CALL Bulletin

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As the year comes to a close, Deborah Rusin will end her term as CALL President. She has done a great job and has been instrumental in promoting educational opportunities, such as brown bag lunches and CALL’s Institute Day. We also welcome Sheri Lewis as CALL’s new President for the 2008-2009 term and wish her success. She will work with three new Board members: Gretchen Van Dam, Vice President/President Elect; Ruth Bridges, Treasurer; and Christine Morong, Director. CALL has much to look forward to.

There are some great contributions in this issue of the Bulletin. Susan Boland, for example, is a guest columnist for “TechBuzz.” In the column, she talks about portable applications—a topic that she also addressed at CALL’s Institute Day on April 2, 2008. We also have a general article on CALL’s Institute Day that is accompanied by photos from the event. The Co-Chairs of the Placement and Recruitment Committee, Catherine Leonard and John Kelsey, wrote articles on their Committee’s various activities and accomplishments. Thomas Keefe relates his experiences with Fastcase, an alternative to Westlaw and LexisNexis. Maribel Nash describes opportunities in Chicagoland for CALL members to volunteer (whether or not they have a JD). Finally, our globetrotting Co-Editor, Julienne Grant, describes her recent trip to Chile and has pictures for us to enjoy.

We also have our regular columnists who generously contribute to each issue. Bob Winger chose Chris Simoni this time for “Whatever Happened To ...”; Maria Willner recommends ways for librarians to stay on top of their game this summer; Kathy Bruner and Sue Retzer announce new CALL members in “People and Places”; Eugene Giudice introduces new members in “New Faces, New Shoes”; Janice Collins profiles the Continuing Education Committee; Debbie Ginsberg provides summaries of Board meetings and the “Business Meeting Roundup”; and, Julienne Grant reviews interesting and helpful articles in “Off the Beaten Path.”

The editors appreciate all the contributions to the Bulletin so members can learn, enjoy, and expand their horizons.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Julie and Gail
This is the last President’s Letter I will be writing before I pass the gavel to Sheri Lewis, incoming CALL President. Before I go however, I would like to reflect on what a wonderful experience serving as President has been, and I would like to thank all of you for making it so memorable.

I will not say that the past year has not been a lot of work. It has, but I will say that I would do it all over again! If you really want to get to know CALL, and feel a part of something special, I highly recommend that you become involved. The options are many: you can join a committee, write for the Bulletin, volunteer for a community service project, or consider the possibility of running for the Board.

I personally feel that I owe a special thanks to several people in CALL-- all four having served as President in years past. First, I would like to thank Mary Lu Linnane. Mary Lu gave tirelessly of herself, not only serving as President the year before me, but guiding me through the process as well. She answered ALL of my questions (which were many) without any reluctance or hesitation. She was always available and served as a great mentor who made the experience of serving on the Board rich and rewarding. Before serving on the CALL Board together, I knew of Mary Lu in name only. I now consider her to be a friend.

I would also like to thank Naomi Goodman. I tapped Naomi many times for guidance, not only with regard to serving on the CALL Board (Naomi has an incredible capacity to remember what seems to be every word and detail of the CALL Bylaws, Handbook and Policy Log), but also in years past in the capacity of Co-Editor of the Bulletin (a position that both Naomi and I held). I consider myself fortunate to have the pleasure of knowing Naomi.

I would also like to thank Jean Wenger. Early on, before even getting elected to the CALL Board, Jean (in addition to Mary Lu and Naomi) helped to answer all of my questions about what to expect when serving on the CALL Board, including the expected time commitment. This information was invaluable when writing the proposal I submitted to my employer. As many of you already know, Jean has always been willing to help out and answer a question from a fellow librarian.

I would like to thank Christina Wagner, who has acted as a sounding board as well as a friend. I always felt that Christina believed in my capability to serve on the Board, and showed great support for my determination to give back and serve this wonderful organization.

Lastly, I would like to thank the other current Board members (Sheri Lewis, Julie Pabarja, Debbie Ginsberg, Anne Abramson, and Therese Clarke Arado), the various committee chairs (all those I did not name individually), as well as the CALL organization as a whole for this great and wonderful experience.

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CALL would like to thank Hallett & Sons Expert Movers, Inc. for sponsoring the March 27, 2008 Business Meeting. Hallet donated a model moving truck for a prize drawing.
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This past year saw several special events. During the September 20, 2007 Business Meeting, CALL celebrated its 60th anniversary. The guest speaker was Gary T. Johnson, President of the Chicago History Museum, speaking on the topic “What Law and History Librarians Have Taught Me.” There was a celebratory anniversary cake compliments of Professionals Library Service, Inc., and mementos supplied by Law Bulletin Publishing Company, as well as CALL.

For the March 27, 2008 Business Meeting, the CALL Board once again extended invitations to GSLIS students to attend as CALL's guests. Gretchen Van Dam of Dominican University, as well as Linda Smith of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (LEEP program), were instrumental in spreading the word and getting the invitations to the students. This is a program the CALL Board plans to continue in the years ahead.

On April 2, 2008, CALL hosted an “Institute Day.” The Institute Day was a full-day program entitled “Emerging Technologies and Their Applicability to Law Librarianship.” The program was a huge success, and the Board is hoping to make this a yearly event. Julie Melvin, Chair of the Institute Day Committee, was invaluable in overseeing the Committee and “pulling it all together.” A huge thanks, as well as a personal note of gratitude, goes out to Julie for seeing an idea that came about at AALL in New Orleans come to fruition in Chicago!

As the 2007-08 CALL year comes to a close, two other Board members in addition to Mary Lu Linanne will be leaving. Treasurer Anne Abramson did a great job keeping the books balanced, as well as overseeing the payment of our bills, filing of our annual report with the Illinois Secretary of State, payment of our liability insurance, and the filing of our state and federal income taxes. All of these responsibilities, albeit not very exciting, are critical to the functioning of CALL. Director Therese Clarke Arado came through and accepted an appointment by the Board to serve as Director when two previous Board members serving in the same capacity had to resign. Therese is truly dedicated to the profession--traveling each month to Chicago from Northern Illinois University to attend the Board meetings that began at 9:00 a.m.

Before I close, I would like to introduce you to the 2008-09 CALL Board: Sheri Lewis, President; Gretchen Van Dam, Vice President/President-Elect; myself, Debbie Rusin, Past President; Debbie Ginsberg, Secretary; Ruth Bridges, Treasurer; Julie Pabarja, Director; and Chris Morong, Director.

The future of CALL is strong thanks to its many volunteers who give tirelessly of their time and 2008-09 looks to be another exciting year. I hope you will all be there to celebrate it with me!

Thank you,

Deborah Rusin
President 2007-08
Executive Board Minutes Summary
February 12, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Anne Abramson, Therese Clarke Arado, Debbie Ginsberg, Sheri Lewis, Mary Lu Linnane, Julie Pabarja, Debbie Rusin

Summary:
Treasurer’s Report (Section IV):
1. CALL Balance as of January 31, 2008: $33,680.58
2. Net Income, January 2008: -$140.28
3. Membership as of January 31, 2008: 319

Archives: The archives will move from Loyola to Northern Illinois University in 2009. Therese Clarke Arado will be responsible for CALL’s archives.

Policy Recommendations/Handbook updates:
Elections: Future elections be shortened from six weeks and that the election not be scheduled to end on a weekend.

Executive Board Minutes Summary
March 11, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Anne Abramson, Therese Clarke Arado, Debbie Ginsberg, Sheri Lewis, Mary Lu Linnane, Julie Pabarja, Debbie Rusin

Summary:
Treasurer’s Report (Section IV):
1. CALL Balance as of February 29, 2008: $31,436.28
2. Net Income, February 29: -$2,244.30
3. Membership as of February 29, 2008: 322

Policy Recommendations/Handbook updates:
Elections: Future elections be shortened from six weeks and that the election not be scheduled to end on a weekend.

Executive Board Minutes Summary
April 8, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Anne Abramson, Therese Clarke Arado, Debbie Ginsberg, Sheri Lewis, Mary Lu Linnane, Debbie Rusin

Board Members Absent: Julie Pabarja

New Board Members Present: Ruth Bridges and Chris Morong

Other CALL Members Present: Annette Cade and Helen King-Desai

Summary:
Treasurer’s Report (Section IV):
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1. CALL Balance as March 31, 2008: $22,965.60
2. Net Income, March 31: $1,529.32
3. Harris Bank CD: $10,000
   New members (2008-2009): 8

Policy Recommendations/Handbook updates:

1. **Nominating Committee**: The Committee should remind members who run for office of the exact dates of the CALL Board each year.
2. **Placement and Recruitment Committee**: The Board recommends that CALL participate in the 2009 Dominican Student Association Evening.
3. **Grants Committee**: The Board indicated the Committee should continue to use the donation provided by Wolters-Kluwer to fund student memberships.

Significant Actions:

1. The Board authorized the Internet Committee to purchase a website account through HostICan, a commercial webhost.
2. Joanne Kiley was elected 2008-2010 CALL Treasurer, but resigned. Under the authority of Article 10, Section 10.4 of current Bylaws, the Board appointed Ruth Bridges as Treasurer. The Vice-President /President Elect is Gretchen Van Dam and the new Director is Chris Morong.
3. The Board proposed Bylaws changes to Article IV, Article XII, and Article XIII at the March 27th business meeting. During discussion, some members voiced concerns about Article IV because the proposed changes would give associate members the right to vote in elections. A motion was made to amend the proposal to remove the right to vote for associate members. The motion passed by a slight majority (29 to 27). However, the Board decided to withdraw the proposed changes for Article IV and to proceed only with Articles XII and XIII. A majority of eligible members present at the meeting voted to allow the proposed Bylaws changes for Articles XII and XIII to proceed to a vote of the full membership.
CALL Business Meeting
March 27, 2008

The meeting began with the announcement of the results of the 2008-2009 Chicago Association of Law Libraries Board election. CALL elected:

- Vice President/President Elect: Gretchen Van Dam
- Treasurer: Joanne Kiley
- Director: Chris Morong

Unfortunately, Joanne Kiley resigned for personal reasons. The Board, pursuant to Article 10, Section 10.4 of the current Bylaws, appointed Ruth Bridges as Treasurer. Ruth has accepted the position. A motion to destroy the ballots passed.

Seven library students from Dominican University and the University of Illinois attended as guests.

The March Business Meeting was sponsored by Hallett & Sons Expert Movers. Hallett donated a model moving truck for a prize drawing. Helen King-Desai won the model truck.

The meeting’s speaker was Paul Whitsitt, the Director of the Chicago Public Schools’ Department of Libraries and Information Services. He received his library degree from Dominican University and his JD from the University of Michigan. He worked as a labor and employment attorney before becoming a librarian in the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) system. After four years at DuSable, he became an administrator, first supporting high school libraries, later moving into his current position.

Paul spoke about “The Role of School Librarians in Primary and Secondary Education in the 21st Century.” The PowerPoint slides from the presentation may be found in the Members-Only section of the CALL website at http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/downloads/whitsitt.ppt.

The Chicago Public Schools system has 650 schools. It includes 500 libraries and 500 librarians. Some schools share buildings and libraries, while others do not have libraries. Some libraries have more than one librarian; others have part-time librarians.

In the Chicago Public Schools, 92% of the students are minorities, and 85% are low income students. The CPS educates 19% of all students in Illinois.

The Department of Libraries and Information Services supports all of the libraries in CPS schools. The Department employs 7 professionals. Each professional is a liaison to libraries in specific geographic districts in Chicago, each supporting around 70-100 libraries. Staff librarians visit as many libraries as they can each year. The Department also offers a resource center for librarians and teaching staff. Its

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vision statement reads:

*All students and staff in the Chicago Public Schools are effective users of ideas and information, competent and enthusiastic readers, independent learners, and positive contributors to the school community and to society.*

In the CPS, principals are in charge of school budgets. The Department educates principals on the importance of libraries, especially in light of a recent Illinois study that found that well-funded libraries equipped with connected computers lead to better test scores. The Department also runs a matching grant program, through which the Department matches the funds the principal puts into the school library.

The Department also assists the libraries with handling other current issues. For example, high school libraries are available on a flexible schedule – students and staff use those libraries whenever they need to. Primary schools, on the other hand, use the library on a fixed schedule, meaning that students and teachers mostly use the library only during special classes. The Department is devising ideas which would allow the primary school libraries to be more flexible.

The Department is addressing issues of information literacy. Evaluation is difficult to teach, and teachers are not always prepared to teach this skill. In addition to basic information literacy, the Department is also educating the CPS about the ethical use of information, the role information has in society, and how to find information for personal growth.

One of the more recent projects the Department has been working on is improving networking opportunities for CPS librarians. The Department has created Librarian Learning Communities for the librarians to share and communicate ideas. With the help of a grant and an enthusiastic librarian, the Department has created an island in Second Life. Future projects include a city-wide automated library system and finding ways to fund library hours beyond traditional school hours.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion about proposed Bylaws changes. The Board proposed Bylaws amendments to Article IV, Article XII, and Article XIII (see Proposed Bylaws Changes Letter [http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/proTECTED/bylawsLtr2008.pdf] and Proposed Changes [http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/proTECTED/by-lawsRedline2008.pdf]). During discussion, some members voiced concerns about Article IV because the proposed changes would give associate members the right to vote in elections. A motion was made to amend the proposal to remove the right to vote for associate members. The motion passed by a slight majority (29 to 27). However, the Board decided to withdraw the proposed changes for Article IV and to proceed only with Articles XII and XIII. A majority of eligible members present at the meeting voted to allow the proposed Bylaws changes for Articles XII and XIII to proceed to a vote of the full membership.

Vice President Sheri Lewis distributed Volunteer forms for 2008-2009 CALL committees.

Denise Glynn of the Grants Committee encouraged members to apply for CALL Grants. The deadline for applying for a grant for the 2008 AALL Annual Meeting in Portland is April 18, 2008. Nominations for CALL Awards are due April 1st.

Katie Leonard of the Placement and Recruitment Committee encouraged participation in the “Day in the Life” program, which offers opportunities for library students to shadow professional librarians for a day.

Julie Melvin, Chair of the CALL Institute Day Subcommittee, mentioned that a few spots were still available for those CALL members who wanted to attend. LexisNexis sponsored the breakfast, while Thomson sponsored lunch. Registration closed on March 31st.

Todd Ito of the Community Service Committee announced several upcoming projects. On Earth Day, CALL worked with Friends of the Park to help clean up Union Park. The CASA Put Your Foot Down 5K race will take place on May 29th at 6:30 pm. CALL will collect new or gently used women’s clothing for Dress for Success at the May Business Meeting.

Door prizes were provided by Professionals Library Service, Inc. This meeting’s winners included Todd Ito and Kevin McClure.

*Photo courtesy of Helen King-Desai*
Congratulations to the 2008/2009
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I took a hiatus from the column over the winter to dedicate time to writing about my trip to India, but I am now back searching for more gems for the column. This time around, I primarily found articles in the AALL local association and SIS publications, but the ILA Reporter and the newsletter of the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians (BIALL) are also represented. I must admit I had a great time reviewing all of these publications to get a sense of what’s happening in libraries at the local, national, and international levels.

The articles listed in this issue’s column cover a variety of subjects, but tend to focus more on firm libraries. Even if you are not in a firm, however, you will likely find some relevance in their content. Check out, for example, Charlotte Osborn-Bensaada’s piece on how her law firm started a current awareness service—a great marketing tool for any type of law library. CALL’s own Julie Melvin also authored an excellent article on copyright that is well worth a read. Although Julie’s contribution focuses on law firms, all law librarians will find the content to be pertinent. Finally, if you’ve ever wondered what it would be like to be a firm librarian in the Caribbean, check out Thomas Borkowski’s “Working in a Law Library Offshore.”

Enjoy the articles, and have a great summer! As always, please feel free to e-mail me if you ever run across an item you think might be a candidate for inclusion in the column.

**COPYRIGHT COMPLIANCE (LAW FIRMS)**


Julie Melvin, a CALL member, wrote this insightful and interesting piece for the newsletter of AALL’s Private Law Libraries Special Interest Section. The article addresses the issue of copyright compliance as it specifically relates to the law firm environment. For the article, Julie talked to a panel of law firm librarians both on and off the record, including CALL’s own Valerie Kropf of DLA Piper. According to the author, all of the panel members agree that “librarians currently play a significant role in the policing of copyright issues because of their placement on the ‘front lines.’”

**EMPIRICAL LEGAL RESEARCH**


In this article, published in the newsletter of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries, Jackson addresses the increasing influence of empiricism in legal research and scholarship. After defining empiricism, Jackson provides specific examples of how the legal community (law libraries and librarians inclusive) has embraced empirical research. Jackson provides an extensive reference list on the subject that includes links to empirical research guides, such as Chicago-Kent’s “Empirical Research Tutorial,” available at [http://library.kentlaw.edu/tutorials/EmpTutorial/index.htm](http://library.kentlaw.edu/tutorials/EmpTutorial/index.htm). Jackson is Head of Reference and Access Services at the Oklahoma City University School of Law.

**LAW FIRM LIBRARIANSHIP (BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS)**


This short article, which appeared in the newsletter of the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians (BIALL), describes the author’s experience working as a law librarian for a firm in the British Virgin Islands (BVI). Borkowski, who had previously worked in London law libraries for six years, opted for a change of scenery, and got it. The author explains some of the many challenges he faces in locating materials—particularly current pri-
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mary Caribbean law—and how he utilizes his local law library association (CARALL) for assistance. If you’ve ever daydreamed about being a law librarian in a warmer and more exotic place, this article is for you.

LAW FIRM LIBRARIANSHIP (UNITED KINGDOM)


Durrant is a librarian at the London office of Baker & McKenzie, and her article describes the unique challenges she faces working as an information professional at a large international firm. Her article, which appears in the newsletter of AALL’s Private Libraries Special Interest Section, includes discussions of copyright, remote access to resources, subscriptions, and cross jurisdiction communication. Durrant also discusses the profession of law librarianship in England, and how it differs from its U.S. counterpart.

LIABILITY OF LAW LIBRARIES/LIBRARIANS


This is a report of a 2008 SCALL (Southern California Association of Law Libraries) Pre-Institute Program. At the Program, Dr. Tomas Lipinski, Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Information Studies, discussed liability issues as they specifically relate to law libraries and librarians. The speaker provided concrete tips for law librarians in the areas of copyright, confidentiality, licensing, and malpractice, and also explained how several recent cases may affect law librarian liability. A video of Dr. Lipinski’s presentation is available for AALL members at http://www.aallnet.org/members/media.asp.

LICENSE AGREEMENTS


Lind, Director of the Southern Illinois University Law Library, wrote this informative piece for the newsletter of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries. In the article, Lind provides commentary, explanations, and sample language for clauses in database license agreements that may specifically affect law libraries. The author also includes a list of recommended web links that provide guidance for reviewing electronic licenses. This is an excellent read and reference source for anyone involved with database licensing agreements.

REFERENCE TOOLS (INSTANT MESSAGING)


In this piece, a reference librarian at the William Mitchell College of Law (St. Paul, Minnesota), describes how her department is utilizing Meebo IM software. According to Huesman, her reference department has been using Meebo for the past two semesters, and is averaging between “10 to 15 IM questions a week.” The article, published in the Minnesota Association of Law Libraries’ newsletter, outlines both the positive and negative aspects of IM reference service, although Huesman writes that the William Mitchell librarians’ and patrons’ impressions are “generally favorable.”

In this article, the Legislative Services Librarian at the D.C. office of Thompson Coburn describes how her library created a current awareness service for attorneys in her firm. The piece, which was published in the newsletter of the Law Librarians’ Society of Washington, D.C., explains how the Thompson Coburn Library staff survey some 50 sources per day to provide about 40 headlines for attorneys. The headlines are current awareness summaries, sent via e-mail on a daily, weekly, or ad hoc basis, that cover various industries and companies that are firm clients. The highly successful program has been in place since 2004, and has enhanced the Library’s image within the firm.

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2007/08 CALL AWARDS
By Mary Lu Linnane, DePaul University College of Law Library
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The 2007/08 Grants and Chapter Awards Committee selected the recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award, the Reid Award and the In-House Publication Award based on nominations made by CALL members. The awards were presented at the May 22, 2008 CALL Business Meeting.

The Award for Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Law Librarianship was presented to Naomi Goodman, Technical Services Librarian Emerita, from Valparaiso University School of Law. Among her achievements, Naomi served two terms on the CALL Board, including President in 2005-2006 and Secretary in 2001-2003. Naomi also served as Co-Editor of the CALL Bulletin. This award honors her years of service to the Chicago law library community.

The Agnes and Harvey Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship was presented jointly to Julia Jackson, Director of Library Services, Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione and Carol Klink, Assistant Director for Technical Services, Loyola University Chicago School of Law Library, for scanning, preserving and organizing the CALL Archives.

The Award for Outstanding In-House Publication was presented to John DiGilio, National Manager of Research Services at Reed Smith, LLP, for the Monthly REEDer, the firm’s in-house newsletter, prepared for all knowledge management staff.

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STAFF DEVELOPMENT

This contribution to the Illinois Library Association’s bimonthly newsletter discusses the general importance of ongoing staff development in libraries, and then specifically reports on how six Illinois libraries are implementing programs to improve their staff’s core competencies. Profiled libraries include the Skokie Public Library, which recently concluded a staff training program in Web 2.0 technologies. Gregoire is a librarian at the Plainfield Public Library District, which is also profiled in the article.

WEB CITATIONS IN COURT OPINIONS
Kozlowski, Ken. “Linkrot Still Exists as Courts Continue to Cite to URLs in their Opinions.” ORALL

Kozlowski, the Director of the Supreme Court of Ohio Law Library, follows up on a 2007 article that he wrote for the same publication (Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries’ newsletter) pertaining to “linkrot” in Supreme Court of Ohio (SCO) opinions. In this piece, Kozlowski reports on twelve 2007 SCO cases that contained 19 references to web pages/documents. The author reviews each individual case and web reference, and concludes that five of the 19 URLs no longer work—a 26.3% “linkrot” rate. Kozlowski concludes that the problem of disappearing URLs “is not going away,” and he predicts that the rate of broken links in court opinions will generally continue to rise.
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The Co-Chairs of the CALL Placement and Recruitment Committee, Catherine Leonard and John Klasey, have started new events and improved existing activities of the Committee to promote careers in law librarianship. Some examples of their endeavors are inviting and paying for library school students to attend a CALL meeting and a “Day in the Life.” In their articles, they talk about what the Committee has been doing. CALL appreciates their efforts and their impact.

YEAR IN REVIEW FOR THE CALL PLACEMENT AND RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE
By Catherine Leonard, Thomson West

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Over the past couple of years, the CALL Placement and Recruitment Committee has been busy developing new programs: a new job posting policy; establishing a centralized e-mail address to announce job openings; and participating in library school events.

Some of the programs started by the Committee include an internship program and a job shadowing program called “A Day in the Life.”

The Committee reached out to area law librarians to encourage their respective organizations to consider offering internship programs for those interested in pursuing a career in a law library. There is a section under the career page on the CALL website that links to these internship opportunities. The internships can either be paid or non-paid. To learn more about the internship program visit: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/careers/careersindex.html#interns. To post available internships with your organization, send the announcement to the CALL job posting e-mail at calljobposting@yahoo.com.

Another program the Committee created was the newly rolled out “A Day in the Life.” This program provides individuals considering a career in law libraries an opportunity to meet with librarians and library staff at various law libraries in the Chicago Metropolitan area. Our call for volunteers resulted in a variety of government, academic and law firm librarians volunteering to meet with individuals exploring the profession. For more information on the program, please read the program description on our website at: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/careers/careersindex.html/dayinlife.

The Committee has also developed a section on our website that describes several career options within law libraries. Members from the Committee wrote about these career options in our “Position Descriptions in Law Libraries” section on our website. The descriptions include typical tasks, educational requirements and salary ranges according to the 2007 AALL Biennial Salary Survey for each of the job titles listed. The descriptions are a useful resource for students and career changers to reference when considering a career in law libraries. In addition, the Committee encourages our members to share these descriptions with hiring managers and their Human Resources departments. For more information visit: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/careers/careersindex.html#definitions.

Furthermore, the Committee developed a helpful brochure for HR contacts titled “Hiring a Professional” that can be obtained by e-mailing a member of the Placement and Recruitment Committee.

Finally, for the past few years, our Committee has been involved with Dominican University’s Library Association Day. John Klasey writes about this year’s event in the Bulletin.

It has been quite a busy year for the CALL Placement and Recruitment Committee, and we thank those of you who have helped to make our programs a success. We look forward to an increased interest in our profession of law librarianship.
DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY’S LIBRARY ASSOCIATION DAY

By John Klasey, DLA Piper

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On April 1, 2008 Dominican University’s Library & Information Science Student Association (LISSA) hosted a Library Association Day for students to meet with representatives from various library associations.

In addition to CALL, representatives from the following associations were present: American Library Association, Association of College & Research Libraries, Illinois Library Association and the Medical Library Association. I represented CALL on behalf of the Placement and Recruitment Committee and had brochures, CALL 60th Anniversary post-it notepads, and lanyards available as giveaways for visitors.

The event had a very good turnout, and I was able to meet with a number of students to discuss CALL membership and law librarianship. Several have already contacted me with follow-up questions, and I expect to hear from a few more students who also expressed interest in the field, but were unable to attend the meeting. I handed out a variety of our giveaway items, and also left some of each with our LISSA contact to put in a public area where other students could take them if interested.

Some students asked about salaries, and I directed them to the job descriptions available on the CALL website, as they provide general salary information from the most recent AALL Salary Survey. A follow-up message with that information and a link to the Careers page of the website was sent to our Dominican contact later in the week. She said she would send it out to those who attended the event and would also post a notice on the school’s various student pages.

Going forward, and at the discretion of the Board, CALL will decide whether or not to participate in future Library Association Days at Dominican and possibly other area Library & Information Science schools. Based on the turnout and the response and interest of the students, it’s likely that we will continue participating in these events, as they allow us to reach potential new members and/or future colleagues at a time when they are deciding on the course of their professional careers.

TS-SIS will be presenting a web seminar on August 14, 2008.

Redesigning Technical Services: Working in a Hybrid Environment

As more resources are issued in digital format, analyzing the processes of how information resources proceed through selection, purchase, description, and delivery cycles is a priority for cost effective bibliographic control. This 90-minute introductory session will cover how the increase of digital resources, staff restrictions, and budget limitations effects workflow processes. The seminar will also examine how evolving analysis, description, and presentation standards for internal and external resource content affect workflows. Look for registration information in your e-mail box soon!

This program is made possible by a grant from the AALL/BNA Continuing Education Grants Program.
I recently had lunch with a friend of mine who is an administrator at a mid-size law firm. He related to me a classic story about the relationship between LexisNexis/Westlaw and other legal research products. His firm had two young associates who were working on a specific project for a partner. The project required the young associates to access a certain set of materials. The associates dutifully accessed these materials online, and as you might guess, ran up thousands of dollars worth of charges that were not billable. When queried, the associates properly responded, “We don’t own the books.”

So, my friend bought the set of books (no cheap proposition) and had it placed in a bookcase outside the associates’ offices. The next month he received an equally large bill from his online service provider. He then queried the young associates as to why they ran up such large bills when the books were right outside their offices. They shrugged their shoulders and sheepishly responded, “We don’t know how to use the books.”

This brings me to my main point which is that we need alternatives to LexisNexis and Westlaw, especially at this time of year. I know I’m preaching to the choir here, but my point is to publicize one of my favorite products for Illinois attorneys: Fastcase. I will begin by explaining what Fastcase represents as a research product, what role it plays, why I think it’s such a great value, and then offer some insights into advantages of using Fastcase, and a few caveats.

Fastcase is a “tier-two” online legal research product. It offers much of the same primary legal information (cases, statutes, regulations) as LexisNexis and Westlaw, but without the secondary material and editorial enhancements that make those products occasionally invaluable. Tier-two products like Fastcase, Loislaw and Versuslaw have become much more important in the last few years, as we have all been forced to reduce print collections due to soaring print prices and incoming associates’ vendor-induced obsession with computer-assisted legal research. The principle remains the same—that we encourage students and young associates to do “preliminary research” to narrow the focus of a research assignment before going on to LexisNexis or Westlaw—but the tools have changed.

Today, instead of pointing fledgling researchers to Illinois Digest 2d or Illinois Jurisprudence, or to a treatise like the one my friend purchased, we might find ourselves asking students to “test” their searches on a tier-two legal research service before “going over the top” with one of their more costly cousins. I call this the 80/20 principle of legal research. For law librarians managing clerks, summer associates and other newbies, it means that, in an ideal world, a young researcher would be about eighty percent of the way done with their research before they switch to LexisNexis or Westlaw.

And here is why I like Fastcase so much in that role: Fastcase is free to ISBA members, and becoming an ISBA member is free to students. The great thing is that free is really inexpensive. But Fastcase offers many of the features that we come to associate with tier-one products, so I think it is fair to say that it qualifies as being cost-effective as well. I don’t have space here to cover all aspects of Fastcase’s performance, so I’ll just highlight what I consider to be the important ones.2

First, Fastcase offers relatively complete case law coverage: Fastcase via ISBA offers access to the U.S. Supreme Court, federal appellate and district courts, and all 50 state courts. Depth of coverage varies for each jurisdiction but, for example, Illinois state case law goes back to 1950, and coverage for most federal circuit courts goes back to 1924.

Second, Fastcase is a user-friendly product. One can search using Boolean logic, natural language, or by citation. Search results display in either list or KWIC format. One can navigate from case-to-case within search results as case citations appear as hyperlinks. Documents print in dual-column format, which is much easier to read than cases in typical html format.

I had the opportunity to test Fastcase as part of the ISBA’s initial product review, and I found the search engine and

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search results to be comparable to those that might be expected from LexisNexis or Westlaw. Fastcase didn’t always find every case that Lexis found (I did not test Westlaw), but it was pretty darn close. Fastcase and its tier-two brethren are not as powerful as LexisNexis or Westlaw and should not, in my opinion, be considered an adequate replacement. LexisNexis and Westlaw have their place. The trick is to use them only when truly necessary.

There may be occasions when having the full run of cases for a jurisdiction affects the ultimate answer to a legal research question. Fastcase does not have all Illinois state cases, nor does its Illinois state case library contain federal cases interpreting Illinois law. Another point worth noting is that, although Fastcase offers statutes and regulations for Illinois and other jurisdictions, it obtains these directly from the websites of federal and state legislatures and courts. I would caution users not to rely on these too heavily. According to a study by the AALL Access to Electronic Information Committee, the vast majority of state online primary legal resources are not sufficiently trustworthy. 3

Despite these caveats, Fastcase is definitely a product worth knowing about, especially given the cost.

Discussion List Guidelines

The CALL Discussion Forum is provided for general discussion for members of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries. Only CALL members may post to the list.

Appropriate topics for the list include:

- CALL committee news
- CALL meeting and education event reminders
- notices of CALL membership changes
- requests for volunteers for CALL activities
- discussions of issues related to our jobs
- hard to find ILL requests
- informal surveys
- news of interest to the Chicago law library community

Please do not use the discussion list to promote or market commercial products.

Forum Etiquette

DO add a descriptive subject line to all messages. For example: ILL request, Free books for postage, etc.

DO sign all messages. Please include your name, affiliation, and contact information.

DO remember to unsubscribe from your old address and re-subscribe from your new address whenever your e-mail address changes.

DON’T use the list for longer items. Please use the CALL website and CALL Bulletin for those. You may e-mail out a brief announcement in which you include the URL for a longer item.

Members may send attachments, but these must be limited to text-type files (Word, PDFs, text files, HTML) which are under 3 megabytes.

DON’T use the Discussion Forum for personal opinions unrelated to CALL or the field of law librarianship.

DO remember to contact the CALL Discussion Forum administrators if you need any help.

CALL Discussion Forum Administrator:

Eugene Giudice is the CALL Discussion Forum Administrator. You may send him a message at eugenegiudice@sbcglobal.net.

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1. I attribute the term “tier-two” to David Whelan who refers to Fastcase, Casemaker, Loislaw and similar products as “mid-tier” legal research services. See, “Blend Your Legal Research,” Law Technology News, July 2005 at 42.


CALL members have shared a long (award-winning) history of service to the community collecting books, toys, money, and other items to donate to local charities. We have also cleaned parks and cheered for racers. For law librarians looking for other ways to serve the community at large, volunteer opportunities are numerous here in Chicago, and available to those of us with or without “J.D.” after our names.

The *Boston Globe* recently published an article on “smart volunteering,” or skills-based volunteering, in which a volunteer’s work skills or educational experience can be used to assist the needs of a charitable organization. Instead of donating food to a local shelter, for example, a professional marketer might help devise a plan to raise community awareness of the shelter in the community. A wide variety of these skills-based volunteering opportunities are currently available for law librarians in the Chicago area.

Many CALL members are active members of the Bar who spend time and money every year to maintain their CLE credits, but never actually practice law. These CALL members have opportunities to keep their legal skills sharp through pro bono work. The Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation (CVLS) ([http://www.cvls.org](http://www.cvls.org)) offers free general legal services to hundreds of thousands of clients in the areas of adoption, bankruptcy, consumer contract matters, eviction, immigration, wills and advanced directives, guardianship, family law, mortgage foreclosures, and tort defense. Volunteers may choose to participate to the extent that they feel comfortable, from drafting a will during a single two-hour session, to litigating a mortgage fraud claim in 75 hours over 24 months. For your time, CVLS will provide support, such as training materials, sample pleadings, unlimited access to their Loop office space and facilities, online research, malpractice insurance coverage, and other incentives. To find out more about volunteering with CVLS, you can call (312) 332-3508, e-mail volunteer@cvls.org, or simply show up at one of their new volunteer orientations, which are listed on their website’s event calendar.

For more specialized legal services, lawyer-librarians also might want to look into volunteering with Lawyers for the Creative Arts (LCA) ([http://www.law-arts.org](http://www.law-arts.org)). This group, the only provider of pro bono legal services in Chicago limited to the arts, recruits lawyers to help artists and cultural organizations. Volunteers give advice on registration and protection of intellectual property, landlord-tenant law, drafting contracts, money collection, dispute resolution, formation and operation of not-for-profit corporations, and tax exemptions. Lawyers for the Creative Arts also runs a low-cost private mediations service in which volunteers may participate. Finally, attorneys with LCA host educational and outreach programs to members of the local arts community, as well as a special series of workshops and seminars providing basic business and legal information to high school students interested in careers in the arts. If you are interested in volunteering with LCA, download and mail the Volunteer Attorney Information Sheet that is posted at [http://www.law-arts.org/volunteer.htm](http://www.law-arts.org/volunteer.htm).

CALL members with or without law degrees can volunteer with the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Cook County ([http://www.casacookcounty.org](http://www.casacookcounty.org)). CASA advocates help abused and neglected children by reviewing records, researching background information, interviewing everyone involved with the child, and reporting back to Juvenile Court to help the judge make an informed decision about the child’s future. In many cases, the CASA advocate is the only person who has been in contact with all sides of an abuse or neglect case prior to the court date. Each CASA volunteer is given in-depth training, assigned one case at a time, and stays with the case until it is closed, and the child is in a permanent home. As a former CASA advocate, I cannot speak highly enough about this organization, its over 70,000 volunteers nationwide, and the one million children that they have helped. To volunteer with Court Appointed Special Advocates of Cook County, fill out the volunteer form posted at [http://www.casacookcounty.org](http://www.casacookcounty.org). In addition, a schedule of informational and training sessions is available on the CASA website.

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If none of these options appeal to you, but you are still interested in doing pro bono work, you might want to check out [http://www.illinoisprobono.org](http://www.illinoisprobono.org), which features a database called “Volunteer Search” that lists volunteer opportunities for both attorneys and non-lawyers. Volunteers can limit the listing by skill, client population, practice area, county, and hours of availability. Pro bono services that list volunteer needs include the Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic, Catholic Charities Legal Assistance and Resource Center, Prairie State Legal Services, Will County Legal Assistance Program, Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under Law, Access Living, and many more.

Of course, if you wish to benefit the community through legal services, but do not want to participate in skills-based volunteering, these organizations also have other ways in which volunteers can help. The Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation has an annual Race Judicata 5K Run/Walk to fund their pro bono services. This year’s Race Judicata is on August 14th at 6:30 pm at Lower Hutchinson Field, and the race fee is $33. Interested runners can sign up at [http://www.cvls.org/judicata](http://www.cvls.org/judicata). CALL members are already joining to support CASA in their annual race, the Put Your Foot Down 5K Run/Walk. This year’s CASA race is on Thursday, May 29th at 6:30 pm in Lincoln Park, and the race fee is $25 ($30 on race day). Sign up is available at [http://www.signmeup.com/59946](http://www.signmeup.com/59946). Even if you are not a runner, both events heavily rely on volunteers to help the events run smoothly. Please consider participating in either or both of these events to benefit two worthy causes, or at least consider coming to the races to support the runners and volunteers.

Finally, the CALL Community Services Committee is collecting clothing items for Dress for Success during the May Business Meeting. Each year, Dress for Success provides both professional attire and career development support to over 40,000 disadvantaged women throughout the world. They are in need of interview-appropriate skirt or pantsuits (new or nearly-new), cleaned blouses, blazers and jackets, and professional shoes, especially in larger sizes. However, they cannot accept clothes that are not appropriate for interviews. Please remember Dress for Success when you come to the next CALL meeting.

Studies have shown that helping others is linked to happiness, even more than helping ourselves. As members of the legal and library communities, both of which are based on service to the community, it is important for CALL members to set an example by volunteering, whether providing pro bono legal services, advocating for an abused child in court, running a race to help fund good causes, or donating items to those who cannot afford them.

Website Guidelines

- The CALL website is an official publication of the Chicago Association of Law Librarians. The purpose of the site is to provide CALL members with current and historical information on the chapter’s policies, activities, publications and organization and is maintained by the CALL Internet Committee. The material on the CALL site is for informational purposes only and should not be interpreted as legal advice.

- All the material on the website is intended to be as accurate and up-to-date as possible. CALL makes no guarantee regarding the accuracy or authenticity of material on the CALL site or at any of the linking sites.

- All information that is to be posted to the CALL site is reviewed by the Internet Committee and should be submitted to that committee in final electronic format. All information is subject to formatting changes in order to maintain uniformity.

- Information on the CALL website will be updated or removed at the request of the Board members and Committee Chairs or if the material is out of date.

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I was fortunate enough to participate in the Loyola School of Law’s “Legal Systems in the Americas” seminar this spring. The seminar, which is team taught by Loyola Professors Tom Haney, Anne-Marie Rhodes, and Stacey Platt, is part of the law school’s ongoing exchange program with the Universidad Alberto Hurtado (UAH), a Jesuit university in Santiago, Chile. Four students and a professor from UAH visit Loyola each fall, and the Loyola seminar class travels to Santiago during spring break. I have been assisting students and professors on both ends of the exchange for the past three years, which led to my interest in participating in this year’s course.

Along with the spring break trip, the 2008 course featured UAH guest lecturers Professors Rafael Blanco and Rodrigo Benítez, who each spent several weeks in Chicago earlier this year. The UAH professors spoke separately to the class about various aspects of Chilean law, including criminal procedure reform, taxation, and the civil law tradition. Professor Benítez also guest lectured in my foreign and international legal research course where he discussed legal research in Chile. The UAH professors’ talks collectively provided an invaluable introduction to Chilean law for those of us who travelled to Santiago over spring break.

While in Santiago, I accompanied the class to the U.S. Embassy, and to the Centro de Justicia building where we sat in on a pre-trial hearing, talked to the sitting judge, and visited the detention center.

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We also heard several lectures at the UAH campus, including a talk on Chilean business law by Professor Christián Eyzaguirre, and a description of Chilean legal education by Professor Hugo Rojas. Other features of the Santiago trip were a tour of the Palacio de la Moneda, Chile’s Presidential Palace, and a visit to an organic vineyard. Students on the trip also visited Carey y Cía., the largest law firm in Chile.

During my stay in Santiago, I also had a chance to visit several libraries—the UAH main library, and the general and postgraduate law libraries at the University of Chile. At the UAH main library, I had a tour, and talked with Library Director Patricia Ortíz about Chilean libraries and the profession of librarianship.

Along with the professional part of the trip, I had some time on my own to explore and sightsee. As a longtime student of the Spanish language and Hispanic literature, it had always been my dream to see the three Pablo Neruda houses in Chile. Luckily, I had time to fulfill that dream, and saw all three—La Chascona in Santiago, La Sebastiana in Valparaíso, and the most famous in Isla Negra. The Valparaíso and Isla Negra homes are situated on the Chilean coast in absolutely spectacular settings. I also got to the resort towns of Viña del Mar and Reñaca, part of the “Chilean Riviera,” and had fun soaking my feet in the bitterly cold, but beautiful, Pacific Ocean. Santiago also had some noteworthy attractions, including the famous Mercado Central, and the wonderful Museum of Pre-Colombian Art.

My entire experience in Chile was extremely gratifying, and I thank the Loyola professors and students who allowed me to “tag along,” as well as the UAH professors in Santiago who were wonderful hosts. I am looking forward to future involvement with the exchange program—now with a greater knowledge base and understanding of the Chilean legal system.

Photos courtesy of Julienne Grant
The theme of CALL’s Institute Day 2008, “Emerging Technologies and their Applicability to Law Librarianship” was right on target. On April 2, 2008, eight speakers presented information that was of interest to all types of law libraries – academic, firm, and corporate or special.

The keynote speaker, Debbie Ginsberg, Electronic Resources Librarian at Chicago-Kent College of Law Library, gave a presentation on deciphering emerging technologies. She described and explained various types of technology, such as RSS, portals, wikis, blogs and more. Additionally, she included examples of potential uses for these various types of technology. Her informational handout (a keeper!) covered topics from “I don’t have a ton of free time! Where should I start?” to “Can I play?” that included websites and brief descriptions.

The second speaker was Sarah Palmer, Library Relations contact at the American Bar Association. Her topic was RSS feeders/readers, and she explained how to locate an RSS reader and sign up for feeds. She described the different personalities of Bloglines, Yahoo! and Google, and how to organize the feeds. In addition, Sarah gave examples of uses for RSS for all types of libraries.

The third speaker, Susan M. Boland, Head of Information Services at Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis, spoke about portable software applications. After explaining what portable applications are, and why to use them, she presented information on U3 USB drives, Ceedo Personal (PowerToGo), MojoPac and the PortableApps.com Suite. She suggested encrypting your USB with return information in case it gets lost. Additionally, she listed what she considered to be the most useful portable applications and where to find them. (Note that this issue of the CALL Bulletin includes a column that Susan Boland authored about her presentation at the CALL Institute Day. See p.33)

The fourth speaker, Raizel Liebler, Reference Librarian at the John Marshall Law School, explained social networking sites and gave examples of different types. General interest sites, for example, include Facebook and MySpace, while LinkedIn is a type of business connections site. Examples of legal sites are LawLink and Lawyer-Link. Raizel also explained that many libraries have added their profiles to social networking sites, and she discussed the difference between professional and personal social networking. Raizel proceeded to identify many issues connected with social networking, and then concluded her presentation by sharing her personal Facebook site.

Keidra Chaney, Emerging Media Specialist at DePaul University Office of Advance ment, was the next speaker.
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Her topic was blogging for organizations. She related her experience creating a smooth organizational web design and using Google Analytics to measure how users utilize the website. She then spoke about websites – small scale content management systems – to create blogs and offered some useful blogs for web design.

June Liebert, Assistant Professor and Director of the Louis L. Biro Law Library at The John Marshall Law School, discussed strategies for working with IT departments. Having previously worked in IT, she described the work of IT and the challenges of providing this service. Now she works in a library and compared the similarities and differences between librarians and IT staff. She presented tips on how librarians can work with IT staff for successful completion of projects and solving problems.

The next speaker, Laura Ikens, Content Integration Analyst at Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal, gave a presentation on Knowledge Management (KM) and portals. She is currently setting up KM at Sonnenschein and described some of the processes and procedures the firm is employing. Laura discussed the various barriers to KM that are specific to the legal profession, such as time-based billing models, isolated practice groups, overlap of practice areas, etc. She presented ideas, suggestions and tips on starting the KM process and setting up the technology for KM.

The closing speaker was Catherine Sanders Reach, Director of the American Bar Association Legal Technology Resource Center. She focused on synthesizing the previous speakers’ remarks and looking ahead. As lawyers are deluged with information, librarians can help with managing information overload. She stressed that librarians should get involved in KM, competitive intelligence and training, and keep up with technology by using RSS feeds and blogs. She also discussed how blogs can be useful in helping law librarians manage information overload.

Julie Melvin, Chair of Institute Day, and the members of the Subcommittee deserve a special thank you for their hard work and efforts in putting together this worthwhile event. Institute Day provided an invaluable package of information for attendees who came away from the event with practical ideas for their workplaces, and some thought-provoking ideas for the future.
Chris had a chance to talk when he was in town recently from Philadelphia, where he is the Inaugural Law Library Director and Professor of Law at Drexel University’s Earle Mack School of Law. CALL members may recall his two prior stints here in Chicago at the Library of Northwestern University School of Law, first as Associate Director for Public Services under George Grossman, and more recently, as Associate Dean for Library and Information Services and Professor of Law.

Chris is a native Midwesterner, having grown up in Michigan. He attended the University of Michigan, earning his undergraduate degree in English, and then Marquette University where he was awarded a PhD in American Literature. His first position after his education was in Venezuela for two and a half years in Barquisimeto—a city in the foothills of the Andes. There he worked with the country’s Ministry of Education and taught courses on English as a foreign language to future teachers at the local university. He states that the political climate in Venezuela during this time (the early 1970s) was pretty quiet (unlike today), and he witnessed an uneventful presidential election.

From 1976 to 1980, Chris studied for his law degree at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon. One of his most vivid recollections during that time was the events surrounding the eruption of Mt. St. Helens in the Spring of 1980. He recalls that the mountain blew its top on the day of his law school graduation, and he chose to skip the ceremony to watch the eruption both on television, and later in the day, from the Washington Park Zoo above the city where the views of the volcanic activity were spectacular and memorable. He also shared memories of the summer, when a thick and sticky ash covered the city to the point that he wore a painter’s mask as protection against the ash when he drove to take his bar examination.

In the fall of that year, Chris began teaching legal writing, research and torts at Willamette Law School in Salem. As he commuted for the first year via Interstate 5, he was still able to view the Mt. St. Helen’s spectacle on his daily hourly drives.

After seven years at Willamette, Chris moved to Austin, Texas to work with Roy Mersky at the University of Texas’ Tarleton Law Library and also work on his library degree. He considers Roy his mentor, and highly values the two and a half years he spent under his tutelage.

When he completed his studies at Texas in 1990, Chris next came to Chicago to work at Northwestern as Associate Director for Public Services and then serving as Acting Director of the library when George Grossman departed in 1992. Shortly thereafter, Chris returned to Marquette University, this time to the law school as Library Director and Assistant Professor. He returned to Northwestern in 1996 to accept the directorship of the law library and remained there for the next ten years.

Early in 2006, Chris was contacted by Drexel University, whose leadership had a unique vision for a start-up law school and library. The Philadelphia-based university has a long-standing reputation as an interdisciplinary institution and is one of two universities with a commitment to co-operative education (the other being co-op Northeastern University in Boston). The law school would provide a focus on blending experiential education with practice and theory, and the library would be largely digital and support traditional scholarship as well as practice–related concepts of legal education.

Chris accepted the position with Drexel and by August of that year the first law school class began. The school was accredited by the ABA in 18 months, the shortest time possible under the current ABA rules. In the past two years, he has been able to develop the digital collection, which includes primary materials, monographs and treatises. In addition, he continues to teach courses in the law school.

This coming August, the third class will be admitted to the school, and the library will undergo a major renovation. It
Interested in assisting other librarians with keeping up on trends or the newest research strategies? Have ideas for programs that would be of interest to other librarians? Then consider volunteering for the Continuing Education Committee. Examples of two recent programs organized by the Committee are the CALL Institute Day and the brown bag on foreign and international law.

In a conversation with Frank Lima, Chair of the Committee, he explained how the Committee carries out its work. The work usually begins with a meeting around the start of the CALL year (which begins June 1st) at which members of the Committee will discuss ideas for programs. These ideas may be suggested by members of the Committee, or by other CALL members. The ideas will then be vetted by the CALL Executive Board. Once approval has been given, the usual format has been having one or two Committee members in charge of organizing each event, with the co-chairs providing assistance as needed. The Committee members responsible for the program will contact potential speakers to see if they are willing to participate in the program. The next step is to locate a venue. Members contact firms or schools to see if space is available for an event. After a speaker and venue are confirmed, the rest is basic meeting logistics. The members responsible for the program will work with a contact person at the location to make sure all the technology needed by the speaker is in place and how many people the space can accommodate. Arrangements for necessary food and beverages are also the responsibility of the planners. The final piece is the publicity. Frank estimates that the time commitment averages about an hour a week.

Frank says organizational and people skills are qualities that make for a successful committee member. Organizational skills are needed to deal with the logistics of setting up an event. People skills come into play when communicating with different types of people and making sure they are comfortable with the role they will play in the event. Additionally, having a good sense or insight of people helps in determining which speakers are capable of giving dynamic and informative presentations.

If you have these qualities, and want to provide an invaluable service to your fellow CALL members, please contact Sheri Lewis about your willingness to serve on this committee.

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will take over the top floor of the university’s main library, which it adjoins, creating an integrated law school and university library—staffed separately, but sharing space and resources. The new arrangement will be temporary as another project is in the works to build a new law school and library. This second step is scheduled for completion in the next four years.

Having completed the current phase of the law library’s development, Chris feels that he has given it a solid footing. However, he also feels the pull back to Chicago and his wife Julia Wentz, who is the Director of Loyola University’s Law School Library. After two years of commuting long distance, they are both ready to reunite and will do so here in the Midwest. Once the current renovation at Drexel is complete and Chris handles his fall semester teaching responsibilities there, he will return to Chicago at the beginning of the year. In January, he will begin teaching as an adjunct faculty member of Loyola’s law school.

Chris and Julia will continue to live in Streeterville, and will enjoy their proximity to his children and grandchildren who reside in Chicago, Michigan, and Tennessee. Until his return to Chicago, those wishing to get in touch with Chris may contact him by e-mail at simoni@drexel.edu.
What is the most rewarding part of your work?
Private practice has been very remunerative.

What was the most challenging research question you have had in either your school or professional career?
Comps question on the different ways ‘specificity’ is used in cataloging.

What are some of your hobbies and/or interests?
Sailing (anybody need a crew?), skiing, camping.

Did you grow up in the Chicago area? If not, where did you grow up?
Born in Denver, grew up in Connecticut, College in NYC.

And finally, one fun question….
If you had to describe yourself as any time of shoe, what would it be and why?
Old, well-worn hiking boot.
Once again, librarian, is one of the “Best Careers of 2008,” according to *U.S. News & World Report* ([www.usnews.com/features/business/best-careers/best-careers-2008.html](http://www.usnews.com/features/business/best-careers/best-careers-2008.html)). Along with engineer, investment banker, pharmacist and professor, we hold one of the 31 “Careers with Bright Futures” in 2008. Being recognized in this manner is wonderful! While not much new has been written since we were also given this title in 2007, it is clear that libraries and librarians are no longer flying below the radar when it comes to the nation’s professions. To stay on top, not necessarily of the *U.S. News & World Report*’s “Best Careers” list, but on top of everything in the information profession, remains our challenge. This summer, let’s work smarter by forming a plan on how to keep up to date in our careers while still enjoying some much needed sunshine.

I recently attended the CALL Institute Day, entitled “Emerging Technologies and Their Applicability to Law Librarianship,” and was very, very impressed with the speakers and the content of the presentations. It is difficult to stay on top of this profession, especially during this information explosion, but the speakers at this full-day event made me very proud to be in the profession. Not only were the nuts and bolts of various emerging technologies covered, but how librarians deal with departments outside the library was also a focus. Since we are not only challenged with emerging technologies, but also with public relations within our organizations, I found the CALL librarian speakers to be well-versed in both. Super, super encouraging to say the least.

In addition, I recently read an article on the web entitled “The Top Ten Ways of Staying on Top of Your Game in Business” ([http://ezinearticles.com/?The-Top-Ten-Ways-Of-Staying-On-Top-Of-Your-Game-In-Business&id=1032686](http://ezinearticles.com/?The-Top-Ten-Ways-Of-Staying-On-Top-Of-Your-Game-In-Business&id=1032686)) by Martin Sawdon. A few of his tips include: Know your strengths and capitalize on them (this means continuously learning more in those areas and making them even stronger); Know your weaknesses and compensate for them; Maintain your sense of humor; Be familiar with your needs and values and those of your people; Always seek opportunities for your own self-improvement; Collect the stimuli that lead to breakthrough ideas – ensure your diet of experiences is rich and varied and insist your people do the same thing; and finally, Manage your life to enable the harvesting of breakthrough ideas. Sawdon states, “My research tells me that for most of us great ideas emerge not at work, but at the gym, walking the dog, driving…”

Finally, along with working to keep ourselves on top of things, such as at our annual meeting in Portland, it is very important to also take breaks. Summer is such a wonderful time to enjoy the city, the lakefront, and time with families and friends. Maybe while swimming, biking or hiking, we will come up with some of these breakthrough ideas without even trying and will foster new ways to help us work smarter.

CALL Grants Committee awarded grants to Debbie Ruzin for the AALL Annual Meeting in Portland, Todd Ito for the AALL Annual Meeting in Portland, and Anne Abramson for the Joint Study Institute in Washington, D.C. CONGRATULATIONS !!!
Thanks for another successful community service project!

At the March 27th CALL Business Meeting, $60.00 was collected for the Chicago Children’s Advocacy Center. The following items were also collected for PAWS (Chicago Adoption and Humane Education Center):

For dogs:
- 20 lbs of dry food
- 8 boxes of treats
- 4 nylabones
- A big bag of rawhide chews
- 15 toys
- 3 stainless steel bowls

For cats:
- 4 bags of dry food
- 30 cans of canned food
- 7 jars of baby food
- 10 toys
- 2 packages of paper plates
- 4 litter boxes
- 6 nail clippers
- 2 big boxes/bags of garbage bags

For everyone
- 20 towels

Thanks for another successful community service project!

Photo courtesy of Helen King-Desai

Law Library Job Descriptions are posted on the CALL website at http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/ under “Careers” in the “Position Descriptions in Law Libraries” section. The descriptions outline typical job responsibilities of various types of library positions along with current salary trends for each of the positions listed. Also listed under “Careers” are library internship opportunities. Be sure to visit the CALL website to learn more.
If you are like me, you have been in situations where you are stuck using a strange computer, or are suddenly without access to your network drive where all of your favorite programs are hosted. Maybe, for example, you’re planning on going to AALL and rather than drag a laptop through airport security, you plan on using a computer available at the hotel or in the Exhibit Hall. Thanks to the wonderful world of portable software, this is not only doable but painless! All you need is access to a computer and a USB stick (also known as a flash drive, thumb drive, memory stick, etc.).

So what are “portable apps” and why use them?

A portable application, or portable app for short, is a software program that does not require any kind of formal installation onto a computer’s permanent storage device to be executed, and can be stored on a removable storage device such as a CD-ROM, USB flash drive, flash card, or even a floppy disk, enabling it to be used on multiple computers.

Wikipedia, Portable Application, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portable_application (Apr. 28, 2008). Portable applications can be used to keep your bookmarks with you no matter what computer you are using, have a calendar handy, check multiple e-mail accounts from one central place, and carry a sophisticated word processor around no matter what software the computer you’re using has.

Now that you know what a portable app is, how do you get one? One easy way to get portable applications is to purchase a U3 USB drive. U3 is a type of USB drive that comes with its own software (see most SanDisk USB drives). A U3 USB drive will have a U3 logo on the package. U3 is a limited liability company formed by M-system and SanDisk. A U3 drive comes with pre-installed software. When you plug in your U3 drive, the U3 Launch Pad with the pre-installed software pop up. While the software pre-installed is limited, you can download additional U3 software from U3 Download Central, http://software.u3.com/, or SanDisk U3 Download, http://u3.sandisk.com/download/Download_no.asp. You can install any program when a .U3P is the p part of the extension – it just looks like a strange extension through the My Computer link on the U3 LaunchPad.

Unfortunately, U3 software is Windows only and U3 applications will only run from a U3 device. U3 Launchpad version 1.4 and higher support Vista but you can only get the update from the USB manufacturers. U3 software is usually proprietary, not open source, and some U3 software is not available for free and must be purchased. It is also rumored that SanDisk and Microsoft are planning a new line of USB-based hardware so the U3 format may become obsolete. Mary Jo Foley, Microsoft preps Start-Key: A ‘Windows Companion’ on a USB Stick ZDNet All About Microsoft, March 2, 2008, http://blogs.zdnet.com/microsoft/?p=1232. A further potential downside to using a U3 drive is that some users have had problems with a few computers being unable to recognize the drive. See e.g., U3 Support, http://tinyurl.com/4lu6h2 (last visited Apr. 28, 2008).

Another product similar to the U3 drive is Ceedo Personal. Ceedo Personal, formerly known as PowerToGo, comes pre-installed on certain USB drives (see Lexar or Seagate products) or you can download and install it on any USB drive from http://www.ceedo.com. Ceedo is also Windows only. You can install it for a one month trial but then must pay. Ceedo software is usually proprietary and some of that software is not free and must be purchased. To find more Ceedo software, look at http://www.ceedoready.com. You can also download Argo, a separate software package available for purchase at http://tinyurl.com/4ybqzk to add any software to Ceedo and make it portable.

An additional product that can make any program porta-

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ble is MojoPac, which is available at http://www.mojopac.com. MojoPac is desktop visualization software. Once it is installed on your USB drive, a new Windows desktop is on the USB. The user installs any application on the USB drive running the installer for the program in the MojoPac environment. MojoPac is available for Windows XP only (Vista is in Beta) and you must have administrative privileges on the host PC. The EULA (End User Licensing Agreement) for the free version gives permission to run ads and collect statistics.

If you are a little more adventurous and willing to explore some new software, consider the PortableApps Suite, available at http://www.portableapps.com. The PortableApps Suite is an open source package that is free, cross-platform, and can be installed on any USB drive. There are three versions: (1) standard – comes with antivirus, web browser, IM, office suite, puzzle game, calendar, email client, backup utility, menu, and runs from a 512 MB drive; (2) Lite – instead of an office suite, it offers a word processor and runs from a 256 MB drive; and (3) Base – just the menu, backup utility, custom folder icons, and autorun so you can add the programs you want and it is less than 1MB.

My own top list of useful portable software is Windows biased and open source. Rest assured, however, that portable software exists for other operating systems and many of the items on this list are cross platform. Furthermore, items on this list are … free (at least for home users)! My list is not comprehensive. There are many other portable applications out there and I expect the list to grow as time goes on.

My top useful portable apps are:

**Mozilla Firefox Portable:**
The computer does not have to have Firefox installed if you have this on your USB. Even if it is installed, use this and still have access to all your bookmarks and extensions. It is available as part of the PortableApps Suite at http://portableapps.com/suite and through U3 and Ceedo Personal.

**Mozilla Thunderbird Portable:**
This is the Mozilla Thunderbird e-mail client in a portable package. Use Thunderbird to access multiple e-mail accounts from one place. Thunderbird also has a built in RSS reader. It is available as part of the PortableApps Suite at http://portableapps.com/suite and U3 and Ceedo Personal.

**Mozilla Sunbird Portable:**
A portable calendar with advanced functionality that is available through PortableApps.com at http://portableapps.com/apps/office/sunbird_portable.

**OpenOffice.org Portable:**
You get a word processor, spreadsheet, presentation maker, database, and more all on your USB drive. This is also available as part of the PortableApps Suite at http://portableapps.com/suite as well as through U3 and Ceedo Personal.

**7-Zip Portable:**
A portable version of the compression and archive utility that allows you to create and unpackage zipped files. 7-Zip is available through PortableApps.com at http://portableapps.com/apps/utilities/7-zip_portable and through Ceedo Personal.

**Sumatra:**
A portable PDF reader that is much more streamlined than Adobe Acrobat Reader. Sumatra is available through PortableApps.com at http://portableapps.com/apps/office/sumatra_pdf_portable.

**WikiOnaStick:**
This is an application called Tiddlywiki. Once you download to your USB it becomes WikiOnaStick. Tiddlywiki is “a free MicroContent WikiWikiWeb …. written in HTML, CSS and JavaScript to run on any modern browser without needing any ServerSide logic.” It is open source under a BSD license. Now, maybe you don’t normally use a wiki but this is great to use as a notebook, project management tool, photo album, contact list, recipe database, etc. You can find this program at http://tiddlywiki.com/.

**GIMP (GNU Image Manipulation Program):**
GIMP is a photo editing application. While not quite as robust as Adobe Photoshop, it allows you to do advance photo manipulation. This photo editor is available through PortableApps.com at http://portableapps.com/apps/graphics_pictures/gimp_portable.

**GNU Cash:**
GNU Cash is a portable financial software application. It is a free, open source alternative to commercial programs, such as Quicken and Microsoft Money. It is available at PortableApps.com at http://portableapps.com/apps/office/gnu_cash_portable.

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VLC Media Player:
This portable media player plays many different audio and visual media files. It is available at PortableApps.com at http://portableapps.com/apps/music_video/vlc_portable and through Ceedo Personal.

KeePass:
KeePass is a portable password manager. It is an excellent tool to keep your list of passwords safe. It is available at PortableApps.com at http://portableapps.com/apps/utilities/keepass_portable and through Ceedo Personal.

Clamwin Anti-virus:
This is a lightweight anti-virus application that you can use to scan your USB stick for viruses. It is available as part of the PortableApps Suite at http://portableapps.com/suite.

TrueCrypt:
Keep information on your USB drive confidential by encrypting part of the drive with the traveler version of TrueCrypt. You do need administrator privileges on the host computer for this one. It is available at http://www.truecrypt.org.

Neo’s SafeKeys:
Use this portable application when at public computers where there might be a concern with keyloggers (malware that records your keystrokes). Neo’s SafeKeys is a mouse-based keyboard (Windows only) that floats on your screen and allows you to avoid anyone logging keystrokes on the regular keyboard. It is available at http://www.aplin.com.au/?page_id=246.

You can find additional portable applications at:
- No-Install: http://www.no-install.com
- PenDriveApps: http://www.pendriveapps.com
- PortableApps.com: http://portableapps.com/apps
- The Portable Freeware Collection: http://www.portablefreeware.com

Finally, don’t forget to create an unencrypted .txt file with your name and contact information so that when you lose your USB drive someone can return it to you! For an autorun “if lost” message that will pop up when anyone plugs in your USB drive, see http://dailycupoftech.com/have-your-lost-usb-drive-ask-for-help.
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CALL Meeting Schedule 2007-2008

Business Meetings

• Sept. 20, 2007 (Thurs.)
• Nov. 16, 2007 (Fri.)
• Jan. 18, 2008 (Fri.)
• Mar. 27, 2008 (Thurs.)
• May 22, 2008 (Thurs.)

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

Executive Board Meetings

• June 05, 2007 (Tues.)
• Aug. 07, 2007 (Tues.)
• Sept.11, 2007 (Tues.)
• Oct. 09, 2007 (Tues.)
• Nov. 13, 2007 (Tues.)
• Dec. 11, 2007 (Tues.)
• Jan. 08, 2008 (Tues.)
• Feb. 12, 2008 (Tues.)
• Mar. 11, 2008 (Tues.)
• Apr. 08, 2008 (Tues.)
• May 13, 2008 (Tues.)