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President's Message

Happy Not-Quite-So-New Year and hope 2014 is off to a good start for everyone! I am looking forward to a great year for NOCALL with lots of interesting, exciting events and activities on the horizon.

Firstly, thanks to Ellen Platt, Julie Horst & Rachael Samberg, NOCALL's Intrepid Networking Committee, for organizing our fun 4 Corners Holiday events. Thanks to local coordinators in our 4 corners: Coral Henning (Sacramento), Kerry Prindiville (Fresno), Julie Horst (San Francisco), and Ellen Platt & Rachael Samberg (Peninsula). I hope everyone had as much fun at your corner of NOCALL, as we did in Sacramento. It's a nice way to kick off the holidays and relax with friends. Thanks to all NOCALL members who donated toys to the Sleep Train Foster Kids Toy Drive.

Soon to come onto our calendars is the NOCALL Election. I'd like to thank Jaye Lapachet, Chair of the Nominations Committee, for taking the lead and assembling a great committee who worked hard to develop an excellent Slate of Candidates. Jen Richter, NOCALL Secretary, will run the election and has shared bios with the membership (see page 8). The slate is:

Vice-President/President Elect: Tara Crabtree
Law Librarian

CA Court of Appeal – 5th District (Fresno)

Treasurer: Rachael Smith
Electronic Services Librarian
University of CA at Davis Law Library (Davis)

Member at Large (choose 2):
Emily Bergfeld
Reference Librarian
Bernard E. Witkin Alameda County Law Library (Oakland)

Hadi Amjadi
Systems Librarian
Golden Gate School of Law Library (San Francisco)

Sherry Takacs
Senior Reference Librarian
Skadden, Arps, et. al. LLP (Palo Alto)

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A big thanks also to those who have volunteered to run for office and potentially serve on the Board next year. NOCALL is a vital, dynamic chapter only because our members are willing to contribute in different ways. Running for Office may seem like a daunting task, but I can confirm that I've never lacked for collaboration and help when needed. I encourage all members to volunteer for NOCALL whenever possible.

The January Business meeting was held at McDermott, Will & Emery in Menlo Park on Tuesday January 28. Many thanks to Eric Montes for hosting this event and organizing lunch. Jodi Collova, NOCALL Education Chair, assembled a great luncheon program graciously sponsored by Bloomberg BNA. Sharon Pate from Bloomberg BNA provided a demo of Bloomberg's current electronic content. This was followed by a panel discussion from Ron Wheeler (USF), Sherry Tackacs (Skadden) & Rachael Samberg (Stanford).

Meanwhile, NOCALL VP Michele Finerty is hard at work developing an excellent program for the upcoming NOCALL Spring Institute 2014, Navigating Rough Seas: Charting a Course for Success. You won't want to miss this. Save the date: March 21/22 at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco.

Don't forget that our Networking Committee has a fun and inventive way to network among and with NOCALL members. Share your favorite recipe and a little about yourself in our forthcoming NOCALL e-book cookbook: "Noshing with NOCALL." The Cookbook will be unveiled at the Spring Institute in March. There's still plenty of time to submit your recipes, photos, stories, videos, and more! Submission is very easy. Just fill out the form here: <http://www.bakespace.com/recipes/groupsubmit/474822379335592#sthash.1bW6nesD.dpuf> That's it! So, tell us a little about who you are, what you enjoy, and what you like to make and eat. And prepare to consume the eBook at the Spring Institute!

A big shout out to NOCALL members who contribute articles to Beyond the Shelves in the Recorder, including "Help Your Local Law Library: In a Time of Scarce Resources, Attorneys Can Give Back in a Number of Ways," by Claudia Cook 11/2013. Emily Bergfeld, Public Relations Committee Chair, informs us that the Recorder has switched formats and decided not to continue to publish the Beyond the Shelves column anymore, but they are still seeking commentary about legal research. Stay tuned for how to contribute.

Looks like a lot of fun and interesting events are happening already this year. Hope to see you soon at one or all of them!

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**MUSINGS FROM MARK**

Mark Mackler
California Department of Justice
San Francisco

ANSWER TO “THE PUZZLER”... In my last “Musings” I told you the tale of my 90-mile bus ride across Massachusetts. (Yes, folks, Massachusetts is a lot smaller than California.) I was one of the few passengers who was not a college student. I asked you why there was near silence for the entire trip, and four of you clever law librarians called or e-mailed me with your answers. All of you were correct. Sadly, my fellow travelers were so self-absorbed with their computers that they were not speaking to each other.

STRESS? WHAT STRESS?... Several of the attorneys here have been giving me a hard time about the recent stupidity coming from [Careercast.com](http://www.careercast.com)’s “Ten Least Stressful Jobs.” Yes, folks, we came in at eighth place, between medical records techs and digital media artists. [Careercast.com](http://www.careercast.com)’s description of our profession: “Selects and organizes materials to make information available to the public.” Wow, how clueless can you get?

AUTHOR NEIL GAIMAN, IN THE GUARDIAN (UK)... Information has value, and the right information has enormous value. For all of human history, we have lived in a time of information scarcity...In the last few years, we’ve moved from an information-scarce economy to one driven by an information glut...The challenge becomes not finding that scarce plant growing in the desert, but finding a specific plant growing in a jungle. We are going to need help navigating that information to find the thing we actually need.

PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW

Elisabeth McKechnie and Susan Llano
U.C. Davis Law Library

“Martindale Hubell: Another Legal Icon Bites the Dust. But it was Once Worth its Weight in Gold (and Held for Ransom).” *Dewey B Strategic Blog*, Jan. 9, 2014.

<http://deweybstrategic.blogspot.com/2014/01/martindale-hubell-another-legal-icon.html>

O’Grady discusses the death of Martindale-Hubell, a once-vital legal resource that was bought out by Lexis-Nexis in 1990 and gradually decimated until it has ceased to exist. A valuable resource whose loss is mourned.

“The 10 Most Important Legal Technology Developments of 2013.” Robert J. Ambrogi, *Robert D. Ambrogi’s Law Sites*, Dec. 13, 2013.

<http://www.lawsitesblog.com/2013/12/five-important-legal-technology-stories-2013.html>

In his blog, Ambrogi lists his picks for the most important technology developments of the year. Discussed in the list are the following: technological competence went from a hobby to an ABA requirement. With an amendment to Model Rule 1.1, lawyers are now required not only to keep up with the law, but also with the technology and its effects on the law. Visual law (i.e. law visualization software) has emerged as a trend, especially in law schools, as has education in the use of technology. These and the rest of his picks appear in this article.

“Will You Be Replaced By a Computer?” Annoyed Librarian, *Annoyed Librarian Blog*, Jan. 13, 2014.

<http://lj.libraryjournal.com/blogs/annoyedlibrarian/2014/01/13/will-you-be-replaced-by-a-computer/>

The Annoyed Librarian discusses an Oxford study that determines the likelihood that library workers, among 702 total job classifications, will be replaced by computers. The scoring used by researchers put librarians somewhere

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in the middle likelihood, but library clerks almost certain to be replaced. A little less than half of the occupations studied were projected for replacement by computers, largely those considered low income/low skill labor not requiring college education. The study itself can be found at: http://www.futuretech.ox.ac.uk/sites/futuretech.ox.ac.uk/files/The_Future_of_Employment_OMS_Working_Paper_1.pdf

“E-books are on the Rise, but Print Books Rebound and Endure.” Hector Tobar, *Los Angeles Times*, January 16, 2014.

<http://www.latimes.com/books/jacketcopy/la-et-jc-ebooks-on-the-rise-but-print-books-rebound-and-endure-20140116.0,787562.story#axzz2qcj83EsC>

This article discusses the findings of a recent Pew Research Center report on e-reading. Some of the findings include: 50% of American adults own either an eReader or a tablet device and reading eBooks on tablet devices has increased from 23% to 55% in 3 years. On the other hand, their survey also showed that while 28% of adults had read an e-book in the last year, 69% had read a print book! Read the entire Pew report at http://pewinternet.org/~media/Files/Reports/2014/PIP_E-reading_011614.pdf

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Nora Levine

MIDNIGHT RIOT by Ben Aaronovitch

Probationary Constable Peter Grant (London, UK) can see ghosts. He wasn't aware of that skill until he gained exclusive information from an eyewitness to a peculiar murder -- an eyewitness who was a ghost. Peter's ability to speak with the lingering dead brings him to the attention of Detective Chief Inspector Thomas Nightengale, who investigates crimes involving magic, the uncanny, etc. As a wave of brutal, bizarre murders engulfs London, Peter is plunged into a world where gods and goddesses mingle with

mortals and a long-dead evil is trying to make a comeback. Comment: I recommend this. Though slow reading in a few places, it is several cuts above your typical paranormal mystery, with an original plot and well-developed main characters. It also has some interesting historical references (back to Roman days, even!).

A SKELETON IN THE FAMILY by Leigh Perry

Georgia Thackery landed a job at the local college, so she moved into her parent's house, settled in, and began to reconnect with old friends, including Sid--the Thackery family's skeleton. Sid doesn't know where he came from or how he became a skeleton, but when Georgia takes him to an anime convention he sees a woman who triggers memories of his past. Now he is determined to find out how he died, with Georgia's help. But their investigation may uncover a killer who is still alive... Comment: the premise is highly improbable, but the story is "cute" even so. A good fast read when you need something really fluffy to take your mind off the really bad week you have just endured.

*Gerald Clark
Eugene, OR*

MY BELOVED WORLD by Sonia Sotomayor

I borrowed the audio version (CDs from San Francisco Public Library) and was sucked in from the get-go. How did little "Mercedita" make it to the top court in the land? With plenty of hard work and discipline. Even before reading this I could have told you I am too lazy a person to be a Supreme Court justice so it was fascinating to read her story. I admire her focus, her energy, and her dedication. I heartily recommend the audio version; Rita Moreno does a fabulous job.

*Julie Horst
Ninth Circuit Library*

THE NIGHTMARE THIEF by Meg Gardiner

This is the latest, and probably the best so far, of the Jo Beckett series. I listened to this on audio and really enjoyed the story, but the character development in series books is really what I look



for. The character development of Jo and Gabe is really great in this series. I also like that Gardiner brought in a character from another series, effectively converging two.

THE PERFECT SCENT A YEAR INSIDE THE PERFUME INDUSTRY by Chandler Burr

I am in the midst of reading this non-fiction work by Chandler Burr, former scent editor of The New York Times. I am not much of non-fiction reader, but this title kept crossing my path, so I decided to pick it up. I am listening to this on audio. This is a book that makes me want to wear scent regularly, speak fluent French, fly back and forth to Paris and be 5'8" or 5'9" and wear stilettos like tennis shoes. It is an interesting look into a completely different business and life than the one to which I am accustomed. I really like the discussion of the creative process and am looking forward to finishing it.

Ed. note: Jaye is right. It's very entertaining. The research that goes into the creation of a scent is fascinating. The book requires a trip to Barney's perfume counter when done.

Jaye Lapachet

Coblentz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP

LAST TRAIN TO ZONA VERDE: MY ULTIMATE AFRICAN SAFARI by Paul Theroux

This is Paul Theroux's final African journey, from Cape Town and north through Namibia and Angola. Mr. Theroux travels through the astounding contrasts of wealth and wretchedness in West Africa and asks himself, "Why do people live like this," and "What am I doing here?"

This book is a journey through the dystopian nightmares of Southwest Africa, as well as Paul Theroux's own personal journey. (Reviewed Kindle edition).

THE GUILTY ONE by Lisa Ballantyne

For those who enjoy Tana French's Dublin dysfunctionality, Lisa Ballantyne's *The Guilty One* is perfect. Daniel Hunter is an ex-Newcastle foster child, now a lawyer, defending an eleven-

year-old boy charged with murdering a nine-year-old boy by smashing a brick in his face. The courtroom scenes are overlong, but *The Guilty One* is memorable for its interplay of Daniel's childhood and the boy-on-trial's present. (Reviewed Kindle edition).

Dodi Levine

THE GOLDFINCH by Donna Tartt

Ms. Tartt has published one novel every ten years for the past three decades. That is a long wait for an excellent story teller and *The Goldfinch* is well worth it. Weighing in at 770 pages and 2.7 or so pounds, it's not a book for the e-reader. It's a sustained narrative which deserves the printed page. The clichéd descriptor "Dickensian" is used too often, but in this case, it is an apt comparison. A modern day David Copperfield, Theodore Decker takes us on the ride of his life. You'll never see the painting, or New York or Las Vegas or a lot of the other stuff of life in the same way again. And you won't mind a bit.

Nora Levine

UNDER THE BLACK FLAG: THE ROMANCE AND THE REALITY OF LIFE AMONG THE PIRATES by David Cordingly

A good introduction to pirate lore and reality. What strikes me the most is how real-life but exotic props (ships, tropical islands, parrots and treasure) can turn criminals who terrorized ships for centuries into children's storybook figures and Disneyland rides.

Hadas Livnat

University of California

Hastings College of the Law

JONAH'S GOURD VINE and THE COMPLETE SHORT STORIES by Zora Neale Hurston
THE WAYS OF WHITE FOLKS by Langston Hughes

THE SURROUNDED and WIND FROM AN ENEMY SKY by D'Arcy McNickle

Ellen Platt

Santa Clara University Law Library

*Spotlight on...***Tara Crabtree***"Good artists copy. Great artists steal."**- Picasso**"Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery."**- Charles Caleb Colton*

One of the things I tried to do on a regular basis when I was AALL Council of Chapter Presidents Chair was to take a look at the newsletters that the chapters put out. I found it to be a great way to see what events they were putting on and what kinds of issues and topics were of importance to them in their local area. As an added benefit, I also got to see some of the really creative and interesting things that some of the chapters were doing with the content in their newsletters. Hence, this new NOCALL News feature.

So, as we publish the inaugural installment of this new feature, I must give credit where credit is due and thank the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL) and their newsletter, the Southeastern Law Librarian, as our feature is modeled on their monthly "5 Questions With..." segment. I look forward to learning more about some of my fellow NOCALL members through the answers to these questions.

*- Holly Riccio****Who or what has had the greatest impact on your law librarian career?***

My who and what are very nearly the same. I was working for one of the largest firms in Fresno, California part-time during the day and as a library proctor for San Joaquin College of

Law in the evenings and on weekends. Kathryn McTigue-Floyd, the Library Director and a NOCALL member at the time, had a position that was created as she was attempting to increase the library's presence. I inquired one day with regards to her search for appropriate applicants and she quietly closed the door to the office and instructed me that she had not found anyone and was still waiting on my application for the position. I had not believed myself qualified because I was working toward a Juris Doctorate and had not done any research into library positions. She was instrumental in my career path because I was shown an opportunity with my Juris Doctorate that so many unhappy lawyers are not aware of. I was not unhappy in my career and fortunately never had to experience that. I worked under the tutelage of Mrs. McTigue-Floyd for many years and we worked together to fill in any gaps in library procedures that the research programs in a law school do not teach. It was her nudge into the profession and confidence in my abilities that strengthened my drive toward a permanent career path in law libraries.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing law libraries, law librarianship and/or legal publishing today?

I get blue in the face repeating myself many times a day as a mother of three children. I also get blue in the face repeating myself many times a week that electronic databases are still not able to replace print libraries. Judges, private practicing attorneys, and law school students all need to research. The majority of research conducted is mundane, typical, black letter law, case research. You are able to get electronic

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subscriptions that will handle this multitude of light research but when that case comes in that requires thought, planning, deeper research, legislative histories, and fringe titles you realize your electronic subscription is no longer enough. The realization that you will now have to leave your comfort zone and look through, heaven forbid, print books (now dusty because they are handled so little,) you are left with that bit of panic because 'legging it' through the stacks of the library is not your chosen method. Do you dare ask the librarian? Librarians all agree that you should definitely ask them because even if it is something that they are not familiar with (imagine, since we are the answer people) they are not so intimidated by others in their profession and they reach out to the other knowledgeable resources that they have and find it.

What is your favorite legal book and why?

My favorite legal book is TRG California Practice Guide Civil Trials and Evidence. Not very creative, I know, but I fell in love with it in law school and have not gotten over it. The tab cards between chapters and sub-sections and the little 'cheats' that they have make evidence more like BINGO. I appreciated being walked through the process.

If you were not working as a law librarian, what would you most likely be doing?

I would likely be practicing law if I were not a librarian, and not understanding why I constantly felt as if I was not really in the correct profession, successful or not.

What's the best advice you've ever received?

Never let somebody else define who you are. Enjoy yourself and the world around you.

Is there anything obscure that you know more than the average bear about?

I did not have an answer to this question so I asked some people around me. They came up with an answer that is probably no surprise to

librarians as a whole. We are constantly taking in information. Apparently, I have random, obscure facts especially about agriculture. I was born and raised in Fresno, California and have spent the better part of my life surrounded by crops. I can name just about everything you can see from highways and interstates in California. I did get stumped once and had to call a friend who did crop insurance. She had no answer for me but with research drive in my veins I took to looking for the answer and found it. It was a new hybrid tree, now I can't recall of course, but it was new to the region.

What was the last book you read that you really enjoyed and why?

Although I am not 12 and I do normally read 'big people books' I absolutely loved The Hunger Games Trilogy. I did not read them when they first appeared and my children had no interest in them until this last fall. I had not paid much attention to the hype about the books or the movies until my 10 year old daughter wanted to read them and another mother shared her complete shock that I would let my daughter read a story about people used as sex slaves. This was a woman of whom I respected so many opinions and was now shocked at myself for not being more concerned. So I sat down and read them all over a weekend. Much to my surprise, and after attempting to read through the eyes and knowledge base of a child, I saw no threat. I wondered to myself if this woman, highly educated as she was, might have been a book burner or a crazed book banner.



NOCALL 2014 ELECTION CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT

Tara Crabtree



Title: Librarian
Organization: State of California, Court of Appeal, Fifth District
City: Fresno
Years Employed: 2007-Present

Education:
San Joaquin College of Law, J.D.
Loyola Marymount University, B.A. English

Previous Employment

Organization: San Joaquin College of Law
Title: Assistant Librarian
Years Employed: 1999-2007

Other Professional Activities:

American Association of Law Libraries, Member
Fresno Area Library Committee (FALC), President

Other Relevant Information:

Personal Statement:

I look forward to working with the membership to continue NOCALL's success. Thank You.

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

Rachael Smith



Title: Electronic Services Librarian/Reference Librarian
Organization: Mabie Law Library, U.C. Davis School of Law
City: Davis
Years Employed: 2

Education:

University of Washington, Information School, Seattle, WA
 Masters of Library and Information Science
 Certificate in Law Librarianship

University of New Mexico School of Law (UNM), Albuquerque, NM
 Juris Doctor

University of California at Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA
 Bachelor of Art, World History

Previous Employment

Organization: John Wolff International and Comparative Law Library,
 Georgetown University Law Center
Title: Foreign & International Law Reference Librarian
Years Employed: 4

NOCALL Committees, Offices Held & Activities:

NOCALL-Spring Institute 2013, Attendee

- Participated in roundtable discussion
- Networked with other law librarians (e.g. legal research needs of recent graduates)

Other Professional Activities:

Presentations

Putting the IL in FCIL or NAFTA & Law Librarians Panelist, 2008
 • AALL annual meeting; Alternative-Education Special Interest Section program;
*Evolving Research Instruction: Exploring Law Student Information Literacy to
 Energize Instructional Programming*

Publications

FCIL Newsletter- *Report from IALL 2008 in Puerto Rico*

- February 2009 (Vol. 23, Issue 2) (pgs. 3-4)
<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/vol23/February2009.pdf>

Professional Memberships:

Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL), Member 2012-present

The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction Computer Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI):

The Legal Research Community Authoring Project- proofed submitted lessons for content and writing, Advisory Panelist 2008-present

American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), Member 2004-present

**Other Relevant Information:**

Guide to historic primary sources for Spanish Law in the Bodleian Law Library,
(Oxford LibGuides » Guides Directory » Spanish law » History)

<http://ox.libguides.com/loader.php?type=d&id=318993>

- Paper includes my transcription of original Spanish text and my translations of these texts, (regularly updated to reflect changes to the collection since I submitted the paper in 2005)

Personal Statement:

I am happy to accept the honor of running for NOCALL Treasurer. Further involvement in NOCALL is something that I have wanted to do more of this year (a “new school year’s” resolution). The previous treasurer was very gracious in answering my many questions about the duties and responsibilities this office involves. I am grateful to the nominations committee for their support. I look forward to this opportunity to serve in NOCALL.

CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT LARGE

Hadi Amjadi



Title: Systems Librarian
Organization: Golden Gate University
City: San Francisco
Years Employed: 9

Education:
 San Jose State University, MLIS, 1994
 Chaminade University of Honolulu, BA in Computer Science, 1981

Previous Employment

Organization: Santa Clara University School of Law/ Heafey Law Library
Title: Law Computing Support Manager
Years Employed: 1998-2004

NOCALL Committees, Offices Held & Activities:

Joint Institute Committee, Technology coordinator and Local Arrangements, 2005-2006
 Participated in the NOCALL performance, "Dead Beat Poets" at AALL, 2006
 Authored article on the NOCALL beat poets performance at AALL, 2006

Other Professional Activities:

Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL), 2004-present
 IUG and Northern California Innovative Users Group, 1994- 2001, 2004-present
 American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 1998-present

- AALL Computer Services-SIS membership since 2000
- CS-SIS programming committee member, 2001
- Program coordinator, "Creating Quicker Connections: Cleaning Up the Windows Registry To Provide Smoother Operation of Library and Law School PCs", AALL 2002
- Presentation on Droid apps for law "Cool Tools Café" AALL Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. July 2010

Other Relevant Information:

AALL CS-SIS grant recipient, 2006
 NOCALL grant recipient to AALL, 2006

Personal Statement:

Having my foot in both the general academic library community and the law library community, I have come to appreciate the strengths of the law library profession. Both NOCALL and AALL have played a major role in my development as a librarian. I appreciate the learning opportunities and the occasions to network and make friends with local law librarians that NOCALL provides. I would like to give back to the profession by serving on the NOCALL Board this next year.

CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT LARGE

Emily Bergfeld



Title: Reference Librarian
Organization: Alameda County Law Library
City: Oakland
Years Employed: 5 ½

Education:
 Paralegal Certificate, San Francisco State University, 2013
 MLIS, San Jose State University, 2007
 BA History, UC Berkeley, 2005

Previous Employment

Organization: Farella, Braun + Martel, San Francisco
Title: Library Assistant
Years Employed: 2 years

Organization: Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, San Francisco
Title: Library Assistant
Years Employed: 1.5 years

Organization: UC Hastings Law Library, San Francisco
Title: Intern
Years Employed: 6 months

NOCALL Committees, Offices Held & Activities:

Public Relations Committee Chair, 2013- present
 NOCALL Education Committee, 2008-2010

Other Professional Activities:

Recipient, 2013 Kathy Garner Grant- AALL-SIS Legal Information Services to the Public

Other Relevant Information:

- Instructional Faculty, SFSU Paralegal Studies Program, 2012- present
- Lexis Trainer for Legal Research & Writing. Summer 2012 - present
- Advanced Electronic Research. Fall 2013 - present

**Personal Statement:**

It is an honor to be nominated for the NOCALL Member-at-Large position. I have been a NOCALL member since 2006 and have benefitted tremendously from my involvement with the organization. I regularly attend NOCALL business meetings, networking events, and the Fall Workshop. I served on the NOCALL Education Committee from 2008 to 2010, and coordinated the Sonoma Wine Country excursion that followed WestPac 2010. I currently serve as NOCALL's Public Relations Committee Chair and am a strong advocate of promoting the value of law libraries and law librarians to the local legal community.

If elected Member-at-Large, I will work hard to ensure NOCALL supports its membership by developing sensible policies, offering meaningful educational programs and networking opportunities, and effectively communicating the value of law librarians to the community. Thank you for your consideration and support.

CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT LARGE

Sherry Takacs



Title: Senior Reference Librarian
Organization: Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP
City: Palo Alto, CA
Years Employed: July 2003-present

Education

M.L.S., San Jose State University
 B.A., University of La Verne

Previous Employment

Organization: Cooley Godward LLP
Title: Reference Librarian, 1997-2002
 Library Technician, 1994-1997
Years Employed: 8 years

NOCALL Committees, Offices Held & Activities:

NOCALL member, 1997-present
 NOCALL Grants Committee, 2007-present
 Job Placement Desk, Joint California Spring Institute, San Luis Obispo, March 2003

Other Professional Activities:

AALL Member, 1997-present
 SLA Member, 1992-1999

Other Relevant Information:

Co-authored with Joanne Scala (Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP) RECAP OF NOCALL'S FALL WORKSHOP EVENT "Going Virtual—Thriving in the New Paradigm" in NOCALL News, Nov./Dec. 2011, vol. 32, issue 2, p. 10.

Personal Statement:

NOCALL symbolizes today's energetic spirit & foresighted future of law librarianship at the local, state & national levels. If elected as Member At Large, I pledge to assist the Board by continuing this representation & to support our members. I benefitted greatly from my affiliation with this chapter and would like the opportunity to show my gratitude by service to the organization. As a solo librarian for several years, I learned to juggle projects and wear many hats & now offer those skills to NOCALL as Member At Large. Although my bio is "short & sweet", I'd appreciate the chance to demonstrate to you I am worthy of your vote.

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