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President's Column

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Our fall meeting at USC was a great success thanks to the efforts of Programs Committee co-chairs Renee Rastorfer and Brian Raphael. Albert Brecht and the USC law librarians offered tours of their newly renovated library facility and we appreciate their gracious hospitality. Guest speaker, Julie Werner-Simon, Assistant U.S. Attorney, delivered (with generous doses of humor) helpful guidance and information on Identity Fraud.

SAVE THE DATES:

The Third All-California Joint Institute will be held on March 31-April 1, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza in Sacramento. Patrick Meyer and his Institute committee members are working diligently on the final details for the Institute. The program will feature sessions on regulatory and legislative research, California securities laws, and California consumer protection laws to name a few. Our educational partners, LexisNexis and Thomson West will offer two pre-Institute programs, one on Thursday afternoon and one on Friday morning. A technical services pre-Institute program will also be offered on Friday morning. Please check the SCALL web site, the SCALL listserv and your mail for registration and hotel details.

Our annual Holiday Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14 at the Empress Pavilion restaurant in Chinatown. Renee Rastorfer and Brian Raphael have planned a sumptuous feast. For further details, please check the SCALL web site, and the SCALL listserv.

I wish everyone a happy and joyful holiday season!

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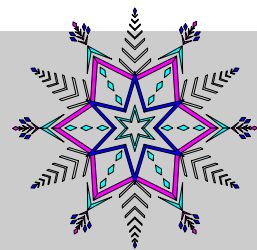
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Have you been in a situation wherein you volunteered to do something but for whatever reason, you were unable to do it? I'm not talking about a case of taking on more than you can handle or not being able to say no; but rather a case of not knowing what you will be up against or the politics involved in accomplishing the work. If you have, fear not; you are not alone. Whatever it is that made it difficult or impossible to accomplish the work you have volunteered to do, don't let it stop you from continuing on or from doing future volunteer work. Focus on the one reason why you volunteered in the first place. Yes, there may be other reasons, but if you focus on the one thing that pushed you to step up to the plate, whether it's guilt, passion, fame (definitely not fortune) or desire to serve others, you'll find that reason important enough for you to continue the work and volunteer again in the future.

As we begin to prepare for the holidays and make plans to be with family and friends, let this season be a reminder of how fortunate we are to belong to an association filled with very talented, nurturing, kind and generous professionals. It is inspiring to know the successes of our colleagues' work done through our committees. In this issue, we have one such story. Marcelino Francisco Juarez is one of the many inner city teens that have deservingly benefited from our Inner City Youth Internship Program. We are also delighted to bring back our bio-profile series featuring Past President Cornell Winston and welcoming new member Sarah Rankin.

I sincerely hope that we, in the Newsletter Committee, have been successful in our work of bringing to you the information, news and stories that are interesting, relevant and helpful to you.

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We welcome the submission of any articles of interest to the law library community. Contact Victoria Williamson, **SCALL Newsletter Editor**, at williamv@ulv.edu.

All submissions should be received by the following dates:

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Getting to Know You: Sarah Rankin

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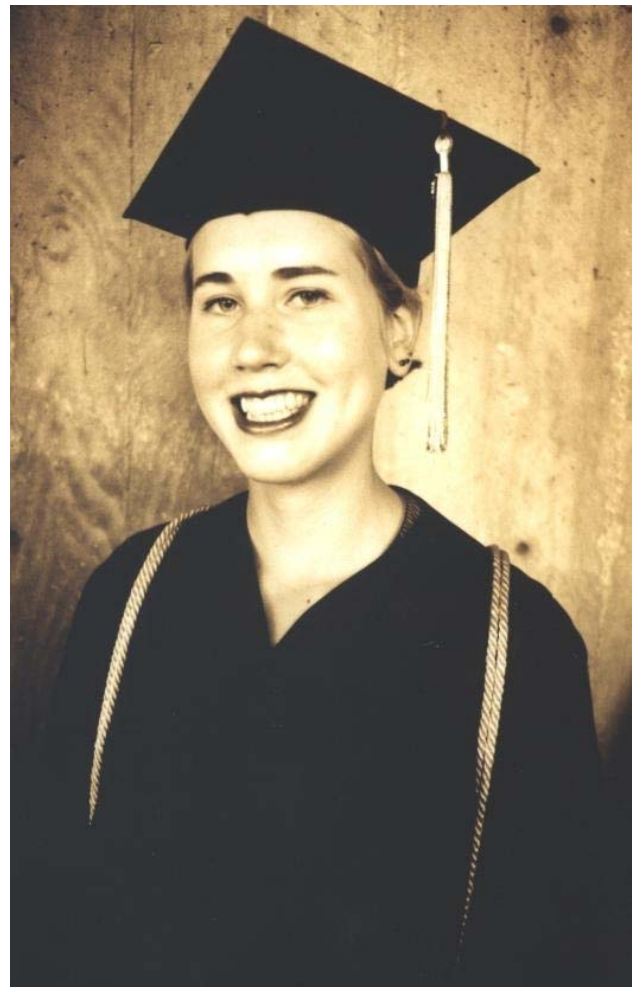
Sarah Rankin is originally from Sacramento, California. She received her B.A. degree (1999) in Cultural Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley and her M.L.I.S. (January 2005) from San Jose State University. Prior to entering the M.L.I.S. program she had no library experience, but she worked for several years as a legal assistant in San Francisco, New York, and Palo Alto firms. When asked how she became interested in librarianship, she responded, *"One day while in New York, I saw a flyer for Pratt Institute's library science program and I thought this may be something I'd like to do."* She attended the Pratt Institute for one semester while working as a securities litigation legal assistant. Sarah then relocated and transferred to San Jose State University, where she worked full-time as a patent litigation legal assistant. Sarah currently resides in Los Angeles, California where she is the Assistant Librarian at Proskauer Rose, LLP, which is her first library job! She has only been at Proskauer Rose since March 2005, but she feels her background as a legal assistant has helped a great deal in adjusting to a law library position. Her position includes a little bit of everything from reference research to opening the mail and shelving books.

Sarah is a member of SCALL and hopes to become more involved as she begins to explore her new career. She thinks she will always be a librarian because it suits her personality, she loves research and making information organized and accessible. She also expresses that she really enjoys working in a law firm environment. Sarah shares that *"law firms in general are an enjoyable atmosphere. I like working with intellectual people."*

Sarah credits her current boss, head librarian Lisa Winslow at Proskauer Rose as her mentor. She is an inspiration and has assisted her in beginning a law library career. Sarah admits that before starting at Proskauer she was so busy working full-time and going to school full-time that she rarely had any free time. She is now just enjoying her free time by reading anything from graphic novels to art and architecture books.

When asked why she enjoys working as a legal librarian, she states, *"Working in the legal field in general offers a new challenge every day. It is consistently changing. Additionally, you really get a chance to develop close long-term relationships with those you work for, which I don't think*

is usually the case in other types of libraries. Los Angeles is a great place to work also. I enjoy the West Coast and the opportunities that are available in California for law librarianship."



Sarah currently works as Assistant Librarian at Proskauer Rose LLP in Los Angeles.
(Photo courtesy of Sarah Rankin)





Inner City Youth Internship Program: A Success Story

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I'm sure you've all heard our committee members tell you of our wonderful program, just completing its 14th year, which places inner city teens in law firms and other local libraries for the summer. Often these jobs are the teens' first or their first jobs in a real office. We've asked SCALL members for support, both financial and physical; now we'd like to brag to you about one of our successes!

Marcelino Francisco Juarez, who was placed at Los Angeles County Law Library in the summer of 2000, has now been hired there in a permanent position as Administrative Assistant. After working at LACLL in 2000, he was hired as a Library Aide from 2000-2003 while he attended California State University, Los Angeles; he then took a year off to attend college full time, and was hired back at LACLL in 2004. Now that he has graduated with a degree in Business Administration, he has been hired full time again. His skills in accounting and technology, along with the hard work and discipline he developed in high school, helped him through college and also in his position at LACLL. In fact, his proficiency in technology has contributed to one of his hobbies: creating music on the computer. He has been a musician since he was 14, and he can lay down scores for different instruments, such as the guitar and drums, and display them on the computer screen to see what they sound like.

Marcelino was born in Guatemala. He came to the United States at the age of nine in 1990. As one of five children, he was encouraged by his parents to do well in high school and to continue his education after his graduation from Jefferson High School in 2000. Along with his parents, his college coordinator encouraged him to attend Advanced Placement classes, which helped him get into a good school and taught him how to tackle difficult tasks. He was encouraged to apply to our program, and was also mentored by Judith Rodriguez, one of our first interns, who helped drive him and other interns to various workshops and advise them on the program.

Marcelino began his job September 6 of this year, and says he is "ecstatic" with his new position. Every day is a new experience, he told our Co-Chair, Francine Biscardi. He will probably manage office and library supplies, review and analyze vendor services, and review and analyze sal-



Marcelino F. Juarez

(Photo by Francine Biscardi)

ary levels. He looks forward to working with the new LACLL Administrator, Marcia Koslov, but already knows most of the staff, and looks forward to working with all of them as well.

Should you be at Los Angeles County Law Library and meet Marcelino, please congratulate him. We are proud of him just as we are of all our interns.

You can help start another success story like Marcelino's. Ask that your library participate as a host site in 2006!



Balance and Continuous Partial Attention: 2005 *Internet Librarian* Opening Keynote

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This year's *Internet Librarian* conference was held on October 24-26, in Monterey. Focused on net technologies, the conference was an intense educational experience for "non-techies" like me, especially since the last one I attended was three years ago.

Why in the world did I attend, you might ask? While many of the programs seemed too technical and beyond my less than sophisticated understanding of leading-edge net and Web based technologies, the conference did offer a wide range of programs suited for both basic and advance users and/or developers of today's information technology tools. It also included a series of keynotes by excellent speakers with insightful presentations on current issues and challenges facing librarians.

It was impossible for any attendee, even for bloggers (I sat next to three of them who were blogging the keynotes in real time) to capture and report back everything that transpired during the programs. There were many "you had to be there" moments to appreciate, particularly in all four keynotes. Thinking back, the word *balance* and the phrase *continuous partial attention* stood out in my mind.

Lee Rainie, founding Director of the Pew Internet & American Life Project delivered the opening keynote, entitled "Shifting Worlds," in which he gave a progress report of their work at the Pew Internet Project and a preview of where their work is heading. In his speech, he also talked about *continuous partial attention*, a phrase coined by Linda Stone, a former Microsoft executive, to describe modern life. It is a way people have adapted to cope and keep up with the constant barrage of communications they receive. He quoted Stone, "It is not the same as multitasking; that's about trying to accomplish several things at once. With continuous partial attention, we're scanning incoming alerts for the one best thing to seize upon: 'How can I tune in in a way that helps me sync up with the most interesting, or important opportunity?'"

When I heard this, I laughed (as did many in the audience) because it is so true. Whether through email, blogs or rss feeds, we are always on the look-out for the "one best thing." Our radar is always on, making sure that we keep up with what is going on in our field, that we capture the important-- understandably so, because it is part of what we do. As librarians, we are continuously scanning, tagging, selecting and evaluating information.



Picturesque Monterey, site of the 2005 Internet Librarian conference.

(Photo by Victoria Williamson)

What I found most interesting about this idea is that it prompted me to think about how technology changes our behavior, our way of thinking and our lifestyles. According to Rainie, the rule of thumb about technology--that the more commonplace and invisible the technology, the more important it is to users--is undoubtedly coming into play in today's use of the Internet. "The Internet is literally fading into the woodwork and that means its impact in our lives is growing." The question is, how much have we allowed our work/life to be changed, for better or for worse, by the technology we have embraced? How many of us have made a conscious choice not to bring work home, to turn off the cell phone or to not check the email at certain times, or simply to turn our technical gadgets off? It was refreshing to hear about "email-free Fridays" introduced in its offices by a British company whose employees are expected to discuss things face-to-face or by telephone.

Rainie concluded his keynote address by sharing his thoughts on the role of technology in modern times, specifically in our lifestyles. He quoted Josef Pieper, a German philosopher who wrote *Leisure: The Basis of Culture*. "The world of work is becoming our entire world. It threatens to engulf us completely, and the demands of work become greater and greater, till at last they make a 'total' claim upon the whole of human nature."

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Getting to Know You: Cornell H. Winston

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Cornell Winston is originally from El Paso, Texas. He received his B.A. in History from the University of California, Irvine (1983) and his M.A. in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena (1989). While pursuing his undergraduate degree, Cornell secured his first library position as a student employee for the A. F. Parlow Library of Health Sciences at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. After graduation, he was hired as the library's Circulation Clerk.

Cornell then decided to pursue his Master's in theology at Fuller Theological Seminary. While in graduate school, he worked as a substitute teacher for the ABC Unified School District, and in 1985, he secured a full-time position as a Public Services Assistant for the Whittier College School of Law Library.

When asked what made him decide to pursue a career in law librarianship, he confided: *When I worked at Whittier Law School, I really thought I wanted to be a theology professor. That was the reason why I was attending graduate school. The library was fascinating. While at Whittier, I tried to learn as much as I could. I had good mentors in J. Denny Haythorn, Rosanne Krikorian and Christopher Noe. When I asked questions, they were always willing to answer. They allowed me to increase my responsibilities in the library. After two years at Whittier, I was attracted to law librarianship.* In 1987, Cornell left Whittier Law School Library to become Assistant Librarian at Munger, Tolles & Olson law firm.

In 1992 Cornell became Law Librarian for the Los Angeles office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, and in 2001, he secured a position as Law Librarian at the US Attorney's Office for the Central District of California. His biggest challenge while at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe was establishing the library to meet the needs of the Los Angeles attorneys and the staff. Cornell states: *The firm never had a full-time professional librarian. The San Francisco office handled all of the reference requests and library maintenance. What worked in San Francisco was not necessarily what was best for Los Angeles. As a librarian, it is impor-*

tant to establish credibility with the attorneys you serve. At Munger, an oft-quoted saying was, "The best source of business is the work on your desk." I took that admonition to heart. I sought to answer the reference questions quickly and correctly, and I had to establish that I was there to offer a service, which would add value to the work the attorneys were doing.



(Photo courtesy of Cornell Winston)

As a member of SCALL since 1988 and AALL since 1992, Cornell has chaired and served on numerous committees. He currently serves on SCALL's Third Joint California Institute Committee, and served as President (2002-2003) and as Vice President/President-Elect (2001-2002). He currently is a member of AALL's Annual Program Committee and Awards Committee, and has served on the Council on Chapter Presidents (2002-2003), Indexing of Periodical Literature Advisory Committee (1999-2002) and as Chair (2000-2001), Nominations Committee (2000-2001) and as Chair (2001), the Annual Meeting Local Advisory Committee (1997-1998), and as Chair of the Annual Meeting Closing Banquet (1998). In 2003, Cornell was invited as a guest speaker at the AALL Council of Chapter Presidents Meeting where he presented, "Coordinating Chapter Milestones Events." He also served as a Moderator/Coordinator for one of the programs at AALL's 2002 Annual Meeting entitled, "Law Firm Mergers: A Roadmap Through the Minefield." In 2004, Cornell moderated the State, Court and County Strategic Directions listserv discussions.

Currently, Cornell is running for a position on the Executive Board of the American Association of Law Libraries. Cornell is a member of AALL's State, Court and County, and Private Law Librarians Special Interest Sections where he served on the Membership and Mentoring Committee (2003-2005); as a member of the Education Committee (2001-2002); and Grants Committee (1994-1997) and Chair (1995-1996).

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Pictured from left to right: Patrick Meyer, Larry Reeves, Edward St. John, Ruth Hill, Marlene Bubrick, and Gwendolyn Lohmann.

(Photo courtesy the American Association of Law Libraries)

2005 Internet Librarian (cont.)

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According to Pieper “the socially nourishing elements of culture, which are cultivated in people’s conscious pursuit of leisure and contemplation, were in danger of being swallowed by a world of “total work.” By leisure, Pieper means “stillness that is the necessary preparation for accepting reality... or immersion in the real.”

Rainie sees librarians to be among the few institutional ac-

tors who are in position “to help our culture find a balance between work and leisure of the kind Pieper was describing... to help figure the right mix between being connected and being contemplative; doing research (or being open through continuous partial attention); pausing to reflect, absorb and muse on the things we have encountered in that research; being on top of the most important information; and being aware of the restorative power of “turning things off” when that flow of information becomes debilitating.”

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by Patty Wellinger, Chair
AALL / LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee



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Editor's Notes (cont.)

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Our committee is always looking for volunteers to write articles or to report on various law library events, programs and activities, including commentaries and opinion pieces on topics that are of interest to the law library community. I hope that during the holidays, you will set aside a time for yourself to relax, reflect and (if I may borrow a phrase from Josef Pieper, a German philosopher who wrote *Leisure: The Basis of Culture*), "immerse in the real."

Cornell Winston (cont.)

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When Cornell is not immersed in his career and in professional organizations, he loves to cook and enjoys eating the fruits of his labor. His true passion in life is to be the best that he can be as a husband, father, minister or law librarian, and to provide excellent service and dedication to the task at hand before him.

Cornell's advice to new SCALL members aspiring to be law library directors: *Work hard and try to learn as much as possible. I have been privileged to be associated with several librarians who have been sources of help and support in my career. I sought to learn from them as much as I could, and I did. Also, getting involved in SCALL is important. When you volunteer for a committee, you open yourself to other law librarians. You learn and grow from shared experiences.*



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