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## President's Message by Darla Jackson

I was delighted to see so many MAALL members for our business meeting at the AALL Annual Meeting in Denver. While, due to cost considerations, we did not have a meal, we did have an enjoyable time discussing MAALL business and networking with friends and colleagues from the region.

Preparations of the MAALL Annual Meeting have actively continued since we returned from Denver. Registration for the MAALL Annual Meeting is now open. Information about the conference is available via links from the Annual Meeting web-page: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/maall/annmtg.htm>. Please keep reservation and registration dates in mind when planning for the 2010 meeting in Iowa City. September 14 is the last day to make a reservation at the Sheraton Iowa City at the conference rate. Early bird registration for the conference ends September 13. I encourage you to register for the conference

and make hotel reservations as soon as possible.

Speaking of the MAALL Annual Meeting, the Education Committee has put together a strong slate of programs for the meeting. The programs are listed on the registration form for the meeting. There are programs for the technology minded, including mobile apps for law libraries, Universal Search Solution development, and a CALI program on ebooks and social media. Current and future administrators will share ideas on making the transition from librarian to administration. Those interested in preservation issues will find several programs on preserving print and electronic resources. Also, we can anticipate that John Palfrey, professor of law and vice dean for Library and Information Resources at Harvard Law and author of *Born Digital*, will address these important issues. In addition to the excellent programming, we will have an opportunity

to hear about the current issues and future plans of AALL from Darcy Kirk, the AALL vice president/president elect. I hope to see you in Iowa City.

If you did not see the announcement, the results of the recent MAALL election are as follows:

Stefanie Pearlman of the University of Nebraska will take over as vice president/president elect. Jeri Kay Hopkins of the Eight Circuit Court of Appeals Law Library will assume responsibility as the secretary. Rhonda Schwartz will join the executive board as member at large. I want to thank all the candidates who agreed to have their names on the ballot this year and Lou Lindsey and Brian Striman for the work they did preparing the candidate slate. I would be remiss if I also did not thank Karen Wallace for her work setting up and running the online election.

It is amazing that the year has passed so

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## President's Message

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quickly and that this is my last Presidential Column. My term as president has been a rewarding experience filled with unique challenges and opportunities for professional development. As I drafted the MAALL Annual Report for AALL, I felt a sense of pride in our chapter and our accomplishments. I want to thank the MAALL membership for supporting me during this year. I have enjoyed working with the members of the executive board, the committee chairs, the committee members, and all of the members of MAALL. I have been awed by your knowledge, professionalism and spirit of service. Your efforts on behalf of our organization have not gone unnoticed.

## From the Vice-President by Richard Leiter

Message from the Chair of the Program Committee:

As always, the programming at this year's MAALL Annual Meeting will be first rate. We have participation from some of the most talented members of our chapter, but we have also gone beyond our boundaries and have guests from both coasts. Our special AALL VIP, will be Darcy Kirk, the incoming president of AALL. We're also pleased to welcome back, Tracy Thompson Pryzlucki, executive director of NELLCO, who will speak to us about Universal Search Solutions. John Mayer, executive director, and Deb Quentel, director of curriculum development and general counsel of CALI, will present a program on the future of textbooks. Both of these programs cover cutting edge topics of keen interest to law libraries.

In addition to these special guests and friends, we have two visitors who are near-celebrities and who will share with us thoughtful and stimulating ideas. Our keynote speaker is John Palfrey, Henry N. Ess Professor of Law and vice dean for Library and Information Resources at Harvard Law School and a faculty director of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University. He is a graduate of Harvard College, the University of Cambridge, and Harvard Law School. John is a regular commentator on network news programs, CNN MSNBC, CNBC, Fox News, NPR and BBC. John is a father of two children and resides in Cambridge, Massachusetts. John is co-author of *Born Digital: Understanding the First Generation of Digital Natives*. What does identity mean for young people who have dozens of online profiles and avatars? What lies ahead – socially, professionally, and psychologically – for this generation? Children who were born into and raised in the digital world are coming of age, and soon our world will be reshaped in their image. Our economy, our politics, our culture and even the shape of our families will be forever transformed. John Palfrey answers the question: Who are these Digital Natives?

We'll also be visited by Kristine Hanna, the director of Web Archiving Services for the Internet Archive. She works with partners to develop Web archiving services and solutions that will help preserve the Internet. She is particularly passionate about saving "at risk" Web sites and collections. Kristine has been working on the Internet since 1997 when she co-founded GirlGeeks, a career site for women in technology, which was flipped to a non-profit in 2002. Before joining the Archive in January of 2006, she held senior level and management positions in online content and business development in media and educational Internet companies. Before founding GirlGeeks, Kristine worked extensively in film and television at Lucasfilm, (Colossal) Pictures, and Lorimar/Warner Brothers; and attended USC's School of Cinema and Television. She has earned two team Emmy Awards, as well as two individual Emmy nominations as the visual effects producer on *The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles*.

We hope that as you read these biographies, you are as excited about them (and, indeed, all the programs) as we are. In fine MAALL tradition, we've built a sensational, informative and educational program for you.

See you there!

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## News From Other Chapters

### **ALLUNY (Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York)**

*ALLUNY Newsletter* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/alluny/newslett.asp>

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In “Traveling Loons...A Bit Further South of Down Under” three ALLUNY members (two retired, one not) tell of their trip to New Zealand. Another article “Four or Five: Challenges of a Four-Day Work Week” discusses the experience of moving to a 4 day work week. This article is interesting in that the move to a four day week is made and then after assessing how it is working the decision is reversed.

### **CoALL (Colorado Association of Law Libraries)**

*CoAll Scuttle* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/scuttle.asp>

Spring 2010

Robert M. Linz, associate director and head of Public Services at the University of Colorado Law Library, writes about home data storage solutions. He recommends using the RAID 1 method, which requires 2 external hard drives.

Summer 2010

Chiming in with an article about Microsoft Office 2010, Robert M. Linz, associate director and head of Public Services at the University of Colorado Law Library, explains how the newer version of our old stand-by facilitates cloud computing. Presenters might be especially interested in the power point functionality that lets users share presentations on the Web with no download.

### **LLAGNY (Law Library Association of Greater New York)**

*Law Lines* [http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llagny/Law\\_Lines/Ll\\_Spring2010.pdf](http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llagny/Law_Lines/Ll_Spring2010.pdf)

Volume 33, No. 3 Spring 2010

This issue of Law Lines has as its focus a series of electronic research tool reviews. The issue is over 70 pages long and is worth a look. There are reviews of Justia, Fastcase, Morningstar, WestlawNext, Capital IQ, Google Patents, HeinOnline, and PACER. There is also an interesting article titled “Electronic Legal Research: In The Beginning” that looks at the changes of the electronic research world over the years.

### **LLAM (Law Library Association of Maryland)**

*LLAM News* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llam/publications.htm>

June 2010, Vol. 29 No. 4

This issue of LLAM News features an interesting article titled “‘Link Rot’ and legal resources on the web” that describes the increased level of link rot seen for legal information on the Web. According to the article some of the worst offenders are state government Web sites that have a URL like .state.\_\_.us. Sites with .gov and .org tend to fair a little better.

### **LLSDC (Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C.)**

*Law Library Lights* <http://www.llsdc.org/lights/>

Vol. 53, No. 4 (Summer 2010)

There are several good articles in this issue. They include “Finding Data and Statistics on Judges,” “More Nancy Drew than Marian the Librarian: Hunting for Vital Records Online,” “The Partisan Librarian: Bringing More than Just Research Skills to the Reference Desk,” and “Beyond the Pale: Finding Your Way Back From a Citation Netherworld.”

The “Partisan Librarian” article looks at the bias that a reference librarian can bring to a question and looks at how the resources we most often use may increase our bias. The “Beyond the Pale” article looks at how you deal with a citation problem when the Bluebook does not address the specific citation that you need to make. Unfortunately this is an occurrence that happens all too often.

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### **MALL (Minnesota Association of Law Libraries)**

*MALL Newsletter* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/mnews.htm>

March/April 2010 Volume 36 Issue 5

Megan Jens, reference librarian at Hamline University School of Law, gives a nice introduction to the creation and use of QR codes.

May/June 2010 Volume 36 Issue 6

Liz Reppe, library manager, Dakota County Law Library, and recent attendee of the AALL Leadership Academy discusses her leadership and management experiences through the lens of being a Gen X/Y librarian.

### **SEAALL (Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries)**

*The Southeastern Law Librarian* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/newsletter.htm>

Winter 2010 Volume 35 Issue 1

Brian Barnes, who is a research, instructional services, and circulation librarian at Mississippi College School of Law, discusses the importance of cross training and communication so that information about core library activities is decentralized. This model allows libraries to continue to function even if a key staff member is out.

## Meet MAALL Members

Meet ... Darla Jackson

by Stefanie Pearlman

Pop Quiz: Our MAALL president, Darla Jackson, has: a) been a member of the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG), b) earned an LLM, c) been a competitive gymnast, or d) done all of the above? The answer, amazingly, is "d."

Darla was a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) and later the United States Air Force. Although she was in the Air Force, she was a member of the JAG corps and not a pilot. As a member of ROTC, however, she had the opportunity to perform some maneuvers on an incentive flight, an experience that left her longing to take flying lessons in the future. As a member of the military, Darla was stationed in Iceland, where she sampled the local cuisine, including rancid shark and an Icelandic alcoholic drink known as "the Black Death."

She started her college education at Oklahoma Baptist University at the age of sixteen. She was still finishing high school when she began taking classes. Darla received her library and law degrees from University of Oklahoma. She also earned an additional Master's from Air University in Montgomery, Alabama and an LLM from the University of Georgia.

Darla was a competitive gymnast when she was younger and still loves to watch gymnastics on television. Although her husband and sons don't share her enthusiasm for gymnastics, they do enjoy watching other sports together on television.

So, what is Darla doing now? She is currently the associate director at Oklahoma City University Law Library. She loves teaching and enjoys "having the opportunity to do a myriad of different things." She also has a special interest in empirical legal research. In addition to MAALL and AALL, Darla is also a member of the American Bar Association, the Oklahoma Bar Association, the Society of Empirical Legal Studies, and several sections of Association of American Law Schools.

## Member News

### Arkansas

Kathryn Fitzhugh and Melissa Serfass of UALR Bowen School of Law Library co-wrote an article titled "Using Legislative History in Arkansas to Determine Legislative Intent: An Examination of Cases and Review of the Sources," published at 32 *University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law Review* 285 (2010).

### Iowa

The work of Drake University Law Library reference librarian Sara Lowe has earned the Best Paper of 2010 Award from the Special Library Association. Sara and coauthor Sean Stone, pharmacy/science librarian at Drake's Cowles Library, presented the paper "Information Literacy for Professional Programs: Two Case Studies at One University" in July at the Special Library Association meeting in New Orleans. The paper will be published in an upcoming issue of SLA's *Information Outlook*.

Drake University Law Library's Sara Lowe (reference librarian) and Karen Wallace (circulation/reference librarian) have coauthored the article, "HeinOnline and Law Review Citation Patterns," which will appear in the Winter 2011 issue of *Law Library Journal*.

### Missouri

Julia Seiter began April 12 in the new position of digital services librarian at the U.S. Courts Library 8th Circuit in St. Louis. Julia holds a BA, MLS and MA in English Literature from the University of Missouri, and was previously employed in a variety of positions at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Research Library since 2005. Most recently she served as the Bank's digital projects librarian.

### Nebraska

Richard A. Leiter, director of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln Schmid Law Library, received the AALL Kenneth J. Hirsch Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Leiter is host of CALI's (Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) "Law Librarian Conversations" podcast. He has been writing the "Database Report" for *Legal Information Alert* and won the Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award for his book *National Survey of State Laws*.

Brian D. Striman, professor of law library and head of technical services at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln Schmid Law Library received AALL's newly created Volunteer Service Award for 2009 for significant contribution to the work of AALL. Mr. Striman has been a member of AALL since 1983, was *TSLL* editor-in-chief from 2004 to 2008, and was MAALL President for the 2006–2007 term.

### Oklahoma

The Oklahoma City University Law Library welcomes two new librarians. Kathleen Brown will be the assistant director for public and faculty services. Jennifer Prilliman will be the reference and student services librarian.