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## Presidential Ponderings

...from Caroline Osborne



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Change, the *American Heritage Dictionary* defines change as “to cause to be different; alter” or transform. Today it is hard to miss the constant refrain in legal education and the practice of law advocating change. Change to what is my reaction. Are we changing or evolving? Evolution is defined by that same dictionary as “a gradual process in which something changes into a significantly different, especially more complex or more sophisticated form.” Whether we are changing or evolving is something of semantics but the process is not easy. Change is challenging, even scary as we attempt to find our way towards that transformation or more sophisticated form.

*Find the Way* was the theme of our 2015 meeting. By plane and car we all successfully found our way to Lexington where we enjoyed companionship, food, drink and, although unplanned, song. The more I reflect on our theme, the more perfect it seems. We are in a period of evolution where we are collectively finding our way from where we have been and are arguably most comfortable, to something new and as yet undefined.

Privacy, big data, professionalism, access to justice, leadership, e-books, web content and accessibility, transformation of library space, management of the online presence, managing your career and, the ABA's new favorite topic, assessment were but a few of the program topics designed to help us find our way and prepare us for the transformation we are experiencing. Friday's keynote involved yet another individual who found her way as Maryjean Wall described her journey in writing *Madam Belle* and Belle's journey from homeless to the owner of a thriving, if not slightly questionable, enterprise. Doug Boyd, Director of the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History at the University of Kentucky provided yet another example of a transformation as he described the game changing OHMS system and its transformation of the oral history. On a side note, a special commendation to Dr. Boyd for not missing a beat as he competed with the Sweet Adelines warming up next door.

A special thank you to all who contributed in making the 2015

Institute and annual meeting a success. There are too many to single out so, a collective shout out to the members of local arrangements, programs, and the speakers who all invested significant time and resources in making the Lexington meeting a success and helping you to “find your way”. Our next stop on this grand journey is Philly. See you at AALL in July.

Caroline Osborne, SEAALL President

## Editor’s Bit

### Curious Lives: Past, Present, and Future



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Like many folks I spend a measurable amount of time worrying about the future, resurrecting the past, and trying to command the present. A few years ago I traveled to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park with the hope of seeing a curious insect: *Photinus carolinus*. Whereas most firefly species are asynchronous, *P. carolinus* is the only species of firefly in the United States to synchronize bioluminescent flash patterns. The height of this display takes place anytime within a six-week window from late May to early June and an adult lifespan lasts only a few weeks. To witness this phenomenon takes more than strategic planning; it takes good fortune. This excursion made me anxious. What if I travel this entire way and miss my opportunity? What if I am too early? Too late? Get lost? Fail to find my way?

A few weeks ago I traveled to see a close relative who is ten years older than I am and has a child ten years older than my own child. I found myself anxious about this excursion too, as she had recently received some very unwelcome news. What if I say something inappropriate? What if I she sees the fear and sadness on my face? She told me she had had a good life—a privileged life—a life so full it was unsustainable. I wasn’t improper. I wasn’t afraid. I made the effort.

A few weeks from now many of you will be traveling to Philadelphia for programs, exhibitors, and Terry Gross. There will be opportunity to have experiences in which your life is enriched. For those unsure of what to do beyond the conference I offer, for your consideration, the Mütter Museum. Here you can see Grover Cleveland’s malignant tumor, Harry Eastlack’s skeleton, and pieces of Albert Einstein’s brain among many other curiosities. “Began as a donation from American surgeon Thomas Dent Mütter...who was determined to improve and reform medical education” the museum is home to remainders and reminders of past lives lived.

A few years from now I hope to be fortunate enough to return to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. I want to find myself, once again, in the dark among the pines with strings of pearls flashing light all around. I will stand there with my daughter. Together we will bear witness to an exhibition and manifestation of ephemeral life. We will be rewarded having made the effort.

## Not-So-Recent Acquisitions



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### The Island of Misfit Plants

Pitiful is a dieffenbachia, and was on his last horticultural leg when I discovered him on a bookshelf in my first law firm library – my first professional gig as a librarian. He was approximately a handspan high, scrawny but plucky, clinging to life in a handful of dirt at the bottom of a brass pot. I'm not kidding; it was no more than a handful, and the dirt was clumped and slowly turning to rock. I wiped the dust from his leaves, re-potted him, and we became a team.

After Pitiful recovered from the shock of being noticed and nurtured, Pitiful began his steady, dogged climb out of the abyss. In time, he actually started to resemble a dieffenbachia. When I moved on to another job, I took him with me. He stood watch over my desk in my next law firm and, finally, took up residence in the Reference Department when I came to the Coleman Karesh Law Library at the University of South Carolina. Twenty years down the road, he doesn't look pitiful anymore (as you can see from the picture), but we kept the name. He likes the irony, now that he's a stud.



Audrey is a philodendron monstera. Because she's so big, I thought that the "monstera" designation was a deliberate reference to her size, but my colleague Karen Taylor, a certified master gardener, tells me that it's a reference to her serrated leaves. When Audrey lived in another part of the building, she existed for years as three modest fronds. Since moving into my office several years ago, she has exploded into a floral phantasm whose benign intentions I'm beginning to doubt. Foodstuffs go missing from my book cart, and there are certain regular visitors whom I don't see anymore. I bet you know where her name comes from.

I've always been vaguely aware of the symbiosis between librarians and plants (somewhat more subtle than that between librarians and cats), but Pitiful and Audrey are more than just plants to me. They are colleagues, office-mates, friends. My biggest neurosis regarding



our impending move into a new building is how to transport Audrey. Something with a flat-bed. Or an ambulance. Or a limousine. . .

## Meet & Three



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Meet...

Like any classic Quentin Tarantino flick, the story of my life so far begins at the end. I am currently the Coordinator of Research Instructional Services at Georgia State University College of Law Library in Atlanta, GA. Trust me, it's as awesome as it sounds. How many people do you know have taught a sports law and a basic tax class in the same week? Exactly!

I suppose my pathway to law librarianship begins sometime around August 1990, the day my mother dropped me off at kindergarden. Who knew then that I would never leave school? Twenty-five years later and I still get two weeks off for winter break. Woo!

In spite of where I am now, it didn't always look like I would find my ultimate calling in life. I can safely say that I am the only person from my hometown of 900 people – just two working stoplights on a good day – to make it in life as a law librarian. Believe it or not, I started out at North Carolina State University majoring in Electrical Engineering, but that didn't last too long. While I loved math, I hated computer programming and physics. Unfortunately, you need both of those to be a decent electrical engineer. So, I switched to my second love, History.

Of course I had dreams of going on and getting my Ph.D. in History, wearing sweet elbow patches, and doing some cool Indiana Jones stuff. However, I decided in my last year to go to law school, and enrolled at North Carolina Central University School of Law. While I enjoyed the classes, the thought of practicing law was not my cup of tea (I prefer Earl

Grey). Luckily, NCCU was one of the few schools where one could get a J.D. and M.L.S. at the same time (hah, take that M.B.A. program).

After graduating, I spent the summer applying for jobs and watching the World Cup. Believe me, that's not as awesome as it sounds. Eventually, after what felt like forever, I finally got the call I had been waiting on for so long. Just like Nuke from Bull Durham, I was going to the "show." As I was waiting to get my oil changed one morning, the late Nancy P. Johnson called to offer me a position as a Reference/Student Services Librarian at GSU Law Library. Of course I played it cool and asked for a day to think about it. But let's be honest, the whole time I was jumping for joy. It was a day I will never forget, and neither will my mechanic.

...and Three

In law school, I listened to the same three soundtracks every time I needed to get into the zone. Case briefs, memos, exam prep, and outlines, none could stand up to the challenge when I played these tunes. When I listen to them now, I get a cool mental montage of all those long days and nights.

1. The Last of the Mohicans – Talk about an epic movie, and even greater soundtrack. The movie was always a favorite of mine growing up. In law school, it was my go to studying and outlining music. I am even listening to it now as I write this piece.
2. Braveheart – Opinions may differ on Mel Gibson, but I dare anyone to say something bad about this soundtrack. This was great to have playing in the background while reading cases before class.
3. AC/DC Live – One word describes this album: Power! When I needed to get pumped before a big exam, this was the album I had blaring on the drive to school. For those about to rock...

AALL 2015  
Philadelphia, PA

If you plan on attending the 2015 AALL Conference in Philadelphia and are looking for rewarding ways to participate consider the following:

Volunteer to staff the SEAALL table! A wonderful way to meet folks from all over and brag about what a wonderful chapter SEAALL is.

Attend the SEAALL Business Meeting and Reception. There you will discover interesting information about the state of SEAALL, have delicious food, and enjoy tasty beverages.

Volunteer to staff the SEAALL table at CONELL. Get a chance to make a great first impression for SEAALL with newer law librarians.

Liz Johnson, Membership Chair, needs you! [Doodle Poll](#)

## Profiles in Libraries: Charlotte School of Law



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Where we have come from

*A story of moving:*

Less than 10 years ago, when the Charlotte School of Law Library staff welcomed its first library users, the library was still in the process of building the collection in order to meet the needs of around 80 fulltime students. This collection process was supported when the opportunity arose to absorb a legal collection previously owned by the closing Mecklenburg Law Library. In those early formative years the library's home was a three-story law office in the Dillworth neighborhood of Charlotte. After a few years the school and library outgrew the space and moved across town to a new home. The new space was significantly larger and in an area on the west side of Charlotte that, at the time, was seeing strong redevelopment. The increased size of the library helped to accommodate a growing library user population and a recent bulk purchase from the National Judicial College.

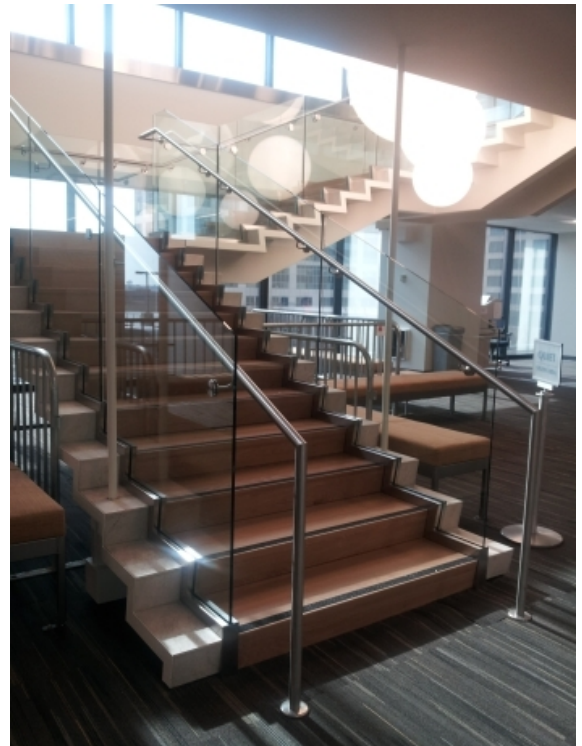
In 2013 the Law school began preparing for yet another move to a large office building in the heart of Uptown Charlotte. The move for most of the law school was completed in August. However, the library space was still under construction and the team spent a semester in a temporary space on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the building. In January of 2014 the staff moved into the two story permanent library space on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floor of Charlotte Plaza and at the same time welcomed the new Associate Dean for Library Services.



Where we are now

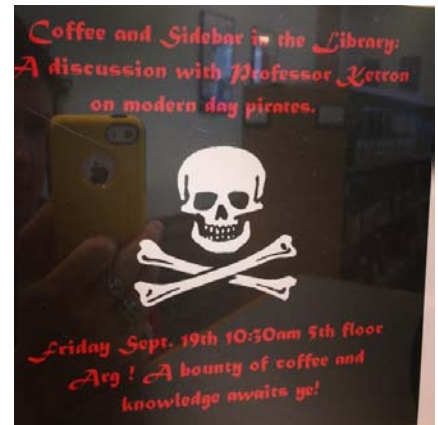
*Changing our language and  
sharing our passions*

After staff and resources were settled into the new space the team started to review and evaluate our functionality, roles, process, and language. We soon



found the traditional library jargon and titles did not best represent what the staff at our school do or properly express their value add to the rest of the institution. In fact we found the language often limiting how others saw the library and what the staff could and were accomplishing. With a nod toward the San Diego Public Law Library's departments rename project, we decided to rename the Tech Services department at Charlotte School of Law to Core Operations and the Circulations and Reference departments were combined to form one department renamed as Library Users Experience.

We also had some celebrations impact what we looked like as a library when a few of our staff members completed their MLIS degrees or moved on to new opportunities. The reduction in our library work force necessitated a library reorganization, change in job duties, and new leadership opportunity. The library structure change also allowed for the creation of "hybrid librarian" positions. The hybrid librarians allow the librarians at our school to work in the library and also spend time working on passion projects in law school departments outside of the library. Currently we have hybrid librarians sharing their passions with the Legal Discourse Zone (writing center), Career Placement Department, Marketing and Technology.



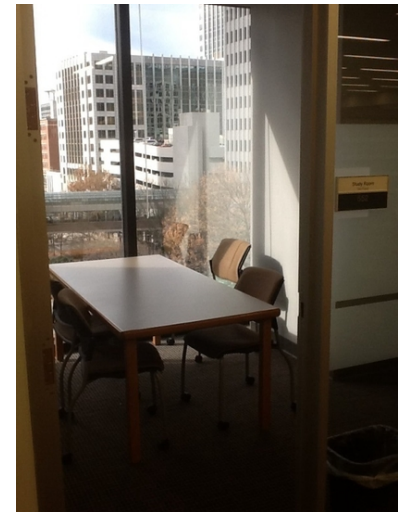
### Where we are going

The next year will bring the furtherance of initiatives like *Coffee and Sidebar in the Library*, as well as teaching the mandatory 1L research course, and providing combined circulation and reference services at our new Library User Experience (LUX) desk. But the new fiscal and school year will also bring some new projects and staff to the Charlotte School of Law Library. To highlight just a few, in August we will welcome a new hybrid librarian, the Library User Experience and Technology Librarian. This individual will manage our Library User experience desk, Law Students workers, and be responsible for technology training throughout the law school.

Instruction will be expanded in the coming years as dual degreed LUX librarians will begin teaching a new mandatory 1L research course.



This class, called LAB, will focus instruction on citation, legal authority, research strategy, sentence structure, and grammar. Additionally, the schools two part-time librarians will also begin a series of short 15 to 20 minute research refresher trainings to be offered to the students in our research zones.



Two new, large-scale projects the library will take on in the 2015 - 2016 year will be weeding the journal collection and starting a full inventorying of the entire collection including our satellite collection in our South Boulevard collection. As a young institution this will be the first time an inventory will be conducted of the entire collection.

I hope you enjoyed your glimpse at the Charlotte School of Law Library and we hope to share more details about projects and people with all of you in future newsletters.

## Reference Desk Question

Show off your skills!

Enjoy challenging questions, receiving excellent prizes in the mail, and having the opportunity to show everyone what you won? 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?

1. Sending the correct answer to the question(s)
2. To the *Southeastern Law Librarian* newsletter editor,
3. By the deadline: August 1, 2015
4. Your name will be dropped in a hat and a winner will be drawn.

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!

1. Which Virginia college did Thomas Dent Mütter attend?
2. The same college publishes a book on etiquette. Provide the title.

Be a winner!

Congratulations to Achara Stone of the Florida A&M College of Law Law Library in Tallahassee, Florida for answering the *Reference Desk Question!* Upon hearing the news Achara exclaimed, "Thank you very much!" What did she win? A limited edition "SEAALL Est. 1954" 16 oz tumbler with travel lid. Well done!



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Michelle M. Wu (Ed.), *Academic Law Library Director Perspectives: Case Studies and Insights* (2015)  
ISBN: 978-0-8377-4013-3

We hear it every day—law schools and libraries are changing. Ever wonder what it is like to captain this ship as it navigates a new course? Then look no further! A collection of articles from academic law library directors around the country, this volume provides perspectives on every aspect of running a library all through the voice of an active "captain." From budget concerns to managing union employees, negotiations to saying no, you will benefit from the insight of insider information, operations, and strategies. This book even looks to developing and future concerns, which is particularly helpful for new or aspiring directors. Needless to say, these 422 pages of institutional and professional knowledge from 30 directors is an informative wealth of wisdom.

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Marybeth Hreald, *Your Brain and Law School, A Context and Practice Book* (2014)  
ISBN: 978-1-61163-226-2

The first thought that came to mind when this book came across my desk were the old commercials about your brain before and after drug use. Then I had memories about how, for better or worse, my brain did make a transformation through the process of a legal education. The transformation was subtle, and with each passing year since my time as a first-year law student, my memories of how I used to think are extremely faded. Why is this important? It's important because I am tasked with teaching a fresh crop of 1Ls every year and being a better teacher means remembering what their experience and mindset are like, designing instruction in a way that is cognizant of these frames of reference.

But that's the thing about this book. As with most things in life, it's not about me. This book is written for the benefit of first-year law students to help them identify and overcome cognitive biases that can interfere with how the law is perceived, processed, retained and retrieved. The book is written from the perspective of pointing out how our brains work, and how their *modus operandi* developed through years of simply surviving in the world tends to get in the way of succeeding in learning the law. The book is divided into two parts. The first part discusses recent cognitive science research and explains learning strategies that work in law school (and pointing out those that don't). The second part describes the brain's decision-making processes and examines the cognitive biases of framing, confirmation, egocentric, and availability. The book is a fast and entertaining read, and the recommended readings listed at the end of most chapters have been added to my Amazon wish list, and may very well make appearances in a future Reader Advisory.



# SEALL Scholarship Articles

## Leading From Where You Are



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“Stand up if you are a leader of anything,” was Kate Irwin-Smiler’s opening to the session. Of course, the question quickly raised by someone in the audience was whether our leadership was in our own estimation or whether it was based on our title. (Lots of laughter here.) Then she asked us to sit down and those who are followers stand. This interactive exercise led into Kate Irwin-Smiler, Reference Librarian at Wake Forest University School of Law and Sara Sampson, Assistant Dean for Information Services & Law Library Director at Ohio State Moritz College of Law’s presentation “Leading from Where You Are.” Both women talked about how they are leaders and followers. Sara Sampson pointed out that although she has a traditional leadership title, she is still a follower as she follows more experienced deans and the dean of the law school who is also a leader and a follower. They pointed out that being a good follower can give you the skills to become a good leader.

### What is a leader?

People who think creatively and are passionate about what they do. People who think about problems and work to fix problems. – AALL Leadership Academy 2014

People who realize you have to work through other people to achieve results. They bring people together to make things happen. - *The Introverted Leader*

Sampson found that there are lots of different definitions of leadership and those who write about leadership do not agree. Some believe leaders are born with certain traits that help them become leaders and others define leadership by what they do: they innovate, they take charge, and they make decisions. She concluded there are many ways to be a leader and the definition needs to be broadened.

### Different Types of Leaders

Even official, formal leaders like the President of the United States or our AALL Board cannot be effective unless they have followers.

Then there are leaders like those in Selma who stood up to the leaders with official powers of the state and they got some of their objectives accomplished.

Sandra Day O’Connor was a trailblazing leader. Just by her presence on the court, she led the way for other woman to be on the Supreme Court. She had to do her job and do it well for others to follow.

Rosalind Franklin whose work on the structure of DNA was overshadowed by others in her field was a leader too in that she continued with her work despite lack of recognition. She was a thought leader.

Pope Francis is a leader, not only because he is head of the Catholic Church but because he is quietly keeping the focus on issues like poverty over a long period of time.

The Pope, Mahatma Gandhi and many in the law library profession are servant leaders.

The facilitating leaders of our profession make connections between people with needs and resources. These people are often quiet leaders who are integral to the success of an organization.

Collaborative/negotiating leaders work across departments or across the university.

Mentoring and sponsoring leaders not only advise mentees but also give critical, honest feedback, make connections, and open doors at higher levels so that the mentee can succeed.

A cheerleader leads by touting other's success, showing how important their work is to the organization.

#### How Library Staff Can Lead In Your Library... a Brainstorm List

- Managing programs
- Chairing committees
- Trusting others to do their job
- Giving people what they need
- Using creativity
- Teaching
- Facilitating opportunities
- Using different language that does not diminish what we do
- Bridging the gap between the library and other departments
- Participating in teams
- Providing institutional knowledge to others
- Raising issues that need to be addressed
- Identifying problems and proposing solutions

#### How to Be a Responsible Follower

Whether or not you choose to be a leader, here are ways of being a responsible follower:

- Managing up
- Engaging at work
- Being prepared and participating in meetings

- Sharing ideas in a respectful way
- Leading yourself and your reactions
- Being willing to do what others will not
- Investing in work relationships
- Lightening the leader's load
- Thinking about what people will need and having it ready in advance
- Knowing when to push for your ideas and when to let go
- Realizing that dissent is a gift

"Be Better Tomorrow Than You Are Today"

### Further Reading

Sara Sampson and Kate Irwin-Smiler shared their bibliography:

Fillipa Marullo Anzalone, *Servant Leadership: A New Model of Law Library Leaders*, 99 *Law Library J.* 793 (2007).

Shirley K. Baker, *Leading from Below: Or, Risking Getting Fired*, 9 *Library Administration & Management* 238 (1985).

Robert K. Greenleaf, *The Servant as Leader* (rev. ed. 1991).

Marc Hurwitz and Samantha Hurwitz, *Leadership is Half the Story: A Fresh Look at Followership, Leadership, and Collaboration* (2015).

Jennifer B. Kahnweiler, *The Introverted Leader* (2013).

Martha Lagace, "The Quiet Leader & How to Be One," *Working Knowledge* <http://hbswk.hbs.edu/item/2766.html> (Feb 11, 2002).

John C. Maxwell, *The 360° Leader: Developing Your Influence from Anywhere in the Organization* (2005).

Peter Guy Northouse, *Leadership Theory & Practice* (2004).



Betty Thomas with the Lincolns at the Opening Reception.

## (Twice) Down the Rabbit Hole



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Entering the world of law librarianship several years after completing a law degree was a bit like being unplugged from the matrix. Even for those folks with only a vague recollection of the movie, you'll likely remember the choice between the red pill (maintaining the status quo) and the blue pill (forever changing your perspective).

Law school has a (well-deserved) reputation for changing the way you think, but library school was no less eye-opening for me. Take, for example, the introductory hypothetical in my Organization of Information class: if one was charged with the design of a grocery store, where is the proper place for chocolate syrup? A simple question with a less than simple answer, and options ranging from the predictable (near the milk or ice cream) to the novel (if organic or imported, in a specialty section) to the more complex (in the customer service department, if had been returned, spilled, etc.). Enter the critical question: if a customer asked where to find all her choices for purchasing chocolate syrup, how would you give a helpful, concise answer if all of the above locations were "appropriate"?

The above example was just the first step in a series of illuminating moments that underscored one central theme. The "knowledge is power" mantra we've all heard time and again no longer holds water. In this age of big data, digitization initiatives, and the movement for open access, it is those who control, organize, and provide meaningful access to information who hold the keys to the kingdom.

Therein lies my personal truth. As law librarians, (I am including myself here because I am one semester away from joining your ranks!) we are doubly gifted – we've been twice down the rabbit hole, twice unplugged – through both law school and library school. We are unique in that we have both the ability to understand complex legal materials and problems as well as the knowledge to maintain, organize, and deliver legal information to the masses. We all know that with great power comes great responsibility, and I hope to use mine well, with the help of my AALL/SEAALL colleagues. Many thanks to SEAALL, the scholarship committee, and my law librarian friends for your ongoing support. I hope to see y'all in the future!

## Need to impress friends but don't know how?

Attention!

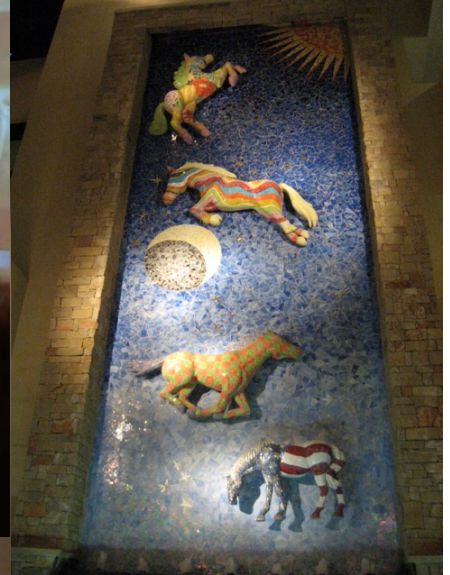
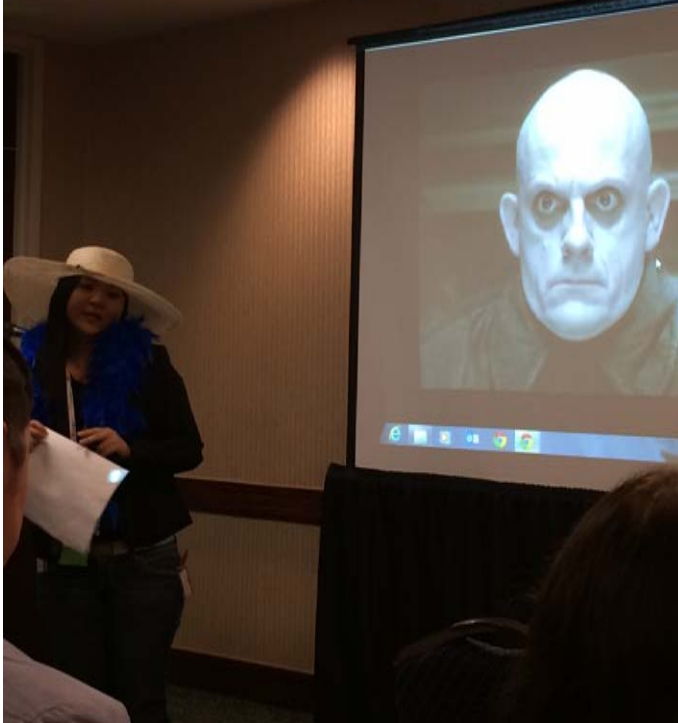
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Share your articles, notes, comments, ideas, and cocktail recipes with our part of the world. Everyone loves to see a familiar name in the SEAALL Newsletter!

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# SEAALL Annual Meeting 2015: Lexington, Ky

Annual Meeting images from our members!





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SEAALL  
Southeastern Chapter  
American Association of Law Libraries

All y'all are cordially invited to the Fifth Annual

SEAALLSUCKER

Whether you were born in the South or simply got here as fast as you could, please join your fellow SEAALL colleagues in wearing your favorite seersucker to the...

2015 SEAALL Reception and Business Meeting  
AALL Annual Meeting & Conference  
Philadelphia, PA

Who: SEAALL Members  
What: SEAALLSUCKER  
Where: Philadelphia, PA  
When: 2015 SEAALL Reception  
Why: Celebrate Southern Sartorial Splendor  
How: With gentility, of course.

## SEAALL Business Meeting Minutes April 18, 2015 | Lexington, KY



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Agenda - SEAALL BUSINESS MEETING @ SEAALL

Lexington, KY

April 18, 2015

Meeting called to order at 8:03 a.m.

Fran asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last business meeting held in San Antonio, Texas, July 2014. A motion was made and seconded. All voted aye and the minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Fran reported that the Executive Board had voted to rename the Lifetime membership award the - Nancy P. Johnson lifetime membership award.

Kate Irwin-Smiler provided the Treasurer's report. She reported SEAALL had an opening balance of \$46,257.44, and after income and expenses, the chapter's total assets are \$45,535.80. Kate reported that the Fidelity Investment account which has a total balance of \$6,392.54 should be closed soon and those funds transferred to the general treasury. (Report attached)

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

Articles and Bylaws- No report

Community Service- Mary Jane Slipsky reported The Community Service Project received donations in the amount of \$675.00 and a total of 49 books for the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning in Lexington, Kentucky. (Report attached)

Education & Publications. The Education and Publications Committee is working on updating web resources-adding content on publication opportunities. They are also working on adding a teach-in tool kit.

Government Relations- No report.

Membership. Michelle Cosby gave the Membership report on behalf of Deborah Schander. The committee staffed a table in the Exhibit Hall at the AALL annual meeting in San Antonio. The Committee also coordinated with SEAALL leader to maintain an accurate list of current members including updating the Treasurer when members left the SEAALL region or retired. Finally, the Committee solicited nominations for SEAALL Life Membership. (Report attached)

Newsletter & Public Relations. Ryan Valentin became the new editor and the newsletter was successfully published with several pieces provided by committee members. Committee also recommended changes to by-laws and submitted a transition document. (Report Attached)

Nominations. Jason Soward provided report of newly elected officers Vice-President/President Elect-Michelle Cosby, Treasurer Kate Irwin-Smiler and Member-at-Large Wendy Moore. Jason also thanked other candidates Kathleen Brown, Suzanne Corriell and Heather Casey for their willingness to run and serve SEAALL.

Placement. No report

Program. Program Committee Chair Caroline Osborne thanked the Program Committee for an outstanding job with selecting programs for the meeting.

Scholarship. Richelle Reid provided the Scholarship report. In November 2014, the Committee awarded \$9,000.00 in student scholarships to 6 recipients. In March 2015, the Committee awarded two Lucile Elliott Scholarships and two Kathryn P. Mattox Scholarships. In April 2015, The Committee also awarded a CONELL Grant and the AALL Meeting Registration Grant. (Report attached)

Future Meeting Locations – SWALL meeting invitation extended by Ed Hart. The meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas April 14-16, 2016.

Service to SEAALL Award. The Service to SEAALL award was presented to Ken Hirsch for his special and sustained service to SEAALL.

Old Business

Joyce Janto asked that we consider making the treasurer's term a 4 year term. Recommended that action at this time be deferred to the bylaws committee.

New Business

Fran passed the gavel to Caroline Osborne incoming SEAALL President.

Fran asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Ken Hirsh and seconded by ?. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

Community Service Committee Report  
2015 Annual Meeting  
April 16-18, 2015  
Lexington, KY

Committee Members  
Mary Jane Slipsky – Chair  
Nathan Collins  
Price Clark Cook  
Alison Rosenberg  
Ismael Gullon  
Rhea Ballard Thrower  
Betty Wright  
Amanda Turner

Community Service Committee Report for the AALL 2014 meeting :  
The Community Service Committee raised \$1,130.00 for Knox Reads, the Knox County affiliate of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which provides 18,000 children with a new, high-quality book each month. The committee thanks Shawn Friend for her hard work designing and assembling the law school t-shirt quilt that we auctioned off to raise additional money for Knox Reads. The committee members welcome ideas for the project for the 2015 Lexington, Kentucky meeting.

In December 2014, the committee proposed to the Local Arrangements Committee that the Community Service Project for the 2015 be the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning in Lexington, Kentucky. The committee promoted the project via emails to the SEAALL list serve, Twitter and the meeting site. The membership had the opportunity to donate by credit card at the Carnegie Center web site and to bring donated books to the meeting. The Development Director for the Carnegie Center was in the exhibits area to meet members and to collect the donated books. As of Friday, April 19, 2015 we collected \$ 675<sup>00</sup> and 49 books.

The committee members wish to thank all who donated to the project and the local arrangements for their help in coordinating with the Carnegie Center.

**SEAALL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT 2015**

The Membership Committee continued to promote chapter membership in 2014-2015.

The committee staffed a table in the Exhibit Hall at the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio. This table highlighted SEAALL membership and activities to attendees and potential new members, including information about the upcoming 2015 chapter meeting in Lexington. The committee selected giveaways which represented SEAALL and southern culture, including SEAALL logo temporary tattoos, Moon Pies, and the membership brochure. The committee is currently working to provide the same services again in Philadelphia in July 2015.

The committee coordinated with several SEAALL leaders to maintain an accurate list of current members, including updating the Treasurer when members left the SEAALL region or retired during the year. The committee assisted current members when they had questions about their membership, difficulty accessing the membership directory on the SEAALL website, or had questions about the voting system. The committee also coordinated with *The Southeastern Law Librarian* editor to include announcements about new SEAALL members in the newsletter.

The committee solicited nominations for SEAALL Life Membership. Nancy Johnson was awarded Life Membership early in the 2014-2015 year. The committee solicited nominations again in the Spring of 2015; the Executive Board will make determinations about these nominations early in the 2015-2016 year.

I would like to thank this year's Membership Committee members for their work throughout the year: Stephanie Hayes, Shira Megerman, Ryan Saltz, Paula Tejada, Michelle Humphries, Michelle Cosby, and Della Darby. Robb Farmer served as committee Chair until August 2014.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Schander  
Chair

## **SEAALL Newsletter & Public Relations Committee Report**

Ryan Valentin became the new editor and the newsletter was successfully published with several pieces provided by committee members. The committee was short handed this year due to job relocations, but despite this everything ran smoothly. Members took turns running the Twitter feed. Other social media services were discussed, but no other services were implemented as there did not seem to be an urgent need. Recommendations to delete superfluous language in the by-laws were submitted and a short transition document was created and submitted as well.



## 2014-2015 Scholarship Committee Report

### Members:

- Joyce Manna Janto (2013-15)
- Rebekah Maxwell (2013-15)
- Jacqueline Menzel (2014-16)
- Anupama Pal (2014-16)
- C.J. Pipins (2014-16)
- Richelle Reid (Chair) (2013-15)
- Colleen Skinner (2014-16)

In 2014-2015, the Scholarship Committee awarded approximately \$13,000 to 12 SEAALL members and library science students.

In November 2014, the Committee awarded \$9,000 in student scholarships to the following recipients:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Library School</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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

In March 2015, the Committee awarded two Lucile Elliott Scholarships and two Kathryn P. Mattox Scholarships as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Betty Thomas	Charlotte School of Law	\$900	Elliott	AALL Annual Meeting
Elizabeth Farrell Clifford	FSU College of Law	\$600	Elliott	Harvard Leadership Institute
Carolyn Scott	Young Moore and Henderson, PA	\$900	Mattox	AALL Annual Meeting
Carol Bredemeyer	Chase College of Law Library (Northern Kentucky)	\$600	Mattox	SEAALL Annual Meeting

In April 2015, the Committee also awarded the CONELL Grant to Betty Wright of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, and the AALL Annual Meeting Registration Grant to Patti Schminke of Hunter Maclean.

**SEAALL**  
**Annual Financial Report**  
 April 2014 through March 2015

OPENING BALANCE	46,257.44	46,257.44
INCOME		
2015 SEAALL Annual Meeting		26,491.64
Sponsorships	9,400.00	
Registrations, Excursions & Tickets	<u>17,091.64</u>	
2014 SEAALL Annual Meeting		12,164.70
Sponsorships	3,414.58	
2014 SEAALL Annual Meeting - Other	<u>8,750.12</u>	
Membership Dues		10,580.00
Associate	140.00	
Individual	540.00	
Institutional	9,840.00	
Student	<u>60.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	<u>49,236.34</u>	95,493.78
EXPENSES		
AALL 2014 Meeting		5,274.48
SEAALL Reception	4,457.77	
AALL 2014 Meeting - Other	<u>816.71</u>	
SEAALL 2014 Annual meeting		35,396.63
Opening Reception	8,928.50	
Speaker Fees	578.00	
Hotel Fees	<u>25,890.13</u>	
SEAALL 2015 Annual Meeting		858.38
Chapter Liability Insurance		532.00
Newsletter		240.00
Non-Profit Org. Annual Report		70.00
Tax Preparation		600.00
Reimbursements, General		193.48
Scholarships and Grants		12,796.00
AALL Registration Grant	549.00	
CONELL Grant	247.00	
Lucile Elliott Scholarship	1,500.00	
Mattox Scholarship	1,500.00	
Student scholarships	<u>9,000.00</u>	
SEAALL ELECTIONS		320.00
Online election fee	<u>320.00</u>	
Service-to-SEAALL Award		69.55
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>56,350.52</u>	56,350.52
CLOSING BALANCE	<u>-7,114.18</u>	39,143.26
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS*		6,392.54
TOTAL ASSETS		45,535.80

\* Access to this account is in the process of being restored; amount is currently estimated.

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