2001 Meeting Program Planning Committee

**Publications:****Quality Controlled:**

Indexing Open Access Law Journals, Or Maybe Not, 38 International Journal of Legal Information 19 (2010)  
Hutchinson v. Valdosta: A Supreme Court Battle over Water Closets 16 Southern Journal of Legal History, 181 (2008)  
Services to Distancing Learners: A Student's Perspective, 8 Legal Information Management, 64 (March 2008)  
Technology, Education and Copyright Harmonization (TEACH) Act of 2001, Conference Papers: 19th Annual BIETA Conference 2004  
A Look at Changes in Government Information Policies after September 11, 28 IFLA Journal, 273 (2002)  
Lowndes County Historical Society: 1963-1988, 2 Piney Woods Journal of History 63 (1990-91)

**Others:**

Looking over a Shoulder, Southeastern Law Librarian (Winter 2010)  
A Visit to the Boots Library in England, FCIL Newsletter (February 2010)  
Sheffield 2007: BIALL Annual Study Conference, FCIL Newsletter (October 2007)  
AALL Management and Leadership Institute: An Overview, ALL-SIS Newsletter (Summer 2007)  
Bibliographic Notices on EurLex: Case Notes, FCIL Newsletter (October 2006)  
European Union Electronic Research, FCIL Newsletter (February 2005)  
Massachusetts Committee on Relations with Information Vendors, CRIV Sheet (February 2004)  
Review of Human Rights and Scots Law. Edited by Alan Boyle, 32 International Journal of Legal Information 648 (2004)  
Review of UK Public Law & European Law: The Dynamics of Legal Integration. By Gordon Anthony, 31 International Journal of Legal Information 544 (2003).  
Joint Studies Institute, LLNE News (2002)  
Amazon.com Corporate Accounts, CRIV Notes (April 2002)  
IFLA Links Librarians Worldwide, AALL Spectrum (October 2001)  
Comparative Study of Bail, New England School of Law's Rwanda Genocide Prosecution Project, (1997)

**Presentations and Workshops:**

- Indexing Legal Open Access Journals, 29th Annual Charleston Conference: Issues in Book and Serial Acquisitions, Charleston, November 2009
- Peer Collaboration, Moderator, TS-SIS, AALL Meeting, Washington, DC July 2009
- CALI Lessons: Want to be an Author?, SEAALL, Annual Meeting, Athens, GA, April 2009
- JD in Tech Services, SEAALL, Annual Meeting, Athens, GA, April 2009
- Technical Services and the Three R's: Reinventing, Restructuring, and Renewing, TS- SIS, AALL Meeting, Portland, OR, July 2008.
- Introduction to Law Librarianship, Valdosta State University MLIS Program, November 2005, November 2006, November 2007, February 2008, and March 2008
- Cross Campus Collaboration, 27th Annual Charleston Conference: Issues in Book and Serial Acquisitions, Charleston, November 2007
- Research and Library Support in Distance Learning Postgraduate Courses, Society of Legal Scholars, Durham, Great Britain, September 2007
- Service to Distance Learners: A Student's Perspective, British and Irish Association of Law Librarians, Sheffield, Great Britain, June 2007
- Accessing U.S. Legal Information, LLM Research Workshop, Sunderland University, Sunderland, Great Britain, December 2006
- Accessing U.S. Legal Information, Final-Year Law Students Research Seminar, Northumbria University, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Great Britain, November 2006
- Law Librarianship 101, UF Libraries Journal Club, Gainesville, FL, October 2006
- What Should Tech Services Know about Public Services and Vice Versa, ALL-SIS, AALL Meeting, St. Louis, MO., July 2006
- Who's Who in American Legal Publishing, 25th Annual Charleston Conference: Issues in Book and Serial Acquisitions, Charleston, November 2005.
- European Union Legal Research, NELLCO 2005 Reference Liaison Meeting, Boston University, Boston, MA, December 2004
- Technology, Education and Copyright Harmonization (TEACH) Act of 2001, British and Irish Law, Education, and Technology Association, Durham, Great Britain, March 2004
- Look at Changes in Government Information Policies after September 2001, Government Information and Official Publications Section, IFLA, Glasgow, Great Britain, August 2002

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## SEAALL Candidate - Billie Blaine

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SEAALL Treasurer Candidate

**Statement:**

I appreciate the opportunity to run for the office of SEAALL treasurer. I currently serve as treasurer for a local non-profit, and I enjoy it very much. I would welcome the chance to serve our organization, and I'm confident that I can carry out the duties of SEALL treasurer efficiently and effectively.

**Current Position:**

Librarian/Director, Florida Supreme Court Library  
2006 – present

**Previous Library Positions:**

Circulation Department Head, Strozier Library  
Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida  
2003 – 2004

Associate Law Librarian for Public Services, Furman Smith Law Library,  
Mercer University School of Law, Macon, Georgia  
1996 – 2003

Assistant Professor of Law Library and Reference Librarian, Schmid Law Library,  
University of Nebraska College of Law, Lincoln, Nebraska  
1994 - 1996

**Education:**

Master of Arts in Library Science, University of Missouri-Columbia  
Juris Doctor, University of Nebraska College of Law  
Bachelor of Journalism, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**Professional Organization Memberships:**

Member of AALL, 1993 - 2003, 2006 - present  
Member of SEAALL, 1996 - 2003, 2006 -present  
Member of MAALL, 1994 - 1996

**Professional Association Activities:**

Member of SEAALL Program Committee, 2009 - 2010  
Member of SEAALL Placement Committee, 2006 – 2007  
Presenter, SEAALL, “Recruiting the Seeker and Retaining Happy Jack: Finding the Who to Join Together with Your Band, Then Keeping Them from Going Mobile,” April 16, 2009  
Presenter, SEAALL Institute, “Librarians Outline Methods Utilized to Inform Patrons,” April 12, 2009  
Presenter, SEAALL Institute, “Making the Law Librarian and Legal Technologist Relationship Work,” April 12, 2007

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## SEAALL Candidate - Suzanne B. Carriell

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SEAALL Treasurer Candidate

**Statement**

I am committed to meet the challenges and responsibility as Treasurer. SEAALL consistently offers programs and resources that have greatly contributed to my professional development. I will represent SEAALL effectively and with great enthusiasm, monitoring budgets and expenditures in order to ensure that SEAALL uses its funds efficiently and responsibly. I am presently completing my second year of service as Treasurer of the Virginia Association of Law Libraries; in addition, I have significant recordkeeping experience in my positions as secretary and scholarship chair with a philanthropic educational organization. It would be a privilege to serve as Treasurer of SEAALL.

**Current Position:**

Law Library Employment  
Head of Reference & Research Services, 2008-present  
University of Richmond School of Law Library, Richmond, VA

**Previous Positions:**

Reference & Research Services Librarian, 2007-2008  
University of Richmond School of Law Library, Richmond, VA

Circulation/Reference Librarian, 2006-2007  
The University of Iowa College of Law Library, Iowa City, IA

**Education:**

M.A. in L.I.S. (with distinction), The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA (2007)  
J.D., The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA (2006)  
A.B. in English, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA (2000)

**Professional Associations/Activities:**

American Association of Law Libraries 2007-  
AALL Leadership Academy Fellow, 2009

Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries 2007-  
Panelist, "Starting From Scratch: Helping Law Faculty with Empirical Research," Spring 2010

Virginia Association of Law Libraries, 2007-  
Treasurer, 2009-present  
Chair, Public Relations Committee, 2008-present  
Panelist, "Bridging the Gap Between Law School and Employment," Fall 2009  
Author, "Your Retirement To-Do List: Enjoy Each Day," Virginia Lawyer, vol. 58, no. 9, April 2010

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## SEAALL Candidate - Jason R. Sowards

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SEAALL Member-at-Large Candidate

**Statement:**

I am honored to be nominated for the Member-at-Large position. SEAALL was the first professional law librarianship association I joined, and I did so as a first-semester library student, clueless about what contributions I might possibly make to law librarianship. That cluelessness was due in large part to not knowing how to actually get involved. SEAALL made answering that question easy. Five years and several committee appointments later, I've been privileged to do so much such as giving scholarships to deserving librarians and helping select the educational programs we will attend in Columbia in 2011. I hope I am given the opportunity to serve as a Member-at-Large so that I can continue to be involved in shaping the future of the largest, and most fabulous, chapter of AALL.

**Current Position:**

Reference/Research Librarian & Adjunct Professor of Law  
Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC  
2007 – present

**Previous Position:**

Reference Librarian  
Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, FL  
2006-2007

**Education**

M.S.L.S., University of Kentucky (2006)

J.D., University of Louisville (2004)  
M.S. (Economics), University of Kentucky (2002)

**Professional Association Memberships and Service**

**SEAALL**

Scholarship Committee (2007-2008), chair (2008-2009)

Nominations Committee (2009-2010)

Program Committee (2010-2011)

**AALL**

Law Library Journal&AALL Spectrum Committee (2007-2010)

Recruitment to Law Librarianship Committee (2010-2011)

Research Instruction & Patron Services (RIPS) – editor of the RIPS Law Librarian blog (available at <http://rip-slawlibrarian.wordpress.com/>)

**COSELL**

Executive Board, Member-at-Large (2009-2011)

Kentucky Bar Association (2004-present)

**Publications**

Sowards, Jason R., “Specialized Legal Research Courses: Administrative Law,” 29 LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES QUARTERLY 101 (2010).

Guide to North Carolina Legal and Law-Related Materials, 2010 Revised Edition (with Nichelle Perry and Donna Nixon), American Association of Law Libraries, Government Documents Special Interest Section, State Documents Bibliography Series.

Sowards, Jason R. & Sally A. Irvin, “ALR 2.0: When Advanced Legal Research Met Wiki,” AALL SPECTRUM, Vol. 12, No. 8, pp. 8-9, 19 (June 2008).

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## How Do I Get Published ?

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If you are interested in publishing an article in the Southeastern Law Librarian please feel free to contact the editor, Brian Barnes, at [bcbarnes@loyno.edu](mailto:bcbarnes@loyno.edu). Articles of any length are allowed for publication if they fit within the mission of SEAALL and the Newsletter Committee. Additionally, pictures are allowed if proper rights are included with their submission.

# SEAALL Briefs

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## FLORIDA

### University of Florida

In June, Jennifer Wondracek started at UF as our Instructional Services Reference Librarian. Besides reference duties, Jennifer will be teaching advanced legal research, including distance learning options. Jennifer earned her MLIS from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and her JD from University of North Carolina. Prior to UF, she worked at the law libraries at Elon University and Barry University. Active in the profession, she currently serves on the AALL Copyright Committee and is the webmaster for the Government Documents Special Interest Section.

In August, Shira Megerman joined the UF faculty as Student Services Reference Librarian. She is a recent graduate of the information science program at University of Missouri and previously earned her JD from Washburn University. While in library school, Shira worked as a Research Specialist at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Leon E. Bloch Law Library. This is Shira's first professional position, and she is energetically carving out her role in this newly established position, which was created to forge stronger ties between the library and our students.

At the end of June, Kathie Price retired as Associate Dean for Library and Technology, capping her long distinguished career in law librarianship that included directorships at University of Minnesota, Law Library of Congress, New York University and finally University of Florida.

## KENTUCKY

### University of Kentucky Law Library

On September 15, Beau Steenken became the newest reference librarian at the University of Kentucky Evans Law Library. Beau has his JD and M.S.I.S. from the University of Texas at Austin, an MA in History from Texas State University-San Marcos, and an L.L.M. in Public International Law from the University of Nottingham.

James M. Donovan will become the new Director of the Evans Law Library at the University of Kentucky on December 1. He succeeds Helane Davis, who is now the Director at Albany Law Library. James was previously Faculty and Access Services Librarian at the University of Georgia Law Library.

Amy Osborne, Head of Public Services at the University of Kentucky Law Library, will begin a new position in January 2011 as Branch Manager at the Boone County Public Library in Northern Kentucky. Amy has a full record of service with SEAALL, most recently as President and Past-President, and she will be missed.

## LOUISIANA

### Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

Brian Barnes joined the Loyola University New Orleans Law Library as Deputy Law Library Director in September 2010. Prior to coming to Loyola, Brian was the Research, Instructional Services, and Circulation Librarian.

ian at Mississippi College School of Law. He is a graduate of Mississippi College School of Law having received his J.D. in May 2005. He received his Master's in Library and Information Science from the University of Southern Mississippi and a B.A. in History from Mississippi State University.

## MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi College School of Law

Stephen Parks accepted the Research, Instructional Services, and Circulation Librarian position at Mississippi College School of Law Library in August when Brian Barnes moved on to Loyola-New Orleans. Stephen earned his J.D. from the Mississippi College School of Law in 2010 and his B.S. in Political Science from East Carolina University in 2006.

He will begin his M.L.I.S. studies at the University of Southern Mississippi this spring.

## NORTH CAROLINA

Duke University School of Law

Kristina Alayan is the new Foreign & International Law Librarian at Duke (as of August 2010). She just graduated from the University of Washington's Law Librarianship program.

## TENNESSEE

Lincoln Memorial University

Joshua Pluta has joined the Lincoln Memorial University Duncan School of Law Library as Emerging Technologies Librarian. Joshua earned his J.D. from the University of Nebraska School of Law in 2007 and his M.A. in Information Science and Learning Technology from the University of Missouri in 2008, and worked in the insurance field before beginning his career in law librarianship.



# SEAALL Library Profile: Florida Coastal School of Law Library and Technology Center By Renee Weatherholt



The Florida Coastal School of Law Library and Technology Center (LTC) moved to a renovated building in 2006 in order to accommodate a growing student body. The new building is 47,000 square feet and serves over 1,700 students and faculty.



The LTC offers a variety of spaces to accommodate various study styles and habits. In addition to traditional tables, the LTC offers 184 individual study carrels and 25 group study rooms. Study rooms are equipped with dry erase boards for collaborative work and several are also outfitted with televisions and aDVD/VHS combos. The study rooms can be checked out for a period of 3 hours and students can use an electronic reservation system to reserve rooms up to 48 hours in advance.

The LTC also offers workshops! During the Fall 2010 semester they offered over 300 small group workshops with nearly 2,000 students attending. Each workshop typically lasts 30-50 minutes and the librarians have tackled a wide range of topics. The librarians have also created Research Webcasts to assist students with electronic legal research.

If you'd like to learn more about the Florida Coastal School of Law Library and Technology Center visit their website at <http://www.fcsl.edu/ltc/>



If you'd like your library to be featured in the SEAALL Library Profile please contact me at [weatherholtr@gmail.com!](mailto:weatherholtr@gmail.com)



All photos are courtesy of the Florida Coastal School of Law Library and Technology Center.

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The Reference Desk motto is "We're here to help." The librarians love the chance to be able to engage, educate and encourage their patrons.



# SEAALL Business Meeting Minutes

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July 12, 2010

Karen called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. The meeting was held at the Denver Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Karen discussed the fact our meetings had been put into the AALL Conference website and "My AALL" planner but were not listed in the printed program. Karen introduced the Board and announced current committee chairs.

The minutes from the Williamsburg Business meeting will be on the website soon so they weren't approved at this meeting and will have to be approved at the next Business meeting.

It was moved and seconded to pass the Treasurer's Report.

Immediate past committee chairs were offered the chance to report on things they had done since the Williamsburg meeting. There were no committee reports.

Jim Heller reported there were 199 people who attended the Williamsburg conference.

Rebekah Maxwell reported on next year's conference in South Carolina on April 14 – 16, 2011. Plans are well underway. The theme is "Save the Date for the Party in the Palmetto State". The conference hotel is the Hilton Columbia Center and bookmarks are available at the SEAALL table in the Exhibit Hall.

Karen then reported Stetson is hosting the conference in 2012 and we are looking for volunteers for 2013 and beyond.

## Old Business

The SEAALL Handbook is going to be revised. Jennifer Behrens and our Education and Publications Committee assisted by the Articles & Bylaws Committee as well as the new Handbook Chairperson are in charge of the revisions. Karen asked committee chairs to update their parts of the handbook.

## New Business

Because it is expensive to travel SEAALL should look into sponsoring regional programs. BNA offers grants for this kind of program and we will explore applying for such a grant. One possible program would be a technical services webinar.

Carol Billings told us that at the AALL business meeting it was reported this is probably the last year of the closing banquet. Our membership then discussed how this might affect what we do at future AALL meetings. Karen served on the AALL Annual Meeting Revision Committee and she gave a brief report of their findings. Maureen Eggert asked for audience feedback on the possibility of getting CLE credit for programs. The membership was in favor of finding out how this might be done.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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# A Cold Winter

SEAALL Newsletter Editor

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As this edition goes to press many of the SEAALL Libraries are facing a cold winter. I not only refer to the temperatures as even in New Orleans we faced a low of 26 last night and other schools are literally digging out this morning but also to the "cold winter" of having to make hard decisions regarding collection development, attending educational programming, and even layoffs in some areas. I don't believe the discussion that libraries are failing and are soon to be displaced by technologies such as iPads, Google Books, and any number of other alternatives. I remember something I learned in library school that is basic causation, and crucial when applied to today's society. Libraries have long been known for books, but more basically books are bound tomes of information. In short libraries are homes to information whether in papyrus, paper, or on the Net. Combine this with the presumption that patrons (of both student and attorney variety) are seemingly more pressed for time and more undertrained than their predecessors in how to find the information they need our cause is more needed today than ever before.

These two ideas of the cold winter of hard decisions counterbalanced with the increasing need for libraries (in my opinion) make this a crucial time to make excellent decisions and think of the big picture. Should your library be beholden to online databases for the ease of updating and lack of physical space? Can we trust the vendors, both large and small, to continue providing us access in formats we desire (whether print, fiche, or electronic format)? Can we trust our administrations to live up to their financial promises regarding out budgets or should we be overly cautious knowing a 20% cut can't just be done in a world of yearly subscriptions and standing orders? In reflecting on these grand and important questions I propose that the answers will be different from one library to another, from Miami to Lexington we face tough issues and uncertain times but if nothing else we have the experience and the expertise to know how to access that vital information to best face and survive this cold winter.

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