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Greetings from the President

Wow! What a nice time was had by those attending the SEAALL Annual Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale April 10-13. Billie Jo Kauffman and her Local Arrangements Committee did a great job of entertaining us and seeing that our needs were met. Special thanks goes to Wally DeCola on Billie Jo's staff for his tireless efforts and patience with Bell South to produce the program on the future of law libraries. (For those of you unable to attend, Gail Warren was a participant via video hookup between Richmond, VA and Ft. Lauderdale.) I also want to thank my Program Committee for all their hard work to develop a variety of educational programs for our annual meeting.

Now, looking ahead to next year's meeting I want to share a little history. So, listen up!

North Carolina law librarians organized in the 30's. They extended an invitation to the law librarian at the University of South Carolina and then reorganized as the Carolinas Law Librarians. In 1939 this group applied to become a chapter of AALL. The petition was granted pending the adoption of a constitution and changing the name to reflect its relationship to the national organization; the new name became the Carolinas Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. From 1943-1947 no meetings of the chapter were held. By 1948 things were looking up for law schools and, consequently, the law libraries so the organization resumed its meetings. At the same time some law librarians began attending the meetings of the South Eastern Conference of Law Teachers. In September 1953 a meeting of 17 law school librarians from 7 southern states met with the Law Teachers association. This group decided to organize and apply for chapter status from AALL. The chapter status was granted in 1954 and the organization became known as the South Eastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries a.k.a. SEAALL.

If you'd like to read the early history of our chapter see "History of the Carolina - South Eastern Chapter, 1937-1955" by Sarah Leverette and Lucille Elliott, 49 *Law Library Journal* 180-185 (1956).

Though we can track our association to the North Carolina group, the chapter as we know it today was not formed until 1953. So, Nancy Johnson and I have formed a Golden Anniversary Committee to celebrate our 50th year as a vibrant organization of law librarians. Jim Heller heads this committee; assisting him will be Rhea Ballard-Thrower, Carol Billings, Hazel Johnson, Tim Coggins and Bill Bentema. They are already planning a program for the next meeting and working with Sue Burch and Rebecca Trammell (local arrangements) to make our 50th year a memorable one. Stay tuned.

Back to the present and the upcoming AALL meeting - mark your calendars for the SEAALL meeting on Monday, July 20th at 6:15. It won't be all business - there is also a reception included. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

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For those SEAALL members who were at the annual meeting but without checkbooks (and, for those of you who were unable to attend and would like to contribute), here is the address for the Blackwell Children's Scholarship -Fund:

Blackwell Children's Scholarship Fund
c/o Lisa Blackwell
Rt.1, Box 137
Grundy, VA 24614

Lisa, a law librarian at the Appalachian School of Law, was the wife of professor Thomas Blackwell who was killed by a disgruntled student in January. The purpose of this fund is to assist Lisa Blackwell's efforts to provide her children with a college education.

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Editor's Note —

Well we didn't receive any pictures , so you're stuck with those I took. On the bright side, we received several articles from members. So many, in fact, that because of page restraints, I saved Rebekah Maxwell's new column for the next issue. I want to thank everyone who helped and encourage additional participation from the membership. We're only as good as you make us.

2001-2002 Newsletter & Public Relations Committee: Micheal Klepper (University of Virginia); Ed Beltz (University of North Carolina); Karin Den Bleyker (Mississippi College); Mary Johns (Louisiana State University); Ann-Marie Beri (University of North Carolina); Beth Adelman (Georgia State University); Martin Cerjan (Vanderbilt University); Teresa Teague (Campbell University); Robert Jacoby (University of South Carolina)

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Winter	January 30, 2003
Spring	April 30, 2003
Summer	July 31, 2002
Fall	October 30, 2002

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SEAALL at Fort Lauderdale 2002



Dick Spinelli and members enjoy food during the cruise.

Carol Nicholson and her winning basket



Luncheon Speaker
Sarah Holterhoff
AALL Executive Board Member

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SEAALL Briefs

Compiled by Connie Matzen

ALABAMA

Samford University

New SEAALL members from Birmingham are **Grace L. Simms** and **Lanie Peinhardt Williamson**, both associated with Samford University.

FLORIDA

Grace M. Mills, with Florida A & M College of Law in Orlando and **Cheryl Rovinelli** of West Palm Beach have joined SEAALL.

Ruth A. Fraley, MLS MBA, Naples

Ruth A. Fraley, an independent law librarian who recently joined SEAALL, tells us that although she retired from the New York Courts, she has not retired from the profession. Her company is located in Naples where she accepts short-term assignments and does consulting in the areas of law libraries, records management and management, all while enjoying Florida's sunny weather.

GEORGIA

Scott B. Snipes, in Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker, LLP's Atlanta office, has joined SEAALL.

KENTUCKY

University of Kentucky

Effective April 15, 2002, **Rebecca Trammell** became the Director of the Law Library and Assistant Professor of Law. She comes to Kentucky from Barry University School of Law in Orlando. Rebecca received her J.D. from the University of Denver College of Law and her M.L.S. from Dominican University.

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LOUISIANA

Lila LaGraize of New Orleans has joined SEAALL.

Louisiana State University

William T. Monroe, Jr. has joined the LSU Law Center Library as a library associate working in Media Services. In addition, the following organizational changes were announced recently: **Herb Cihak** is Associate Vice-Chancellor for Library and Information Technology, **Randy Thompson** is Coordinator of Library Services, and **Kevin Gray**, a new member of SEAALL, is Coordinator of Instructional Services.

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi College

Sibyl C. Byrd joined the Mississippi College School of Law Library in August of 2001 as a reference librarian. She graduated from MC Law School in May of 2001, and is currently pursuing her MLIS at the University of Southern Mississippi. Prior to joining the staff at Mississippi College, Sibyl worked for four years for the ACLU of Mississippi.

NORTH CAROLINA

NC Legislative Research Service, Raleigh

Amanda S. McCabe, a former Legislative Librarian for the Washington, D.C. office of Reed Smith Shaw & McClay and Account Representative for LexisNexis, has moved to North Carolina where she has started a new service for those requiring North Carolina legislative histories. Check out her recent article posted at llrx.com: <http://www.llrx.com/features/nclegis.htm>. She recently joined SEAALL.

School of Information and Library Sciences, UNC

Mark Bernstein of Duke and **Anne Klinefelter** from the University of North Carolina co-taught the Law Librarianship course at the UNC School of Information and Library Science this spring. Among the SEAALL members who participated as guest lecturers were **Lolly Gasaway**, **Carol Nicholson**, **Teresa Stanton** and **Scott Childs** of UNC; **Melanie Dunshee** from Duke; **Connie Matzen** from Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell and Jernigan, and **Lisa Williams** from Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein.

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Donna Nixon is a recipient of the AALL Minority Leadership Development Award. This new award was created to assure that AALL's leadership remains vital, relevant and representative of the Association's diverse membership. The Award provides up to \$1,500 of funding to attend the Annual Meeting of AALL, assignment of an experienced AALL leader to serve as the recipient's mentor for at least one year, and a position on an AALL committee. Congratulations, Donna!

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Martha Barefoot, reference/interlibrary loan librarian, is retiring this July after 18 years at the Kathrine R. Everett Law Library. The Carolina law librarians and staff thank Martha for her many contributions to the library and wish her an abundant life in retirement.

VIRGINIA

Bill Katz, with the Chesterfield County Public Law Library has joined SEAALL.

University of Virginia Law Library

Marsha Trimble resigned as Archivist of the Law Library to become Executive Director of the Charlottesville Emergency Food Bank. The Law School Faculty and Library Staff presented Marsha with a donation check for the food bank and a leather bound copy of her published works.



University of Kentucky staff prepare for the **April 9 - 12, 2003 SEAALL Conference**. Get ready for a good time! It appears UK is starting early.

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SEAALL Committees 2002/2003

Articles and Bylaws: Reviews and revises Chapter articles of incorporation as directed by the Executive Committee.

Herb Cihak, Chair (2003) (Louisiana State University)
Terry Long (2004) (Virginia State Law Library)
Nancy Johnson (2005) (Georgia State University)
Sally Wambold (2003) (University of Richmond)
Judy Hughes (2003) (Jones School of Law)

Education/Publications Committee: Responsible for the development of publications for the benefit of the Chapter's members; also, responsible for developing SEAALL program proposals for the ALL annual meeting. (2 year term)

Jennifer Sekula, Chair (2003) (College of William & Mary)
Pam Deemer (2003) (Emory University)
Gretchen Wolf (2003) (Duke University)
Madeline Hebert (2003) (Louisiana State University)
Creighton Miller (2004) (University of Alabama)
Luis Acosta (2004) (Howard University)
Cathy Palombi (2004) (University of Virginia)

Government Relations Committee: Monitors legislative, regulatory and judicial developments that affect SEAALL, the practice of law librarianship or the creation and dissemination of information for the states in the southeast region of the U.S. This committee keeps the membership informed by print and electronic means. (2 year term)

Lynn Murray, Chair (2004) (University of Mississippi)
Anne Walsh Long (2003) (West Virginia University)
Charlene Cain (2003) (Louisiana State University)
Steve Jordan (2003) (Vanderbilt University)
Nancy Adams (2003) (Georgia State University)
Shannon Wilson (2003) (Ogletree, Deakins - Greenville, SC)
Gail Zwirner (2003) (University of Richmond)
Ed Craig (2003) (Samford University)
Pedro Padilla-Rosa (2004) (University of Puerto Rico)
Randy Thompson (2004) (Louisiana State University)
Ed Schoeder (2004) (Florida State University)

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Membership Committee: Promotes chapter membership and vitality within the region, maintains and distributes a biannual membership directory and coordinates activities for new members, retiring members and the organization. (2 year term)

Loretta Price, Chair (2003) (University of Tennessee)
Carol Parris (2003) (University of Kentucky)
Christopher Vallandingham (2003) (University of Florida)
Camille Riley (2003) (West Virginia University)
Becky Hutto (2003) (Samford University)
Connie Matzen (2004) (Smith Anderson, Raleigh, NC)
Gretchen Wolf (2004) (Duke University)
Janet Hirt (2004) (Vanderbilt University)
Margaret Milam (2004) (American University)
Jack Bissett (2004) (Washington & Lee University)

Newsletter/Public Relations Committee: Responsible for the publication of the "Southeastern Law Librarian" four times a year. (2 year term)

Michael Klepper, Chair/Editor (2003) (University of Virginia)
Ed Beltz (2004) (University of North Carolina)
Karin Den Bleyker (2003) (Mississippi College)
Mary Johns (2003) (Louisiana State University)
Ann-Marie Berti (2003) (University of North Carolina)
Beth Adelman (2004) (Georgia State University)
Martin Cerjan (2004) (Vanderbilt University)
Teresa Teague (2004) (Campbell University)
Robert Jacoby (2004) (University of South Carolina)

Nominating Committee

Joyce Janto, Chair (2003) (University of Richmond)
Iris Lee (2003) (George Washington University)
Susan Szymula (Brevard County Law Library)
Karin Den Bleyker (2003) (Mississippi College)

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Placement Committee: Communicates the availability of new positions in the south-east; also, responds to potential employers with information about SEAALL members who are interested in new employment opportunities. (2 year term)

Susan Morrison, Chair (2003) (Louisiana State University)
Dee Wood (2003) (University of Kentucky)
Nona Beisenherz (2004) (Loyola University)
Rae Ellen Best (2004) (George Mason University)
Rebekah Maxwell (2004) (University of South Carolina)

Program Committee: Plans and implements the educational program for the chapter's annual meeting.

Nancy Johnson, Chair (2003) (Georgia State University)
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Karen Douglas (2003) (Georgia State University)
Pam Williams (2003) (University of Florida)
Carol Bredemeyer (2003) (Northern Kentucky University)
Amy Osborne (2003) (University of Kentucky)
Georgia Chadwick (2003) (Law Library of Louisiana)

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Rita Millican (2003) (Louisiana State University)
Gigi Panagotacos (2003) (Florida Coastal)
Susan Lewis-Somers (2004) (American University)
Donna Bausch (2004) (Norfolk Law Library)
Linda Davis (2004) (George Washington University)
Ismael Gullon (2004) (Mercer University)

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Service to SEAALL

Herb Cihak (2003)
Bill Beintema (2003)

Local Arrangements

Rebecca Trammell, co-chair (2003) (University of Kentucky)
Sue Burch, co-chair (2003) (University of Kentucky)

Golden Anniversary Committee

Jim Heller (2003) (College of William & Mary)
Rhae Ballard-Thrower (2003) (Howard University)
Bill Beintema (2003) (University of Tennessee)
Carol Billings (2003) (Law Library of Louisiana)
Tim Coggins (2003) (University of Richmond)
Hazel Johnson (2003) (McGuireWoods)

Rae Best,
Georgia
Chadwick,
Ann Walsh
Long, Gail
Zwirner, and
Cathy Lemann
enjoy their time
at the SEAALL
Conference



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Womble Carlyle Celebrates National Library Week and Firm Traditions

The timing of National Library Week could not have been better for the librarians of Womble Carlyle's Winston-Salem office. The final phase of a three-part move to a new office building had just been completed the week before. We thought that the best way to celebrate National Library Week this year would be a gala reception in our new Library. To mark this significant event in the history of Womble Carlyle's Library, we decided to honor the firm's traditions while we welcomed our guests to the future.

The move of the firm to One West Fourth Street in Winston-Salem was in reality a coming home. In the same city block in 1876, Cyrus Barksdale Watson and William Bynum Glenn set up the law practice which grew into the present Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice. The move had special meaning because the firm has just published a history commemorating its first 125 years, *The Best is Yet to Be*, by Mr. Lynn Roundtree. Library personnel played a key role in managing this book project as well as in assisting with research. We came to appreciate the role our founders played in building the law practice as well as the tradition of community service they started.

Even though we had just moved into a very modern facility, with all the latest technology, we wished to honor our roots, while having some fun at the same time. Costuming ourselves in what we were assured was relatively authentic 19th century garb, we welcomed the firm's attorneys and staff with real flair! In addition to an elegant table set by a local caterer, we placed large portraits of our founders throughout the Library. As you can see from the photos, we may have looked a little out of place in time, but we enjoyed ourselves and received many compliments for the affair. More importantly, the reception provided a social setting for showing off the new Library and allowing Library personnel to mingle and casually discuss how we serve the firm and its clients.

The Library is substantially smaller than the one we built over fifteen years ago. The firm's Building Committee resisted the temptation to reduce us to telephone booth size and involved the Library in every step of the planning and building process. One decision we made right away was that we would have to give up our traditional shelving with wide aisles in favor of mobile shelving. We also reduced the number of workstations from eighteen to four; because of the advent of electronic communication and research, fewer personnel physically come to the Library these days. Each of the four workstations has a data port, however, allowing access for mobile computers. One additional workstation with firm standard hardware is available in the Copy/Printer center located in the Library. There is also an Internet portal and phone provided for firm clients or visiting counsel in a small but comfortable area. Finally, a conference room is available for video viewing (and Library staff meetings). These were important technological additions to Library facilities.

The move also prompted us to significantly "prune" the collection which further reduced the need for valuable space. Since many sets had been replaced by CD-ROM or online services, we left them behind. Much outdated material that was never consulted was also discarded. All practice specific materials were moved to satellite libraries placed on each floor of the building where the practice group members will easily access them. While we maintained

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Womble Carlyle cont

Federal Reporters and Supplements and our regional reporter, we believe that over time parts of those collections will have to be reduced, when our planned ten-year growth space is filled. These efforts have enhanced our ability to serve the firm, while demonstrating that the Library understands the economic imperatives that require the reduction of non-revenue producing space.

One other feature of our new space is that we have all library personnel in one area, not scattered around, as was the case in our old building. Space considerations and Library growth over the years had made for an awkward situation that has now been corrected. We can see increased efficiency already. We are ready for the future!



The Staff

Looking stern (why do all old pictures look like that?), our Winston-Salem staff, from left to right: Mary Gleason, Tim Turner, Susan Garrison, Robin Jackson, Don Adamick, and in front, Jim Broyles

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SEAALL 2002 Conference

Lisa Smith-Butler, Associate Law Library Director
Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center
Law Library & Technology Center

SEAALL, the Southeastern American Association of Law Librarians, held its 2002 annual meeting at the DoubleTree Hotel in Fort Lauderdale from April 11 - 13th. The Conference theme was *Where the Law Librarians Are*.

A pre-conference Institute, *The Invisible Web*, was held on April 11th, in one of the electronic classrooms at the new Nova Southeastern University Library, Research and Information Technology Center. At the Institute, Tim Coggins, Director of the University of Richmond Law Library and Associate Professor of Law, moderated while Diana Botluk, Lawyering Skills Instructor at Catholic University of America, demonstrated skills to expose the invisible web, helping researchers pinpoint and locate the appropriate documents. Later that evening, an Opening Reception was held on the Savannah Yacht which sailed the Intracoastal Waterway.

On Friday, a variety of programs were held. Mary Doyle, Richard Grosso, and Jennifer Sekula addressed the issues of environmental concerns and environmental research in *Everglades Evermore* while Amy Osborne, Michael Petit, Bryan Williams and Carol Avery Nicholson discussed Public Services and Technical Services in *Mano a Mano*. Rhonda Gold provided information about internet access in *Foreign and International Law on the Internet*. Hazel Johnson, Alan Keely, and Gail Zwirner presented a program identifying migration concerns facing librarians of integrated library systems in *OPAC Migration Issues*, and Anne Klinefelter and Jim Heller discussed copyright compliance as well as digital licensing in *Sharing Digital Information: Document Delivery and Copyright in a Digital World*. Ed Schroeder, Jon Lutz, Kurt Metzmeier, and Michael Whiteman participated in *Records and Briefs on the Web*, a how to program that explained how Florida State University and the Brandeis School of Law of the University of Louisville began putting up their states' records and briefs on the Internet. Rhea Ballard-Thrower, Luis Acosta, Felicia Ayanbiola, Kwei Hung, Karen Douglas, and Lisa Smith-Butler participated in a skit about student employees in *Student Workers: Love'em, Hate 'em, Fix 'em!* Gail Warren and Dick Danner then discussed the changing role of law librarians and law libraries in *Gazing into the Crystal Ball: The Future of Law Libraries*. Connie Matzen, Marcia Burris, and Chris Wolf discussed technical services issues that face small libraries in *Technical Services and the Small Library*. On Friday evening, many participants went to a dinner and show at the local Mai-Kai.

On Saturday morning, programs resumed with Ira J. Kurzban and Irene Good addressing *Hot Issues in Immigration Law/Teaching Techniques for Immigration Research* while Mary Alice Baish and Charlene C. Cain discussed legislative changes affecting the law library community in *Legislative Updates: State and Federal*. Pam Gregory, Tim Chinaris, and Matthew Morrison discussed the troublesome issue of providing specific answers to general legal questions in *The Unauthorized Practice of Law and Legal Reference Services: Where to Draw the Line*. Virginia Smith spoke to small libraries about *Intranet Solutions for a Library with a Little IT Support* and Marian Parker and Rebekah Maxwell discussed *Legal Research for the Xers and Nexters*. Jim Heller, Karen Douglas, and Mike Petit addressed workflow in their program, *From Technical Services t*

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to Customer Services: Improving Your Workflow Without Reinventing the Wheel.
The annual meeting for 2003 will be held in Lexington, Kentucky.



Past President Herb Cihak relaxes on the waterway cruise.

Susan Lewis-Somers,
Cathy Palombi, Terry
Long, and Diana Botluk
pose for dinner.



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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

HEAD OF CATALOGING
COLEMAN KARESH LAW LIBRARY
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF LAW

The University of South Carolina School of Law's Coleman Karesh Law Library is seeking dynamic, innovative, and experienced candidates for the position of Head of Cataloging. This tenure-track position reports directly to the Associate Director, but as a senior administrator, serves as a member of the Associate Dean for Library and Information Technology's Administrative Council which shapes library policy and engages in long-range planning.

Responsibilities:

As Head of the Catalog Department, ensures efficient work flow of cataloging operations for all formats by generation and maintenance of all methods of bibliographic access to the collection through the University automated integrated system, other databases, and card files. Processes all materials for patron use, supervises conservation and preservation of the collection, keeps appropriate statistics, and supervises Solinet accounts. Responsible for hiring, training, supervising, and evaluating catalog librarians, technical assistants, and students assigned to perform delegated tasks. Performs original cataloging and special projects, as necessary. As a member of the Library's senior administrative team, assists the Associate Dean for Library and Information Technology and other department heads in policy making and long-range planning for the Law Library. Participates on University-wide committees relevant to implementation of the automated library system, and in regional and national library association business.

Qualifications:

MLS or equivalent degree from an ALA-accredited program; demonstrated expertise in the use of cataloging tools and formats (AACR2, LC classification, LCSH, OCLC, MARC), understanding of authority theory and process, and experience with automated library systems required. Candidates should exhibit strong supervisory, organizational, and administrative skills; excellent communications and writing skills; and strong interpersonal and service instincts. Reading knowledge of at least one modern Romance language strongly preferred.

Salary is competitive, based on qualifications and experience of the successful candidate. State employees are offered a full range of healthcare, retirement, and related benefits. The position is available on July 1, 2002 and applications will be accepted until it is filled. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references to Steven D. Hinckley, Associate Dean for Library and Information Technology, University of South Carolina School of Law, Coleman Karesh Law Library, Main and Greene Streets, Columbia, South Carolina 29208. USC is an AA/EEO institution.

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ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR COLEMAN KARESH LAW LIBRARY UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF LAW

The University of South Carolina School of Law's Coleman Karesh Law Library is seeking dynamic and innovative candidates for the position of Associate Director. This tenure-track position reports directly to the Associate Dean for Library and Information Technology, serves as a member of the Library's Administrative Council which shapes policy and engages in long-range planning, and is responsible for administration of all facets of day-to-day law library operations.

Responsibilities:

The Associate Director coordinates daily departmental and interdepartmental activities in public and technical services; plays a leading role in collection development; and closely assists the Associate Dean with library administration, including budgeting, facilities planning, personnel management, and the development of policies and long-range plans. Participation in reference and research service and instruction, including teaching in the School of Law's mandatory, first-year Legal Research course, is preferred, but is negotiable for candidates from non-Public Services backgrounds. Participates in library-related School of Law and University-wide committees, and in regional and national library association business.

Qualifications:

Candidates with both a JD from an ABA accredited school and MLS or equivalent graduate degree and five years of law library experience preferred; however, candidates with either degree and at least eight years law library experience in increasingly responsible positions will be given serious consideration. Candidates must exhibit strong supervisory, organizational, and administrative skills; excellent communications and writing skills; and strong interpersonal and service instincts. Demonstrated teaching abilities, familiarity with information technologies, and commitment to continuing professional development and scholarship preferred. The University is planning to build a new Law School building within the next five years, and the Associate Director will be actively involved in the process of planning and implementing the move to the new facility.

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World News on the World Wide Web

September 11th profoundly altered our perception of the world we live in. Americans were confronted with the recognition that we need to better understand how different cultural, political and economic ideologies have an impact on world events and domestic affairs. The instantaneous transmission of distant events has eliminated physical frontiers, but it is quite clear that cultural boundaries still exist. Although there exists a wide spectrum of political opinions among journalists, news analysts and the multitude of spinmeisters on network television, most of the news that Americans rely on to form their knowledge base and to shape their opinions, has been filtered through the prism of the mainstream U.S. media.

As the international librarian at Nova Southeastern University Law School, I have participated in orientation for students enrolled in summer abroad programs. I encourage students to prepare for their travels by reading foreign news sources, foreign popular magazines and to watch programs such as BBC World News. What a great opportunity for students headed overseas to learn about issues confronting their soon to be host country! The objectives of this pre-trip cultural immersion are to further an understanding of the political and social climate of the country they are visiting, to encourage exposure to overseas reactions to United States policies and to expand their perspective on international events.

The internet, as well as our familiar online services, Lexis and Westlaw, provide access to foreign news sources in English, and for those of us who are multilingual, other languages as well. Lexis users can access foreign news sources by selecting News; Country and Region. When using Westlaw, click on Westnews, News: U.S and International, then Newspapers World. The online news sources listed below include wire services, foreign newspapers, privately published resources and state run news agencies. Some of the internet sites listed below *may* offer limited access to non-subscribers.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation <http://www.abc.gov.au/>

Website for Australia's national broadcasting network including full text of selected news stories with audio and video clips.

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The Japan Times Online <http://www.japantimes.co.jp>

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KCNA – Korean Central News Agency <http://www.kcna.co.jp/>

North Korea's state run news agency

Reuters <http://www.reuters.com/news.jhtml>

Reuters is one of the world's leading sources of news and financial information with a worldwide network of journalists and photographers.

The Tico Times <http://www.ticotimes.net/>

The Tico Times is Central America's largest English language newspaper. If you are planning to study in Costa Rica this summer, it will serve you well to become familiar with this site.

Dawn <http://www.dawn.com>

Online edition of the largest circulation English language newspaper in Pakistan.

Athens News Agency <http://www.ana.gr>

The Athens News Agency (ANA is the national news agency of Greece with an extensive network of correspondents reporting on world news. ANA also publishes an Electronic Daily News Bulletin containing all the Greek news.

The Information Telegraph Agency of Russia (ITAR-TASS)

<http://www.itar-tass.com>

One of the world's largest information agencies, with a large network of correspondents, ITAR-TASS is the state central information agency.

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British Broadcasting Corporation – BBC New Online <http://news.bbc.co.uk/>

British and world news from a very respected news source. The World news service is available in 43 languages and contains major stories from around the world. Links to news from world regions. An audio link is available for live reports on world news

Ha'Aretz <http://www.haaretzdaily.com>

English language edition of the Israeli daily published jointly with the *International Herald Tribune*.

Sinopolis.com <http://www.sinopolis.com>

Reports from the China press covering business, education, the environment and technology.

The websites listed above represent a limited sample of foreign newspapers and news services online. Several search engines are also available to assist with locating foreign news sources. Including:

Newspapers Online <http://www.onlinenewspapers.com>

Comprehensive listing of newspapers with links to more than 5000 online newspapers from around the world.

Global Archive from the *Financial Times* <http://globalarchive.ft.com/globalarchive/>

Provides access to news articles from thousands of periodicals online. Can target search to certain regions of the world and date range.

NewsTrawler http://www.newstrawler.com/nt/nt_home.html

Can search for articles from hundreds of online news, magazine and journal sources from around the world, searchable by country, category or subject.

TotalNews <http://totalnews.com/>

A directory of news sites plus links to newspapers worldwide.

Abyz News Links <http://www.abyznewslinks.com/>

Links to thousands of newspapers and other news sources from around the world.

News Link <http://newslink.org/>

Links to newspapers, magazines, radio and TV stations and news services from around the world.

Newspapers Links <http://www.newspaperlinks.com/home.cfm>

A comprehensive gateway to newspapers websites around the world. The site is a service of the Newspaper Association of America.

Newspapers Online –Worldwide listings by type and country.

<http://www.newspapers.com/>

Worldwide listings and links by media type and country.

World News Network <http://www.wnnetwork.com/>

Directory of links to major online news sources online (mainly in English) by region, country and topics of coverage.

Yahoo! Provides world coverage of major events by region with related links plus international news on regional version of Yahoo.

Paperboy <http://www.thepaperboy.com.au/welcome.html>

Thousands of links online.

NewDirectory.com <http://www.newsdirectory.com/>

A guide to worldwide English language media online

AILEENA <http://www.aileena.ch/about1.htm>

Worldwide newspaper index with thousands of links to newspapers, radio and TV stations in more than 150 countries.

So if you are traveling abroad for studies, a conference or that much needed vacation view these websites as your political and cultural Arthur Frommer Guides. Even if you don't leave your home turf, access news sources from overseas. You will probably get a different "slant" on the news and receive information not extensively reported by the U.S. media

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I know we had a wonderful time in Ft. Lauderdale, but it is time to begin planning the 2003 programs. The SEAALL meeting will take place in Lexington on April 9 - 12. The SEAALL Program Committee is soliciting your suggestions for programs. Please send us your suggestions with a brief description of your program and suggested speaker(s). It is preferred that the speakers be SEAALL members.

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