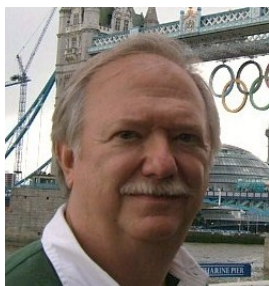


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From the President ... David Burch



I heard a piece on the radio the other day about a new development from Google called Google Glass, a wearable computer so you can stay connected all the time. Gee, maybe it's time to rethink this *online-all-the-time* thing. Take a break from your connectedness.

I like to travel. In just a few days I will be leaving for Spain and Portugal. My colleagues actually joke that I must have a second home somewhere in Europe, I go there so often. But simply, I like to travel. I like seeing other places, exploring how other civilizations have dealt with the various issues of plumbing and sanitation. I actually like the airplane flight. I have several hours to remain unconnected with the rest of the world. In the office, I have email all the time and can reply whenever I see the message. Sitting on the plane I know I can't respond. Yes, I know on domestic flights you can check your email if you pay extra. I choose not to. But so far, on international flights there is no Wi-Fi. Once I get to Europe, with a seven or eight hour time difference, I can get up in the morning and see all of yesterday's emails at one time. I can respond and then go out for a pleasant day of sight-seeing knowing that everyone back at work is asleep. I come "home" in the evening, check for the early morning work emails and then go out to dinner, knowing that anything that comes up while I'm eating I can take care of before going to bed that night.

Think about it. Do you really need to respond to that email right now? Logon at midday, respond to the morning emails and then again at 5:00 take care of the afternoon ones. Do you really need to be online the whole day?

If something is really urgent, use the telephone. You know, the big thing on your desk, not that little thing you carry around in your pocket. Email, cell phones, etc., these are all tools meant to help us in our lives, not to control our lives. Stay off the grid a few hours each day. As someone used to say, stop and smell the roses.

David Burch is Head of Library Computing at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles

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All submissions should be received by the following dates:

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January 13, 2014
March 10, 2014
May 12, 2014

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Editor's Notes ... Patricia Pelz Hart



I would like to thank Tanya Cao, who has now served as the compiler for the 40th volume of the *SCALL Newsletter*. Tanya had brought her joyous sense of enthusiasm and wonderful eye for color and design to the newsletter. She has made an already very good publication an even better one. It has been a complete pleasure to work with her.

Thanks also to Linda Kawaguchi, Library Director, Rinker Law Library, Chapman Law School, for her support of SCALL. Tanya and I are Chapman employees.

The contents of this issue will be of personal interest to SCALL members. A librarian changes career from a well known legal database to a law firm; a photo essay lets us all visit a local law school; librarians meet in a specialized professional association to share knowledge and experiences; minutes of the SCALL Executive Board document the ongoing efforts of our shared organization; the regular columns bind our group across individual professional paths.



Have a very good summer. See you in the fall.

SCALL Annual Business Meeting, June 26, 2013



Date: Wednesday, June 26th
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 Location: Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 125 South Grand Ave.
 Pasadena, CA 91105-1643
 RSVP: By Monday, June 24th
<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/scall/pdf/SCALL%20Business%20Meeting%20-June2013--%20RSVP%20form.pdf>
 Direction: <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/information/locations.php>



SCALL Executive Board Candidates 2013-2014

Vice President/President-Elect: Kelsey Chrisley

Kelsey Chrisley works at the Orange County Public Law Library as the Administrative Assistant to the Law Library Director. She previously held positions in Public Services and Technical Services. As well as earning her M.L.I.S. from San Jose State University and a BA in Business with an emphasis in marketing from the University of Puget Sound, she also holds a paralegal certificate. Kelsey is an active member in SCALL assisting on several committees including the Grants and Program Committees, as well as serving as an Executive Board Member from 2010-2012. She is honored to be nominated and if elected, looks forward to continuing her service to the SCALL Membership.

Treasurer: Lisa Schultz

Lisa Schultz is the Faculty Services and Reference Librarian at Loyola Law School. She received her J.D. at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2003 and her M.L.I.S. from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2005. Lisa has been a member of SCALL since 2005 and has served as Treasurer since June 2011. She was the SCALL Institute registration committee co-chair in 2009 and the committee chair in 2010 and 2011. She was one of the recipients of SCALL's Rohan Chapter Service Award in 2010 for her contribution to *Locating the Law: A Handbook for Non-Law Librarians*.

Executive Board Member: Judy K. Davis

Judy Davis is Law Librarian and Head of Access Services at the USC Gould School of Law. She previously worked in Public Services at the University of San Diego Legal Research Center. She received her J.D. from Stanford Law School and her M.L.I.S. from San Jose State University. She also holds a B.A. in Communications from Baylor University. Judy has been the chair of the SCALL Membership Committee since 2009, and she was one of the recipients of SCALL's Rohan Chapter Service Award in 2010 for her contribution to *Locating the Law: A Handbook for Non-Law Librarians*. She also chaired the Speakers Committee for the 2013 SCALL Institute. Judy is honored to be nominated and looks forward to working with the SCALL Board.

Heard Around Town ... by Larry Meyer



It is Spring in SCALL land. Unlike our brethren in other parts of the country, we Southern Californians usually need to look a little harder to know Spring has arrived. One clue is that our chances of rain slowly drop to near zero. Another clue, in the Inland area, is when the Santa Ana winds finally quiet down for another season.

In SCALL academic law libraries, one frequent clue is the announcement that one of our members will be leaving their position by retiring or moving on to another opportunity. This Spring's announcement, from Whittier Law School, is that former SCALL President **Denny Haythorn**, who has been Director of their Law Library for 37 years, will be moving into a full time faculty position and retiring as Director. Denny has been a long-time distinguished director and member of SCALL. Over the years he has provided many hours of mentoring and guidance to not only his staff, but many other members of our group. While he will remain in legal education, his temperament, wisdom and stories will be missed at various law librarian functions.

As we wish Denny well, we also congratulate another Past SCALL President, **Hugh Treacy**, who has been appointed by Penelope Bryan, Dean of the Whittier Law School, to be Interim Library Director at Whittier Law School, effective July 1, 2013. Our best wishes go out to Hugh on his new position.

Speaking of new positions, **James Sherman** writes that he has reentered the paid librarian fold as a part-timer for the Central Unified District in Fresno. Congratulations to Jim on this new venture.

One of the event attendees writes, that, in April a small contingent of SCALL members attended **IUG2013** (the Innovative Users Group) annual meeting, held in San Francisco. She reports that the meeting offered an abundance of educational opportunities for attendees. However, SCALL members also found time to enjoy a festive reception hosted by the conference. A DJ offered music from the 60s, 70s, and 80s while enthusiasts dressed up like some of the memorable stars from this time period, including Madonna and John Travolta in the white suit from "Saturday Night Fever," to encourage party goers to get their groove on. One of the accompanying pictures show, spotted close to the dance floor, three USC law librarians; **Wendy Nobunaga, Leonette Williams, and Judy Davis**. The other picture shows **Dawn Smith** from Loyola Law Library as the only one to accept Austin Powers' offer to dance!



Speaking of pictures, **Deborah Lipton** from Chapman Law Library reports that their law library submitted a photo to the **2013 AALL Day in the Life**. The photo won in the categories of **Best Picture Overall** and **Best Altered Image**. You may view their award winning photo at: <http://www.aallnet.org/Home-page-contents/NewsCallout/2013-Day-in-the-Life-Winners>. Thanks to Deborah for sharing and thanks, too, to the entire **Chapman team** for their excellent job in putting together the **SCALL Newsletter**.



Sadly, as many of you may have noticed in the recent posting on the SCALL list, **Carole Wiener**, former Associate Director at Southwestern Law Library, after a courageous battle with cancer, has passed away. Carole fought her battle for a number of years and continued, almost to the end, working at Southwestern. Carole spent over thirty years as a member of the Southwestern community. She recently received the *Betty Trier Berry '15 Award* for her long term commitment and contributions to the law school. We join her Southwestern colleagues in extending our sympathies to her family and friends for their loss.

Lawrence R. Meyer is Director of the Law Library for San Bernardino County in San Bernardino.

SCALL Scholarships Awards 2013

The SCALL Library School Liaison Committee is pleased to announce that the following library school students have been awarded 2013 SCALL Scholarships:

Melissa Camaione (Los Angeles, CA 90029) – UCLA

Mark Masters (Oxnard, CA 93036) -- UCLA

Sangeeta Pal (Arcadia, CA 91007) – UCLA



Congratulations to these bright and ambitious MLIS candidates who have demonstrated a vested interest in law librarianship as a career! We look forward to their future contributions to our profession.

A big thank you as well to the members of the SCALL Library School Liaison Committee for the time and effort they put into the scholarship process this year.

Membership News ... by Judy K. Davis

Hello everyone! I hope everyone is having a wonderful spring and that you are all getting ready to enjoy your summer. In addition to the usual member updates, the Membership Committee has a couple of announcements this month.

Along with warm weather and long lazy days of summer comes your annual opportunity to renew your SCALL Membership and enjoy another year of professional growth, networking opportunities, and fun times with your fellow members. Renewal notices for the 2013-14 year will go out via email toward the end of May, so keep an eye on your inbox.

Also, as many of you already know, we will be gently paring down of the directory and listserv to only those whose membership has been current during the 2012-13 year. I want to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to make sure his or her membership is current before anyone is removed, so everyone will have plenty of notice about this. Nevertheless, if somehow, you or someone you know accidentally gets removed, just send me an email, and I will straighten things out ASAP. Please note that this update will only affect those whose memberships are not current for the 2012-13 year—not the upcoming 2013-14 year, which begins in June.

Now on to the fun stuff:

Welcome new members!

Neel Kant Agrawal

FCIL Librarian
LA Law Library

Tiffani Willis

Research Services Librarian
Pepperdine University School of Law

Announcements:

Patrick Sullivan, formerly with LexisNexis, is now California Region Research Librarian with **Jones Day**.

Any corrections, changes, or additions to your membership information, as well as any announcements for Membership News, should be sent to:

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**The University of La Verne College of Law and Library ... text by Patricia Pelz Hart,
photos by Tanya Cao**



The University of La Verne College of Law is housed in a building that stands alone, located in the geographic middle of the Inland Empire of Southern California. “Self-containment” only applies to the physical facility of this worthy institution, however. The La Verne College of Law continually reaches out to and in turn is supported by the academic, legal, urban, and public communities and constituencies of which it is a valued member.

University of La Verne

The University of La Verne began in the city of La Verne in 1891. Today, the university is composed of four separate colleges. The Colleges of Arts and Sciences; Business and Public Management; and Education and Organizational Leadership continue to be based in the city of La Verne. The College of Law is in nearby Ontario.

The University also has satellite campuses in seven southern California cities: Bakersfield; Burbank; Irvine; Ontario; Oxnard; San Luis Obispo; and Victorville.

The Chaffey Brothers and Ontario

The city of Ontario traces its beginnings to land purchased by the Chaffey brothers in 1882. George Chaffey, Jr., William, and Charles Chaffey were initially introduced to the nearby Riverside area by their parents. Charles Chaffey, Sr., his wife, and some of their children and spouses had settled in Riverside five years before.

It was the era of western land being divided and sold by sections. The Chaffeys were successful at buying land, selling agricultural lots, and running businesses that supplied water, for which they installed miles of concrete pipes.

In 1882 the firm the Chaffey Brothers was created. Later that year, the firm bought a large tract of land that would become Ontario and Upland. As was typical of newly developed acreage, the land was surveyed, streets laid out, pipes installed, and properties offered for sale. As the population grew, a school was started.

The College of Law

When it was founded in 1970, the La Verne College of Law was located in La Verne, on the main campus of the university. After it had existed for about three decades, the law school stretched its legs, travelled less than fifteen miles, and set up shop in Ontario.

The building the school moved into had earlier contained county offices. The address is 320 E. D Street, Ontario, CA 91764. A large-scale renovation took place from 1999-2000. The La Verne Law building opened to students in January 2001, with the official dedication on October 22, 2001. The four-story structure of 64,000 square feet sits on a seven acre campus.

Now in its fifth decade, La Verne Law is an established part of its inland California neighborhood. The campus is across the street from the Ontario City Hall and the Ontario Public Library.



UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE
College of Law

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abroad.

The current dean is Philip A. Hawkey.

Accreditation and Students

La Verne Law is accredited by the State Bar of California. Graduates are entitled to sit for the California bar examination.

Las Verne first achieved American Bar Association provisional approval on Feb. 13, 2006. When the school applied for full approval, it was denied; the provisional accreditation expired in 2011. Efforts were subsequently made to improve the school and correct its temporary shortcomings. Effective March 16, 2012, the school was provisionally approved by the ABA. The provisional status must last at least three years, per ABA rules.

The student body presently totals 188. Two years ago, before the expiration of the first provisional ABA accreditation, the total number of students was 425.

Law Library Facility

The law library is given pride of place in the law school. The entrance to the library is in direct line of the building's entryway, on the far side of the main lobby. The glass doors give a good view of library activities and collections. The law library occupies 27,000 square feet, all on the building's first floor.

Inside the library entrance, the reference desk is on the left, while circulation is on the right. A group of four online catalog terminals stands between the two services. One of the terminals allows the public to access Westlaw. Lexis cannot be accessed without a password.

There are ten study rooms. Students in a group are given first priority, with single students allowed if the study rooms are not taken by groups. In a generous nod of institutional courtesy, study rooms may be used by students from the other, non-law, La Verne colleges. There is also a very large computer lab, but it is restricted to law students.



The J.D. can be earned in the full time program over three years, or over four years part time. Dual J.D./Master of Business Administration or J.D./Master of Public Administration degrees are offered by the law school and the La Verne College of Business and Public Management.

The school emphasizes practical work and experience. The required lawyering skills practicum has students create and run a simulated law practice and a local bar. Additional and optional methods of gaining experience are through externships, or by working in the Justice and Immigration Clinic or the Disability Rights Legal Clinic. Students may also participate in co-curricular activities, such as the *University of La Verne Law Review*, moot court, trial team competitions, ADR competitions, and study



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Seating is for 200 patrons. The entire current student body could thus be seated at the same time. If student numbers return to the prior levels, the library could still accommodate approximately half the student body simultaneously. The ample seating capacity testifies to the importance the law school places on student use of its library.

The quiet study area is on the west side of the library, facing the Ontario public library. Most of the shelving in the library is standard, but there is compact shelving in the reserve area.

Law Library Collection

The law library contains about 300,000 volumes in print and microforms. The California collection is especially strong. Print volumes of California session laws go back to 1853. The bright blue volumes of West's California Session Laws add an additional print resource for statutory research.

Faculty publications, including individual articles, are cataloged. A locally created subject heading, *Faculty Publications*, provides access to disparate faculty works by their common trait.

One copy of any textbook used in class is kept on reserve. The reserve collection holds faculty reserves and unbound current journals. Rutter and CEB works are not kept on reserve, but are in open stacks.

Journals are classified, all in K1 – K 29. The journal indexes are classified in K33.

The library budget is under strain, a conditions shared by other law libraries in the current tight economic times. La Verne Law has cut its periodical acquisitions in response. It is keeping print journals for California and major national law schools, and using HeinOnline for other titles.



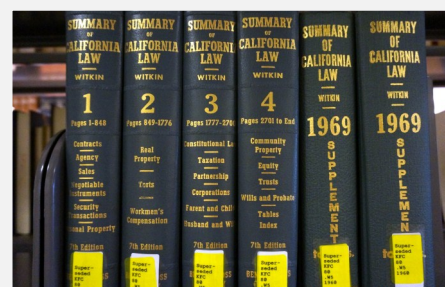
Government documents are an important part of the collection. The law library is a selective depository. As is usual with the depository system, the federal government provides the documents for free. The law library provides housing for the works, and staff to explain how to use them. The government documents are available to the public. The government depository sticker can be seen from the outside of the law school building.

The library must maintain the documents for set periods of time. If the library wants to discard a document, it must first list it on a *Needs and Offers* list which other institutions use for acquisitions.

The La Verne online catalog has links to government approved websites for the official electronic version of many documents. The electronic version bears a seal to show government approval.

The Popular Collection contains mysteries and law related DVDs. The existing titles are not being actively added to.

Anyone, including outside attorneys, may use the library by subscription. People who have free access to the library for government documents can access government documents online via La Verne terminals. Only subscribers may use the public access Westlaw account and non-government print sources in the library.



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Kenneth Rudolf (left), Bill Ketchum (center), and Young Lee (right)



Law Library Staff

Kenneth Rudolf is director of the law library and professor of law.

Terry Conaway is head of instruction and research services. **Bill Ketchum**, reference librarian, is also a member of the SCALL Newsletter Committee. Bill has been at La Verne for five years; he previously spent five years at the San Bernardino County Law Library. **Young Lee** completes the reference staff. After practicing as an attorney for several years, primarily in business law and intellectual property, Young earned a library degree from San Jose State University. He has been at La Verne since the last months of 2012. This is his first job as a professional librarian.

Darlene Gaetano is head of technical services and circulation. **Edith Amrine**, acquisitions assistant, pays the library bills, does ILL, and handles mail to the entire law school. The catalog assistant, **Sarah Rowland**, cares for the government documents. **Brad Reed** is the serials assistant. **Brian Parker** is the IT guy for the entire law school.

Former staff members remain committed to the inland empire area. Larry Meyer, currently director of the Law Library for San Bernardino County, was the La Verne Law library director when the school moved into the Ontario building. Victoria Williamson, the new director of the Riverside County Law Library, spent several years as a reference librarian at La Verne.

Courses Taught by Librarians

The law librarians offer a full plate of formal instruction to La Verne students: one required course, one elective course, and one optional certificate.

The required course is **Legal Research**. It is team taught by Ken Rudolf, Terry Conaway, Bill Ketchum, and Young Lee. It is given to all students in the first semester. Previously it was an independent course, but last year it was combined with Introduction to Jurisprudence.

The elective course is **Advanced Legal Research**. ALR is team taught by the reference librarians. In the spring 2013 semester, staff tried something new. The final exam of ALR became an oral examination administered individually, with one student at a time giving answers to a sole reference librarian. The experiment went well, and the librarians will probably repeat it again next year.

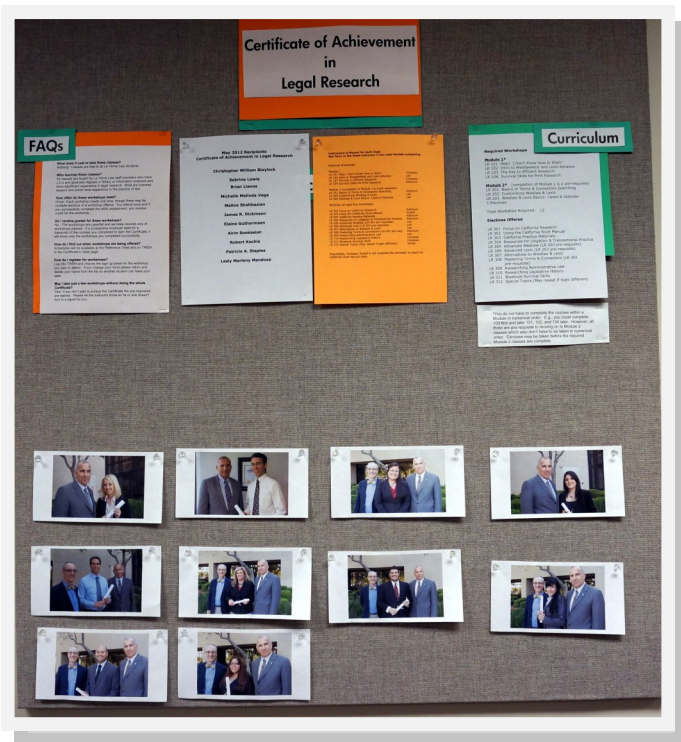
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In addition, the La Verne law librarians have found a way to offer recognized research schooling without requiring students to take a semester-long course and without having the school to designate valuable classroom space. The **Certificate of Achievement in Legal Research** is a set of twelve workshops that are offered online. For each workshop, students spend one hour in instruction and demonstration and then one hour in skills assessment.

school awards ceremony. Photos of program graduates holding their certificates are displayed in the library.



La Verne Law School's Moot Courtroom



Seven workshops are required. The first one is LR 101: *Help! I Don't Know How to Start!* Westlaw and Lexis are the subjects of four of the required workshops. The remaining required workshops deal with efficient research and print research.

For those who want even more on Westlaw or Lexis, advanced trainings are among the five elective workshops. For those who want to try another path, there is a workshop on alternatives to Westlaw and Lexis. Other electives are on California research, administrative law, legislative history, and the Bluebook.

Approximately ten students per year participate. The Certificate workshops are not for academic credit; no grades are given. The sessions do have official status, however. Students who complete the program receive a notation on their transcripts. They are also given a printed certificate, suitable for framing, during the annual law

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La Verne Law and Library Look to the Future

Summer 2013 is a time of transition for both the law library and the entire law school.

At the law library level, Terry Conaway, the head of instruction and research services, will be leaving to move to Utah.

At the law school level, a new dean, **Gil Holmes**, will be starting in June. He is joining La Verne from the University of Baltimore School of Law. His views on legal education are already having an impact.

A new curriculum is being planned. Future Dean Holmes wants to emphasize legal writing and academic support throughout the coursework. The new first-year curriculum will add two units of academic support to the four units of contracts and two units of legal writing and research to the four units of torts, to make each a six credit course. The academic support curriculum would cover, for example, how to outline and how to prepare for examinations.

The entering class of Fall 2013 will be the second new class since accreditation was restored. The students will be joining a law school and a law library that do not shy away from experiments as they continually strive to improve on and deliver a solid and practical legal education. La Verne gets the job done right.

Patricia Pelz Hart is a Lawyer / Librarian at Chapman Law School Library in Orange. **Tanya Cao** is Catalog Librarian at Chapman Law School Library in Orange.

Job Opportunities ... by Don Buffaloe

- Junior-Level Recruiter; LAC Group; Los Angeles, May 31
- Supervising Librarian; Office of Legislative Counsel; Sacramento, May 30
- Information Resource Assistant; Knobbe Martens Intellectual Property Law; Irvine, May 24
- Circulation Librarian; UC Hastings College of Law; San Francisco, May 17
- Deputy Director; UC Hastings College of Law; San Francisco, May 8
- Assistant/Associate Director of the Law Library; Southwestern Law School; Los Angeles, April 24
- Members Program / Education Partnerships Librarian; LA Law Library; Los Angeles, April 9
- Librarians & Library Technical Assistants, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Statewide, Ongoing

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The “Other Side of the Desk” ... by Patrick M. Sullivan



On February 25, 2013 I made a major change in my life: I switched to the “Other Side of the Desk.” For more than a decade, I had worked for LexisNexis, and had been very happy with my role. Calling on customers who were librarians and lawyers was

months to see results ... and I just smile.

Another giant difference in my new world is the dizzying array of resources I now control. (Or maybe I should say “have access to,” since control would seem to imply that I have mastered them all. That has certainly not happened yet.) Back when I worked at Lexis, I thought it was really tough to keep up with Lexis.com, Lexis Advance, CourtLink, File & Serve, etc, etc. After all, I had to know my passwords and the pricing for all of them!! You can stop laughing now... I know how ridiculous it sounds. Since crossing to the other side of the desk, I have lost track of how many resources I have used, much less have access to, and my password spreadsheet grows on a daily basis. All these resources contributed to the feeling of being thoroughly overwhelmed during the first weeks, but now I’ve got a good instinct for which way I want to go when a request comes in.



very comfortable for me – and then one day I realized I wanted to be the one seeing the ‘demo’ and not giving it. I have already written in this space about my decision to become a law librarian, and my journey through Library School, so today’s reflections will not be about that. Instead, I am going to share with you all some of the differences I’ve noticed in my work life since I transitioned to the non-vendor side of the desk. [For those of you with twenty (or more) years of experience as a law librarian, please remember that I’ve only been doing this for two months. My intentions are good, but all of these observations are built on a pretty shallow pool of experience as a librarian.]

One thing that became immediately clear to me was that a ‘sales rep’ operated on a very different timeline than I did in my new role as a librarian. Before I became a librarian, I thought I was always working on rush projects with short turnaround times. In reality, though, the big, important timeline was the renewal of the Lexis contract, and that happened once a year at the very quickest. Usually, it happened every two or three years, and now this timeline seems positively glacial. An unusually long project for me as a librarian might require two to three solid (i.e., uninterrupted – yeah, right) days of work to complete, but you never have anywhere near that much time to actually do it. You usually have a day, and that is when there is no particular deadline whatsoever. If there is a deadline, we’re talking hours or minutes, not days. Sometimes I think back to the days when a Lexis campaign would take weeks or

The “Other Side of the Desk” ... *continued*

I feel like I have completed a ‘mental’ Boot Camp, and am now ready for the next level of training. Looking back to the end of my first week on the job, I was fine physically, but completely spent mentally. (Can you strain a mental muscle? Probably not, or I would be on the sidelines right now. There is virtually no “just going through the motions” activity on this side of the desk.) Furthermore, I am looking forward to the day when I’ve been on the job for two years – I can only imagine how many more details I will have shoved into my brain about this free resource or that database on Wexis. By the way, I think we need a new acronym to replace Wexis, now that Bloomberg is on the scene. I vote for LexbergNext.

In my eight short weeks as a librarian, I have also truly experienced urgency - in a way that I can’t ever remember knowing as a Lexis rep. You see, I used to think of ASAP as a cute little acronym with just one dimension: as soon as possible. Now I know that virtually every request I get is some kind of ASAP, and there are at least four main categories of ASAP, and each of those categories has subcategories. As an example, the lowest level of ASAP just casually mentions “asap” somewhere in the body of the email. Then, a couple levels up, the “asap” will blossom into full capital letters, maybe even appearing in the subject line. Even further up the intensity scale is the full-cap-subject-line-ASAP with multiple exclamation points (!!!!) following, which I think corresponds to how fast the attorney’s heart is currently pounding. When I started this new job, I kept track of who asked for what, and when it was due. Now I also keep careful track of what flavor of ASAP it is, because you don’t want to mix up “asap” with “PLEASE HELP ASAP!!!!!!!!!!” How I wish there was some widely accepted standard way of referring to all these urgency levels – wait a minute, am I talking about an update to the Bluebook?

Uh oh, I have to go. My lunch is over and my email inbox is overflowing with messages with basically the same subject line: “Really quick question for you. PS – need this ASAP!!!!”

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Advocacy Training at the Annual Meeting

Advocacy in Practice Legislative Advocacy Training July 13

Join the Government Relations Office and Government Relations Committee for the annual **Legislative Advocacy Training on Saturday, July 13 from 8:30am to 12:00pm** at the 2013 Annual Meeting and Conference in Seattle, WA. Focusing on the theme of “Advocacy in Practice,” participants will learn the best practices in advocacy, hear more about proposed federal and state legislation on topics such as copyright, privacy and UELMA, and help to develop specific goals and tactics for influencing successful outcomes. Available at **no additional cost**, this half-day training brings together advocates both new and experienced to network, learn new skills, and strategize.

This year you’ll need to sign up for the Saturday **Legislative Advocacy Training** by **June 17** when you **register** for the conference. Email Elizabeth Holland at **eholland@aall.org** with any questions.

Chapter Government Relations Get-Together July 14

Chapter leaders and government relations chairs are invited to attend the **Government Relations Get-Together on Sunday, July 14 at 5:00pm**. This informal event will take place at the Fountain Wine Bar in the Sheraton Seattle Hotel, the AALL Headquarters for this year’s Annual Meeting and Conference.

AALL Government Relations Office staff Emily Feltren and Elizabeth Holland will be on hand to answer questions, facilitate connections, and share more information on future opportunities for chapter involvement. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Holland at **eholland@aall.org** by Monday, **July 8**.

Chinese American Librarians Association Southern California Chapter (CALA-SCA) Annual Conference 2013, *What Does It Mean to Be a Librarian Today and in the Future?* ... by Michele A. Lucero

The CALA-SCA Annual Conference for 2013 was a memorable event. The program theme was *What Does it Mean to Be a Librarian Today and in the Future?* It was a fitting theme, considering changes within the information profession. The program was held at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library on Thursday, February 21. The co-sponsors were the Chinese American Librarians Association Southern California Chapter and the California Library Association Chinese American Librarians Interest Group. We were warmly welcomed by **Win Shih**, CALA-SCA Chapter President and **Norma Arvizu**, City Librarian of the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library. The location was a great site in Monterey Park.



The first part of our day consisted of a full workshop on *Public Speaking* by **Manuel Urrizola**, Head of Metadata & Technical Services at UC Riverside. In his workshop on public speaking, Manuel coached on ways to overcome nervousness, fear, anxiety, and taught us how to calm down, organize our thoughts, articulate, use props, entertain, advocate, persuade, and inspire. The workshop taught us elements of skillful speaking and effective communication, which was both entertaining and informative. In the first part of the workshop, on introducing the speaker, Manuel recommended that an introduction be created to cover name, credentials, topic and importance, and title of speech within 30 seconds. Your role as an introducer of the speaker is that of a transition where you only state your name. You don't want to give away the speaker's speech nor focus on yourself.

During the second part of the workshop, Manuel specifically taught the 3 P's that are **required elements for successful public speaking**: preparation, practice and performance. In order to **Prepare**, one must select and define the topic, considering where the event will be held, what is the occasion, who is the audience, and how to approach the audience. The most important question will be what the approach will be

with the audience. Will you as speaker: inform, persuade, entertain or inspire? It is important to pick an approach to help define the topic. Second, one must support and develop the topic. This may include data, a description or a mix approach. Finally in your preparation as a speaker, you must structure and design your speech to include a beginning, body and big ending. You will want an introduction to the topic which grabs the attention of the audience. Openers may include asking a question, using a quote or stating a startling statistic. A big ending must include an effective close. You could use a quote, a rhetorical question, end with a challenge, or have a call to action.

The second P to remember is **Practice!** As an effective speaker, you will want to remember, rehearse and relax. Often individuals write the speech out, memorize the beginning and end, and practice in the mirror or in front of friends.

Last, the third P is the **Performance**, including verbal, vocal and visual. Verbal communication comprises 7% to 30% of communication. As a speaker, you must establish credibility with the audience. You are the expert on the topic. You will want to motivate with your words and move the audience. Often, appealing to the audience's self-interest gets them engaged. Vocally, speakers must be aware of the projection of the voice, variety and use of silence. You will want to project in ways in which the audience is able to hear. Changing tone and volume, pitch, and the use of silence are effective uses of vocal control. How many times have you heard a presenter use "uh" or "um"? Saying nothing and pausing is an effective way to make a point, and to help in avoiding the use of those filler words. Lastly, visual appearance, body and visual aids account for 50% of more of verbal communication. You will want to stand right in front of the room if able and change your voice projection in order to identify that you are in charge. Gestures are often helpful to use when in transition or describing an item visually. You will want to dress comfortably, and focus your attention on the audience.



CALA-SCA Annual Conference 2013, *What Does It Mean to Be a Librarian Today and in the Future?* ...continued

The final portion of the public speaking workshop focused on impromptu speaking. Impromptu includes giving a short speech with limited time to prepare. Quick tips for handling an impromptu speech include repeat the question as a stalling technique, remember to choose the approach you will use (inform, persuade, entertain or inspire), and quickly organizing with a beginning, body and big ending. Speaking and presenting are all about practice! The more you practice, the better you will get at it.

After Manuel's interactive and engaging talk on public speaking, we had the opportunity to break for lunch and ate delicious Chinese food.

In the afternoon, I was very grateful for the opportunity to speak on the *Librarianship: Today and in the Future* panel with **Norma Arvizu**, City Librarian of the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library and **Eduardo Tinoco**, Associate Dean for Public Services, USC Libraries. The panel was moderated by **Tanya Cao**, Catalog Librarian of Chapman University School of Law. We addressed the outlook of librarianship, including our own career paths which led to our current positions, provided advice and tips on being a minority in a white dominated profession, the importance of mentoring in career development, and the role of technology / impact on our future within the profession.



Panel speakers (from left to right): **Michele A. Lucero**, **Eduardo Tinoco** & **Norma Arvizu**

The afternoon concluded with three presentations: *In Search of Excellence: CALA-SCA*, *Chinese-American Librarians Database*, and *eBooks and Patron Driven Acquisition (or Access)*. **Ying Xu**, Humanities Librarian at Cal State LA and **Sally Tseng**, Honorary Executive Director of Chinese American Librarians Association presented on the history and excellence of the CALA-SCA. The history of the CALA goes back to the 1970s. There are over 1,100 members throughout the world. CALA-SCA is one of seven chapters that have hosted a variety of events over the years to honor, enhance, and promote Chinese American librarians.

Yongyi Song, Technical Services Librarian at Cal State LA presented an interesting presentation on [Chinese-American Librarians Database: Database of the Political Campaigns since the Establishment of People's Republic of China](http://www.chineseupress.com/download/Anti_rightist_info.pdf), http://www.chineseupress.com/download/Anti_rightist_info.pdf. The core editors of the database include a group of Chinese librarians within the United States that provide free access to information and preserve historical truth. The editors help provide well-organized data for undergraduate teaching and graduate research, and special methods and technology to support academic needs and to fill out the collection gap for the materials during Mao's Era (1949-1976). The current Chinese Cultural Revolution database includes comprehensive sources on Chinese political movements between 1965-1985. The Chinese Anti-Rightist Campaign database includes sources on Chinese political movements between 1955-1958. Future plans include covering sources on all political and economic turmoil of the Chinese Great Leap Forward, Great Famine of 1958-1964, and the early-mid 1950s Chinese political movements including the Land Reform, the Thought Reform, and the Three Socialist Transformation.

Lastly, our day concluded with a presentation on *eBooks and Patron Driven Acquisition (or Access)* (PDA) by **Kuei Chiu**, Head of Collection Development, UC Riverside. PDA is a great collection development and acquisition tool that helps libraries to maintain control over their collection development processes and preserve the budget. It took UC Riverside a few easy steps to set up its PDA system: build a collection of titles they knew their patrons were interested in, expose these titles to the patrons by loading the records to the catalog, and buying only those titles that get used based on specific triggers set in place.



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SCALL Spring Meeting 2013 Held at Chapman Law School

- SCALL's Spring Meeting 2013 ventured out of the Los Angeles area to take place at Chapman Law School in the city of Orange, Orange County, Tuesday, April 23. A special bookmark was made for this occasion.
 - Chapman Professor Dr. Deepa Badrinarayana spoke on *The Law of Climate Change: Adaptation and Financing*.
 - After the meeting, attendees were given a tour of the law school and the law library.
 - Samples were passed out of Chapman's imaginative way to use discarded bound reporters.
- See below.*



Whittier Law School Names Hugh Treacy Interim Library Director

Hugh Treacy will become the Interim Director of the Whittier Law School Library on July 1. The current director, J. Denny Haythorn, retires effective June 30. Hugh has been the Associate Director of the Law Library since August 2002.

Hugh is a long time and active member of SCALL. He was SCALL Secretary, 2000-2002, SCALL Newsletter Editor, 2008-2009, and President of SCALL, 2010-2011.



SCALL Executive Board Meeting Monday, November 5, 2012

A regular meeting of the SCALL Executive Board was held on Monday November 5, 2012 at the offices of McDermott Will & Emery in Los Angeles:

David Burch, President
 Paul Moorman, Vice-President/President Elect
 Lisa Schultz, Treasurer
 Cheryl Kelly Fischer, Secretary
 Mark Gediman, Past President
 George Carter, Board Member (via telephone)
 Karol Howard, Board Member

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:37 PM.

I. Minutes

- The minutes of the June 28, 2012 meeting were read.
- Paul Moorman moved to approve the minutes. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

II. Treasurer's Report

- Lisa Schultz reported that SCALL had total assets of \$44,010.43.
- Mark Gediman moved to approve the report. There was no discussion and the motion was carried. The written report is filed with these minutes.

III. Secretary's Report

- Cheryl Kelly Fischer had nothing to report.

IV. President's Report

- David Burch had nothing to report.

V. Vice-President's Report

- Paul Moorman reported on the SCALL Institute.
 - The direct bill application was not approved by the hotel and the bill will have to be prepaid in March.
 - Most Institute Committees have committee chairs, but volunteers are still needed for several committees.
 - Lucy Curci-Gonzalez will be the AALL VIP visitor and Jennifer Berman will be the VIP escort.
 - The Board agreed on the amount of the registration fee and the amount of the exhibitor table fees.
 - The topic is healthcare and theme ideas for this topic are needed.
 - Speaker recommendations are needed.

VI. Committee Reports

- The Board received and read all committee reports by email, and those reports are filed with the minutes of this meeting. Per Sturgis' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, all reports are considered filed without voting.
- The Newsletter Committee recommended changing the period for which ads are sold from the calendar year to the academic year. David Burch will do further research.
- The Information Technology Committee requested funds to customize a wordpress website for the SCALL Institute.



SCALL Executive Board Meeting ... *continued*

VII. Old Business

- A listserve disclaimer has been posted on the website.
- Suzie Shatarevyan requested guidance from the board regarding a listserve copyright notice.

VIII. New Business

- The Board reviewed the committee budget requests for 2012-2013 along with data from past budgets and the current treasury balance. The Board agreed to committee budgets for 2012-2013 totaling \$29,650.
- Mark Gediman moved to approve the budget. The motion was carried.
- The Board discussed the use of credit card payment for membership fees. Lisa Schultz will get a recommendation from Judy Davis regarding the use of Member Clicks or Pay Pal and the Board will vote on this at the next meeting.
- The Board discussed reimbursing the cost to several members and/or their employers of placing a stop payment on membership renewal checks that were lost in the mail. Paul Moorman moved to approve the reimbursement. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Kelly Fischer
SCALL Secretary, 2012-2014



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