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AALL Awards Ceremony



Joan Shear (left) accepts the AALL Chapter Professional Development Award for the program she created and designed, *Introduction to Legal Research*. With Joan, left to right, are Susan Sullivan, outgoing LLNE Education Director; Michael Hughes, incoming LLNE President; and Darcy Kirk, outgoing LLNE President.



Charles Papirmeister (left) and Christine Ryan (right) of Vermont Law School accept the award for Excellence in Marketing with their humorous and deftly instructional video *The Legal Research Project*, which lampooned the horror film *The Blair Witch Project*. AALL President Barbara Bintliff (center) presented the award.

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Co-Editors' Note

Thank you to all of you who submitted contributions to this issue. We hope that this issue has effectively captured all of the professional activity of the LLNE membership for the past few months!

It was wonderful seeing those of you who were able to attend the Annual Meeting in Orlando. We hope that you were able to attend the LLNE Luncheon. For those of you who were unable to attend, check out this issue for news and photos from the conference.

Anyone interested in submitting items for future issues should contact John Pedini (jpardini@sociallaw.com) or Michelle Pearse (m.pearse@neu.edu).

We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Meeting hosted by Northeastern University School of Law Library on November 15th.

Co-Editors, LLNE News

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LLNE/SNELLA Luncheon



Outgoing LLNE President Darcy Kirk (right) presents a commemorative duck to incoming President Michael Hughes. The duck was the theme of the hotel where the luncheon was held and where many attendees stayed while at the convention. Darcy thought it made a good symbol of leadership to be passed down.



Tracy Thompson (right) presents Ken Svengalis (center) with a lifetime achievement award as Darcy Kirk (left) looks on.



In a scene he described as the “Half Monty,” incoming President Michael Hughes took “some of it” off to enthusiastically endorse the venue for next year’s convention.

President's Message

By Michael Hughes, Quinnipiac University School of Law Library

I am honored and humbled to serve as your president for the coming year. One of my greatest pleasures in being a part of the law library profession involves my association with the Law Librarians of New England. As an officer of the Executive Board, I have witnessed many instances of the dedication exhibited by the members of LLNE. Darcy Kirk, who led our team as President for the past year and a half, deserves our gratitude for her outstanding leadership during a difficult time in our nation's history. As Vice-President/President-Elect, Susan Sullivan continues her time-honored involvement with LLNE's activities. I look forward to working with Darcy in her capacity as Past (never passé!) President and Susan (always on board!) as Vice-President. Cindy Landau, Treasurer, ensures that LLNE remains fiscally sound. This year, she continues to create a generic budget for LLNE to use in the future. Jeff Flynn, Education Director, who keeps us on track for future educational experiences, is recreating the Program Manual in electronic format. Newly elected Jeannine Uppgard, Secretary, and Maureen Quinlan, Education Director, will contribute as ably as Cindy and Jeff have done for us.

The Law Librarians of New England is a vibrant organization, thanks to the many members who play an active role in its affairs, as was demonstrated at the AALL 95th Annual Meeting and Conference in Orlando in July. "Creating Connections" certainly applies to LLNE. Here are a few examples:

Activities Table

John Pedini, Dave Turkalo and I assembled a display that depicted the numerous activities of LLNE and the excellent output of our members during the past year. The table included such items as a listing of LLNE member participants at AALL and the names of award and scholarship recipients; information on membership in LLNE and the activities of the committees of LLNE; printed copies of the electronic newsletter professionally produced by Michelle Pearse, John Pedini, Susan Farago, Sue Drisko, Diane Murley, Carole Doody and Maria Sekula, and other contributors; a print copy of the web site admirably administered by Raquel Ortiz along with the other members of the Communications Committee; and program handouts of the Fall 2001 Intellectual Property meeting hosted by Boston University

Pappas Law Library and the Spring 2002 Education Law meeting hosted by Franklin Pierce Law Center Library. Please contact me or other members of the LLNE executive board and committees if you would like to contribute toward next year's activities table in Seattle.

LLNE/SNELLA Joint Luncheon

The joint LLNE/SNELLA luncheon, partially funded by William S. Hein and appreciated by us for their generous ongoing support, was a great success. Over fifty attendees said thanks and good-bye to Brian Harkins, Secretary, who left the Executive Board, and relished in the fine food and news of LLNE's pursuits. Likewise, we applauded Susan Sullivan for her many years of contribution on the Scholarship Committee, whose members include Karen Moss and Martha Sullivan. The attendees also welcomed the opportunity to stand and warmly applaud Ken Svengalis upon hearing Tracy Thompson, Executive Director, New England Law Library Consortium, present him with a proclamation of appreciation on our behalf. Darcy Kirk, who arranged this gathering, and thus once again deserves our thanks, transitioned in the new Executive Board and ended the meeting by suggesting a symbol for the 2004 annual meeting to be held in Boston. I would like to take this opportunity to support her idea of a duck. What could be a better way to express the goodness of Boston than *Make Way for Ducklings!* and *Duck Tours?* The ducklings could also be paddling in a pool surrounded by *Boston ferns*, which could adorn the tables at the closing banquet, along with servings of *Animal Quackers* (sorry) and *Duck Soup*.

AALL Comprehensive Chapter Professional Development Award

LLNE received the 2002 AALL Comprehensive Chapter Professional Development Award for its Introduction to Legal Research course. Joan Shear, creator and designer, and Chris Swan, implementer and operator, along with the other teachers and participants in this worthwhile program, deserve our applause for their outstanding efforts in developing the educational awareness of our members.

Hein Fun Run

As busy as LLNEers are, no one can outrun Stephanie Burke and Will Meredith, who won this year's Hein Fun Run. Stephanie Burke, chair of the Service Committee, looks forward to hearing your ideas on how her committee can spring forward following the

(President's Message cont.)

success of last year's walkathon and subsequent accolade.

In this coming year's president messages, I will address issues pertaining to implementing our proposed new committee structure, as well as LLNE's ongoing projects, policies, and procedures. Susan Sullivan and I, who have been analyzing our Constitution and bylaws, will have more to present to you for your approval on the documents that serve as the backbone of our organization. The Communications Committee, chaired by Raquel Ortiz, likewise will provide language for opting in and out of LLNE's listserv run by Pat Newcombe and Nancy Johnson and on including photographic images in our publications. Cathy Breen, chair of the Membership Development Committee, and Susan Zeigfinger, member, will be exploring ways to provide value to your membership in LLNE. And Kelly Browne continues to lead the Government Relations Committee.

On behalf of all the members of the LLNE team, I would like to again thank you for your outstanding support. With your ongoing help, LLNE can become for you Your LLNE, as it is My LLNE. Please bookmark LLNE in your to do file today. My thanks to all the members, committee chairs, and officers who help to make the Law Librarians of New England a great chapter of AALL.

Thus, as we look at our past and to our future, we see an LLNE that thrives largely due to the involvement of its members. Please join me and other Law Librarian of New Englanders when we next gather together in Boston in November for the Fall 2002 Meeting, "As You Learn It, A Play in Two Acts," hosted by Northeastern University Law Library where LLNE will again shine. 📖

Business Meeting Minutes

ORLANDO, FL, JULY 23, 2002

Submitted by Jeannine Uppgard, LLNE Secretary, University of Connecticut School of Law Library

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Darcy Kirk welcomed everyone to the joint LLNE/SNELLA luncheon. Darcy thanked the W. S. Hein & Company, and specifically Dick Spinelli, for

their generous contribution in support of the luncheon.

Janet Zigato, SNELLA representative, reviewed some of the past year's SNELLA activities including visits to Bridgeport Bindery in Agawam, Massachusetts and to the Commission on Legal Publications in Enfield, Connecticut.

Tracy Thompson, NELLCO Executive Director, acknowledged the work of Ken Svengalis, formerly library director at the Rhode Island State Library. Ken was presented with a certificate recognizing his many contributions to law librarianship at local, regional and national levels. Ken thanked everyone for their support and recalled that his venture into publishing vendor information had been initially encouraged and supported by Maria Sekula and LLNE.

Darcy reported on the strategic plan being developed by the Executive Committee and the new committee structure that is being implemented.

New officers for 2002/2003 were installed. They are:
Michael Hughes - President
Susan Sullivan - Vice-President/President-Elect
Jeannine Uppgard - Secretary
Maureen Quinlan - Education Director
Jeff Flynn - Education Director

Brian Harkins who served as secretary was thanked for his work, as were Jeff Flynn who has agreed to stay on as an Education Director, and Susan Sullivan, who is moving from Education Director to Vice-President/President-Elect.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cynthia Landau submitted the following figures from the June, 2002 bank statement:

Checking account	\$13,940.55
Savings account	11,153.72
TOTAL	\$25,094.27

Membership renewal notices were sent out at the end of July.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Susan Sullivan reported that \$500.00 scholarships to attend the annual meeting in Orlando had been awarded to: Wynne Browne, Downs Rachlin Martin, Burlington Vermont and Sarah Devotion Garner,

University of Washington Law Librarianship Program. Both recipients attended the luncheon.

Meeting sites for upcoming meetings include:
Fall 2002 Northeastern University Law Library, Boston
Spring 2003 Suffolk University Law Library, Boston
Fall 2003 "To Be Announced"
Spring 2004 Maine State Library/Univ. of Maine Law Library
Fall 2004 Social Law Library, Boston

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Stephanie Burke reported that the first activity was the Walk for Hunger held in Boston, May 5, 2002 and LLNE participants raised \$600.00. The committee is in the process of developing a proposed Charitable Giving Policy.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

John Pedini reported that the newsletter is now available electronically rather than in print. Survey results confirmed that most members favored an electronic version. Members will be notified that pictures will appear in the newsletter unless a member opts out or objects to such a use.

Darcy handed over the 'gavel' to incoming President Mike Hughes. He expressed his thanks to Darcy for her work during her extended term as president. During the coming year, Mike hopes to continue and expand on the many activities that are on-going in LLNE. ☺

LLNE Scholarship News

LLNE provided two \$500 scholarships to the annual AALL Meeting and Conference in Orlando. Congratulations to our member recipients: Wynne Browne, Downs Rachlin Martin (Burlington, VT) and Sarah Devotion Garner, University of Washington Law Librarianship Program.

Scholarships will also be available for the LLNE Fall Meeting on November 15, 2002. Northeastern University School of Law Library will be hosting the event at the Tremont Hotel in Boston. (See page 13 of this issue of the newsletter for more information about the meeting.) The scholarship application form

is available on the LLNE website at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/forms/llneschol.htm>. See also the guidelines at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/policies/scholarships.htm> The deadline for applications for a scholarship to the Fall Meeting is October 7, 2002. ☺

Grants Committee Essay

By Sarah Devotion Garner, recipient of LLNE Scholarship

I felt very prepared for my first AALL conference. I had signed up for a mentor. I had read all the program options and carefully chosen which I wanted to attend. I had even read *Stories of "My First Annual Meeting"* in 88 LLJ 9-81. Then I noticed the cost. Gulp. Registration plus airfare plus hotel plus meals. Double gulp. Since I didn't have a job, I needed to cover these costs on my own.

Then I learned about available grants. I applied and received one from LexisNexis to cover registration costs (including tickets to the opening reception, association luncheon and closing banquet) and a grant from LLNE that covered my airfare and hotel. That left only a few meals, which according to everyone that I talked to, could be dealt with by careful attendance of receptions.

So what did I do in Orlando? I "created connections." Yes, I know that was the theme of the conference, but really I did. I spent a tremendous amount of time meeting great people.

First, I attended CONELL and met many interesting people, some of whom were like me and brand-new to the profession, while others were in their 2nd or 3rd year. I was amazed at the variety of librarians attending – from an academic law librarian with a J.D. just starting her M.L.S. to the solo law librarian at the West Virginia Supreme Court. Everyone was friendly and fun to talk to. Just remember to ask for your CONELL ribbon when registering, so you don't have to go back and wait in line again. Wearing the ribbon is also an icebreaker throughout the conference because experienced librarians will stop you and ask "This is your first conference?" and then introduce themselves.

People had warned me, but I still was not really prepared for the magnitude of the Exhibit Hall experience. My roommate got me there early on the first day it opened, steering me through the rows of

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vendors. Our primary mission was to get the goodies that people had told us about, but we ended up taking a lot of time to talk to the vendors because the products and services were so interesting. Eventually, I met up with experienced conferencers and followed them around. Not only did they ask the vendors interesting and practical questions (that I learned a lot from), they introduced me to their friends.

At the invitation of my mentor, Mary Hood, I attended a reception of NOCALL and met some extremely nice Northern Californian catalogers and firm librarians. I also attended the IALL reception and made contacts with many of the foreign, international and comparative law librarians. Having met Dan Wade, a reference librarian at Yale, during the round-table discussion at CONELL made my entry into IALL easier, as he introduced me around. I also attended the annual meeting/luncheon of LLNE and met even more librarians, and reconnected with some I already knew from my law school days.

Included in the grant that I received from LexisNexis was an invitation to their annual dinner for grant recipients. The dinner was held at the American Rotunda at EPCOT. It was a wonderful, intimate setting. As my guest, I brought Penny Hazelton, the director of the University of Washington Law Library and the director of the law librarianship program from which I am graduating. Penny introduced me to even more people. For example, my dinner table included Victoria Trotta, the director of Arizona State University Law Library and the conference's program committee chair, Judy Meadows, the state law librarian of Montana and former AALL president, Frank Houdek, the director of Southern Illinois University Law Library and former AALL president and editor of Law Library Journal, his wife Susan and their daughter, and Marcia Koslov, the deputy director at the University of Texas and her husband. I heard some terrific stories about how they got started in the profession and how their first AALL meetings went. The evening provided a nice sense of the history of AALL and of the Lexis (formerly Matthew Bender) dinner. In fact, the earliest recipient present had received his Bender scholarship in 1956! As a grant recipient, I will be invited to attend the Lexis dinner at every subsequent AALL meeting and I'm already looking forward to Seattle.

Even though it was a whirlwind of meeting new people, I managed to attend a program every session

and enjoyed each one. The first program that I attended was: "*Performance Management: Making the Connection Between You and Your Staff.*" I have no staff to manage, but I walked out of the session wanting desperately to immediately apply some of the techniques that I'd learned. Two of my favorite sessions were "*Reach Out and Train Someone: Training Public Interest Lawyers and Non-Law Librarians in the Use of Free Government Information*" and "*Creating Connections Without Future: Legal Info Services for Young Adults.*" Not only were these programs practical in scope, they inspired me. I became, and am still, very excited to get involved and create training opportunities for people who want or need to use the library. I was especially moved by the presentation by Anna Delgado, of Arter and Hadden, LLP. During the LA riots, she and some SCALL colleagues felt they needed to do something positive and started a program to get teenagers paid internships at law libraries or legal organizations – giving them the opportunity to have more than a Mcjob.

I am very interested in foreign, international and comparative law, so I also attended some fantastic programs relating to those subjects. First, I heard three speakers discuss the creation of the International Criminal Court and related issues. I also learned about the access policies and strategies of disclosure related to getting government documents from China, France and Mexico. Finally, I listened to three different perspectives on how to develop an international relations collection: a professor, a librarian and an administrator.

My first conference was a tremendous experience. Although brand new, I already feel very much a part of the organization. 📷

Connecting With Your Audience

by Nan Balliot, Roger Williams University School of Law Library

The theme of the 95th AALL Annual Meeting and Conference held in Orlando, Florida was "Creating Connections." Of possible interest to *LLNE News* readers who do public speaking is the program "Connecting With Your Audience," presented on July 22, 2002. Ms. Sandra Yancey, President of the Yancey Consulting Group, was the speaker.

Information about Ms. Yancey and the Yancey Consulting Group is available at <http://www.hitinc.com/sandra.html>

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Ms. Yancey's basic premise is that presentation skills are learned. She provided tips and techniques for improving one's presentation skills and some "to do's" before, during and after your presentation in order to better connect with your audience. Her talk focused on four aspects of the presentation: preparing yourself, creating visual aids, handling the audience, and delivery.


Preparing yourself consists of deciding what are you going to say and how you are going to say it. Points you are going to illustrate and how best to illustrate them are part of your preparation. Part of your preparation is to anticipate the unexpected. To avoid glitches, she recommends you do the following before your presentation: review your audiovisual aids from the back of the room; practice using your AV equipment; confirm the location, date, time, and room number; buy a bottle of baby oil and cover your teeth to prevent cotton mouth; do facial stretches; and test your markers if you are writing on a flip chart and/or overheads. She recommends Mister Sketches brand and having two sets with you in case your marker runs dry during your presentation. Among other good tips, she suggests numbering your note cards or papers so that if you drop them, they are easy to reorganize! Finally, practice your presentation.

She talked about overcoming fear, which in her opinion is an acronym for "false evidence appearing real." Her strategies for calming one's fears are to keep it simple, know your topic, and display a positive attitude while you are speaking. She emphasized focusing on those things that give you strength and power and not on those things that make you nervous.

During your presentation, she advises using the space you have in the room by walking around the room as opposed to standing behind a podium during your entire presentation to keep the audience's attention. In order to maximize the audience's first impression of you, dress to create the favorable impression you desire, and dress to match or one-up the attire likely to be worn by your audience. Both silence and pregnant pauses are okay to use during your presentation when you use them to accentuate a point. While speaking, breathe and talk with a lowered voice. (Women with lowered voices have more leverage with men.)

Ms. Yancey spoke about the power of visual aids in the value that they can add to your presentation. According to Ms. Yancey, people generally remember 20% of what they hear, 30% of what they see, and 50% of what they hear and see. Visual aids can be handouts, flip charts, overheads, PowerPoint (which she thinks is overused), and you when you want to make a point. For overheads, she uses 54 type size font. You can distribute handouts during your presentation, giving you an opportunity to move about the room while continuing to speak, or enlist attendees to distribute handouts to get them involved in your presentation. Tips for using flip charts include dog earring the end so you know when you have reached your last page, leaving a blank piece between written pages so the written pages do not "bleed" through, and tapping the bottom of pages before you use the flip chart so the pages are easily tapped to another location.

Handling the audience consists of involving them in your presentation. Ms. Yancey discussed three audience types: the "prisoner" who does not want to be there, the "vacationer" who is present in body only, and the "sponge" who wants to be there. If possible, she suggests grouping the audience so that these various types can interact. If you have a "debater" in your audience, move closer to the person and try to involve him/her if possible.

For the dreaded "question to which you do not know the answer," Ms. Yancey suggested saying "Great question" and asking the audience if they have any ideas. She stressed the importance of not lying and of getting back to people to pursue the answer to a question. 

Teaching Research in Academic Law Libraries (TRIAL) 2002

By Stephanie Burke, Boston University School of Law Library

Where can a librarian learn about teaching effectively to different learning styles, plan the curriculum for a legal research course, refine presentation skills and more in merely two days? The answer is only one place: TRIAL. LexisNexis once again sponsored the pre-conference TRIAL, or Teaching Research in Academic Law Libraries, in conjunction with the AALL Annual Meeting in Orlando this year. I was fortunate to be chosen as one of approximately thirty participants, along with another LLNE member, Elizabeth Lambert, Harvard Law School Library.

(Teaching Research cont.)

By combining presentations by experienced librarians and a consultant on effective presentation skills with workshops where participants completed hands-on projects, TRIALL accomplishes a great deal in a relatively short period of time. Participants worked together as a group to develop legal research course proposals which they then presented to the group, who acted as a law school curriculum committee or dean, developed mock exercises to evaluate students' progress, and exchanged experiences and ideas with fellow participants and the TRIALL faculty.

The unique blend of discussion, presentations, panels and hands-on exercises created an atmosphere where everyone was engaged. LLNE's own Darcy Kirk, a TRIALL Council member, gave an interesting and valuable session on adult learning and teaching to different learning styles. Participants then used sample tools to evaluate their own learning styles. Another notable session, lead by Sandra Yancey, a consultant, worked on improving the participants' presentation skills, which were showcased in the exercises which accompanied this portion of the program.

One of important benefits of attending TRIALL is meeting so many wonderful librarians, both participants and instructors. Unlike other programs at AALL, the group spends two full days together – from breakfast through dinner – affording a chance to socialize with as well as learn from each other. I met a great group of librarians, learned a lot from their teaching experiences, and have since been in contact with a number of them. I strongly encourage anyone involved in teaching at an academic library to apply the next time this wonderful program is offered by LexisNexis. 📷

Simmons GSLIS Reception at AALL

Despite a snafu (the hotel set up the Simmons reception one day later than it was announced in the AALL Program), a group of about twenty Simmons GSLIS Alumni and friends gathered in the Peabody Hotel on Monday, July 22. The food, drinks and especially the conversation were a treat for all who attended. Look for photos of the reception soon on the LLNE website! 📷



The LLNE activities table at AALL's annual meeting in Orlando.

New England Innovative Law Users Group (NEILUG)

2002 Annual Gathering
Sponsored By Moakley Law Library, Suffolk University Law School

When: Friday, October 4, 2002

Time: 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Where: Suffolk University Law School
120 Tremont St.
Boston, Massachusetts

Meeting will be held in First Floor Function Room, straight ahead as you enter the building

AGENDA

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration and Coffee

10:00 a.m. Welcome Betsy McKenzie, Director, Moakley Law Library, Suffolk University Law School

10:05 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Solutions For The Digital Library: Electronic Resources Management: MAP, MetaSource, Ejournals, and More, presented by Barbara Herzog and III Staff.

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Birds of A Feather Discussion Groups in conjunction with **Buffet Lunch** which will be served at noon. Tours of the Moakley Law Library will also be offered.

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Across The Great Divide: III As The Bridge Between Technical and Public Services, Brian Flaherty, Reference Librarian, Moakley Law Library, Suffolk University Law School

2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Innovative Users Group Update, Anne Myers, Boston University Law School Pappas Law Library, and Chair of the national IUG Steering Committee

2:45 p.m. - 3 p.m. Wrap-ups and Goodbyes

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Interested in International Law Librarianship?


Registration for the 21st International Association of Law Libraries Annual Course on International Law Librarianship is now open to members and non-members alike. This year's conference is entitled "Order from Chaos: Contexts for Global Legal Information," and will be hosted by Yale Law School in New Haven, Connecticut, October 20th to 23rd. An optional day at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 24. The preliminary program (<http://library.law.yale.edu/library/iall2002/program.html>) offers a more detailed look at the schedule.

As many of you know, New England can be glorious in the autumn. Visitors are drawn from all over the world to our generally mild fall weather and breathtaking fall foliage. Historic New Haven is situated on Long Island Sound, about two hours by rail or car from both New York City and Boston; and it is one hour away from the state's capital city, Hartford. We are planning to make good use of New Haven's geographic advantages -- the conference program includes a visit to the first law school in the U.S., the Litchfield Law School; a full day excursion to the United Nations in New York City; and the optional day, "Law of the Islamic World," hosted by Harvard Law School.

Please see the IALL 2002 Conference Web site at <http://library.law.yale.edu/library/iall2002/> for additional information and registration details. The web site contains useful links to Yale University and other area information, as well as information about accommodations, meals, and the conference schedule. You may download the registration form directly from the site. Registration closes on October 1, 2002. Best regards from New Haven and we hope to see you in October! 🌐



Northeastern University School of Law Library to Host Fall Meeting

The Northeastern University School of Law Library will be hosting the LLNE Fall Meeting on Friday, November 15th at the Tremont Boston Hotel. The topic of the program will be librarians as teachers/trainers. Filippa Anzalone, Boston College Law Library and Donna Qualters, Northeastern University Center for Effective University Teaching, will discuss the consideration of learning styles in teaching. They will be followed by a panel of librarian teachers/trainers in a variety of settings: Joan Shear (Boston College Law Library), Nancy Zaphiris (Harvard Law School Library), Ken Withers (Federal Judicial Center), Georgia Ypsalitis (Accufile), Liz Kenney (Dechert), and John Pedini (Social Law Library). In the afternoon, Nancy Houfek, of the American Repertory Theatre, will give a workshop on teaching as performance. Registration materials are forthcoming in the mail. More information will be made available on the LLNE website. 

NELLCO News

By Tracy L. Thompson, NELLCO Executive Director


BNA Update

On June 27 at NYU, six representatives from NELLCO member libraries met with BNA representatives Charlotte Kuenen (CKuenen@bna.com), Robert Fuchs (BFuchs@bna.com) and Donna Robinson (DRobinson@bna.com). The main focus of our discussion was the current pricing and pricing model in their latest offering. We proposed a true FTE pricing model with no associated discounts on existing print subscriptions. Such a model would allow libraries to make simple decisions about acquiring print and electronic materials without requiring convoluted analyses of existing holdings and associated credits on a title-by-title basis. We expressed our concern with their current model for many reasons, not the least of which is simplified and straightforward pricing. We have all seen the enormous amount of time and effort this new BNA offering has required, with many of us still no closer to answering the question, "How much does it cost?" We don't want to see other publishers adopting a model that demands so much effort.

We also emphasized that use of BNA materials in an academic law library is not analogous to their use in law firms. We stressed the pedagogical mission of academic libraries, as well as the role we inadvertently play in marketing their products to future commercial users.

Another focus of our meeting was on the provision of usage statistics for BNA products. BNA's response is that they don't have the technological resources to facilitate this. I have asked them to clarify their response, as the process of authentication should allow them to gather at least some very basic information. I have had no response to my request for clarification yet, but hope it is forthcoming in the wake of the Annual Meeting.

The outcome of the meeting was that BNA has unbundled their core offering. You may now purchase the titles in the core (as well as all other titles) on an a la carte basis. The platform limitations still exist however, and any BNA materials purchased in an a la carte fashion will be available only on BNA Direct, and not through either Lexis or Westlaw. In addition, BNA has added a Law Library Relations Manager.

We believe we have been very clear in stating our needs and our concerns to BNA. We are not satisfied that they have adequately responded to us, and we hope everyone who shares our concerns will make them known to one of the BNA representatives listed above. 

Joint Studies Institute

By Edward T. Hart, Acquisitions/Government Documents Librarian, New England School of Law

Since 1998, there have been three Joint Studies Institutes (JSI) at which law librarians from around the world have met to learn more about the study, practice, and institutions of law in the host country. The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), British and Irish Association of Law Libraries (BIALL), and the Canadian Association of Law Libraries/Association Canadienne des Bibliotheques de Droit (CALL/ACBD) sponsor these institutes. The Australian Law Librarians Group (ALLG) joined the first three to be a sponsor of the third JSI. The first JSI was hosted by BIALL and was held in Cambridge, United Kingdom in 1998. The second JSI was hosted by AALL and was held at Yale University in 2000. The third JSI was recently held

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this year and was hosted by CALL/ACBD at the Royal Roads University in Victoria, British Columbia.

The intent of the institutes is to present the legal heritage and traditions of the host country during an intense, but informal, series of sessions. The institutes have ideally taken place in a desirable venue that encourages a colligate atmosphere for the attendees. The JSIs have also been planned so that attending them would allow international attendees to easily attend the host association's annual meeting which are typically close in time and location of the JSI. This provides what is often a once-in-a-lifetime chance to attend another country's law libraries annual conference.

The Third Joint Studies Institute was recently held May 22-25 and was entitled "Canadian Focus: Global View." Over the four days of the institute, eleven sessions were held during which leading academicians, law librarians, and practitioners gave presentations on some topic of Canadian law which was followed by a discussion by the attendees. It is these discussions that are critical to the JSI concept. These discussions allow the delegates from around the world to explore the differences between the represented legal systems and, just as important, for everyone to point out the similarities of the common law tradition shared by many of the attendees that cross national borders. One example was the presentation given by Denis Le May, a law librarian at the University of Laval and a past president of CALL/ACBD. His presentation was titled "Common Law and Civil Law: Canada's Traditions and Methods" which explained how Canada handles the dual common and civil law systems. During his presentation and the discussion that followed, the librarians from other countries sought to understand the give and take of dual legal systems of Canada and how the national legal institutions must meet the challenges of this dual system to protect the integrity of the legal framework.

Another part of JSI is the opportunity to meet and network with law librarians and other legal professionals from around the world. Several social gatherings during the course of the institute provide the attendees with the opportunity to continue discussions while also sharing their views and experiences. It was during such a social occasion at the most recent JSI that a discussion started between law librarians from Australia, Britain, and the United

States about what a global grasp LexisNexis and Thomson have on legal publishing.

For an American attendee it was interesting to see and learn the influences that the United States has on Canada and Canadians. One Canadian academician noted Canadians only watch their national television for news and weather, but they were more likely to watch American television for entertainment.

The next Joint Studies Institute is being planned for September 2004 in or near Sydney, Australia. If you have any desire to learn more about the legal heritage and traditions of Australia and how they compare to other countries, this will be the best avenue for learning. ☐

What Are You Reading?

Edited by Diane Murley, Northeastern University School of Law Library



Magdalen Nabb, *Death of an Englishman, Death of a Dutchman, Death of a Madwoman, Blood Property:*

This summer I'm working my way through a new-to-me murder mystery author, Magdalen Nabb. She has written an entire series set in Florence, Italy and featuring Marshall Salvatore Guarnaccia of the Carabinieri. I love the fascinating details about the city of Florence where the author has lived since the 1970's (she first went there as a potter). But I think she is English and she has the Italian characters speaking England English slang (such as the word sod as an expletive). To me it just adds to the charm. Salva, as his wife calls him, is a deceptively brilliant detective, dedicated family man and a great humanitarian. The descriptions of the gadflies and other cranks with which the Carabinieri must deal are unusually similar to some of our problem patrons. Guarnaccia's gentle, patient treatment of these people is a good example for us all. *Death of a Madwoman* has a plot that involves the famous flood of Florence.

By Hilary T. Frye, Connecticut State Library

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Frances Mayes, *Under the Tuscan Sun: At Home In Italy*

Spend the summer in Italy! I actually read this a few summers ago, but if you like to eat, travel or fix up your home or property - this is the book for you. Grab a cup of cappuccino, put your feet up and once you start reading this book you will feel like you have been transported to Italy (for the duration of your read anyway). It even includes recipes!

By Mary E. Rogalski, Choate, Hall & Stewart

Norval Morris, *Maconochie's Gentlemen: The Story of Norfolk Island and the Roots of Modern Prison Reform:*

Norval Morris, Julius Kreeger Professor of Law and Criminology at the University of Chicago, has written an interesting account of a very early effort at prison reform--Alexander Maconochie's "Marks System" and his efforts at implementing it on Norfolk Island, Australia, in the years 1840-1844. Norfolk Island was a "worst of the worst" prison, the place where criminals already transported to Australia were sent when convicted of additional felonies in Australia, and its administration before and after Maconochie was quite brutal. Professor Morris's book combines a fact-based fictional account of Maconochie's years there as the first part of the book, with straight non-fiction discussion of his subsequent career, the effect of his efforts, why prison conditions matter, and what we can learn from the Norfolk Island experiment.

By Elisabeth Carey, Orr & Reno

Betty Boothroyd, *Betty Boothroyd: The Autobiography:*

I am currently reading Betty Boothroyd's autobiography "Betty Boothroyd: The Autobiography." She was the Speaker of the British House of Commons from 1992 until her recent retirement in 2000. She had become widely recognized here in the States thanks to CSPAN's coverage of Prime Minister's Question Time. She writes of her climb up the political ladder from being a shop assistant to a secretary to MPs. It was during this last stage that she fought and lost four elections for a seat in Parliament before finally winning. She tells a few sidebars like about her time as a research assistant for Congressman Silvio O. Conte of Massachusetts during the Kennedy administration.

It's an easy read and really informative about the decline of the Conservative Party from 1992 to 1997 and the growth of the New Labour Party from the mid-1990s.

By Edward T. Hart, New England School of Law

Chris Bohjalian, *The Buffalo Soldier: A Novel:*

One learns.... about riding lessons, flash floods, adoptions, grief and loss, buffalo soldiers, tolerance.

By Anne McDonald, R.I. Dept of Attorney General

Sylvia Nassar, *A Beautiful Mind:*

Biography of Nobel Prize winner John Nash. Very well written and exhaustingly researched. I learned more math theory than I knew existed. The reader is brought along slowly and deliberately down the path Nash's madness took, thus readily able to empathize.

By Anne McDonald, R.I. Dept of Attorney General

Ali Asani, "On Pluralism, Tolerance and the Quran," *The American Scholar*, vol. 71, no. 1, pp. 52-60 (Winter 2002):

This article by AALL's 2002 Diversity Symposium speaker gives much needed perspective on Islam. Note: Dr. Asani teaches at Harvard.

By Anne McDonald, R.I. Dept of Attorney General

Naomi Klein, *No Logo:*

I'm in the middle of reading this book, and so far it's that special mix of fascinating, depressing and infuriating that I find makes for an interesting read. It's about the "branding" by corporations of the space we live in and the reactions people are starting to have towards this.

By Rachel Bates, Northeastern University School of Law Library

If you have read something that you recommend, send the author, title, and a few sentences about why you recommend it to d.murley@neu.edu. It can be a book, magazine, or article of any genre. When the editors send out the call for articles, I will compile the recommendations I have received into a column for everyone. Thanks for your help. 📖

New Look to the LLNE Website!

Law Librarians of New England unveiled its new website on July 14. The LLNE website was redesigned to conform to the AALLNET Guidelines. It has added functionality and new navigational tools.

The site was reorganized, so any internal bookmarks must be corrected using the site index located at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/siteindex.htm>.

The LLNE Internet Committee invites comments from all AALL members. All pages have contact information. You can also email the committee at llneweb@yahoo.com.

Please check us out at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne>

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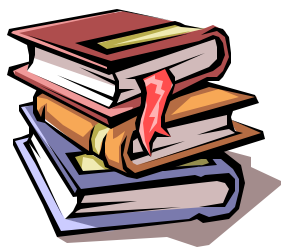
<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/LLNElist/index.htm>.

New issues are also announced on the LLNE list-serv. Instructions for joining are available at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/LLNElist/index.htm>.

Library Job Search Resources

Looking for a new job? The LLNE web site has several useful links, including LLNE job postings. Please check it out at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/resources/jobs.htm>.

If you would like to post a job to the web page, please contact Stephanie Burke (sjburke@bu.edu). 



LLNE “Siteseeing” – A Website Review Column



<http://www.fpc.state.gov/c4564.htm>

This U.S. State Department web page has links to CRS and other “key” government reports. Although it is intended for the foreign press, I have found it very useful for locating CRS reports recently. The site is very up-to-date, simple, well organized and easy to use.

By Stephanie Burke, Boston University School of Law Library

<http://www.whonamedit.com>

One part of being famous is to be immortalized through a discovery, invention or just being there first. We all know that cartographer Amerigo Vespucci lent his name to most of the western hemisphere, Adolphe Sachs invented the saxophone, and somebody named Anonymous said a lot of good things. But what if your namesake legacy involved deformity, dysfunction and death? Is that necessarily a good thing? Well, you can explore the enormous body of work on named illnesses, diseases, syndromes, maladies, etc., through the web site [whonamedit.com](http://www.whonamedit.com). Thrill to the vast list of individuals whose legendary research and practice made them famous for some terrible affliction, leaving this world as a curse upon the lips of their poor suffering victims. Some entries, as in the case of the good Dr. Munchhausen, have even made the six o’clock news. He is after all, famous for Munchhausen Syndrome By Proxy, a serious form of child abuse where the parent fabricates illness or, even worse, causes harm to a child for unnecessary medical attention. Fans of the more arcane forms of debilitation and untimely death can delight in more than they will ever care to know about the hundreds of named illnesses you would never dare imagine until it’s too late. You can even understand the subtle yet obviously very important differences between similar sounding

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named illness, like the merely crippling Beckwith-Wiedmann Syndrome and the always-fatal Genee-Widemann Syndrome. Devotees of the medical bibliography will also appreciate the extensive background information of these namesake giants, many times a less-than-flattering picture of brilliant persons who lived their lives, shall we say, warts and all?

By John Pedini, Social Law Library

<http://vmyths.com/>

Virus warnings circulated by e-mail are so often hoaxes that an entire web site has been dedicated to their debunking, and the editors do so with a good sense of humor. Before you forward (or dismiss) any virus warning you receive, it's a good idea to check it out at Vmyths.com. More importantly, check Vmyths.com before you take any action based on a mass e-mail warning. From time to time warnings circulate advising people to delete a certain file from their computers. What the warnings may not mention is that all computers have a file by that name, and it should only be deleted if, in fact, it is infected. When in doubt, check with an expert that you know. Vmyths.com also has newsletters to which you can subscribe to stay current with the latest in computer virus myths, hoaxes, urban legends, and hysteria.

By Diane Murley, Northeastern University

Have you recently found a great website that you would like to share with your colleagues? Submit a short review of your favorite new (or new to you) website. Reviews dealing with any subject area are welcome. They could be for work or for fun! Simply discuss the basic elements of the website, how you have found it useful and why you are so impressed by it. Please e-mail all contributions to Michelle Pearse at m.pearse@neu.edu. 📧



The old courthouse in the foreground with the new courthouse behind it.

“Old” Suffolk County Court House Is Now John Adams Courthouse

by John Pedini, Social Law Library

Imagine a single event that honors a native Massachusetts son and second President of the United States, redresses a long-standing oversight, all the while reducing the overwhelming confusion over the proper designation of the downtown Boston courthouses. Such a phenomenon occurred recently at the Social Law Library as Governor Jane Swift signed legislation that officially changed the name of the “Old” Suffolk County Court House to the John Adams Courthouse.

The June 12, 2002 ceremony, attended by a host of dignitaries and special guests, among them historical figures representing John and Abigail Adams, featured remarks from the Governor, House Speaker Thomas Finneran, Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Robert Creedon, and Secretary for Administration and Finance Kevin Sullivan. Maura Doyle, the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County, acted as the mistress of ceremonies. Representing the future tenants of the courthouse, Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Margaret Marshall, Appeals Court Chief Justice Christopher Armstrong, and Social Law Library Executive Director Robert Brink also gave testimony to this momentous occasion.

Long the dream of many legislators, jurists, politicians and historians in Massachusetts and across the country, it is fitting the elevation of John Adams has begun with this ceremony. The John Adams Courthouse, scheduled to open in the Fall of 2003, will not only be the home of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Appeals Court and the Social Law Library, but it may also be considered the first official commemoration of the former lawyer, statesman and president in the nation (unless you

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want to consider a bust of Adams in the Vice Presidents Collection of the United States Senate chamber gallery a public tribute). It is also a suitable veneration to a man who was appointed chief justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, only to be unable to sit because of his efforts with the Constitutional Congress at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War.

Much has been made of Adams' legacy in scholarly circles, but only recently has he and his famous relationship with his wife become fodder for discussion amongst the common folk through David McCullough's biography, *John Adams*. Lately the attention has come from more exalted company, as the courthouse naming legislation can attest. In her remarks, long-standing Adams devotee and Chief Justice Margaret Marshall expressed regret that the courthouse could not bear the name of the former first lady as well, and after an impromptu verbal offer from Speaker Finneran to bring it to a vote, the chief justice commented, "that may happen before the granite is chiseled."

Finally, the renaming indirectly helps out in a downtown Boston dilemma. Anyone coming into town to do business in the Suffolk Superior Court remembers references made between the "old" Suffolk County Court House (now John Adams) and the "new" Suffolk County Court House in the tower immediately adjacent. Recent construction of the Brooke courthouse and then the new federal courthouse and the relocation of Suffolk Superior Court to the old federal courthouse rendered such determinants as "old" and "new" relatively obsolete to say the least and downright confusing and aggravating for all parties interested. The John Adams Courthouse begins a new era where a definitive landmark will not only be a long-overdue tribute to a great American but a lasting designation in an ever-changing landscape.

For More Information, Photos and Video Clips of the Ceremony Visit:

<http://renovation.sociallaw.com/ceremony.htm>



Massachusetts Governor, Jane Swift, names the new courthouse after John Adams.

Member News


Darcy Kirk, Law Librarian and Professor of Law at the University of Connecticut School of Law, reports that **Sarah Devotion Garner** attended the LLNE luncheon at the AALL meeting in Orlando. Garner is a 2001 alum of the University of Connecticut Law School. She is pursuing her MLS at University of Washington and doing a summer internship in New York City. Garner was awarded an LLNE scholarship to attend the AALL meeting.

The Pappas Law Library is pleased to welcome **David Bachman** as the new Senior Reference Librarian and Liaison to Graduate and Co-Curricular Programs. He joins us from Vanderbilt University Law Library where he served as reference librarian and lecturer in law.

Effective August 26th, Filippa Anzalone became the new Associate Dean of Library and Computing Services at the Boston College Law Library. Her predecessor, **Sharon Hamby O'Connor**, will become Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at BC Law School. Filippa had been Director of Information and Research Services and Professor of Law at Northeastern University School of Law. **Kim Dulin** (who has been Associate Director at Northeastern since October 1993) has become Acting Director.

Paul George has left his position as Associate Librarian for Research Services at the Harvard Law School Library to become Library Director of the Biddle Law Library at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Northeastern University recently recognized the extraordinary contributions of the Libraries' Millennium Implementation team. On May 31, 2002, team members from the University Libraries (Rosemary Krol, Laura Stokes, Mary Menke, Janet Belanger, Karen Merguerian, and Maria Carpenter) and the Law Library (**Susan More** and **Stephanie Hudner**) were awarded the President's Aspiration Award for advancing Northeastern's aspiration to achieve excellence as a national research university that is student-centered, practice-oriented, and urban. Innovative Interface's Millennium integrated library management system offers Northeastern's faculty, students, and staff increased functionality, such as remote journal and database access and online circulation services, to facilitate their research,

studies, and jobs. The implementation project was completed on time and under budget. 

LLNE Members Participate in MCLE Program

On August 1, several LLNE members headlined the program "Conducting Massachusetts Legal Research," provided by Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE). Designed for new Massachusetts attorneys, this program covered primary law research using print and electronic resources. **Mary Ann Neary** organized the program and **Joan Shear**, **Brian Harkins**, **Raquel Ortiz**, and **Karin Thurman** provided instruction. **Mary Ann Neary** also edited the new edition of the *Handbook of Massachusetts Legal Research*, which was handed to all program participants.



Brian Harkins, Social Law Library, addressing the audience.



(From left to right): Joan Shear from Boston College School of Law, Brian Harkins, from Social Law Library, Raquel Ortiz from Boston University's Pappas Law Library, and Karin Thurman, from Massachusetts Office of Attorney General Library, answer questions from new attorneys on legal research at an MCLE panel entitled "Conducting Massachusetts Legal Research."

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