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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Michele Finerty

NOCALL's success resides in its membership and I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve as president. Members invested a great deal of time and effort to our chapter's initiatives. The Executive Board, the committee chairs and their committees, those on the Task Force, and the many NOCALL members who stepped forward made it possible to have a vibrant and active association. That includes **Harriet Zook**, who formatted the new NOCALL Brochure. Thank you to everyone I have had the privilege to work with since last June.

NOCALL Members have figured greatly in AALL and our chapter news this spring:

- **Diane Rodriguez**, San Francisco Law Library, has been nominated as a candidate for AALL Vice President/President-Elect. **Jean Willis**, Sacramento County Public Law Library and NOCALL's Past President, has been nominated for AALL Treasurer.
- Two articles written by chapter members, "Outreach Beyond the Traditional: Adapting Services to Promote Access to Justice," by **Robyn M. Moltzen** and **Mary Pinard Johnson** of the Sacramento County Public Law Library; and "Tips from the Trenches: Best Practices for Working with Publishers," by **Jaye A. H. Lapachet** of JL Consulting, are featured in the April 2015 edition of the **AALL Spectrum**.
- **Sharon E. Borbon** of the Fresno County Public Law Library has been presented with the **NOCALL Award for Professional Achievement** to honor her notable and enduring contributions for the chapter and the profession. Sharon has been active furthering not only NOCALL's mission, but through her participation in the State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section and the California Counsel of County Law Libraries.
- **Sandy Marz**, Director (retired), Washoe County Law Library, was awarded the **State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section's Bethany J. Ochal Award for Distinguished Service**, awarded to law librarians who have made significant contributions to



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law librarianship and have recognition by the legal or government community. Sandy was appointed as the point person to represent AALL in what resulted in Nevada's successful enactment of UELMA.

- The 2012 California UELMA Advocacy Team Members--**Michele Finerty**, NOCALL President; **Judy Janes**, UC Davis Mabie Law Library and NOCALL GRC chair; **David McFadden**, Southwestern School of Law Library (member of NOCALL and SCALL); and **Larry Meyer** (member of SCALL and CCCLL), Law Library of San Bernardino County-- are recipients of the **AALL Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award**, which recognizes an AALL member or group who has been an outstanding advocate and has contributed significantly to the AALL policy agenda at the federal, state, local, or international level. As part of the California UELMA initiative, the California Office of Legislative Data Center's plan for authentication of the online version of the states' chaptered bills, current codes, and constitution was announced at a meeting attended by all four members of the UELMA Advocacy Team this past April. **Judy Janes'** report on the meeting entitled "California Pushes Forward UELMA Implementation" is found in another part of this Newsletter issue (see page 6).
- Congratulations to **Jaye Lapachet**, **Mark Mackler**, **Lori Ruth**, **Sarah Lin** and **Emily Bergfeld** who are recipients of grants to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. **Emily** is the recipient of

AALL Newer Member Registration grant. These awards are the result of the hard work of the Grants Committee, which includes **Cathy Hardy**, chair, **Sherry Takacs**, **Sandy Marz** and **Janice Kelly**.

And while these advancements did not appear in the news, they are worthy of mention:

- The Alameda County Library's Castro Valley Branch was renovated and opened in 2009, but I would like to recognize the significant role that **Cossette Sun**, Director (Retired) Alameda County Public Law Library, played throughout the development of this project. While serving as a council member of Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council, she realized that the 1989 Castro Valley Master Plan called for the formation of a committee to study library service needs. **Cossette** was appointed by a member of the county Board of Supervisors to serve on the Castro Valley Library Advisory Committee and she co-chaired a successful fund-raising campaign. The design of the library entrance is unique in that it was sponsored by the Taiwanese American Federation of Northern California.

The law library world was saddened to learn that **Paul Lomio**, Director of Stanford University's Robert Crown Library, passed away. A tribute to his life in the March 10, 2015, *Stanford Lawyer* quotes Stanford's Dean and Richard E. Lang Professor of Law, M. Elizabeth Magill, on his lasting impact. "Paul had a single-minded vision for the library. He constantly thought about helping each and every library user, and he had the uncanny

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ability to identify what his users needed even before they did. Under Paul's influence and leadership, that ethic pervades the entire staff. Paul was also a wonderful human being who, in his time here, changed our community for the better in thousands of ways. We are all mourning his loss."

At the beginning of this column, I mentioned that our chapter's success rests with its members and their participation. To keep us strong be sure to renew your membership at <https://nocall.memberclicks.net/> so that you will be part of NOCALL's mission of promoting the leadership development of its members through education and networking; actively supporting legislative advocacy on state and national levels; and furthering law librarianship as a profession. Best wishes to you all.

MUSINGS FROM MARK

Mark Mackler
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MEMO FROM THE NOCALL SPRING INSTITUTE...One of the guests at the recent NOCALL Spring Institute was AALL Secretary Katherine Coolidge. She had a very important message for the Institute participants: There *never* is a good time to volunteer. *Never, never, never.* So, take a chance. Inconvenience yourself. Volunteer for NOCALL or AALL.

FROM THE 1965 CALIFORNIA DOJ OPERATIONS

MANUAL... (1) No letter from any AG Office will be mailed without the approval of the Assistant Attorney General in Charge. He must initial each letter. (2) The use of long-distance telephone calls as a means of communication will be resorted to only when absolutely essential. No out-of-state calls will be made without prior approval of the Assistant Attorney General in Charge. Use of the teletype is definitely preferred over long-distance telephone calls. (3) Inmates of penal institutions shall be given no legal advice.

WALKING THE HALLS IN THE DIGITAL AGE...Abigail Ross with Keller and Heckman in Washington wrote a terrific story for the March issue of *Spectrum*. She addressed how to maintain open and effective lines of communication with your users even though you might be in a different city or country. I know this article will resonate with librarians who work for law firms with multiple offices, and I recommend it to you.

COOL AND LAID BACK... "Or maybe he has no idea and is just trying to be all cool and laid back so that kids will spend more time in the library. Maybe librarians get points or something for all the books that get checked out, points that can be redeemed for valuable goods and services, like fancy date stamps or maybe those reading posters with the celebrities on them holding books, and he has a master plan to get all the points he can by charming all the charmable kids in the school and getting them to read a lot. Maybe it's not even *his* master plan; maybe it's, like, the American Library Association's master plan, and they are stocking high schools across the country with hot young librarians as part of a massive literacy initiative." Michelle Knudsen's *Evil Librarian*, a book about a girl falling in love with her high school librarian—who happens to be a demon.

LAW REPOSITORIES SHAPING THE FUTURE

Janet Fischer
Golden Gate University School of Law Library

I was fortunate to be able to attend *Law Repositories Shaping the Future*, March 30-31, 2015, in Williamsburg, VA. This conference, the first of its kind and hosted by Wolf Law Library, William and Mary Law School, drew 98 registrants from law libraries across the country to learn and discuss the latest trends and best practices in building and maintaining a law repository. Papers from the conference are available at the event web site: <http://scholarship.law.wm.edu/lawrepositories/2015/>.

Our own law repository at <http://digitalcommons.law.ggu.edu> has been active since August, 2010, and it was gratifying to learn that we've been doing it right! Our practices match or exceed the practices of other repositories from law schools of a similar size. Our collection goes beyond the basics of faculty publications and law review issues; it includes historical materials and photographs from the law school, streaming video, press releases, California government documents, and our events and conferences. The conference encouraged us to do what we can with the tools that are available to us, rather than wait for that expensive scanner that might never be purchased. That is exactly how we have operated.

I was both surprised and pleased to find out that bepress, the creator and vendor of Digital Commons, uses our 2014 Annual Report as a good example of a repository's annual report. Our report was photocopied and handed out during one of the sessions.

Each session had value. I especially appreciated the insights of Paul Royster, Coordinator of Scholarly Communications, U. Nebraska-Lincoln (the second-largest institutional repository (IR) in the US), who noted that repositories are critical because while budgets, acquisitions, foot traffic, and reference visits are all down, the repository makes the institution's knowledge and research available to our own students and faculty as well as to a wider audience. Other sessions discussed the trend of law reviews to eliminate print and publish online only through their IRs. Articles may still be "printed on demand" via various vendors.

I hope to implement some new ideas from the conference, such as using the repository to publish faculty books that are not yet or have not been published in the traditional manner and creating other special collections as we have done with our California state documents collection. Keeping the repository up to date and dynamic helps justify the IR budget each year.

PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW

Elisabeth McKechnie and Susan Llano

U.C. Davis Law Library

"Academic Librarians and Social Justice, a Call to Microactivism," Rachel Lockman, *The Way I See It*, ***College and Research Libraries News***. Apr2015, Vol. 76 Issue 4, p193-194. 2p., also available on EBSCOHost.

This brief opinion piece gives suggestions for ways in which librarians can support social justice in a small way, termed "microactivism." The author herself was drawn to it when she heard two different college students, over the same week, complain that they were so broke they were skipping meals. In response, she quietly placed brochures for the local hunger relief nonprofit throughout the library where they "continued to disappear quietly into students' backpacks." She notes that in this day of budget and personnel cuts, librarians are already overwhelmed with additional work but can still do effective work to help others and offers examples from her own library. As a law librarian in a public law school that is dedicated to social activism, I found her article compelling.

"Search Engine Update," Greg R. Notess, ***Online Searcher***. Mar/Apr2015, Vol. 39 Issue 2, p8-9. 2p. also available via EBSCOHost.

Notess' website "Search Engine Showdown" (<http://www.searchengineshowdown.com>) seems not to have been updated since 2013, so this article will bring the reader up to date on the latest in search engines. Highlights include various new features from Bing; features from the Google App on a mobile device or a Google search in Chrome on Android that will label results which are "mobile-friendly" as well as add a blue button at page bottom to return to the search box; and discussions of Qwant, Twitter Search and Yahoo.

"Techniques for Finding and Evaluating Great Library Apps," Mary K. Oberlies, ***Online Searcher***. Mar/Apr2015, Vol. 39 Issue 2, p50-53. 3p. also available via EBSCOHost.

The author compiled a list of recommended library apps over an eleven month period and found the process overwhelming, hence her article. She combines recommendations for gathering apps as well as advice on presenting them to an audience. She lists such favorite apps as: Pocket (read later app), Flipboard (news aggregator), SlideShark (presentation app), GoodReader (document management), and CloudOn (cloud drive aggregator). She includes apps that support library subscriptions like: SpringerLink (mobile access to Springer content), BrowZine (open access and subscribed journals), Bluefire Reader (PDF and .acsm file reader—note: I have the app and it can be used on a Kindle to read e-pub books).

“100 Innovations in Law,” Jason Krausse, *ABA Journal*, cover story. April 2015, available at http://www.abajournal.com/magazine/article/100_innovations_in_law

This article in the ABA Journal covers innovations (technological, intellectual and practical) that have fundamentally changed the way law is practiced. The article discusses everything from innovations in the courtroom to the changing face of law firms and modern legal theory. A related article in the same issue lists the [“20 apps to help provide easier access to legal help.”](#)

TECH TALK:

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE HISTORY RESEARCH IS GETTING A LITTLE EASIER

Ramona Martinez

Berkeley Law Library, University of California

California legislative history research has never been a simple task. Unlike the U.S. Congress, the California legislature does not regularly publish hearing transcripts. Committee reports can resemble outlines rather than full-text documents. And bills prior to 1993 are only available in our library in either paper or microfiche format depending on the year. The Governor’s chaptered bill file can be a source of some good information but those are only available

on microfilm and only after the files are turned over to the State Archives. And that only happens after the Governor leaves office. Considering Jerry Brown was just re-elected to another 4-year term in 2014, we won’t see any new chaptered bill files until at least 2018. In this internet age of instant-gratification, only the most dogged researcher will persevere to gather all the documents that would make up a decent legislative history. Thankfully, there are some new[ish] tools available that are making the legislative history researcher’s job a little easier.

First, have another look at the Chief Clerk of the California State Assembly’s legislative document archive here: http://clerk.assembly.ca.gov/archive-list?archive_type=statutes

This site is a treasure trove and will keep you from having to dig through dusty books in the library stacks. You will find statutes from 1850 all the way up to 2008. The collection of Assembly journals goes from 1849 to 2011. Use the collection of Final Histories (spanning 1881-2009) as an index to the Journals. The Final History will list all the actions taken on a bill and list the dates those actions took place. Here’s an example:

ASSEMBLY FINAL HISTORY

2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

A.B. No. 258—Calderon.

An act to add Section 1724 to the Civil Code, relating to retail sales.

2003

Feb. 4—Read first time. To print.

Feb. 5—From printer. May be heard in committee March 7.

Feb. 14— Referred to Com. on JUD.

Mar. 18— In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

April 1—In committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

2004

Jan. 31— Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.

Feb. 2—From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56

The Chief Clerk's website keeps improving but it is still essentially a collection of PDF files. I would like to see better search capability, indexing and cross-referencing but this is a definite improvement for researchers who do not have easy access to a library with a comprehensive California government documents collection. Another wish is that they add bills and Governor's chaptered bill files to the document archive. Call me a dreamer if you must. I'm just putting it out there.

A couple of other new entrants on the scene are [FiscalNote](#) and [Digital Democracy](#). FiscalNote is more of a tracking tool than a legislative history resource. And Digital Democracy is in beta and needs to be populated with much more content but it looks promising. Look for deeper looks into these tools in upcoming Tech Talk columns.

NOCALL needs YOU for a special opportunity.

NOCALL needs your ideas and talents to make the 2016 Spring Institute an experience no one will want to miss. Join your equally enthusiastic colleagues to develop a vision for the Institute and bring it to fruition. You need have no event-planning skills. Let our collaborative enterprise have the benefit of your creativity and resourcefulness!

Contact Michael Ginsborg via [email](#) or phone (415-471-3243) for details.

CALIFORNIA PUSHES FORWARD UELMA IMPLEMENTATION

Judy Janes
UCDavis Mabie Law Library

Our UELMA team, Michele Finerty, Larry Meyer, David McFadden and Judy Janes, attended a meeting held by California's Office of Legislative Data Center (hereafter OLC) where they unveiled the authentication plan for the online version of the state's chaptered bills, current code, and constitution as prescribed by UELMA, the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act. The Act, which becomes effective July 1, 2015, requires the Office of Legislative Counsel, as the official publisher, in declaring the electronic records as official, to authenticate, preserve and ensure the integrity of the record. Diane Boyer-Vine, Legislative Counsel, as well as staff from the State Printer's office, State Archives, Department of General Services, and others were in attendance.

OLC's authentication relies on the Adobe Certified Document Services standard. It meets ADA requirements and allows the user to confirm the signature, date of signing, and verification of the original text. OLC demonstrated the verified document markings, which exhibits a blue ribbon certificate in a banner at the top of the PDF document, and an authentication seal at the top left corner. The Seal prints on the downloaded version, but not the ribbon. If the online document is tampered with or altered at any time, the ribbon certificate turns red.

Preservation plans were discussed briefly by the group. At present, only the chaptered bills are scheduled for archival storage, beginning with July 1, 2015. Law librarians suggested the need to archive and make available the authenticated annual codes as well, to assist with legislative history research.

The law library community extends its thanks to those in OLC, Legislative Counsel, and others for the great job in working toward the enactment and implementation of UELMA in California.

Spotlight on...

Rachael Samberg

How did you choose law librarianship as a career?

Law librarianship combines everything that excites me about research, instruction, and helping people explore and learn new skills. I practiced commercial and intellectual property litigation, and immensely enjoyed helping solve clients' problems. I still spend time every day thankful for the endless opportunities I had to research and write (and project manage!) as a litigator. The adversarial aspects of practicing, though, were less rewarding, and after seven years of litigating, I decided to make a career change to something that afforded me the opportunity to advocate for people, challenge myself, and constantly learn—but in a collaborative rather than oppositional context. I had been considering law librarianship for some time, and began exploring library school while also volunteering at UNLV's law library under the tutelage of Jeanne Price. After my first research project there, I knew I had made the right decision. Several months later, I began my job as reference librarian at Stanford Law School and simultaneously started an MLIS program. I vividly remember how excited I was the following week when I taught my first legal research class. How fortunate are we to accompany folks on research journeys and witness their satisfaction or relief when they find what they need or, even better, come away with new skills?

If money was not an issue, what new library service would you offer your patrons (lawyers, students, the public etc.)?

The first thing that comes to mind is acting as a personal librarian—and that's not really a money issue, but more reflective of our inability to clone ourselves! I enjoy working closely with people through their research problems, from inception to finished product. Often, researchers feel

overwhelmed or lost, and are looking for a research companion to guide them along a reliable, thorough approach. My colleagues and I have tried to come up with original ways to provide this kind of personal service to all students and researchers.

Another pressing desire if money were not an issue, and if there were optimal ways to protect privacy and sensitive information, would be for more California law libraries to collect and digitize state trial court records. California is one of a few states that allow non-state-affiliated institutions (like many academic law libraries) to collect trial court records otherwise slated for destruction. These records illuminate a prism of life and legal history and are rich grounds for research and inquiry. Yet, understandably, county courts often discard them after document retention periods expire. There are many barriers to libraries collecting such materials (e.g. money, space constraints, collection management issues, etc.), and these hurdles grow more complex still when considering digitization of such a collection. For instance, even though the records were publicly filed, there are privacy concerns in making certain information easier to find (not to mention if it should have been redacted from the start). Innovating around these challenges interests me, because improving the availability of court records for research can contribute greatly to cultural understanding and the public good.

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

I know a bit about the trees of San Francisco, from trying to memorize Michael Sullivan's book of the same name. The Bay Area's landscape is so beautiful and diverse. I really enjoy going on urban hikes, taking photos of plants and trees I can't identify, and then looking them up in Sullivan's book when I get

home. When I go on walks with friends, two crowd-pleasers to point out are the so-called “strawberry tree” and the lemon bottlebrush tree; people always remember these once you explain what they are, and then pass the knowledge along to others. So great! I get the same kick out of the gorgeous architectural styles in my Oakland neighborhood, and I am not terrible at identifying various architectural elements and features. I highly recommend Virginia Savage’s “A Field Guide to American Houses” to assist with this process! But, don’t actually take the tome with you on your walks unless you want to build your biceps.

What's the best advice you've ever received working as a librarian?

“Sea turtles.” For my first four-and-a-half years at Stanford, I had the tremendous good fortune to work with Erika Wayne as my supervisor and mentor (Erika has just recently left to become the director of a library in Florida). Any time we’d get a crazy request, our workload was too heavy, or things felt out of

hand, she would say, “sea turtles.” When sea turtles swim, they always appear so calm and graceful that it’s impossible to let one’s feathers (or flippers) get ruffled when thinking of them.

Who or what has had the greatest impact on your law librarian career?

In addition to the opportunities that Jeanne Price provided me, and the wonderful mentorship of Erika Wayne, Paul Lomio, Stanford Law School’s former library director, has had the greatest impact on my career. Paul tragically passed away this year, and the profession lost a true leader. Without fail, the first thing anyone who knew Paul would remark about is how kind and thoughtful he was. The way he led the library with kindness, and his dedication to service and the school, will not soon be equaled in the profession. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to begin my law librarian career learning from him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AALL

Register Today for the 2015 Annual Meeting

[Registration](#) is open for the 108th Annual Meeting & Conference in Philadelphia. Join us July 18-21 for four full days of exciting learning opportunities, from the [keynote address by Terry Gross](#) to the dozens of “[must-have](#)” [programs](#) on timely topics that AALL members have identified as vital to their professional education. [Check out all the sessions](#), and start making plans to join us.

Save the Date: AALL Business Skills Clinic to be Held October 16-17

Save the date for the [AALL Business Skills Clinic](#), a two-day intensive experience designed to give you skills in strategic planning, managerial finance, human resources, negotiations, and marketing/communications. The program will be held October 16-17 at the Hyatt Chicago Magnificent Mile Hotel in Chicago. Contact [Katie Brown](#), Chair of the Business Skills Education Task Force or [Celeste Smith](#), AALL’s director of education, for more information.

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