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Presidential Ponderings

A Tale of Two Folks



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I'm now thinking of two very popular fictional characters that I have watched on my television screen. They are both middle-aged men with dependent children. Both work very hard to support their families, but have only minor salaries. Both have wrecked their cars. Both face the prospect of lengthy prison sentences. And both men feel that life has let them down.

As we enter the season in which we are supposed to count our blessings, I think that we should reflect upon our present careers and our membership in SEAALL. That in itself is a blessing. We belong to an association that is full of committed, caring, and generous individuals. Our members volunteer their time to serve on committees or as officers. They propose and present fantastic educational programs. SEAALL awards scholarships that make it possible for members to attend annual meetings. We can ask another member for advice or guidance and it will be freely given.

Our SEAALL committees have been very busy since we last saw each other in San Antonio. Richelle Reid and her Scholarship Committee have done a great job of selecting candidates for scholarships. Jason Sowards and his Nominating Committee have put forth a wonderful slate of candidates for you to consider. Ed Hart and his Strategic Planning Committee are busy working on our path to the future. Beau Steenken and his Local Arrangements Committee and Caroline Osborne and her Program Committee are busy assembling a fantastic annual meeting for us in Lexington, Kentucky.

One of the men I referenced above is Walter White, from *Breaking Bad*. In his quest to succeed, he destroyed everyone around him, even strangers whom he would never meet. At the end, he literally had a pile of money, but not a friend in the world. He thought only about himself, and was scorned by both the community and his family.

The other man, in case you have not guessed by now, is George Bailey, from *It's a Wonderful Life*. He worked on behalf of his community

for his entire professional life. And, when he needed them, they willingly came to his rescue. He was toasted as “The Richest Man in Town.” He didn’t have much money, but he did have the admiration and respect of his community.

As law librarians, we will not make a pile of money, but we can contribute to the betterment of our communities every day. We help students, professors, judges, lawyers, and members of the general public. We monitor how governments make legal information available to the public. We advocate for the publication and dissemination of legal information.

I have now worked at both academic and court libraries. I can truthfully say, as a member of SEAALL, I feel like the richest man in town.

Editor’s Bit

On the Origin and History of Seaallsucker



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The Liberty Tap Room & Grill on Gervais Street in Columbia, South Carolina bore witness to fervent communication, collaboration, and creation during the 2011 SEAALL annual meeting. Feeling especially fortunate to be a part of the Southeastern chapter of AALL, a small camp of law librarians sat at an open air table thinking of ways to communicate to the rest of AALL how proud they felt to be part of an exceptional Chapter of professionals. Someone mentioned seersucker. Everyone became engaged. Another member did the math: SEAALL + seersucker = Seaallsucker. An annual event was born. Looking to the future, all agreed this event had the potential to become a tradition. Lastly, we all ordered another round.

Why seersucker? Why not madras, denim, or corduroy? Why “a thin linen, or sometimes cotton, fabric, striped and with a crimped or puckered surface”? Because no other fabric reflects Southern sartorial splendor, keeps you cool in the hottest of days, comes in a variety of colors, is so closely associated with our geographic region, and looks good on everyone. Milk and sugar. It was perfect. And there was precedent for this kind of thing.

The United States Senate has a history of wearing seersucker on what is called [Seersucker Thursday](#). Although this annual event was suspended in 2012 it made a [comeback](#) in 2014 and shows no sign of stopping. Rep. Billy Cassidy, R-Baton Rouge, [noted](#) “it’s more than puckered stripe[s] – it’s...camaraderie.” Quite right.

The very first Seaallsucker was held at the 2011 AALL Opening Event in Philadelphia. Since then it has been held in Boston (2012), Seattle (2013), and most recently in San Antonio (2014). Over time Seaallsucker

has moved from the Opening Event to the SEAALL Reception & Business Meeting and has grown in popularity every year. Although Seaallsucker continues to enjoy a healthy following, none of those present at the event's creation could have foreseen the coming threat to seersucker in only a few short years.

In 2013 Missouri Senator Ryan McKenna offered [Senate Amendment No. 4](#) to SB 437. The amendment, having nothing to do with creating a model for funding the state's public institutions of higher education, proposed the following:

“Any person living in this state aged 8 and under may wear Seersucker suits at their leisure. Any person over the age of 8 living in this state may not wear Seersucker suits because adults look ridiculous in Seersucker suits, with the exception of Koolaid.”

Another senator raised a [point of order](#). The issue was referred to the President Pro Tem and Senator McKenna withdrew. Although the amendment was withdrawn, this was a close call for seersucker and the good people of Missouri. At the time many wondered, if seersucker can be banned in Missouri, where would it be banned next? Virginia, Tennessee...Kentucky?!

What does the future hold for Seaallsucker? Will this event continue into the future becoming a tradition for generations to come? Or will it disappear, fading away as a brief curiosity of the past? In 2015 we will return to Philadelphia for AALL. This meeting will mark the Fifth anniversary of Seaallsucker. Our turnout in 2015 will be an indication of where we are headed. The future of Seaallsucker is up to you, the SEAALL membership.

Did you hear?

Post Time: Keeneland Spring 2015 Meet!

Where can you enjoy world class Thoroughbred racing, unrivaled people watching, and delicious libations all within a National Historic Landmark? Right here in Lexington, Kentucky!

A **limited** number of tickets will be available for the Keeneland Spring 2015 Meet excursion through the SEAALL conference website. So dust off those bucs, break out those hats, and pack your lucky horseshoe because we are off to the races! Reserve your spot today!



Answer the Call for Nominations!



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The Service to SEAALL Award Committee seeks nominations for the award for 2015, to be presented at the Annual Meeting in April. In addition to your nominee's name and employer, please outline the reasons you feel that person merits the award. The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, Feb. 13.

The criteria for the award are:

1. The candidate must have given special service to the chapter.
2. The candidate must have a sustained record of service to the chapter.
3. The candidate must have been a chapter member for at least five years.
4. Current and immediate past officers are not eligible.

We look forward to reading your nominations. Please send them to bisettj@wlu.edu

Past recipients include:

1989 – Ed Edmonds	2002 – Sue Burch
1990 – Larry Wenger	2003 – Donna Bausch
1991 – Carol Billings	2004 – Jim Heller
1992 – Hazel Johnson	2005 – Joyce Manna Janto
1993 – Mary Smith Forman	2006 – Carol Avery Nicholson
1994 – Betty Kern	2007 – Nancy Johnson
1995 – Timothy Coggins	2008 – Terry Long
1996 – Pam Williams	2009 – Anne Klinefelter
1997 – Sally Wiant	2010 – Sally Wambold
1998 – Ed Schroeder	2011 – Georgia Chadwick
1999 – Kay Todd	2012 – Pam Deemer
2000 – Connie Matzen	2013 – Jack Bissett
2001 – William Beintema	2014 – Carol Watson

Service to SEAALL Committee:
Jack Bissett, Chair (2015)
Pamela Melton (2015)
Carol Watson (2016)

Opportunity!

Have something to say? Well, don't keep it hid!

Become an author in the Southeastern Law Librarian! Share your articles, notes, comments, ideas, and cocktail recipes with our part of the world. Everyone loves to see a familiar name in the SEAALL Newsletter! Contact Ryan Valentin with your proposal: ravale2@email.uky.edu

Closed Stacks: Librarian Bookcases at Home



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Five rules govern my home library:

1. Keep every book I've ever read, beginning freshman year of college. Yes, I still have all my casebooks from law school. And I've needed to consult them on occasion. So there.
2. Buy every book I read. Time is rarer than money; if a book was worth my time to read, it is worth my money to buy. Moreover active reading requires entering into a dialogue with the author, working the text, marking it up, making that copy my own. One can't, or at least one shouldn't, do that to a library book.
3. Buy a copy of anything I cite in a publication.
4. As a limiting principle, I cannot buy anything on credit.
5. Whenever possible, buy a used copy. Since I'm going to mark it up anyway, I like to take in an orphaned book that needs a new home. Think a mashup between *Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends* (except for books), the Island of Misfit Toys (except for books), and every sad advertisement you've ever seen for cats and dogs needing to be adopted. Except about books.

Even simple rules, applied recursively, generate complex systems. For a long while these rules meant I merely accumulated a bunch of books. I remember vividly the purchase in 1982 that marked the transition from passive acquisition to active collector. It was an extravagant special order. I knew at the time that I had entered a new and expensive phase of my intellectual life.

Over the years, the collection grew, largely delivered one-by-one by the postman (I dearly loved Bibliofind before it was merged with Amazon). When I began to buy second copies of titles because I'd forgotten I already owned them, I began to create a catalog. The collection had now become a library.

After several years I succeeded in listing the items, including not only the usual information, but also how much I paid and where it came from. At the time I also included



photocopies, but I've recently discarded those. Even I am capable of loosening my standards. This decision was helped by the fact that, because they were heavy and tended to be on the bottom shelves, the cat occasionally peed on them. In case you're wondering, there's no bringing back a pile of paper soaked in cat urine. If you doubt me, look [here](#).

By last count I had acquired about 3,500 books. I feel like it should be more, but keep in mind that I own very little fiction, which tends to be less expensive and quicker to accumulate. My collection is almost entirely academic literature. Each of the library's twenty-two bookcases has a label designating its topical focus. The catalog can then tell me where to find a specific book. The system is not as effective as I would like; at some point I will need to alphabetize the contents within each bookcase.



Eventually the original laptop offered the blue screen of death, and the cataloging software could no longer be transferred. Needing to locate a new platform, I chose Collectorz.com. Unfortunately only the author and title from the first catalog could be imported, a common problem of data migration. I am in the tedious process of reentering all other information. Happily, this new product allows me to carry the catalog on my cellphone, which has proven very useful when browsing in bookshops and vendor stands. Just to be safe, I maintain a separate listing on LibraryThing (dono421846). Feel free to stop by for a visit.

Recent Acquisitions



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I'm a librarian and I like cats. I know - you are picking yourself up off of the floor in shock at this very moment – but hurry because I have to introduce you to someone. This is Fred.

Full name is Captain Frederick Wentworth, but he'll go by Fred or Freddie for short. My previous two darling cats, whom I had for 16 years, were Mr. Darcy and Pemberley so I thought it only right to continue with the Austen theme. Also, the idea of this fluffball captaining anything makes me giggle every time I think about it.

Oh, his ears? Well, Fred is a Scottish Fold. Scottish Folds are a breed of cat with a natural gene mutation that causes their eyes to fold or bend forward. All kittens are born with straight ears and the fold will show up around three to four weeks. Not all kitten's ears will fold, though, so there are Scottish Folds with straight ears. The straight ears are actually quite important since only straight eared cats are breed with folded ear cats. Scottish Folds also have a distinct body type – medium sized with a well-rounded, padded appearance over their entire body. They are any color or combination of colors. Their eyes are usually round and they have a sweet expression. As for temperament, they are sweet natured, adaptable, and love being around humans.



I'm not gonna lie, I totally first fell in love with a Scottish Fold on Instagram (millathecat). And if you've ever seen any internet videos of the Japanese cat Maru, he is a straight eared Scottish Fold. And I'm just going to act likes it's totally normal I know Taylor Swift has two Scottish Folds. But then I read about their temperament...and it was that which made me seriously considered getting a Scottish Fold. My previous cats, Darcy and Pemmy, were rather special so it was going to take a special kind of cat to follow them. Luckily, I was able to find a breeder here in Columbia, SC. After a few emails and some waiting (ok, kind of a lot of waiting), I had a new kitten and Fred had a new home.



Fred is as adorable and sweet and loving as I expected. I can't really get him to sit still for a picture unless he's sleeping, though. And yeah...he might even get his own Instagram account....



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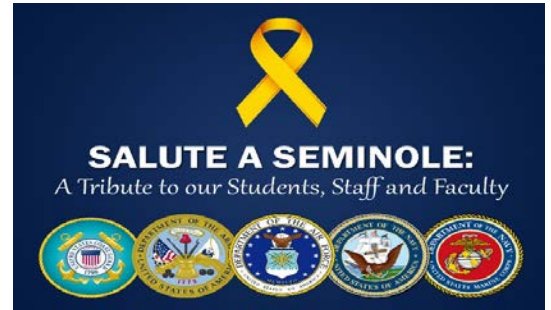
In the fall of 2011, the Florida State College of Law Research Center transformed our main reading room on a tight state budget. Not only was the renovation a great success, but it sparked discussions to tackle other areas of the Research Center. Now it is the winter of 2014 and we are gearing up to finish renovating the second floor and give our third floor a facelift. Furthermore, we have been working on a weeding project that would reduce the number of state materials we have on our first floor and thus clearing room to expand our study spaces for students. All of the state materials that we have weeded were offered to Hein to digitize as part of their collection. With their collaboration, these resources will not go to waste.



Another weeding project that has been completed was in correlation with an extensive guide our Assistant Director for International Legal Research, Margaret Clark, created. This guide will assist patrons in locating 16 various Caribbean countries' laws. This guide will aid in the location of both print and online materials and will be highlighted when our newest version of the libguide platform is revealed in 2015. With our eyes on the future, other renovations that we have in store for the Research Center include technology enhancements that will aid in instruction and supplement law practice preparation. Our next ABA site visit is this spring so we have limited the number of projects we are going to undertake until these projects can have our undivided attention.

The day-to-day activities of the Research Center have not slowed, however. We have recently welcomed a new librarian, Barbara Kaplan, who is working with our law faculty to build our institutional repository. Furthermore, outreach is alive and well at Florida State. From 13

Days of Halloween to honoring our law school veterans with our "Salute a Seminole" display, our constant service to Florida State students, staff, faculty, and alum is always at the forefront of our work. For a peek into the daily lives of a Florida State law librarian, our "Day in the Life" submissions and wins explain a lot: <http://www.aallnet.org/hc/NewsCallout/2014-Day-in-the-Life-Winners.pdf>. We have continued with our very successful Wednesday Workshop series where all of the librarians teach on a 30 minute topic involving legal research or, new this year, legal technology. Typically, this spans over twenty Wednesdays during the fall and spring semesters.



Another "new" this year was our personal librarian program. In the past, and still to this day, we have had a librarian serve as 1L liaison. This individual works with our Legal Research and Writing Instructors to assist their 1L classes. Now, in addition to our 1L liaison, we have mirrored the Georgia State University's personal librarian program. Each class is e-mailed by their assigned librarian throughout their 1L year with helpful information or advice and provides personal assistance as needed. It is designed to create a more hands-on environment that encourages students to interact with their librarian. This program also fosters a friendly, welcoming environment during an otherwise stressful time for students. Just look at the fun questions we answered to put more of a personality behind each librarian name for the students: <http://law-fsu.beta.libguides.com/personallibrarian>.

You can't discuss the roles of the Research Center without addressing that of instructor. The library faculty teach many courses at the law school including: Advanced Legal Research, Environmental Legal Research, International and Foreign Legal Research, Tax Legal Research, Cyberlaw, Privacy Law, Business Legal Research, and Human Rights Legal Research.



This past fall was especially busy for two of our librarians, Amy Lipford and Katie Miller, as they taught our Advanced Legal Research online to approximately 60 students. For the past few years, we have continuously offered our Advanced Legal Research class online during the summer, but never during the fall

or spring. After the success of this fall's class, we have decided that we would try teaching classes online during other semesters as well so that our non-summer students can enjoy the flexibility an online class provides.

With our eyes continuously on the horizon, whether it be with renovations or ways to facilitate student learning, the Florida State College of Law Research Center is welcoming 2015 with open arms and an eagerness to see what we can accomplish next.



Meet & Three



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Meet

Well, hello there. Fancy meeting you here. Please let me introduce myself. My government name is Loren Turner, but you can call me "Loren". I was born and raised in the lovely suburbs of Chicago, Illinois, by two high-school sweethearts who are still happily married after 39 years. I have a younger sister, Katie, who chats on the phone with me every day and is the sole recipient of our gene pool's supply of long legs, athletic coordination, and innate ability to select the perfect gift.

Growing up, I was very close to my maternal grandmother, who advocated for (in no particular order): family, pets, pool parties, gossip, red nail polish, *The National Enquirer* magazine, topless sunbathing, Halloween masks capable of terrifying small children, corn on the cob, Elvis Presley, and speaking pig-Latin with her girlfriends when my grandfather was in the room. To this day, my favorite movie is Ferris Buehler's Day Off because my grandmother and I would watch it together on days I faked sick to stay home from high school.

After 4 years of an all-girl, Catholic high school (a story beyond the scope of this introduction), I attended Loyola University Chicago, where I

obtained a B.A. in Italian Studies, and then American University in Washington, D.C., where I received a J.D. and an incredible experience as a student associate in the international human rights clinic. I absolutely loved everything about being in law school: the intellectual challenge, the Professor and peer mentorship relationships, the weekly bar nights where I repeatedly lost at trivia games – everything!

After graduating from law school, I practiced law in a boutique family law firm in downtown Chicago. It was exactly what you imagine. After about two years in practice, I started thinking about alternative legal careers and the idea of law librarianship. The role of law librarians as professors sold me on the job. Once I made the decision to switch careers, I obtained a Masters in Library Science from the LEEP program at the University of Illinois and then moved to Gainesville, Florida, in July 2012, to accept a position with the University of Florida Levin College of Law. I love my job now, especially the teaching opportunities it offers (and its location far from any polar vortex).

...and Three

Speaking of polar vortexes, the best aspect of living in the South is the weather during the fall and winter months. As the oppressive summer heat gives way to cooler (but not cold) temperatures, I love taking my 2-year-old border-collie mix, Gus, for long walks on scenic, neighborhood trails. During these walks, when not chatting on the phone with friends and family members, I relax by tuning into one of my three favorite (free) podcasts:

- 1. Serial:** <http://serialpodcast.org/>. I am obsessed with this podcast. It is very new (episode 1 aired October 3) and the first season investigates the potential innocence of a man (Adnan Syed) currently serving a life sentence for the 1999 slaying of his high school girlfriend. The episodes are released on a weekly basis, of varying lengths, and are intended to be enjoyed in chronological order (it is a story, after all). As you probably guessed, each episode ends with a cliffhanger, leaving us fans craving the next week's installment. The investigative journalist/narrator, Sarah Koenig, still doesn't know whether Adnan is innocent and, even if so, whether any legal remedies exist to set him free. And, we don't know until she does...
- 2. NPR: Pop Culture Happy Hour:** <http://www.npr.org/blogs/monkeysee/129472378/pop-culture-happy-hour/>. This is another podcast that releases weekly episodes but, unlike Serial, the episodes can be enjoyed in any order and are usually of similar length (approximately 40 minutes). In each episode, the "Pop Culture Happy Hour Crew," consisting of three regular hosts and one guest, enjoys a lively roundtable discussion about the latest in books, movies, music, television shows, and (according to its website) "anything else that strikes a nerve" in pop

culture at present. For those of us who no longer recognize celebrities on the cover of gossip rags (unless it is Kim Kardashian because, obviously), this podcast keeps us up-to-date on what's cool today. And, as a bonus, the hosts' reviews and recommendations are spot-on.

- 3. New Yorker: Fiction:** <http://www.newyorker.com/podcasts>. Some of you reading this may have been English and/or Literature majors in college or taken classes in those subjects during graduate/PhD coursework. I did not. So, I've never had the experience of, for example, sitting under a giant oak tree with my intellectual peers, analyzing whether an author's word choice supports subversive politics. And, I never will. But, this podcast is the next best thing. Each month, the host, New Yorker fiction editor, Deborah Treisman, invites a professional author-guest to select and read aloud a short story from the New Yorker archives (written by someone else). When the story ends, Ms. Treisman and the author-guest analyze the story for the rest of us. My favorite episode so far aired on October 1 and featured George Saunders as the author-guest. Listening to his exceptionally strong Chicago accent was the highlight of my afternoon.

SEAALL Student Scholarship Awards



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The SEAALL Student Scholarship is an annual award designed to encourage library school students to pursue a career in law librarianship. In determining award recipients, the Scholarship Committee considers factors such as the personal statement, relevant work or internship experience, course work, relevant professional activity, letters of recommendation, and the resume as evidence of an applicant's genuine interest in the profession of law librarianship.

The committee received thirteen applications from aspiring librarians this year; and, after much deliberation, we awarded 6 scholarships. In addition to their awards, scholarship recipients will receive a complimentary one-year membership to SEAALL.

Our 2014 SEAALL Student Scholarship recipients are as follows:

Stephanie Bates Galligan	Florida State University	\$1,500.00
Aaron Glenn	University of South Carolina	\$1,500.00
Malikah Hall	North Carolina Central University	\$2,500.00
Rebecca Katz	Catholic University of America	\$1,000.00
Aaron Kirschenfeld	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	\$1,500.00
Keri Brooke Stophel	The University of Tennessee, Knoxville	\$1,000.00

Award recipients will be required to write an article for the *Southeastern Law Librarian* on a topic they learned about in library school or in an internship, preferably on a topic that relates to law librarianship.

The Scholarship Committee congratulates these deserving award recipients and looks forward to welcoming them as members of SEAALL!

Need funding for professional development?

As the 2015 scholarship season approaches, SEAALL members are encouraged to apply for one of SEAALL's scholarships or grants to help defray the cost of attending conferences or other professional development opportunities.

For application materials, visit the SEAALL website,
<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/members/scholarships.html>

Below are brief descriptions and deadlines for upcoming SEAALL scholarships and grants:

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.

Deadline: February 5, 2015

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.

Deadline: February 5, 2015

AALL Annual Meeting Registration Grant

This grant was created to provide funding for a law librarian who lacks financial assistance to attend the AALL Annual Meeting. The award will equal the cost of a full registration to the AALL Annual Meeting.

Deadline: February 27, 2015

CONNELL Grant

This grant was created to provide funds for CONELL tuition and a one-night stay in a hotel for a law librarian who lacks financial assistance to attend CONELL.

Deadline: February 27, 2015

Achtung!

Need to impress friends but don't know how?

Become an author in the *Southeastern Law Librarian*! Share your articles, notes, comments, ideas, and cocktail recipes with our part of the world. Everyone loves to see a familiar name in the SEAALL Newsletter! Contact Ryan Valentin with your proposal: ravale2@email.uky.edu



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In Memoriam: Pedro A. Padilla Rosa 1958-2014

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the death of our dear friend and valued colleague, Pedro Padilla Rosa. He was head of the International and Foreign Department at the University of Puerto Rico Law Library for more than 20 years. Knowing the importance of participating in professional associations, Pedro was not only an active member of SEAALL, AALL, IALL, ACURIL and IFLA for many years, but he also occupied board and committee positions in many of them. He was instrumental in the organization of many association meetings held in Puerto Rico and abroad. These meetings are still fondly remembered by all those who attended and enjoyed them. In the course of his career, he practically became an international ambassador for our library, our law school, and our island, Puerto Rico.

Pedro will always be remembered for all his hard work and positive attitude, his dedication to his chosen profession and his vocation for service. His spirit of generosity towards students, faculty, colleagues and friends alike, will remain forever among us.



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Readers' Advisory

Max Nelson, *The Barbarian's Beverage: A History of Beer in Ancient Europe* (2005)

ISBN: 0-415-48692-0

In light of the upcoming holidays and the recent legalization of homebrewing in my home state of Alabama, I thought I would offer up a more recreational read.

The Barbarian's Beverage is a revision of a doctoral dissertation. Although the idea might be off-putting to some, do not be deterred. Nelson has done a decent job at injecting some narrative style into the text. It is a fairly short read which helps with some of the textual density that comes with an academic and historical text. The book progresses both through from pre-historic to medieval periods, and addresses not only the cultural aspects of beer, but the technology of beer production as well.

If you are looking for a fairly quick and interesting read about the beginnings of the world's most popular beverage, then Max Nelson's *The Barbarian's Beverage* is a good start.

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Roy Balleste, Sonia Luna-Lamas, and Lisa Smith-Butler, *Law Librarianship in the Twenty-First Century* (2014)

ISBN: 978-0-8108-9255-2

I mentioned in the last newsletter that I was in the process of creating a course on law librarianship. Well, this book was ultimately the one I chose as a course textbook. Fourteen chapters cover a wide range of subjects from the history of law librarianship to the growing field of foreign, comparative, and international law librarianship. With such specialized topics from some of the profession's leading figures, it is a great read for those who have been in the field quite some time as well as those considering joining. Each chapter has extensive notes at the end as well which have helped lead me to other resources that I otherwise may have never discovered. It is a great title, and I hope my students, and you all as well, benefit from reading it.

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Adobe InDesign CS6 Classroom in a Book, Adobe Creative Team (2012)

ISBN: 979-0-321-082249-9

The Adobe Creative Team have put together a great resource for anyone new to or needing a refresher on the intricate details that are Adobe InDesign. Often as librarians we find ourselves having to wear many different hats. For the times we have to put on the multicolored fashion statement of outreach or graphic design, this "Classroom in a Book" series, which features multiple Adobe products, is a lifesaver. This particular book is the fastest, easiest, most comprehensive way to learn InDesign on your own as it presents project-based lessons that show you step-by-step techniques for working with this wonderful, yet tricky, product. The companion CD has lesson files that you use to work along with the book and at your own pace so you master InDesign CS6's key features.

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Tom Rath, *Strengths Finder 2.0* (2007)

ISBN 978-1-59562-015-6.

One of the common problem with evaluations and management tools is that they focus on weaknesses. Instead *Strengths Finder 2.0* does exactly what the title indicates, it focuses on strengths. The book is a great resource for discovering aptitudes that you may be underutilizing. It also has tips for working with others who have different strengths, making it excellent for a team building exercise. Comparing your unique set of five strengths with others is fun and really sparks conversation about working together.

Show off your skills!

Reference Desk Question

Enjoy challenging questions, receiving excellent prizes in the mail, and having the opportunity to show everyone what you won for being the first to send in the correct answer to the *Reference Desk Question*? Of course you do! There's no fightin' it, no denyin' it, you are a librarian and it is in your nature. Now you are wondering, what do I have to do to win? Be the first SEAALL member to solve the question(s) below by:

1. Sending the correct answer to the question(s),
2. With information on where and how you found it,
3. To the *Southeastern Law Librarian* newsletter editor.

What will I win? A wonderful prize of course! A picture of you and your prize will appear in the next edition of the *Southeastern Law Librarian*. Are you ready? Are you excited? I thought so! Now go!

Law librarians are skilled at deciphering. To accomplish this feat, law librarians often refer to a particular resource.

Start with: **978-083771625-1**

Decipher via Part I: **S|EAA|L.|l.s.|U.C.|Ker.**

And abbreviate via Part II: **Mongolian | Marquess | placitum**

Be a winner!

Congratulations to Nathan Schmaltz of the Sol Blatt Jr. Law Library in Charleston, South Carolina on being the first member to answer the first-ever *Reference Desk Question*! Upon hearing the news Nathan exclaimed, "How exciting!" What did he win? A limited edition "SEAALL Est. 1954" 16 oz tumbler with travel lid. Well done!



New and Recently Renewing SEALL Members

Andrea Alexander
Vanderbilt University Law Library

Grace Bourgeois
Phelps Dunbar

Emily Crews
University of Georgia

Sharron Cunningham
Florida A&M Law Library

Jennifer Dabbs
Phelps Dunbar

Elizabeth Dodson
Greenberg Traurig

Heggel Echeverria
Greenberg Traurig

Jane Fraytet
Charlotte School of Law

Millie Gandy
Phelps Dunbar

Lindsay Glasner
Phelps Dunbar

Malikah Hall
NCCU student

Megan Heady
WVU Law Library

Li Ma
University of South Carolina

Taryn Marks
University of Florida

Holly Martin
Liberty University Law Library

Paul McLaughlin
Florida A&M Law Library

Will Monroe
Louisiana State University

Deanne Morgan
Duke University

Tanya Ormseth
Florida A&M Law Library

Carmela Orsini
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee s

Josefina Ortiz-Montanez
University of Puerto Rico Law Library

Mark Podvia
West Virginia Law Library

Shannon Reid
Charlotte School of Law

Shannon Roddy
American University

Jan Stone
University of Memphis

Betty Thomas
Charlotte School of Law

Craig Thompson
Greenberg Traurig

Esther Villarino-Tur
University of Puerto Rico Law Library

Leslie Wakeford
Wake Forest University

Marcus Walker
University of Louisville

Janeen Williams
North Carolina Central University

Jingwei Zhang
University of Tennessee Law Library

Circulating

Barbara Brandon, Reference/Faculty Services Librarian at the University of Miami Law Library, retired August 31, 2014, after 12 years of service. Before moving to Miami, Barbara practiced and taught, primarily in the environmental law area. Upon retirement, Barbara returned to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to be closer to her family.

SEAALL Business Meeting Minutes July 14, 2014 | San Antonio, TX



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SEAALL Business MEETING
San Antonio, TX
July 14, 2014
Marriott Riverwalk

Fran Norton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Fran then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last business meeting held in Knoxville, Tennessee on April 5, 2015. A Motion was made and seconded. All voted aye and the minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Fran noted that a letter was sent to Governor Nathan Deal, Governor of Georgia requesting he restore executive orders to the Office of the Governor's official web site. The Letter to the Governor is located here: <http://www.aallnet.org/Documents/Government-Relations/ChapterLetters/lt062714.pdf>

Fran asked prior heads and chairs to give information packets to incoming chairs and heads regarding position duties and responsibilities.

Fran offered special thanks to Carol Watson who spearheaded edited the SEAALL handbook.

Kate Irwin-Smiler provided the Treasurer's report in interpretative dance. She reported SEAALL had a working balance of \$63,211.21, and after income and expenses, the chapter's total assets are \$32,490.74. Kate recommended that due to logistical reasons the chapter should close the fidelity investment account which has a total balance of \$6,392.54.

Beau Steenken, Local Arrangements, Lexington, Kentucky Meeting April 16-18, 2015. Meeting logistics are moving along. Hotel locked in and program committee is progressing nicely.

Ed Hart, Local Arrangements, Joint SWALL/SEAALL Dallas Meeting -2016. Contracts for hotel have been signed. Reception venues are being looked up. SEAALL Vice President will work with SWALL to get institute in place.

Fran then asked the chairs present at the meeting to make their reports to the membership:

Articles and Bylaws, Pamela Melton. Pamela not present. Nothing to report.

Community Service, Mary Jane Slipsky. Mary Jane reported that \$1,130 had been raised from member donations and the sale of the T-shirt quilt. This money will be donated to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The Community Service Committee is in need of ideas for Community Service

Committee is in need of ideas for Community Service project for the 2015 meeting.

Education & Publications, Rob Beharriell. Rob not present. Nothing to report.

Government Relations, Sally Irvin. Sally not present-Kate Irwin Smiler reported on the need for persons to call for people to contact their congressional representatives regarding the Federal Register Modernization Act, HR 4195. This bill removes the requirement to print copies of the Federal Register and CFR (requiring mere "publication") and removes any requirement to index either.

Membership, Robb Farmer. No report.

Newsletter & Public Relations, Iain Barksdale. Iain thanked Ryan Valentine, the new editor for getting the newsletter out. The committee met and discussed revising the format and expanding social media presence and linking all social media outlets together.

Nominations, Jason Sowards. Jason reported that the Nominations committee will begin its work in October and November. If you want to be a leader in SEAALL, contact Jason Soward.

Placement, Michelle Humphries not present. Report provided by SEAALL member reported two jobs have posted to the website since the Annual SEAALL meeting in April.

Program Committee, Caroline Osborne. Caroline reported that the committee had met program to discuss program ideas. The committee is working with Anne Klinefelter, Director of The University of North Carolina Law Library, on developing the topic of Privacy for the Institute. Notices will go out in September for program ideas.

Scholarship, Richelle Reid. Richelle thanked Louis Rosen, former chair of the Scholarship committee and reported the Scholarship Committee awarded a total of approximately \$13,000 in 2013-2014, to 12 aspiring librarians and SEAALL members. In November 2013, the Committee awarded \$9,000 in student scholarships. In February 2014, the Committee awarded two Lucile Elliott Scholarships and two Kathryn P. Mattox Scholarships.

Old Business

SEAALL Archives. Pamela Melton will follow up with Sally Wombald and Sarah Mauldin about combining the SEAALL archives.

SEAALL program websites. There is also the issue of archiving old SEAALL

program websites. Sharon Bradley-working to website captures from past annual meetings to move them to SEAALL site.

New Business. There were no new business items.

Fran asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Kate Irwin-Smiler and seconded by Jason Soward. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

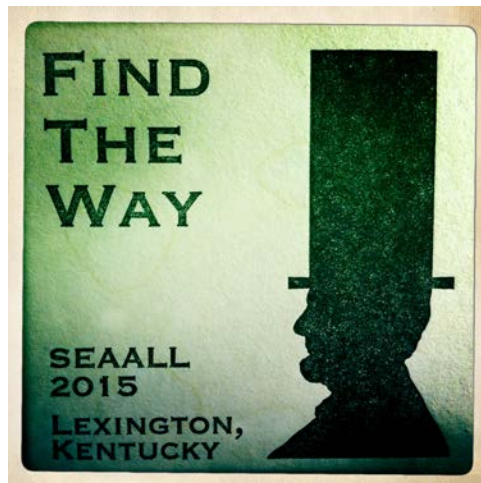
Coming soon!

Southeastern Law Librarian: Special Election Edition

Be on the lookout for a very special edition of the *Southeastern Law Librarian: Special Election Edition*! As usual, we have a great slate of candidates running for office in SEAALL. Read their statements, learn about their background, even see their picture – then vote! More information coming soon.

Did you hear?

Next Annual SEAALL Meeting: Lexington, KY!



The conference website for the next SEAALL Annual Meeting in Lexington, Kentucky is about to launch!

Registration will open Monday, December 1, 2014.

Be sure to stop by for a visit. There you will be able to register for the institute, conference, and Keeneland excursion. You will also learn more about Lexington – a special place many SEAALL members call home.

We hope you'll join us for an informational institute, pleasing programs, reputable receptions, amazing activities, and Seallsucker Social.

SEAALL Financial Report

July through September 2014

Jul – Sep '14

OPENING WORKING BALANCE		27,188.20
INCOME		
Income		
2014 SEAALL Annual Meeting	1,040.93	
Membership Dues		
Individual	40.00	
Institutional	2,820.00	
Student	<u>30.00</u>	
Total Membership	<u>2,890.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	<u>3,930.93</u>	
TOTAL WORKING BALANCE		31,119.13
EXPENSES		
AALL 2014 Meeting		
SEAALL Reception	4,457.77	
AALL 2014 Meeting-SEAALL table	<u>816.71</u>	
Total AALL 2014 Meeting	<u>5,274.48</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>5,274.48</u>	
CLOSING WORKING BALANCE		25,844.65
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS		6,392.54
TOTAL ASSETS		32,237.19

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