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SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE

SEAALL is proud to announce the following slate of candidates for the upcoming election:

Vice President / President-Elect

Iain Barksdale - University of Alabama, Bounds Law Library

Caroline Osborne - Washington & Lee University Law Library

Secretary

Nichelle "Nikki" Perry - North Carolina Central University School of Law Library

Ryan Valentine - University of Kentucky College of Law Library

Member at Large

Jaime E. Christopher - Smith Anderson LLP, Raleigh NC

Melanie Dubard - Nelson Mullins, Columbia SC

Iain Barksdale
Vice President / President-Elect Candidate
University of Alabama



Statement:

I am honored to be selected to run for SEAALL Vice-President/President elect. I am grateful for the opportunity to fill a leadership role in an organization that offers such wonderful opportunities for networking and professional development for its members, and for providing excellent volunteers from our region to serve at the national level.

I have spent the majority of my career in the SEAALL region and believe that my years of service within law librarianship will provide a solid foundation for leading SEAALL. I look forward to being part of a forward looking team that will continue to take SEAALL to new levels, focusing on the future of law librarianship.

Current Position:

Associate Director of Library Technology, The University of Alabama School of Law

Previous Positions:

Assistant Director for Information Technology/Assistant Professor of Library Services, Salmon P Chase College of Law, 2005-2009

Electronic Services/Reference Librarian, James E Rogers College of Law, 2000-2005

Branch Managing Librarian, Greenebaum, Doll & McDonald, 1999-2000

Education:

The University of Arizona, MLS, 2003

The University of Louisville Louis D Brandeis School of Law, JD, 1999

The University of Glasgow, MPhil–Archaeology, 1991

The University of California, BA–Anthropology/Psychology, 1990

Professional Association Activities:

American Association of Law Libraries

AALLNET Committee, 2013-2016

ALL-SIS: CALI Committee, 2013-2016

CS-SIS: Ad Hoc Website Subcommittee, 2013

CS-SIS: Communications Committee, 2011-2012

Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries

Newsletter & Public Relations Committee, 2013-2015

Law Libraries Association of Alabama

Program Committee, 2012-2013

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Publications:

- “Investigative Research: Public Records and Publicly Available Information” Internet Strategies for Legal Professionals (2006)
- “The Emperor has no clothes: When free internet information can cost you and your client.” Lex Loci (August/September 2005)

Presentations:

- WestlawNext: A New Tool for a New Generation, Some Hints and Tips; Law Libraries Association of Alabama Spring 2012
- Hands On or Hands Off? Can Practical Research Classes Be Taught Through Online Distance Education?, CALI 2007 (with Michael Whiteman)
- Discover the Invisible Web, NBI—Internet Strategies for Legal Professionals 2006 (Louisville, Ky.)
- Protecting Yourself and Your Firm/Basic Considerations for Marketing Your Firm on the Net, NBI—Internet Strategies for Legal Professionals 2006 (Covington, Ky.)
- Investigative Research: Public Records and “Publicly Available” Information, NBI—Internet Strategies for Legal Professionals 2006 (Cincinnati, Oh.)
- Hands On or Hands Off? Can Practical Research Classes Be Taught Through Online Distance Education?, KHECC 2005 (with Michael Whiteman)
- Small Shop Web CMS using Macromedia Web Publishing System, CALI 2005
- Website Redesign: Helping Users to Navigate the Information Superhighway, AALL: Webmasters Workshop 2003
- Website Redesign: Design Considerations, AALL 2003
- The Nightmare, The Wake-up Call, and the Dream: A Tale of Printing at the James E Rogers College of Law, CALI 2002

Caroline L. Osborne
Vice President / President-Elect Candidate
Washington and Lee University



Statement:

It is a privilege to be a candidate for the Vice President/President Elect of SEAALL. As an organization, SEAALL is uniquely positioned to provide educational, career, and advisory services to its membership. SEAALL is not too large or too small. The small size fosters relationships and networking permitting its members to develop lasting bonds. It is these relationships I frequently call upon when I need to respond to a faulty request, or am in search of implementing new services, or looking for ways to improve research instruction. Yet, SEAALL is large enough to provide a diversity of thought, experience and education that permits the organization to be cutting edge. It is also these elements that make the annual meeting invaluable. As I reflect on new programming offered by our library, I see the influence of past SEAALL conferences and Institutes. The opportunity to forge new relationships and attend thought provoking educational programs addressing the challenges of the libraries of today and tomorrow makes the annual meeting a must attend event for me. I look forward to the chance to work with the talented members of SEAALL and continue the reputation of excellence so richly earned.

Biographical Data:

Caroline L. Osborne is the Director of the Law Library and Professor of Legal Research at Washington and Lee University. She teaches Advanced Legal Research and is the director for the Burks Scholar Program for legal research and writing.

She holds her B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, J.D. degree from the University of Richmond, an LL.M in Taxation from Emory University School of Law, and her M.L.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She was a member of the University of Richmond Law Review and the McNeil Honor Society.

During college, Ms. Osborne worked in the firm library for Petree Stockton and Robinson, now part of Kilpatrick Stockton.

Prior to joining Washington and Lee, Ms. Osborne served as a research librarian and taught legal research at the University of Richmond. Ms. Osborne practiced law for ten years specializing in corporate finance and is licensed to practice in North Carolina, Georgia, and New York. She last practiced at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft in New York.

Ms. Osborne is active in AALL where she is a past chair of the Bylaws Committee. She has served on the COSELL Board and is a current member for VA-CLE. She writes and presents on issues regarding legal research instruction.

NICHELLE J. PERRY
North Carolina Central University School of Law
Secretary Candidate



Statement:

I am truly honored to be a candidate for SEAALL Secretary. I have been actively involved in SEAALL since I first entered the field of law librarianship, having served on a variety of committees and presented at the last conference in Decatur, GA. I have enjoyed every aspect of participating in this organization and know firsthand what an impact it can have on the life of a new librarian in search of answers or a seasoned librarian seeking consolation. The Annual Meetings are always instructional and informative and dare I add even a bit fun. I know we have the smartest, friendliest and most spirited librarians in the country! To serve as an officer for SEAALL would be a wonderful pleasure and I welcome the opportunity.

Current Position: Interim Director and Assistant Director North Carolina Central University Law Library, Durham, N.C.

Education: Juris Doctor Degree-May 1993, Master of Library Science-May 1997- Cum Laude, North Carolina Central University. B.A. in Communications-May 1989, State University of New York at New Paltz.

Professional Association Activities:

AALL

Black Caucus of the American Association of Law Libraries, Community Service Committee, 2010-2011

AALL ALL-SIS Mobile Technology Task Force, 2012-2013

AALL Diversity Committee (2008-2010)

SEAALL

SEAALL Nominating Committee, 2012-2013

SEAALL Community Service Project Committee, 2010-2011, Chair 2011

SEAALL Scholarship Committee, 2007-2009

SEAALL Newsletter and Publications Committee, 2006-2008

HONORS AND AWARDS

Attendee, Harvard Graduate School of Education Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians, July 2011

Recipient AALL/LexisNexis Annual Meeting Grant, 2006

Ryan Valentin

University of Kentucky

Secretary Candidate



Statement

Volunteering annually at the SEAALL chapter table in the exhibit hall at AALL has provided me with the opportunity to meet all sorts of folks. One comment I often hear is, “I used to belong to SEAALL but then I moved out of the region. I wish I were still a SEAALL member.” To which I say, “Once a member of SEAALL always a member* of SEAALL!”

To me, SEAALL is more than a regional chapter of AALL – it is the sweetness in my professional tea. From a professional network chockablock with amazing people to myriad educational opportunities, I credit SEAALL membership with making me a better law librarian. As SEAALL members, I believe we have a duty to ensure all our members have the opportunity to take advantage of everything SEAALL has to offer. Serving as SEAALL Secretary is one small way I can fulfill my duty to all y’all.

*dues required (excludes life and honorary members)

Current Position

Head of Public Services, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Education

MLIS, Florida State, 2007; JD, University of Oregon, 2004; BS, University of Utah, 2000

Professional Organization Membership and Service

AALL (2006 – present)

- Academic Libraries SIS (2008 – present)
- Legal History & Rare Books SIS (2008 – 2009)
- View of the Month Photo (June 2009)
- Day in the Life Photo Contest (2008)

SEAALL (2007 – present)

- Membership Committee, Chair (May 2012 – April 2014)
- Webmaster (December 2008 – March 2012)
- Membership Committee, Member (2010 – 2012)
- Exhibit hall table volunteer at AALL Annual Meeting (2013; 2012; 2011; 2010; 2009)
- Newsletter Committee, Member (2008 - 2010)

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- Logo Contest, Winner (2011)
- CONELL Grant, Recipient (2008)

Selected Publications

- Milk and Other Intoxicating Choices: Official State Symbol Adoption, 41 Northern Kentucky Law Review ____ (forthcoming 2014)
- Researching Legislative History In Kentucky Using Free Online Resources, in THE BASICS OF FREE ON-LINE LEGAL RESEARCH, University of Kentucky Continuing Legal Education, January 2012
- Anonymous, Famous, or Infamous?, AALL Spectrum, Vol. 14 No. 9 July 2010
- KLAPP for One Iota, AALL Spectrum, Vol. 14 No. 3 December 2009
- CONELL: 2008 AALL Annual Meeting – Portland, Oregon, The Southeastern Law Librarian, Vol. 33 No. 34 Fall 2008
- Kentucky State Documents: A Bibliography of Legal and Law-Related Material, Occasional Papers American Association of Law Libraries State Documents Bibliography, No. 3-39 (2008) (coauthor)

Presentations

- Speaker – First Steps of a Longer Journey: Incorporating Ideas from the SEAALL Institute into Legal Research Programs at UK and USC (March 22, 2012)
- Speaker – Back to the Future: Digitizing and Documenting Your Institution’s History (April 23, 2010)

Jaime E. Christopher
Smith Anderson LLP
Member-at-Large Candidate



Statement:

I am grateful to be nominated for the Member-at-Large position. I joined SEAALL in 2005 and was immediately asked to be a member of the Local Arrangements Committee for 2006. The meeting was originally planned for Baton Rouge, LA, but due to Hurricane Katrina, it was being moved to Raleigh, NC a year ahead of schedule. This allowed me to jump in with both feet and serve SEAALL. Serving within an organization allows you to really get to know your colleagues and foster relationships outside of your local area. I welcome the opportunity to be able to serve in a capacity that will allow me to make these connections and hope to join the SEAALL Board as Member-at-Large.

Current Position:

Director of Library Services, Smith Anderson LLP, Raleigh, NC, 2008-Present

Previous Positions:

Reference Librarian, Alston & Bird LLP, Raleigh, NC, 2003-2007

Product Support Specialist, Dialog, Cary, NC, 2001-2003

Reference Librarian, State Library of North Carolina, Raleigh, NC, 2000-2001

Education:

M.L.S., North Carolina Central University, 2000

B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1998

Professional Organization Memberships and Service:

American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 2003-Present

- Attendee, 2011

- Attendee, 2005

- Attendee, 2004

Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL), 2005-Present

- Member, Program Committee, 2008-2009

- Attendee, 2008

- Attendee, 2006

- Local Arrangements Committee for Raleigh, NC Annual Meeting, 2005-2006

Raleigh Area Law Librarians Association (RALLA), 2003-Present

- Treasurer, 2007-2011

Patent Information Users Group, Inc. (PIUG), 2003-2007

- Attendee, 2006

Special Libraries Association (SLA), 2012-Present

North Carolina Chapter of the Special Libraries Association (NCSLA), 2012-Present

- Membership, 2014

Melanie M. DuBard
Nelson Mullins
Member-at-Large Candidate



Statement:

I am very excited at the prospect of serving as a Member-At-Large and am honored to have had my name put forward. The congeniality of SEAAL truly makes it unique; in no other organization have I found such a loyal amalgamation of dedicated professionals willing to share their knowledge and give back to the profession. It has inspired me. I have spent the past 16 years working to change perceptions of the role of the librarian within my firm, and I am excited to take that pursuit to the next level. I welcome the opportunity to work along side so many of the dedicated professionals that have inspired me to help craft the future of our profession.

Current Position:

Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough, LLP, Law Library, Senior Research Specialist, 1996-present

Previous Positions:

South Carolina Bar Association's Law Related Education (LRE) Library, Graduate Assistant, 1995

Education:

University of South Carolina, MLIS, 1996
Lander University, BA in English, 1995

Professional Organization Membership and Service:

AALL – 1997-present
SEAALL – 1997-present
Member of Local Arrangements Committee, 2011

Publications:

"SEAALL 2011 in Columbia, South Carolina" SEAALL Newsletter, v. May 2010.

Presentations:

"Research Practices Among New Associates: Are Their Choices Driven by Fear or Lack of Information Literacy Skills?" speaker, SEAALL Annual Meeting, Decatur, GA, 2012
"Internet Basics for the South Carolina Attorney," speaker, NBI CLE, 2001
"Internet Research for Legal Staff in South Carolina," speaker, Lorman CLE, 2000
"Internet Strategies for the Paralegal in South Carolina," speaker, IPE CLE, 1999