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## FROM THE EDITORS



CALL members do get around! That's quite apparent from your contributions to this issue of the *CALL Bulletin*, which chronicles our colleagues' tales of travels far and near.



Five CALL librarians attended the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) Annual Course on International Law Librarianship in Toronto in early October. Three of them – Anne Abramson, Lyonette Louis-Jacques, and Julianne Grant – tell some interesting stories about

the conference and about their travels around Toronto and observations about Canada.

Lyo wasn't finished; she packed her bags and headed to Ithaca, New York for the 2012 Law Via the Internet (LVI) international conference on open access to the law. Her summary covers open access efforts from all over the world and her thoughts on what's needed to sustain and expand them.

Sally Holterhoff traveled to Helsinki, Finland to attend this year's International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) annual conference. Sally writes about the Law Libraries Section's programs – open access was again a primary theme – as well as planning underway for the Section's programs for the 2013 IFLA conference in Singapore. (Who's going?)

Lorna Tang shares some remarkable stories from a more personal trip she made with her son to China. She describes what it was like to reconnect with old relatives, meet new ones, and visit places that still bear reminders of her parents and grandparents. It's a non-library diversion we think you'll enjoy.

A little more domestic travel is still on our itinerary.

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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Dear Colleagues,

The first thing I learned when I moved to the Chicago area in 1995 was that there are only two seasons: winter and construction. In our Association, there are also only two predominant seasons: change and progress. In this column, I will share with you the activities that are driving the changes and progress in CALL.

CALL continues to be among the most active chapters of AALL. We started the fall with two very interesting Business Meetings. The September CALL Business Meeting was held at Petterino's. It was no surprise that the meeting was well attended since our guest speaker was Robert Warden, Executive Director of the Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University's Bluhm Law Clinic. Mr. Warden gave a very interesting presentation on the Center's recent court victories and the recently launched National Registry of Exonerations. In November, the Business Meeting was held at Smith and Wollensky's and was also very well attended. Our guest speaker was Catherine Sanders Reach, the Director for Law Practice Management & Technology at the Chicago Bar Association. Ms. Reach discussed managing information overload and personal knowledge management. She provided attendees with useful tools to help store, sort, and search through all the information we receive so that we can retrieve what we need when we need it. I would like to thank Denise Glynn and Betty Roeske, co-chairs of the Meetings Committee, for selecting delicious menus and locations convenient for the membership. Look for a survey from Denise and Betty after each Business Meeting. They are looking for feedback on menu choices, location and speakers, as well as recommendations for venues for future meetings.

In October, the Continuing Education Committee, in collaboration with the Relations with Information Vendors Committee, held a brown bag at John Marshall School of Law. Ramsey Donnell gave an excellent talk on *Vendor-Speak* to a standing room only crowd. The Placement &



Recruitment Committee announced a new online form for employers to post placement announcements. The creation of this form is the result of the collaborative work between the Placement & Recruitment and the Public Relations committees. I congratulate both committees on creating a form and establishing procedures that will ensure that potential employers will have an easy way of notifying our members of employment opportunities.

The Executive Board has continued to review the 2011-2016 Strategic Plan. The Board is currently focused on the directive to *Strengthen the Infrastructure and Organization of CALL, Goal A: Assess CALL's committee structure*→Committee on Committees. During the 2011/2012 term, the Board appointed the Committee on Committees, chaired by Heidi Kuehl, to review the Association's committee structure, compare our committees to other AALL chapters, and make recommendations. A copy of the Committee's report appeared in Summer 2012, issue # 224 of the CALL Bulletin. Based on the Committee's recommendations, the Board voted in May 2012 to combine the Internet with the Public Relations committee since both were charged with marketing CALL. The new Public Relations Committee continues to work on marketing CALL through the new website and social media initiatives. Co-chairs Janice Collins and Debbie Ginsberg have created a subcommittee for web maintenance and Sharon Nelson remains the CALL web master.

At the October meeting, the Executive Board voted to take action on additional recommendations. The Relations with Information Vendors Committee will be retired effective June 2013. Most Chapters and SIS groups have eliminated this committee, relying instead on the AALL Committee on Relations with Information Vendors. The Continuing Education Committee will continue to offer brown bag programs on licensing agreements and vendor

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## CALL Executive Board Minutes

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Complete, up-to-date meeting minutes are available here: [http://new.chicagolawlib.org/?page\\_id=619](http://new.chicagolawlib.org/?page_id=619).

Members who would like hard copies of any meeting minutes should contact Julienne Grant ([Jgrant6@luc.edu](mailto:Jgrant6@luc.edu), 312-915-8520), Secretary.

### 2012-2013 CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

AALL Headquarters, 105 W. Adams St., Suite 3300  
(enter on Clark St.)  
August 14, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** JoAnn Hounshell, Maribel Nash, Julienne Grant, Barry Herbert, Susan Retzer, Pam Cipkowski

**Board Members Absent:** Julia Jackson

#### Summary:

#### Treasurer's Report (Section IV):

1. Harris Bank Balance as of June 30, 2012: \$31,802.75
2. Net Income, June 2012: \$1,795.00
3. Membership numbers as of June 30, 2012: N/A
4. Harris Bank Balance as of July 31, 2012: \$33,886.31
5. Net Income, July 2012: \$3,211.79
6. Membership numbers as of July 31, 2012: 241 (2 new members, 239 renewals)

#### Significant Actions:

**Policy:** Photographs and personal information of CALL members will not be distributed to outside parties. (VII. New Business b.)

**Policy:** There is no minimum salary amount required for posting an open position on the CALL website. (VII. Committee Chair Visits a.)

**Procedure:** When requesting to post an open position or positions on the CALL website, employers are not required to disclose salary amounts. (VIII. Committee Chair Visits a.)

### 2012-2013 CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

AALL Headquarters, 105 W. Adams St., Suite 3300  
(enter on Clark St.)  
September 11, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** JoAnn Hounshell, Maribel Nash, Julienne Grant, Barry Herbert. Susan Retzer, Pam Cipkowski

**Board Members Absent:** None

#### Summary:

#### Treasurer's Report (Section IV):

1. Harris Bank Balance as of August 31, 2012: \$33,036.57
2. Net Income, August 2012: (\$912.02)
3. Membership numbers as of August 31, 2012: 247 (4 new members, 243 renewals)

#### Significant Actions:

The Board approved a change to the *CALL Handbook* via email vote. Specifically, the new language affects "Notification and Distribution Procedures" 4). VII. New Business a. (see also the *Addendum* to these Minutes).

The Board approved the 2012-2013 CALL Budget. VII. New Business c. (see also the *Addendum* to these Minutes).

Procedure: Language in the *CALL Handbook* ("Notification and Distribution Procedures" 4)) was changed as indicated in the *Addendum* to these Minutes. The new wording is: *Membership renewal forms should be distributed around the time of the May meeting, either at the meeting or via mail by the Membership Committee. Printing and mailing costs are reimbursed to the member responsible for printing and mailing. The Volunteer form will be distributed to the membership via SurveyMonkey*

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*beginning in May by the Vice-President/President-Elect.*

Procedure: The Bulletin Committee shall generate the annual contract for the CALL Bulletin layout contractor. The contract will then be sent to the contractor for signature, then it will be sent back to the Bulletin Committee, then a signed copy will be submitted to the Secretary.

**2012-2013 CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

AALL Headquarters, 105 W. Adams St., Suite 3300

(enter on Clark St.)

October 9, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** JoAnn Hounshell, Julia Jackson, Maribel Nash, Julienne Grant, Barry Herbert, Susan Retzer, Pam Cipkowski

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Summary:****Treasurer's Report (Section IV):**

1. Harris Bank Balance as of September 30, 2012: \$31,786.28
2. Net Income, September 2012: (\$1,265.29)
3. Membership numbers as of September 30, 2012: 252 (7 new members, 245 renewals):

**Significant Actions:**

The Board voted to roll over the Harris Bank CD, which is due in November. (IV. Treasurer's Report)

The Board approved the expenditure of \$50.00 for refreshments for the October 10, 2012 Brown Bag. (V. Committee Reports b.)

The Board approved the Placement & Recruitment Committee's new online "Job Posting Form," pending several changes. (V. Committee Reports k.)

Beginning with the 2013-2014 year, CALL Committees will no longer have Co-Chairs, but rather Chairs and Vice-Chairs. JoAnn Hounshell will draft language for the *Handbook* to reflect this change. (VII. New Business c.) (November 13, 2012: *The Board decided to consult with the Bylaws Committee in order to ensure that this decision conforms to language in the CALL Bylaws.*)

Based on the recommendation of the now disbanded

Committee on Committees, the Board approved combining the CALL Nominations and Elections Committees, effective with the 2013-2014 CALL year. The new committee will be named the Nominations and Elections Committee and will have a Chair, Vice-Chair, and at least three other additional members. The Chair will be the immediate Past President of CALL and the Vice-Chair will be the Past President. (VII. New Business c.) (November 13, 2012: *The Board decided to consult with the Bylaws Committee in order to ensure that this decision conforms to language in the CALL Bylaws.*)

The Relations with Information Vendors Committee (CRIV) will be abolished, effective with the 2013-2014 year. (VII. New Business c.)

Procedure: Language in the *CALL Handbook*, specifically 17) (p. 38), will be changed in the 2013-2014 version of the *Handbook* to indicate that information on CALL-sponsored events should have multiple access points on the CALL website. (V. Committee Reports l.)

**2012-2013 CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

AALL Headquarters, 105 W. Adams St., Suite 3300

(enter on Clark St.)

November 13, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** JoAnn Hounshell, Julia Jackson, Maribel Nash, Julienne Grant, Barry Herbert, Susan Retzer, Pam Cipkowski

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Summary:****Treasurer's Report (Section IV):**

1. Harris Bank Balance as of October 31, 2012: \$30,945.28
2. Net Income, October 2012: (\$791.00)
3. Membership numbers as of October 31, 2012: 255 (8 new members, 247 renewals)

**Significant Actions:**

The October 2012 Minutes were edited to reflect the Board's concern that several decisions at that meeting conform to language in the *CALL Bylaws*. Specifically, the following parenthetical was inserted in five places: (November 13, 2012: *The Board decided to consult with the Bylaws Committee in order to ensure that this decision conforms to language in the CALL Bylaws.*) (III. Approve

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relations.

Another recommendation from the special committee is to combine the Nominations and Elections committees into a single committee. These committees have complementary tasks, with the Nomination Committee's work preformed in the fall, and the Election Committee's work performed in the spring each year. The Board agrees with the recommendation and will discuss a possible Bylaws change to combine these two committees beginning with the 2013/2014 term.

In October, I had the privilege of attending the ORALL Annual Meeting at Valparaiso University. The keynote speaker was Valparaiso Law Prof. Rebecca J. Huss, who is a nationally recognized expert on animal law. She spoke to us about her work as a the court appointed guardian/special master of the American pit bull terriers in the Michael Vick case. Congratulations to the ORALL Annual Meeting Planning Committee for an excellent meeting. I would like to thank the staff of the Valparaiso University Law Library for their hospitality. Valparaiso University is a beautiful campus. The fact that it rained every day did not dampen anyone's enjoyment of the meeting.

In case you have not been following the news lately, this is an election year! The CALL slate of candidates for the 2013/2014 term are:

**Vice President / President-Elect**

Margaret Schilt, *University of Chicago D'Angelo Law Library*  
Janice Collins, *SNR Denton*

**Secretary**

Julie Swanson, *Perkins Coie*  
Clare Willis, *Chicago-Kent College of Law, IIT*

**Director**

Eugene Giudice, *Latham & Watkins*  
Jamie Sommer, *John Marshall Law School Library*

The election will begin February 14, 2013 and end March 13, 2013; please look for a message from Joan Ogden, Elections Chair, for more election details as the date approaches. I appreciate the work of Heidi Kuehl and the entire Nominations Committee for putting together such a great slate of candidates.

The calendar year is winding down but our Association is still energized and moving forward. The new year will bring new opportunities for our membership. I hope that everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday season. I look forward to seeing you next year!

JoAnn Hounshell  
CALL President, 2012/2013

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Konya Lafferty attended the 2012 AALL conference in Boston on a CALL grant; she writes about her experiences as a new law librarian and first-time AALL attendee. And along with a roundup of chapter news, CALL President JoAnn Hounshell reports on the ORALL Annual Meeting at Valparaiso University in October.

Even closer to home, but away from all the tourist traps, Keith Ann Stiverson's travels across the Prairie State took her from sunny Burr Ridge to overmodestly-named Normal, where she attended meetings of the Illinois Library Association's Public Policy Committee and Executive Board. She reports on the prospects for getting the Uni-

form Electronic Legal Materials Act (UELMA) passed here in Illinois.

So with the weather turning colder, pour yourself a tropical cocktail and escape to faraway climes with this issue of the CALL Bulletin. And remember us the next time you have something you want to share with your colleagues in CALL. We look forward to seeing you at the February business meeting!

Margaret Schilt and Kevin McClure,  
Co-Editors

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## Secretary's Minutes (October)

The Chair of the Bylaws Committee informed the Board that, in order to combine the Nominations and Elections Committees, the *Bylaws* would have to be changed. The Chair proposed language that would reflect this change, and the Board will vote on this language at the December 2012 Board Meeting. The Board's vote (must be a 2/3 majority) will determine whether the proposed change(s) to the *Bylaws* will be submitted to the membership per Article XIII of the *Bylaws*. The Chair did not recommend that the title of Committee Co-Chairs be eliminated in favor of Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs. The Board will also vote on this proposed change in December, as this would also require changing language in the *Bylaws*. (VIII. Committee Chair Visits a.)

Previously, the Board voted to combine the Public Relations and Internet Committees (see the May 2012 Board Meeting Minutes). The name of the new combined committee is the Public Relations Committee. (VII. New Business c.)

Policy: The following sentence, "A Special Committee needs to have designated committee members only." will be deleted from Corporate Memory 2004-09 (p. 8) of the *Policy Log*. (VII. New Business c.)

Policy: CALL does not offer the use of online payment services, such as PayPal, for submitting any type of payment to the Association. The use of such services has been investigated, and the Board has determined that they are not cost-effective. (VII. New Business c.)

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## CALL BUSINESS MEETING ROUNDUP

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The second business meeting of the 2012-2013 CALL year was held at Smith & Wolensky (318 N. State St.) on November 15. The Community Service Committee designated the meeting as a Veterans Day tribute. The Committee collected cash donations for [Honor Flight Chicago](#) and toiletries for [A Safe Haven](#), which provides housing opportunities for Chicago-area veterans. Bloomberg BNA/Bloomberg Law sponsored the meeting, and LexisNexis sponsored the door prizes. There were 103 registered attendees.

CALL President JoAnn Hounshell opened the meeting at 12:05, welcomed the attendees, and asked four new CALL members to stand: Meg Ebersole (Baker & McKenzie), Michelle Holmes (Baker & McKenzie), Joanna Price (John Marshall), and Anupama Pal (library student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign).

At 12:30, CALL Vice President/President-Elect Maribel Nash thanked Bloomberg for its sponsorship and indicated that there were seven Bloomberg reps in attendance. Maribel introduced Heidi Whalen (Executive Director, Legal Division, Bloomberg Law), who spoke briefly about some of Bloomberg's new products and initiatives. Ms. Whalen mentioned several new Bloomberg BNA Resource Centers, including the *eDiscovery Resource Center*. She said that Bloomberg Law continues to improve its platform and that more BNA books are forthcoming for inclusion. She said that Bloomberg's Law School Program is now operating in over 135 law schools nationwide.



*Catherine Reach Sanders*

At 12:35, Maribel introduced the meeting's featured speaker, Catherine Sanders Reach, Director of Law Practice Management & Technology at the Chicago Bar Association (CBA). Prior to her position at the CBA, Ms. Reach served as the Director of the ABA's Legal Technology Resource Center for more than 10 years, and she also worked at Ross & Hardies as a librarian. Ms. Reach has published extensively and presented at a number of national bar conferences, bar associations, and organizations, such as the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). In 2011, she was selected to be one of the inaugural Fastcase 50, celebrating innovators, techies, visionaries, and leaders in the field of law. Ms. Reach received her master's degree

in Library and Information Studies from The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

The speaker began her presentation, "Managing Information Overload," by focusing on email management. Ms. Reach indicated that email recipients should only deal with an email message once. If any required action involves a short period of time (under 2 minutes), then the recipient should act and delete the message. If the message requires a longer time commitment, then the message should be filed and flagged for later action. Ms. Reach also indicated that work and personal emails should remain separate. Additionally, she suggested that people schedule a specific time to check email.

Next, Ms. Reach offered tips on how to increase the odds

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of receiving a response to an email. When drafting a message, she recommended using a descriptive subject line, placing the main points at the top of the message, using a maximum of five sentences (keep it brief!), and sending links instead of attachments. The speaker also advised email drafters to “close the loops.” To “close the loops,” she suggested the following: ask yes/no questions, provide surveys, make recommendations, and utilize *MeetingWizard*, an online meeting scheduler.

The speaker subsequently devoted several minutes to discussing *MS Outlook*, Microsoft’s personal information manager. With the “Quick Parts” feature, she said users can highlight text and then drop it into a new email message. Other *Outlook* features she pointed out were “Search Folders,” creating rules with templates, “Quick Steps,” sending schedules, and creating tasks and to-do lists.

Ms. Reach next briefly talked about an alternative to email—online collaboration—in the forms of Web conferencing and document collaboration. Web conferencing allows participants to share information, including audio, live or streaming video, and whiteboard use, via the Internet. She mentioned several tools available for Web conferencing, including *WebEx*, *join.me*, and *GoToMeeting*. Document collaboration tools are also available, such as *Google Docs* and *Zoho Docs*. The speaker indicated that she particularly likes *Google Docs*.

Ms. Reach’s talk continued with a look at additional information management tools. For accessing Web-based bookmarks on the go, she mentioned *Google Bookmarks*, *Xmarks*, *Instapaper*, and *Pocket*. Project management tools, she specified, can also be useful. These include *MS OneNote*, *Evernote*, and *Asana.com*, which was created by *Facebook* developers. Ms. Reach also talked about *WorkFlowy*, which is an extremely useful tool for note-taking and making lists. She advised attendees who need IT department approval for downloading such tools to emphasize the “business use” value of the software when asking for permission to use it.

Wrapping things up, the speaker addressed how to manage social media. Some tools for this purpose are *HootSuite*, *Yahoo! Pipes*, and *Page2RSS*. The latter service

monitors websites that do not provide feeds, and it will deliver web page updates to a designated RSS reader. Ms. Reach also mentioned *IFTTT*, which essentially allows a user to stitch his or her web life together. *IFTTT* has some 56 designated “channels” (such as *Facebook*, *LinkedIn*, and *YouTube*) that are available for connection with each other.

Ms. Reach’s informative talk was accompanied by a *PowerPoint*, which is now available on the CALL website for reference. The speaker also recommended that attendees take a look at Barbara Minto’s book, *The Minto Pyramid Principle* (2010).

At 1:05, JoAnn thanked the speaker and then asked for CALL Committee announcements. Kevin McClure, Co-Chair of the Community Service Committee, thanked members for their donations to A Safe Haven and Honor Flight Chicago. He said that there was a link to a video on Honor Flight posted on the CALL website. Heidi Kuehl, Chair of the Nominations Committee, announced the slate of candidates for the 2013 CALL election, and asked each candidate to stand: Margaret Schilt (University of Chicago) and Janice Collins (SNR Denton) for Vice President/President-Elect; Julie Swanson (Perkins Coie) and Clare Willis (Chicago-Kent) for Secretary; Eugene Giudice (Latham & Watkins) and Jamie Sommer (John Marshall) for Director. The election will commence on February 14, 2013, and will end on March 13.

Maribel then drew names for the winners of the door prizes, sponsored by LexisNexis. Mary Lu Linnane of DePaul and Bill Schwesig of the University of Chicago were the winners. Kathy Bruner’s (Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg) name was initially drawn, but she was not in attendance. JoAnn indicated that winners must be present to win the door prizes.

JoAnn adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m. The next CALL Business Meeting will be held on February 20, 2013. (Note that the date was announced as February 13, 2013, but this was in error.) The venue has not yet been selected.

**Note:** The Community Service Committee collected \$308.00 at this meeting for Honor Flight Chicago. Coupled with last year’s \$180.00 donation, CALL has now contributed nearly \$500.00 to Honor Flight, which is about the cost of sending one veteran on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Washington, DC to see the World War II Memorial.

## DISCOVERING ROOTS

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In the fall of 2007, my son discovered that he had enough frequent airline miles for a “free” trip to China and asked if I would go with him to see the home villages of his grandparents. Although my daughter and I visited China before as tourists, visiting hometowns would be a dream vacation for me. With the help of family members in China, most of whom I had never met, a trip was planned for March 2008.

On March 12, my son and my daughter arrived in Chicago from Boston and Atlanta respectively. At noon on March 13, we left Chicago for Shanghai. For medical reasons, my husband and my mother did not travel with us. On March 14, we arrived at Shanghai International Airport, where we were met by my brother-in-law who works in Beijing for a US company. He took us on a long bus ride through very crowded Shanghai streets to the domestic airport on the opposite side of the city. In the evening, we flew into Hefei, capital of Anhui Province. A van from the Holiday Inn picked us up at the airport. I was so amazed that in this inland Chinese city there was such a typical American hotel as a Holiday Inn.

In the morning, a distant cousin from my father-in-law's hometown met us at our hotel. Although we met for the first time, he and my brother-in-law talked like they were old friends. After a two hour car ride, we arrived at my husband's first cousin's house. The car was parked on the main street and we walked down an alley towards his home. Suddenly firecrackers exploded and I told my

children that we were lucky to run into someone's wedding. As it turned out, firecrackers were lighted to welcome us to the hometown.

My husband's cousin and his family usually lived in Shenzhen near Hong Kong. To be our tour guide, they came back to Anhui a week earlier to prepare for our visit. His wife, his daughter, and his grandson accompanied him for this trip. The daughter was so helpful to us because her father spoke only the Tongcheng dialect, of which I

could only understand about thirty or forty percent. When we were confused, the daughter translated his words into standard Mandarin Chinese for us. His three-year-old grandson had Downs syndrome. He had hoped that my son, then a pediatrics resident, could offer cures from America. The little boy was so cute and sweet. They nicknamed him “Little Rock” because he was such a solid, strong boy.



Tongcheng is famous because it produced four

Ching Dynasty prime ministers and, it has its own literary style called the Tongcheng School. We visited my father-in-law's high school. The school's motto is: Build a Strong China Through Science. We passed through a narrow alley with walls on both sides and a poem carved on a rock marking its entrance. Two families in the Ching Dynasty feuded over where the wall separating their properties should be. Since his father was then the prime minister in Beijing, a son wrote for help. His father's reply was a poem: “Family letters received recently were all

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about the “wall.” Today we see the Great Wall of China but where is the emperor who built it? What’s wrong with letting the neighbor have the three feet that they desire?” Both families were ashamed and therefore this “Six-Foot Tall Alley” was created.

On the fourth day of our trip, two van-loads of Tang family members drove to the home village, “Tang’s River Bend” (or, Tangwanzhen). It is a one hour ride from Tongcheng through paved and unpaved roads. The cousin said, in his youth, it would take him four hours to walk from Tongcheng to Tang’s River Bend. There was only one distant Tang cousin who still lived in the village and maintained the graves. We ate in a local restaurant, walked by my father-in-law’s elementary school, and hiked 40 minutes up the hill to my husband and his cousin’s grandmother’s grave. We paid respect to her soul with fruits and flowers. Her grave overlooked a beautiful river valley and my brother-in-law sat by the grave silently for a long time. Although he had worked in China for 18 years, it was his first trip to his father’s home village. At the conclusion of our little ceremony, firecrackers were lit to wake up the spirits to enjoy our offerings. With a few of us in tears, we left the beautiful hillside.

On the fifth day, we took a bus from Tongcheng to Nanjing. The bus was filled with migrant workers, who had jobs or would look for work in Nanjing and Shanghai. After crossing the Yangtze River, we were met in Nanjing by a maternal first cousin of my husband’s, a professor at Nanjing University. In the evening, we had dinner with my mother-in-law’s youngest brother, age 89. Although he was totally blind, he was very aware of everyone’s presence at the table. After a while, he asked, why my daughter had not said anything yet! After dinner, my brother-in-law left for the airport to return to his work in Beijing.

On the sixth day of our trip, another cousin took us on a tour of Dr. Sun Yat-sen’s Mausoleum in Nanjing. As the founder of the Republic of China, he is well respected by both Communist Chinese on the mainland and Nationalist Chinese in Taiwan. His tomb is a memorial park as well as a museum full of memorabilia from his time. Another museum that we visited was chosen by my children, the Nanjing Massacre Museum. A guard made it very clear to me that it was a “Memorial Hall”, not a museum. In a museum one finds novelties but in a memorial hall one mourns the dead. The Nanjing Massacre Memorial Hall was built recently on top of a mass grave partially open

for display. It was a moving experience to see some part of the incredible suffering from that time.

Before the sun set in Nanjing, we crossed the Yangtze River again by taxi on our way to Taizhou, where my cousin lived, not far from my parents’ home village of Taixing. My cousin, her son, and an official limo met us as we exited the highway. It was 1946 when I last saw my cousin. What I could not believe was that through the difficult times she experienced in China from 1947 to the 1980s, she still kept a picture of me at age two. I do not even own a copy of this picture. Her son, a local Communist Party secretary and vice mayor of Taizhou, arranged very nice hotel rooms for us, and my cousin and I shared a room for two nights. We talked past midnight and tried to catch up on the missing 62 years. Her father, my uncle, deserted her and her mother when she was little. Because of his ties to the Chiang Kai-shek government, she and her mother suffered during Mao’s regime right after 1949. His new wife in Taiwan would not acknowledge my cousin and her mother so they received no financial support from him. My mother sent them money from Taiwan as often as possible. They were very grateful. I also discovered that although time and miles separated us, my cousin and I shared similar personalities. We are strong willed and opinionated people who do not give up easily. We both do not approve of Chinese patriarchy.

On the seventh day of our trip, we toured my parents’ home villages. My father’s family had been wealthy landlords for generations, and therefore punished by the Communist government. Where their house once stood was now farmland. Several farmers working in the field claimed that their parents knew my uncles or worked in the old grand house. The elementary school that my great grandfather built had been transformed into small family factories, but the original gate was preserved. In my mother’s home village, only a small portion of her old house still stood. My grandmother and my cousin’s mother were buried in simple graves next to the house and by a small stream.

Another cousin, who also received my mother’s financial assistance from the 1950s to the 1980s, insisted that we should visit her in Yangzhou, where she lived with her children. On the eighth day of our trip, we went to Yangzhou with her and visited the Slender West Lake, which was built for a visiting Ching Dynasty emperor. It was a lovely man-made Chinese garden full of small buildings and bridges. This cousin took us to a jade store, where her children bought a beautiful jade bracelet for my moth-

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er in gratitude for her financial support during their difficult times. They all kept reminding me to tell my mother that they were fine now after the government changed its policy post-Cultural Revolution.

From Yangzhou, we crossed the Yangtze River again to Hangzhou, where my mother-in-law was born and raised. Another one of my husband's cousins met us and showed us the famous West Lake, which is beautiful and includes work done by famous Chinese poets and literary giants. We also visited the grave of my husband's grandfather who was once the President of Peking University. The visit was very low key without any flower or fruit. The cousin did not think any such offerings were necessary. We also met my mother-in-law's second-oldest brother, age 92.

On the tenth day of our trip, with the help of the hotel concierge, I hired a taxi to take us to Fengqiao two hours away from Hangzhou. After we settled on the time and price, he asked me why we wanted to visit Fengqiao, which was not usually a tourists' destination. I told him that my children's great grandfather was the founder of Xuemian High School. His attitude suddenly changed. He immediately said that we deserved the best courtesy since we were descendants of the founder. He changed our taxi to a black BMW. Our driver was the son of the limo company. After arriving at the high school, I under-

stood why this school was so well respected in the area. This school is like the Illinois Math and Science Academy, with almost all students and teachers living on campus. The campus is the size of a small college with many modern buildings, science labs, a new gym, and dormitories for teachers and students. It even has its own tea farm to generate income for the school. We were treated royally by the school administrators. A fresco of my husband's great grandfather stood near the campus entrance.

I could not help but wonder how differently my great grandfather's school and my husband's great grandfather's school were destined. My great grandfather built the school with his own money and his wealth was envied by villagers. But, my husband's great grandfather, a scholar without funds, involved people in the area to work with him and together they established the school that prospers today.

After leaving Hanzhou, we took the very comfortable high speed train from Hangzhou to Shanghai and saw beautiful European-style homes along the way. We were told that these were farmers' multi-family homes. The area between Shanghai and Hangzhou has always been the richest land in China, so is called the country of fish and rice. It is still so today.

In Shanghai, we met more cousins from my mother-in-law's family (she had nine siblings), stayed in a beautiful Westernized hotel, and visited shopping centers. We visited the Shanghai Museum, filled with beautiful artwork and historical items. Being in Shanghai was like being in New York City, full of activity and good food.

On the twelfth day of our trip, we left Shanghai at 5:00 pm local time and arrived in Chicago at 5:15 pm local time on the same day after our 15 hour long flight. The trip was twelve days long and we had visited eleven cities and towns. I was so glad that we became acquainted with new and old relatives. My children were able to see where their grandparents came from. Paying respects to ancestors is an important part of the Chinese culture, but its practice differs from place to place and from people to people. Throughout this trip, we enjoyed the hospitality of our relatives, and we appreciated first-hand the generosity of our parents and the vision of our great grandparents.





## UELMA IN ILLINOIS

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You have heard the good news recently about the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA), which became law in Colorado, then California. You may be wondering what the chances are that UELMA will become law in Illinois.

Although I expect that UELMA will become law in Illinois, our state is not presently on the short list of states that hope for passage very soon. It isn't that we expect problems, but the uniform law isn't near the top of the list of Illinois state priorities for our commissioners right now. Still, I'm working closely with the Uniform Law Commission, AALL's Emily Feltren, and other allies in our state to establish support and prepare ourselves for when a bill is introduced.

AALL and the Uniform Law Commission (ULC) have been partners from the beginning, thanks to the efforts of our good friend Michele Timmons, the Revisor of Statutes in Minnesota and a ULC Commissioner. Ms. Timmons was invited to the 2007 AALL National Summit on Authentication of Digital Legal Information, after which she asked the ULC to form a study committee to consider the complicated legal issues surrounding authentication and to determine the feasibility of proposing a uniform law or model act that could help the states. The study committee eventually became a drafting committee chaired by Ms. Timmons. Barbara Bintliff, our colleague who is now at the University of Texas, was appointed Reporter. After two years of meetings among state officials and other stakeholders, UELMA was approved by the ULC at its meeting in Vail, Colorado in July 2011. I was fortunate to attend nearly every meeting of the drafting committee, and saw final passage in Vail as AALL's observer, so I have a deep

appreciation of the hard work that went into UELMA.

ULC has commissioners in every state who usually take the lead about which states should be approached first. I have made a couple of trips in Illinois to provide information about UELMA and to look for support. I attended two meetings of the Illinois Library Association (ILA) and found both groups to be very supportive of our efforts.

The first Illinois meeting I attended on behalf of UELMA was the ILA Public Policy Committee, a group who met in Burr Ridge, IL on October 1. I provided information about UELMA in advance and they agreed unanimously to recommend to the ILA Board that UELMA be supported. When I went to the ILA Board Meeting in Normal, IL on November 9, the Board unanimously voted to endorse our efforts to get UELMA passed in Illinois. They were so cordial, and each group understood immediately the importance of our desire to preserve, authenticate, and ensure permanent public access to state legal materials. When the time is right, I know that ILA will help us if we need them.

It was an eye-opener to hear both of the groups talk about the issues of importance to them. They have a very knowledgeable lobbyist, Kip Kolkmeier, who keeps them informed of developments in the General Assembly, and I learned a lot about Illinois library issues that I probably should not summarize in writing. Suffice it to say that we have terrific librarians in Illinois who have a lot of tough issues to face, and it was a pleasure to find them willing to add our issue to their long list. Questions? Call me at 312-906-5610.

### Website Guidelines, CALL Committees, and Discussion Forum Policies

Pursuant to the recommendations of the *CALL Bulletin* Special Committee, the Website Guidelines, the list of current members of CALL Committees and the Discussion Forum Policies will no longer be published in the *Bulletin*. They are published on the CALL website:

Website Guidelines: [http://new.chicagolawlib.org/?page\\_id=128](http://new.chicagolawlib.org/?page_id=128)

CALL Committees: [http://new.chicagolawlib.org/?page\\_id=103](http://new.chicagolawlib.org/?page_id=103)

Discussion Forum Policies: [http://new.chicagolawlib.org/?page\\_id=143](http://new.chicagolawlib.org/?page_id=143)



## REPORT ON IFLA 2012 IN HELSINKI

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Following Finland's tradition of fine Nordic design, the 2012 IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations) conference in Helsinki was a wonderful example of creative planning and excellent presentation. Highlights of the Aug. 11-17 meeting included a welcoming and thought-provoking opening session, valuable educational programs, and interesting exhibits and social events. This gathering also provided ample opportunities for networking and sharing of ideas among the nearly 4000 delegates from 120 countries (about 300 from the U.S.) who attended.

During this conference, IFLA leaders focused attention on five key initiatives, in the areas of (1) digital content, (2) international leadership development, (3) outreach for advocacy and advancement of the profession, (4) cultural heritage disaster reconstruction, and (5) multilingualism. Arising from some sectors of the membership during the conference was another theme: a call for a more transparent approach by the IFLA organization, with greater web awareness and more emphasis on dialogue.

The Section on Law Libraries (one of IFLA's 43 sections) began in 2007 and currently has 45 members. The section's Standing Committee, chaired by Claire Germain, met twice during the 2012 conference. Recruitment of four new members for the Standing Committee is one objective of the group for 2013. There are also several openings for individuals to become Corresponding Members of the Standing Committee (a position which does not require in-person attendance at each IFLA conference but simply an interest in the work of the section and a willingness to be involved virtually). Increasing the membership of the section is also an important goal. Minutes of the section are being provided in French and Spanish, thanks to translations produced by section members.

Planning is underway for Law Libraries Section programs for the IFLA 2013 conference, which will be

held in Singapore, with the theme "Future Libraries: Infinite Possibilities." Following the tradition set up for Puerto Rico in 2011 and followed in Helsinki in 2012 (see below), the main program to be sponsored by the Law Libraries Section in Singapore will focus on collecting data about the online legal materials of countries in the region of the meeting, to add to a global index of online primary legal sources and their status in regard to open access, official status, and authentication. A new working group has been formed to create an index of countries, indicating to what extent their governments provide open access to legal information, authentication of digital legal information, and preservation for long-term access. This working group will also be exploring the feasibility of proposing an IFLA standard regarding these matters. (A new IFLA Committee on Standards was established earlier this year.)

In Helsinki, the main program sponsored by the Law Libraries Section (with the co-sponsorship of three other sections) was: *Promoting global access to law: developing an open access index for official authenticated legal information. Part 2: Europe.* (<http://conference.ifla.org/ifla78/session-129>). The session and its four speakers were introduced by Elizabeth Naumczyk (Head Librarian, International Criminal Court Library, The Hague, Netherlands). Juha Raitio (Professor of European Law, University of Helsinki) provided an overview of the relevant characteristics of the Finnish legal system and legal thinking, exploring different sources of law and examining the influence of the European law on Finnish jurisprudence.

Aki Hietanen (Director of Information Services, Finnish Ministry of Justice) spoke about e-law and free access to legislation in Finland and Europe. He outlined the historical evolution and movement toward free access to legal information in European countries

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and the European Union, focusing on documents such as official gazettes and on databases that provide either consolidated texts or original texts of laws. Most European countries offer open access to their online legislation; in some the access is free of charge, while in others it is fee-based. Electronic-only format for legislation (with no print equivalent) is provided by some countries. Some online gazettes are authenticated. Trends in the use of electronic technologies in the field of justice include electronic exchange of court documents, electronic registers, and the European E-Justice portal. He concluded by analyzing Finland's movement toward free access to legal information.

Claire M. Germain (Associate Dean for Legal Information and Clarence J. TeSelle Professor of Law, University of Florida Legal Information Center, USA) spoke about worldwide access to foreign law and movement toward digital authentication at the international and national level. She discussed the challenge for governments of finding ways to ensure the authenticity and permanence of legal information, particularly born-digital information which has no print equivalent. She reviewed the efforts of the European Commission and the Hague Conference on Private International Law, which convened a joint conference on Access to Foreign Law in Civil and Commercial Matters in Belgium in February 2012. She also traced U.S. efforts at the federal and state levels that have led to the enactment of the Uniform Electronic Material Act (UELMA) of 2011. She emphasized the role that U.S. law librarians have played in promoting changes to government information policies.

Edita Bacic (University of Split, Faculty of Law, Split, Croatia) spoke on the improvement of the free legal aid system in Croatia and their Twinning Light Project ("Improvement of Free Legal Aid System") with Lithuania, which is aimed toward providing better access to justice in Croatia for those who are unable to bear the costs of legal services. This is being done by training and improving the skills of the lawyers who provide legal services in the Department for Legal Aid within the Ministry of Justice and State Administration Offices in Croatia.

The Law Libraries Section co-sponsored four additional programs with other sections. Topics of three of those sessions were: copyright law and legal deposit for audiovisual materials; trends in government libraries and prospects for new user services; and empowering library users to solve problems. These programs provided perspectives on these topics from various countries around the world.

A fourth co-sponsored program (with the Section on Library and Research Services for Parliaments) was *Libraries for the Law and for Lawmakers* (<http://conference.ifla.org/ifla78/session-214>). Sonia Poulin and Rhonda O'Neill (Alberta Law Libraries, Canada) shared their experience implementing a new model of governance, organization and structure for Alberta Libraries, which promotes greater communication and collaboration among the libraries. Soledad Ferreiro and Christian Sifaqui (Biblioteca del Congreso Nacional de Chile) described their program to promote citizenship involvement and understanding of the lawmaking process in Chile as well as their implementation of open linked data services, including data from LeyChile. John Pullinger (House of Commons, United Kingdom) and Robert Newlen (Law Library of Congress, USA) spoke about plans to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta in 2015.

Among other programs of interest was one on the topic of surveillance in cyberspace, featuring Siva Vaidhyanathan, who is well-known in the U.S. as a cultural historian, media scholar, and author of several books, including the 2011 *The Googlization of Everything (and Why We Should Worry)*. He was also one of several plenary speakers for the IFLA conference (having previously served as plenary speaker for the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting).

Members of the Law Libraries Section enjoyed a lovely Wednesday evening reception at Kaisa House, the brand-new main library of the University of Helsinki, located in the City Centre. Collections combined in the new facility include law, social sciences, arts and literature, theology, and languages. The design for this building was selected by an open competition. Since the new library had not yet officially opened, the reception provided us with a special preview of its beautiful and functional design and furnishings, all of which were quite impressive.

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## AALL JOINT RESEARCH GRANT COMMITTEE

Do you have an idea for a research project but could use a little money to get started? Maybe buy some statistical software? Hire a research assistant? Subscribe to SurveyMonkey or Zoomerang? Then you are in luck! The AALL OBS-SIS and TS-SIS Joint Research Grant Committee is now accepting applications for the 2013 Joint Research Grant!

The purpose of the Online Bibliographic Services and Technical Services Special Interest Sections' Joint Research Grant is to provide support to American Association of Law Libraries members conducting research specific to technical services law librarianship that will enhance law librarianship service to our clients.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** AALL membership is required. Preference will be given to applicants who are members of the OBS and/or TS SISs at the time of application. Evidence that the research and publication will directly or indirectly benefit technical services law librarianship must be shown.

**GRANT AWARDS:** JRGC awards grants in a single year ranging in amount of no more than \$1,000 at the discretion of JRGC, --and-- pending approval of each grant amount each year as authorized by OBS and TS Executive Boards.

**DEADLINES:** Complete applications are due to the JRGC Chair **no later than March 31, 2013**. Grant recipients will be announced at the annual AALL meeting. Award amounts will be mailed to successful grant recipients as soon as final approval is received by the JRGC Chair.

For more information on the grant and the application process, please visit: <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/obssis/research/researchinfo.htm>

If you have any further questions, please email the JRGC Chair, Hollie White at [hollie.white@law.duke.edu](mailto:hollie.white@law.duke.edu)

## 2013 Webinar Proposals

Are you (or do you know) an expert who can share best practices? Is your library rethinking value and delivering services in an innovative way? Is there a new process that your library has instituted? If you've got a great idea to share, AALL invites you to [submit a webinar proposal for 2013](#).

We are looking for content that will provide a combination of just-in-time and practical learning, as well as provide solutions and new ways of thinking that stretch or change traditional approaches. Topics/areas to consider include but are not limited to:

- Technology (existing/emerging)
- Electronic resource management
- New competencies for law librarians
- Library/patron services
- New applications
- Library leadership
- Work flow/efficiency
- Teaching techniques/instructional technology
- Collection development
- Management, library value
- Personal/professional branding

Presenters for webinars can be members or nonmembers with expertise on the topics. Webinar proposals must relate directly to topics valuable to law librarians and legal information professionals in associated environments. Proposals (see [guidelines](#)) will be reviewed on an ongoing basis, and you will be notified within 30 days of your submission.

Submit a webinar proposal today!



## KONYA LAFFERTY AT AALL IN BOSTON

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I am very appreciative of the generosity of CALL and the CALL Grants and Chapter Awards Committee and it is with much gratitude that I submit this report of my attendance at the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. Attendance has helped me grow as a new librarian and as a solo librarian. I am pleased to share a few highlights of my experience.

CALL member Jerry Trenholm advised me to network as much as possible and he arranged for one of his contacts, Jennifer Berman of McDermott in California, to give me some introductions. I attended an informal dinner with her on Friday night before events began on Saturday. Dinner attendees included ten AALL members who have known each other for many years and have benefited from one another's research skills though living in various cities across the country. They were a fun and informative group who offered much advice on how to make the most of the sessions. This networking experience alone made the conference worthwhile.

Especially important was getting to know the Digital Access to Legal Information Committee members with whom I will serve this year. We discussed our 2012 – 2013 plans of promoting UELMA and working on the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Uniform Citation Manual. So many resigning committee members have continued to participate in the first conference call and have suggested that I call them with any questions because they still care about and believe in the work of the committee. I think I will learn a lot from their contributions.

Advised to attend at least one session that does not apply to my current job, I chose "Books: Commentaries,

Marginalia, Bookplates, and More." In this session, Mike Widener, Rare Books Librarian at the Yale Law Library, shared images of historical documents housed in his library and also told us about posting pictures to the Consortium of European Research Libraries for a collaborative approach in identifying clues like signatures found in the rare books. I would like to use a similar approach to try to identify a ticket stub that was recently found in my library. It was tucked away in a 1931 volume of *Law of Illinois* and mentions the White City Stadium and the intersection of South Parkway and 63rd. The year is unmentioned, but this is a pretty old ticket based on an admission price of 25 cents for two people. The stub is not vital to our library, but I thought it could be a fun way to explore resources for identifying rare items. If you enjoy history and would like to help unravel the ticket stub mystery, please free to contact me ([klafferty@court.state.il.us](mailto:klafferty@court.state.il.us)).

I want to close with a word to those who have never attended an annual meeting – go to AALL in Seattle in 2013. You get AALL2go, which allows you to listen to any unattended sessions. You get invaluable networking with AALL members across the nation and enrichment from more seasoned law librarians. You will run into classmates from graduate school and catch up on the innovative work they are doing in their current jobs. You will get to visit other libraries to see what they are doing to make a difference. Most importantly, you will grow in your profession, and therefore, contribute to your profession.

Thank you CALL, for investing in me and helping me grow as a law librarian.



## CROWD-SOURCING INNOVATION AT LVI2012

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Law Via the Internet (LVI) is an international conference on open access to law. My first LVI conference was in 1999 in Sydney, Australia. The LVI held this year in Ithaca, New York was my second. Both meetings focused on collaborating to improve free web access to the law around the world. The Legal Information Institute (LII) at Cornell Law School hosted [LVI 2012](#). Over 200 participants from about 40 countries attended. LVI 2012 had five themed tracks and several keynote speakers:

Track 1: The Promise and Reality of e-Participation

Track 2: The Business of (Open) Legal Publishing

Track 3: Free Law and Government Policy

Track 4: Application Development for Open Access and Engagement

Track 5: Data Organization and Legal Informatics

LVI 2012 had several highlights for me. Like [Judy Gaskell](#), I attended Clay Shirky's keynote address on "[Authority in an Age of Open Access](#)." He presented a number of engaging examples of people who successfully put data on the Internet and let others react to the data – the "collaborative construction of knowledge". DARPA put 10 red weather balloons up around the country and offered \$40,000 for anyone who located all of them. They allotted 30 days for the [challenge](#), but an MIT team found the balloons in less than nine hours through crowd-sourcing social networks and offering monetary incentives to motivate people to help them. The Smithsonian loaded images on Flickr with no labels. People started tagging them. One popular tag was "[moustache](#)." Shirky said: "The problem of cataloging moustaches is that curator time can't be devoted to it," not that they're not interested in doing so. Making data available for people to use can help you find crowd-sourced solutions to challenging problems, and discover new, unexpected ways of doing things. The results can be serious and silly, but very cool. "Openness produces surprising content."

Clay Shirky also gave the example of crowd-sourcing on [Rap Genius](#), a website where people explain rap lyr-

ics, like a "Hip-Hop Wikipedia." He saw that people were annotating the Mayflower Compact and the Virginia Declaration of Rights on Rap Genius. Once again, people were reacting to content by adding their spin to it. People used Rap Genius to decode and interpret legal texts, as if it were "Law Genius." So Clay Shirky followed suit. He put up Apple iTunes' Terms of Service on Rap Genius, and his own take on it. Clay Shirky encouraged lawyers to help people understand the law by adding context and explanatory annotations to legal texts as others had done originally on Rap Genius.

In the Q&A, when asked why some initiatives succeeded and why some failed, Mr. Shirky talked about how it's best to start small for successful collaborations. Wikipedia started out with just 12 articles. From Mr. Shirky's talk, I learned about the law content on [Github](#), a free public repository of documents. For example, you can bulk download the [French Constitution and codes](#), and [Icelandic law](#). After the session, I asked him about motivating law students – what's the legal research teaching version of putting data out there and letting students react to it? He suggested reading Daniel H. Pink's *Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us* book for ideas.

Clay Shirky's talk generated a bit of controversy. Sam Glover blogged about it at [Lawyerist](#). Scott Greenfield followed with a scathing critique at his [Simple Justice](#) blog. There's a danger to laypersons and lawyers explaining the law online. LII's Tom Bruce responded to Mr. Greenfield in his [B-SCREEDS](#) blog that non-lawyer interpretation and commentary on the law happens, and in case of public comment on regulations, is a *requirement*, and yet, "the bodies are not littering the streets." [Sam Glover](#) also responded: "Shirky's point...is that non-lawyers are — en masse — already trying to interpret and understand the law, largely without help from lawyers, and will continue to do so using whatever tools are available. Shirky thinks lawyers ought to pitch in and correct the bad interpretations that Scott complains about in his post."

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## Crowd-Sourcing Innovation at LVI2012

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The talks following Clay Shirky's keynote proved less controversial, but no less informative. Andrew Mowbray talked about the [Australasian Colonial Legal History Library](#) in AustLII which includes acts and court cases until Australia federated in 1900, and early New Zealand law. He also discussed the [Australasian Legal History Library](#) project which will include case reports in PDF, but only from 1900-1950 for copyright reasons. As part of the project, AustLII is negotiating with publishers and the Councils of Law Reporting to fill in the gap from 1950-1995. Besides case reports, it will include bills, gazettes, and parliamentary papers. In terms of AustLII generally, he spoke of providing permanent public access to documents and publications. "If you put stuff on AustLII, it will be there forever." He stressed the importance of cooperation and collaboration with existing smaller projects to build AustLII content.

The AustLII folks also developed the [award-winning LawCite](#) citator. It draws from data available in all 14 Legal Information Institutes (LIIs) in WorldLII (covering 123 jurisdictions). This includes mostly common law jurisdictions. For case-law, LawCite provides different views: All citations, Most cited, Least cited, Bibliographic coupling. For example, with *Mabo v. Queensland (No. 2)*, the results show that it's been cited by courts in Canada, Fiji, Kiribati, Malaysia, New Zealand, Samoa, and South Africa, and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, law reform commission reports, law journal articles, and other documents. Using LawCite citation analytics and tools, you can find out which U.S. Supreme Court case has received most citations worldwide. If you guessed *Strickland v. Washington*, you are correct! Note that WorldLII is not a comprehensive global database of case-law. The AustLII component does go back pretty far, though. If you're looking for the 1842 case about Larceny of a Turkey, it's there!

I also attended Anurag Acharya's session, "[Legal Search for Everyone: The Google Scholar Approach](#)." He's the Founding Engineer of Google Scholar. I learned that Google Scholar has a staff of five computer scientists, none of them lawyers. Google Scholar learns from users and actual usage. Users request search and readability improvements, but they have not sought more historical case coverage. Google Scholar does not have a comprehensive collection of U.S. case law. Google Scholar buys the cases it uses, and it needs to recoup its investment. In response to a question, Mr. Acharya said that Google

Scholar would not have an application programming interface (API). That's too bad because an API would enable useful innovations. When I asked him after the Q&A about enabling complex searches, Mr. Acharya said searching within the same sentence or paragraph is "hackery." You are searching that way because you can, not because that's what you really want to find. According to Mr. Acharya, lawyers don't really want terms & connectors searches. Ranking is key.

I attended several presentations on [AfricanLII](#). AfricanLII is a web portal that enables centralized searches for caselaw and legislation by subject from the following Legal Information Institutes (LIIs): LESLII (Lesotho), MOZLII (Mozambique), SWAZILII (Swaziland), ZambalII, ZimLII (Zimbabwe), TanZalII (Tanzania, Zanzibar), LiberLII (Liberia), ULII (Uganda), Botswana Laws. It also has the free Kenya Law Reports. AfricanLII also has discussion fora, which provide embedded public spaces for engagement. See, for instance, the [International Criminal Justice in Africa](#) online community. AfricanLII incorporates a multi-site search, a directory of free law in Africa, law blogs, open access journals, and legal news sites. Because AfricanLII has a staff of four, it focuses on automation rather than curation. AfricanLII's free law initiatives face many challenges: providing access to needed documents in multiple languages (with indigenous languages presenting special problems), authenticating various versions of the documents, sustaining electronic access, engaging users, and finding new ways to improve the user experience.

At the session on "[Making Legal Information Smart, Friendly and Inspiring](#)," the speakers discussed how Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Mainland China use the same Chinese characters for different concepts and the problems this causes for translating law. For example, a Chinese character (親權) translated as "parental authority" in Japan is translated as "parental rights" in Taiwan. The speakers created a [TaiwanLII LawPack](#) database wiki to share ideas about how to resolve these translation problems.

After the LawPack talk, Michael Curtotti spoke about "[Enhancing the Visualization of Law](#)." He described visualization as the "[u]se of graphics, images or symbols... to enhance the communication of meaning contained in or associated with (legislative) text." Visualization helps people understand the law. "Access to law is still impeded by how it is written and visualized." To enhance

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## AALL2go Pick of the Month

AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: [Attorney-Client Confidentiality and the Law Librarian](#).



Although librarians do not meet with clients or function as attorneys in their libraries, librarians do have to be aware of the rules of attorney-client confidentiality. Disclosing confidential client information, even if done so accidentally, could result in waiver of privilege and work-product protection, damage to the client of the client's business, or even lead to ethical claims of breach of duty or malpractice.

In this session, moderator Anne Klinefelter and attorney Marc Laredo review attorney-client confidentiality and explain the ethical and legal requirements for librarians who do legal research. The presenters also give concrete and practical tips on how to support the work of their attorneys and stay compliant with confidentiality requirements.

This program was originally presented at the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. It is available as a streaming video with accompanying PowerPoint slides and can be accessed via [AALL2go](#).

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## **AALL MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE TO BE HELD MARCH 7-9, 2013**

Please save the date for the 2013 AALL Management Institute. Held in Chicago at the Palomar Hotel, the Management Institute will provide new and aspiring managers from all types of law libraries the opportunity to learn management strategies, develop new skills, and learn from colleagues. More information will be available in December, so stay tuned.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CULTURAL MOSAIC: CALL MEMBERS ATTEND IALL IN CANADA

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Five CALL members (Anne Abramson, Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Julienne Grant, Heidi Kuehl, and Jean Wenger) attended the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Course on International Law Librarianship in Toronto, Canada the week of October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Annual Course is sponsored by the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) and is held at a different location each year.

The 2012 Course was entitled "Canada: The Cultural Mosaic and International Law" and offered a variety of programs on Canadian legal topics. Speakers included Dean Lorne Sosin of the Osgoode Hall Law School (York University), Professor Ayelet Shachar of the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, and Professor Peter Hogg of Osgoode. Participants also heard from law librarians representing the University of New Brunswick, l'Université Laval (Québec), Queen's University (Ontario), the University of Toronto, and Osgoode. The Chief Justice of Canada, Beverley McLachlin, also addressed the attendees via video.

Along with the programs, the Course included tours of local law libraries. Participants saw the Great Library of the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Legislative Library of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, and Osgoode Hall Law School's library. Attendees also had some time to explore Toronto, which offers a wonderful array of cultural attractions and restaurants, and is one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world.



*Heidi Kuehl in the Great Library of the Law Society of Upper Canada*

The following are three CALL members' reports on their experiences at the conference:

### **Anne Abramson**

As I typed up my notes from the IALL Conference over these past few days, I was able to relive the ultimate conference experience of my career as a Foreign and International Law Librarian. I had never been to Toronto or to an IALL conference before. Often IALL conferences are in far away, exotic places. One recent conference was in Kuala Lumpur, for example.

Given the logistics, I did not consider going to an IALL Conference a realistic possibility. The selection of Toronto as the venue for the 2012 Conference, however, presented a rare opportunity to attend, given the proximity of Toronto to Chicago. Also, coincidentally, my husband's close childhood friend, Ellen, visited us last July. Ellen and her husband have an apartment in Toronto. They kindly offered us a place to stay during the Conference this October. The availability of free lodgings in Toronto with Ellen's cats, Max and Snugglepuss, made it inevitable. I was going to Toronto for my first IALL Conference.

The opening reception itself was a thrill and even a touch surreal. It took place in beautiful Osgoode Hall of the Law Society of Upper Canada and featured a Scottish town crier and aboriginal drummers, all of which gave

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us a taste of Canadian history and culture. A highlight for me was simply seeing so many wonderful colleagues from around the world, and also from sweet home Chicago in person. I was particularly delighted to see three dear colleagues, who were kind enough to speak to my International Legal Research class in years past, all in the same room together: Carole Hinchcliff from Melbourne, Australia, Nancy McCormack from Kingston, Ontario and our own Jean Wenger from Chicago.

Our Canadian hosts created an extraordinary program of impressive speakers, many of whom were faculty from York University's Osgoode Hall Law School and the University of Toronto Law School. Topics like International Human Rights, Anti-Terrorism Law, Domestic Implementation of International Law and International Environmental Law are all extremely relevant to the work that I do in my role as Foreign and International Law Librarian here at John Marshall. I found the comparative approach, that is, learning about these topics from a uniquely Canadian point of view, especially enlightening.

For example, University of Toronto Professor Cheryl Milne provided an in-depth analysis of the infamous Bountiful case that involved polygamy in a fundamentalist Mormon community in British Columbia. This case offers a fascinating view of Canadian criminal law and procedure, as well as Canada's international obligations to women and children. Similarly, we were privileged to listen to Professor Peter Hogg, Scholar-in-Residence and former Dean of the Osgoode Hall Law School at York University. Professor Hogg is the author of the only current, major treatise on Canadian constitutional law. As a native New Zealander, his foray into Canadian constitutional law teaching and scholarship was rather fortuitous. The field had been something of a backwater, but is now a hot area since the adoption of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in 1982. Professor Hogg's treatise has expanded exponentially as a result. His latest empirical research involves tracking legislation after it has been struck down as unconstitutional. Professor Hogg's insights would be of great interest to comparative constitutional law scholars.

Our Canadian law librarian colleagues also gave us a

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*Heidi Kuehl, Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Anne Abramson, and Julienne Grant at IALL*



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valuable update on Canadian legal research and law libraries, beyond *CanLII*. The challenges they face mirror in many respects the challenges we face here in the United States. Canadian law librarians must contend with the common misperception that “everything is on the Internet”, while knowing that access to legal information is not enough. Patrons need help understanding how the law affects their daily lives. To address this need, the Bora Laskin Law Library at the University of Toronto has created a “You and the Law” website for the community: <http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/comminfo/community.htm>.

The Conference concluded with a presentation by Dr. Donald Simpson, founder of the International Institute for Innovation. Dr. Simpson’s peripatetic career is impossible to summarize, but extremely inspiring. Without the aid of *PowerPoint* or props, he mesmerized his audience with stories of his involvement with Crossroads Africa and the town of North Buxton, Ontario, which was founded by runaway American slaves. At 80+ years of age, he is still

going strong. Archives from Dr. Simpson’s remarkable life are now housed at York University.

Unfortunately, I had to miss the closing dinner and the optional day in Niagara. Both sounded like memorable events. I could not conclude my summary of highlights, however, without mention of dinner at the Toronto landmark, the CN Tower.

Aside from my learning experience at the Conference, I learned almost as much living as a “native” in Toronto. I count taking the bus and subway from Lawrence Avenue to the Conference Center, driving downtown in our friends’ SUV and managing the logistics of meeting my husband for our anniversary dinner as major accomplishments during my brief stay. My impressions of Toronto are extremely positive. I appreciated how clean and safe the city is, and how courteous the people are. The “cultural mosaic” that was the theme of our conference was evident everywhere, giving Toronto the sophistication of a true global metropolis. At the same time, the friendliness reminded me a bit of the Twin Cities where I began my career in law librarianship many years ago. Toronto even has its own “mini-Times Square” like New York City, and prices to match. Even without a conference to attend, I hope to go back again one day soon.

P.S. I will soon be sending thank-you gifts to my generous Canadian feline hosts, Max and Snugglepuss. Something from “Barker & Meowsky, a paw firm” seems appropriate. <http://www.barkerandmeowsky.com/>

### Lyonette Louis-Jacques

“Multiculturalism” doesn’t mean what I think it means. I always thought it meant diversity of all types – racial, ethnic, cultural, religious. I found out at IALL 2012 in Toronto that, in Canada, multiculturalism usually means bilingualism and allowing the diverse cultures of this “nation of immigrants” to thrive. The peoples of Canada strive to work together while remaining unique. Canada is not a melting pot. It does not assimilate cultures. Canadians celebrate their differences. This was brought home to me, not only by the TV news where news anchors described the race, skin color, and hairstyle of an alleged offender, but in the IALL educational programs.

The keynote speaker discussed how multiculturalism became Canada’s export to the world. And Canadians didn’t know or appreciate that they had created something special until outsiders valued it. One example is Canada’s approach to international human rights. Its respect for the autonomy of the First Nations provides a model for an



*Great Library of the Law Society of Upper Canada*

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international community concerned with the rights of indigenous peoples.

The IALL meeting featured people stories, successful collaborations, and opportunities for librarian partnerships. Douglas Sanderson, managing editor of the first issue of the *Indigenous Law Journal* and a member of the *Opaskwayak Cree Nation*, told of how his Nation's treaty with the Canadian federal government provided that each Band member receive \$5 annually. The treaty did not allow for increases due to inflation. Now, each year around Christmas, a federal agent comes down with a box of freshly minted \$5 bills. The Band members line up, and the federal agent ceremoniously hands each one a \$5 bill. Band members value the ceremony as it confirms the special relationship the Opaskwayak Cree Nation has with the Canadian federal government.

Another speaker, Donald Simpson, told us that, as his Ph.D. thesis, he wrote a history of North Buxton, Canada, a thriving community built by runaway slaves from the United States. He tried to get the 1,100-page thesis published, but at the time publishers told him Canada did not have enough of a Black population to form a market for the book. Fifty years later, several members of the community managed to get his manuscript published. One said, too bad Simpson did not live to see it published. A friend said, "He's alive. Let's send him a copy." Don told us other stories, about his license plate that starts with 006 (so he told his kids – "Oh, your dad's licensed to maim, but not to kill"), his theory of innovative leadership, his initiatives that brought hundreds of African students to Canada for a university education, and his 300 boxes of papers stored in different places in Canada and part of Africa. He left many of the boxes behind when he moved away from Africa. He returned decades later and found his boxes still intact. He heard the person with whom he left the boxes say, "See, I told you he'd come back for the papers." He donated his papers to the York University Library and has been collaborating with the archivist there to organize his "fonds". The Clara Thomas Archives & Special Collections has published [an inventory of his papers](#).

I was intrigued by Dominique Lapierre's presentation. Most of the presenters conducted their sessions in Eng-



*Lyonette Louis-Jacques: Up close and personal with the Stanley Cup  
(photo courtesy of Connie Crosby)*

lish, but Dominique, who is a librarian at l'Université Laval in Québec, interwove French-language videos and resources into her talk. Those of us who attended her presentation got to experience a little bit of Canada's strong focus on bilingualism. Dominique showed us several resources that resulted from successful collaboration and initiatives of the Québec Bar and the Wilson & Lafleur publishers – a free journal articles database (eDOCTRINE), and a Q&A/encyclopedic site (TOPO), via CAIJ (Centre d'accès à l'information juridique). These partnerships commendably provide free law content for Canadians and for us, too!

Finally, other news on the database front. Professor Gus Van Harten of Osgoode Hall told us about his "knowledge mobilization resource" – the International Investment Arbitration + Public Policy (IIAPP) database. Dr. Rüdiger Krech of the World Health Organization (WHO) solicited the help of interested IALL members in creating a Global Health Law Library focused on highlighting innovative best practices around the world, and particularly in non-Western jurisdictions, with a discussion forum for health law experts. In the vendor updates session ("Developments in International Legal Information"), Shannon Hein mentioned that the Parker School foreign legal research guides will be added to *Spinelli's Law Library Reference Shelf* in *HeinOnline*. He also announced forthcoming *HeinOnline* libraries. One on Women and the Law, and a World Treaties Library!

At IALL in Toronto, we got a chance to see how people of

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different cultures worked to get things done, and how we law librarians can partner and collaborate on innovative initiatives. Next year, IALL meets in Barcelona, Spain. Can't wait for the wonders in store for us!

### Julienne Grant

I attended the 2007 IALL Annual Course in Mumbai, India—thanks partially to a CALL grant. I enjoyed that conference immensely and was pleased to learn that this year's Course was going to be held in Toronto—an hour's flight from Chicago, as opposed to the 15 that I spent flying to Mumbai. The 2012 version was equally as educational, fascinating, and enjoyable. It was particularly gratifying to meet up with colleagues that I had not seen since the 2007 event.

I have some Canadian ancestry through my father, and I always enjoy travelling to Canada. Although I had been to Toronto before, this trip allowed me to explore some places I had not seen, and also to learn something about Canadian law and law libraries. Anne and Lyonette have already done a fantastic job summarizing the conference's educational programs, and I will just add that I also thought the speakers were exceptionally good. I am going to focus my report, however, on the law library visits.

The opening reception of the Annual Course was held at the Great Library of the Law Society of Upper Canada in downtown Toronto. The [Law Society of Upper Canada](#), which was founded in 1797, is the largest law society in Canada and serves as the licensing body for attorneys and paralegals in Ontario. The Society has had a library since the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, but what is now the "Great Library" occupies four floors and encompasses a series of rooms, including the Main Reading Room (completed in 1860) and the American Room (completed in 1895). I have seen many libraries around the world, but these two Rooms are among the most beautiful spaces I have ever seen in a library. The Main Reading Room features Corinthian columns, a stone fireplace, etched glass windows, and a vaulted ceiling, while the American Room has two floors connected by an exquisite spiral cast iron staircase.

Despite its grandeur, the Great Library is still very much a working library. It is the largest private law library in Canada, and it chiefly serves the Society's members who pay annual fees. The collection, numbering over 122,000 volumes, includes primary and secondary print materials from all Canadian jurisdictions and selections from the U.S., U.K., Australia, and New Zealand. The Library also offers Law Society members online access to subscription services, including *Westlaw*, *LexisNexis*, *Quicklaw*, *Hein-Online*, and *JustCite*. The Library is open to the public, although service is restricted to basic assistance and use of the print collection.

Conference attendees were also given the opportunity to tour the [Legislative Library of Ontario](#), which is housed in a wing of the Ontario Provincial Parliament building. This was a real treat as the Library does not serve the general public, but rather MPPs (Members of Provincial Parliament) and parliamentary staff. The Library has a long history, including a fire that completely destroyed the entire collection in 1909 (the current library opened in 1912 and is completely fire-proof). The collection totals around 171,000 volumes, and the oldest book dates back to 1490. On my way out of the Library (I straggled a bit at the end of my group tour), I serendipitously ran into an MPP who led a few of us up to an area where we could view the Ontario Parliament in session (an absolutely fascinating experience and one of the highlights of my trip!).

The third law library that conference attendees toured was the [Osgoode Hall Law School Library](#). Osgoode Law School is part of York University, which is about a 45-minute bus ride from downtown Toronto.



*Julienne Grant outside the Canada Law Book Rare Book Room at Osgoode Hall Law School*

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### Crowd-Sourcing Innovation at LVI2012

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the reading and writing of the law, you can use visualization. For example, you can use color icons to represent different parts of legislation. You can use word clouds to highlight key parts of [contracts](#).

From Pompeu Casanovas' presentation on "Crowdsourced Relational Law and the Redefinition of Public Space," I found out about [GeoConsum](#), a mobile app for [consumer mediation](#) in Catalonia. I also found out that both [Iceland](#) and [Finland](#) were using crowd-sourcing to draft new laws. Since the LVI2012 conference, I have seen news about Iceland's draft constitution all over the place. On

the I.CONnect blog, University of Chicago Law School Professor Tom Ginsburg reported about Iceland's referendum on the "[citizen-drafted proposal for constitutional reform](#)". Simon Fodden blogged about [Iceland's crowd-sourced constitution](#) and Finland's [crowd-sourced legislative initiatives](#) on Slaw.ca. So innovations discussed at LVI2012 have been hot news.

Lessons learned from LVI2012? The free access to law initiatives need funds and staff to confront the challenges of sustainability, maintenance, and engagement. Crowd-sourcing serves as a successful tool for creating content and adding value to law on the Internet. LIIs continue to innovate. Cornell University has made [videos](#) of session from the Law Via the Internet 2012 conference freely available. They're well worth checking out!

## CALL Meeting Schedule 2012-2013

### Business Meetings

- September 20, 2012 (Thurs.)
- November 15, 2012 (Thurs.)
- February 20, 2013 (Wed.)
- May 15, 2013 (Wed.)



*Details will be posted as they become available. Dates subject to change.*

### Executive Board Meetings

- August 14, 2012 (Tues.)
- September 11, 2012 (Tues.)
- October 9, 2012 (Tues.)
- November 13, 2012 (Tues.)
- December 11, 2012 (Tues.)
- January 8, 2013 (Tues.)
- February 12, 2013 (Tues.)
- March 12, 2013 (Tues.)
- April 9, 2013 (Tues.)
- May 14, 2013 (Tues.)

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The Law School itself dates back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century, but became affiliated with York in the 1960s. My tour of the Library was led by Chief Law Librarian Louis Mirando, who shared some of the Library's history as we strolled through the recently-renovated facility. With some 500,000 volumes, the Library is the largest law library in Canada, and it also includes the Canada Law Book Rare Book Room, which houses the largest collection of pre-1900 Canadian legal texts and primary sources anywhere. The Library has wonderful natural light, seating for 350 people, and was buzzing with activity during our visit. I was extremely impressed with some of the innovative ideas and technology that are being utilized, such as placing "reserve" books out on open shelves for 24-hour loans, and allowing self-checkouts with radio frequency technology.

Overall, the law library tours were a nice complement to the conference's educational programs, and a great way to learn more about Canadian law and legal resources. I share my CALL colleagues' enthusiasm for both the conference and the city of Toronto, and I thank IALL and the Local Planning Committee for organizing this very worthwhile event.

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