President’s Column

As I write this, Seattle has just finished its driest November since 1976. While the lack of rain has helped WestPac Willie adjust after his move from Honolulu, the rest of us are looking forward to some cold and wet weather to help build up our mountain snowpack.

Speaking of snow, we got a small surprise taste of winter at our meeting in Spokane. Our local arrangements committee did an amazing job lining up excellent accommodations and meeting spaces at the Historic Davenport, putting on a lovely reception at the Jundt Art Museum, and hosting delicious dine-arounds on Friday night. A special thank you to Sharalyn Williams, Ashley Sundin and Patrick Charles for making the meeting such a success. We’re looking forward to next year’s meeting to be held in Reno.

As part of our business meeting, outgoing President Brian Huffman oversaw the vote to amend the bylaws and dissolve the constitution. This process began almost 5 years ago; more information about this long process is in the Constitution and Bylaws Committee report. Though committee chair Geri Cepeda gives credit to Brian to bringing this to a vote, I want to thank her and committee members Deb Person and Kent Milunovich for working on this for so many years and making this year’s actions possible.

Since the meeting, many of you (nearly half our membership!) responded to a survey about committee service. The great news is that respondents were overwhelmingly positive about serving on WestPac committees. Over the next month or so I’ll be working my way through the responses and will be contacting those of you who are ready to change things up. We’ll also update the committee lists on the WestPac website.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank Laurie Urquiaga who is stepping down as WestPac webmaster this year. I was vaguely aware that she’d held this position for a while, but was genuinely surprised when she said she took over the role from Tina Ching in 2011! Since then she’s kept the website up to date, adding announcements, posting information about meetings and making the website a valuable and functional part of WestPac communications. Thank you, thank you Laurie, for so many years of service.

Don’t forget that membership renews in January. There’s more information inside from the membership committee about how to renew.

As we enter the holiday season, I wish you all peace, joy and moments of whimsy.
This past October, I traveled “Down Under” to attend the 38th Annual Course of the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) in Sydney, Australia. This was my first IALL event, and introduced me to a new world of law librarians from around the globe.

In contrast to other conferences I have attended, IALL Annual Course is comprised of plenary sessions focused on educating the attendees on the substantive law of the host jurisdiction. In Sydney, nearly all the educational sessions were held at the University of New South Wales Central Business District Campus. The topics and presenters included:

- **Australia’s Legal History and Colonial Legacy**: Hon. Margaret Beazley, Governor of New South Wales
- **Colonial Legal Histories and Indigenous Sovereignty**: Associate Prof. Thalia Anthony, University of Technology Sydney
- **New South Wales Circle Sentencing and the New South Wales Youth Koori Court**: Magistrate Sue Duncombe
- **Australia’s Constitutional Quirks**: Prof. George Williams AO, University of New South Wales – Dean of the Law School
- **International Law in Australia**: Associate Professor Emily Crawford, University of Sydney
- **International Environmental Law in Australia**: Professor Tim Stephens, University of Sydney
- **Criminal Law in Australia**: Justice Mark Ierace, Supreme Court of New South Wales

The speakers were knowledgeable and engaging, and much of the information is new to me, as the Australian legal and judicial systems are rooted in the English common law tradition. Coming from Guam, where native Chamorros are struggling to define their political and cultural identity, I especially appreciated learning about the Uluru Statement from the Heart and Australia’s approach to the native Aborigines.

The conference included a tour of the New South Wales Parliament House, where we learned about Parliamentary Privilege and its Legal Implications from Stephen Frappell, Legislative Council, NSW Parliament. We also visited the Law Courts Building and Library, where we heard from John Botherway of the High Court of Australia Library, Georgia Livissanos of the Federal Court of Australia Library, and Vanessa Blackmore of the Law Courts Library. (Now I know where I can find historical Halsbury’s Statutes without going to England!)

Because I registered early, I gained a spot in the pre-conference workshop, *An Introduction to the Australian Legal System and Legal Research*, presented by experienced law librarians and legal researchers, Fiona MacDowall (University of Melbourne Law School) and Larissa Reid (New South Wales Law Courts Library). The librarians’ presentation was comprehensive, and at the end, we were given a softcover guidebook of their presentation – which will make an excellent addition to the Guam Law Library collection!

The social events at IALL, like any conference, are wonderful opportunity to meet colleagues and have fun. It was no different in Sydney! The opening reception, sponsored by ICLR and LexisNexis Australia, was held at the Justice and Police Museum. We took an Aboriginal Cultural Cruise, sponsored by TradeLaw Guide, on the Mari Nawi and stopped off at Shark Island for a cultural presentation. The Annual Dinner, sponsored by Wolters Kluwer, was held at the Sunset Room of Luna Park, where members welcomed Incoming IALL President Kurt Carroll of the Law Library of Congress.

I count myself lucky to attend IALL’s Annual Course in Sydney, where I caught up with fellow WestPac member Vicki Szymczak and AALL colleagues including current President Michelle Cosby and Past Presidents Femi Cadmus and Ron Wheeler. But importantly for me, IALL allowed me to connect with librarians from all over the Pacific and Asia, with whom I share an ocean, if not a common legal tradition.
University of Washington Law Builds a Digital Commons

Like dozens of other law school libraries, the University of Washington's Gallagher Law Library has partnered with Bepress to create an open digital archive using the Digital Commons platform. The URL is https://digitalcommons.law.uw.edu.

Major collections include the full archives of the law school's student-edited law reviews and journals:
- Washington International Law Journal (formerly the Pacific Law & Policy Journal)
- Washington Journal of Environmental Law & Policy
- Washington Journal of Law, Technology & Arts
- Washington Law Review (and its online companion, the Washington Law Review Online)

Also available are collections of articles, books, and chapters written by faculty members and librarians, which demonstrate the scholarly impact of the UW School of Law. Reports by centers and programs are included too.

As part of a Washington State Constitution History project, we have collected court documents from a major school finance case, McCleary v. State of Washington. The collection includes briefs from the parties and amicus organizations, findings of fact and conclusions of law, motions, orders, responses, and verbatim court reporters' transcripts of proceedings from the King County Superior Court and similar documents from the Washington Supreme Court, which heard the direct appeal. We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the Network for Excellence in Washington Schools (one of the plaintiffs) and the Washington Supreme Court, both of which have posted the original court documents on their own websites, https://washeduexcellence.org/the-mccleary-case/court-documents/king-county-superior-court-documents/ and http://www.courts.wa.gov/appellate_trial_courts/SupremeCourt/fields=supremecourt.McCleary_Education.

Questions about the UW Law Digital Commons can be sent to Cheryl Nyberg, cnyberg@uw.edu.
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa School of Law Library: Library Workshops Prove Popular
By Storm Stoker

The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa School of Law Library has some great new programming! We have a Book Hospital program where trained book doctors repair books for law students for free and help to preserve books in the collection, including historic books. We created a comic strip advertising the book hospital, in the overly dramatic style of popular TV shows like Grey's Anatomy and E.R. You can see the full episode here: https://library.law.hawaii.edu/2018/10/31/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-book-doctor/

Book Doctors to the Rescue!

We also just started offering workshops teaching the community how to make repairs to books and how to make notebooks. So far the workshops fill to capacity within 24 hours, and we even had to turn a few eager book lovers away!

Ellen-Rae Cachola, Evening Supervisor and Archives Manager, and Storm Stoker, Technical Services Support Specialist, wrote a grant proposal for additional archival supplies to continue these workshops and preservation initiatives. The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s, Women’s Campus Club awarded the School of Law Library a grant for $2,000.

Check out these great photos from our recent programming and feel free to try it at your own library!

Attendees show off their handmade journals
Lewis and Clark Law School, Boley Law Library, Oregon: Humor in Book Displays
by Meredith Kostek, Research and Instruction Librarian

Over the past several months, here at Boley Law Library we’ve started using humor in our displays to draw law students in and give relief in the sometimes dry world of legal treatises. The humor hook was used to great advantage with our Halloween display, our winter display, our rotating whiteboard, and most recently, our study aid display.

Each of these displays created a sense of lightness to the topics and effectively drew patrons into the displays. Using humor in displays allows the patron to approach a display and interact with it on several levels. Thinking of using humor in your next display? Here are some of our suggestions:

1. Put one book in the display that belongs for a humorous reason and not just because it fits the rest of the display. This could be because of its title, book cover, author controversy, or other reason. In our Halloween display, we put both serious and humorous books in our display.

2. Pick a traditional topic and give it a humorous twist. In our winter display, we chose a “Let it Snow” winter scene with book trees and book page snowflakes, then used humor to pick the books that would be displayed. We chose the legal topic of slip-and-fall books to go with our snow and ice theme.

3. Find a space that you can maintain an open conversation with patrons. Help the patrons find that space using humor. We began using a whiteboard to interact with students and get reactions to upcoming events, study needs, or to get a general feel for what’s happening with students on campus. However, in order to be able to do that, we first had to build trust. Humor played a large role in building that trust. Our opening question asked about students’ preference for pumpkin spice and over 60 students had opinions! We then began interspersing questions we wanted to know, like study aids students were using or events they would like to see at the library, with fun and humorous word searches and trivia games. This mix makes the whiteboard in the library “must read” material as students go by and we know it’s a place we can reach students effectively.

4. Choose a comedic way to display librarian opinions about the books in the display. In our study aid display, we used avatars of our librarians to enhance our display and give information about the books in the display. Students were interested in reading what each librarian avatar had to say, and it introduced them to the librarians in a humorous way. Not sure where to start with avatars? We used https://avachara.com/avatar/ to create ours with an anime style. There are lots of choices to create a librarian avatar but we chose Avachara because it had many choices for a diverse staff.

Humor is known to reach patrons on many different levels; we’ve found it to be an effective way to highlight our collection and draw attention to our displays.
Committee Reports

Constitution and Bylaws Committee, submitted by Geri Cepeda

Almost five years ago, in May 2015, the AALL Bylaws and Resolutions Committee contacted then-WestPac President Bonnie Geldmacher regarding the omission of an anti-discrimination clause that recognized gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity in our bylaws. The anti-discrimination clause was actually in our constitution, and WestPac members voted to amend this clause of our constitution in October 2015 at the Honolulu meeting.

The AALL committee had made other suggestions regarding our governing documents, and the bigger changes to amend the bylaws and dissolve the constitution were prompted in July 2016 at the WestPac Business Meeting in Chicago. The members had recommended that the WestPac Constitution and Bylaws Committee review these documents and merge them into a single document. A draft of proposed bylaws was presented at the 2016 meeting in Jackson Hole, but action on it was held up due to concerns regarding the logistics of notice and the process of dissolving the constitution. In January 2019, WestPac President Brian Huffman brought the matter back up to the front burner, and in October, membership voted to amend the bylaws and dissolve the constitution. Committee members Deb Person and Kent Milunovich gave input on the draft, but in the end, credit should go to Brian for staying on top of this and seeing it through to the end.

Nominations and Elections Committee Report, submitted by Kerry Lohmeier

At the beginning of 2019, the Nominations and Elections Committee solicited candidates for the positions of Vice President/President-elect and Treasurer for the regular election cycle. On February 22, the committee submitted the candidate names to the Board. David McClure from UNLV was selected to run for Vice President/President Elect and Lee Van Duzer from the Washington County Law Library was selected to run for Treasurer. Both candidates were elected in May.

In late January or early February 2020, the Committee will begin soliciting names of candidates to run for Vice President/President-elect and Secretary. Please begin thinking about whether you are able to run, or if you know someone who may be interested. The Committee looks forward to receiving feedback to its call for nominations early next year.

WestPac Government Relations Committee Report, submitted by David L. McFadden

The WestPac GRC has state representatives for each state within the WestPac territory. Each state representative monitors legislation dealing with library, government information and related issues within the representative’s state and reports to the WestPac GRC chair as is needed. The WestPac GRC Chair continues to repost AALL Government Relations Office messages to the WestPac list. The chair reports monthly to the AALL GRO on any legislation or related news of interest. The committee also coordinates with other AALL Chapter GRCs within California and Washington.

The new state representative for Utah is Melissa Bernstein.

Archives 2019 Annual Report, submitted by Jaque Jurkins

There have been no additions to the WestPac Archival collection during 2019. However, there have been several inquiries from WestPac members and officers regarding historical information available in the collection. In most instances an answer was located.

The more exciting news is that much of the present collection will be digitized and more readily available to the membership.
Treasurer’s Report

WestPac
Statement of Revenues, Expenses & Bank Balances
For the Year ended 2019

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* Year-end estimate as of 12/13/19

WestPac continues to maintain a healthy bank balance which can cover regular business overhead, annual grants to members, and annual meeting costs. Our 2019 annual meeting was roughly $4,100 in the black. We will start 2020 with just around $45,300.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Van Duzer
Youngwoo Ban is a Research Librarian & Assistant Professor at the Wiener-Rogers Law Library at the William S. Boyd School of Law (UNLV). Previously, Youngwoo served as a Reference Librarian at Indiana Tech Law School and as a Law Library Fellow at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College Of Law. Youngwoo received his J.D. from Oklahoma City University School of Law in 2014, M.L.I.S. from the University of Arizona in 2016, and LL.M. in Gaming Law from the William S. Boyd School of Law in 2018.

1. **What is the best advice you ever received about working as a law librarian?**
   Some of the best advice I ever received:
   “Attend conference programs covering the topics that you normally would not find interesting”
   “Respond to emails promptly”
   “UNLV Dining Commons offers $6 lunch for faculty and staff on Fridays”

2. **What is your favorite app?**
   I use Trello to manage to-do lists and YouTube for music and cat videos.

3. **What book title best represents your day-to-day work life?**

   One of the perks for working as a law librarian is that I get to work on different things on any given day, ranging from conducting 50-state surveys for faculty members to managing our institutional repository. (By the way, I don’t drink at work).

4. **What is the coolest thing you’ve seen another library do that you wish you could do at your library?**
   There are some public libraries that have adopted cats. Unfortunately, due to university regulations and potential allergy problems, I doubt we will be able to adopt a law library cat anytime soon. In addition, some academic law libraries offer “lightening lessons” in which librarians present a research tip in less than five minutes.

5. **What is something important you have learned at a WestPac Annual Meeting?**
   In the most recent Annual Meeting in Spokane, I learned about various gamification techniques that I could use for the Advanced Legal Research in IP course that I am going to teach in the upcoming spring semester.

   In addition, although I am not going to teach an online course in near future, the session covering online skills classes provided me with useful tips for course design and accessibility that would be applicable to the traditional classroom settings as well.
It's not too early to consider writing a draft of a scholarly article for the second annual WestPac Writing Institute, to be held on the Thursday afternoon of the WestPac Annual Meeting in Reno in 2020.

Our institute is inspired by the Boulder Conference and is a place for attendees to present works-in-progress on any topic related to legal information and law librarianship. The Writing Institute will begin at 12:30 on Thursday, and conclude in time for the opening reception the same evening. There is no registration fee.

Iantha Haight, research librarian at BYU’s Hunter Law Library, submitted a paper to the First Annual Writing Institute, and also served as a senior reader. Iantha said, “It is very rewarding to meet with other librarians in a small, casual setting to discuss the big challenges and opportunities we’re grappling with as we write. Even a small group of all academic law librarians (this time) had a range of experience and job titles that contributed to a robust discussion. All law librarians should make time to write to explore and share their ideas within and without the AALL community, and meeting to discuss those ideas is fun and valuable. I hope more law librarians will consider attending next year. It was the best part of WestPac!”

The Writing Institute is limited to 8 attendees. Each person attending will be expected to submit a draft work-in-progress in advance of the conference; attendees will be chosen from among those submitting their work. All attendees must also read the other submitted papers to facilitate discussion at the institute.

The work should focus on some aspect of:

- the use or teaching of legal information, such as a framework for teaching legal research within the theoretical guidelines of the Boulder Statements (for example, information literacy theory, adult learning theory, network theory, or other educational, social science, or psychology theories);
- information retrieval (both manual and automated systems, including topics like artificial intelligence and law);
- law and policy (issues such as privacy, copyright, security, and surveillance);
- information access issues (such as making legal and government information more accessible to the public, both physically and intellectually); or
- practice issues (applications which help lawyers in their day-to-day operations).

To apply for the Writing Institute, submit a draft project for consideration no later than Monday, August 17, 2020, at 5 p.m. The draft must be more than an outline but need not be in publishable form (between 4-8 pages). Please submit your draft via e-mail to Mari Cheney at maricheney@lclark.edu. Those chosen as Writing Institute participants agree to submit a working draft of at least 4,000 and no more than 15,000 words for review by September 14, 2020. All drafts will be circulated to everyone attending to allow ample time for reading and thoughtful feedback.

Please contact Mari Cheney directly with any questions at maricheney@lclark.edu. Special thanks to Susan Nevlow Mart for inspiring regional writing conferences to promote scholarship in our profession.
Cozy Up to the Legal Help Center
by Cory M. Lenz, Reference and Instructional Services Librarian, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

The WestPac Annual Meeting, October 10 - 12, 2019, had countless highlights, but for me nothing compared to my room at the Historic Davenport Hotel (a giant soaking tub and shower big enough for a private party, um, yes, please) and Barbara Engstrom’s cozy discussion about the logistics of overseeing the Legal Help Center at the King County Public Law Library, in downtown Seattle, Washington. Cozy might be an odd word to describe a talk about a program where a public services attorney teams with the county law librarians to help self-represented litigants with issues such as probate, custody, and divorce, but here cozy fits because Ms. Engstrom shared her experience without a microphone or PowerPoint (as though kicking off her shoes) and warmed us with her storytelling prowess and whip-smart sense of humor.

Ms. Engstrom and Marc Lampson, the attorney managing the Legal Help Center, designed the program to give free legal help to patrons that only a licensed attorney can give with the traditional research support of the law librarians. The law librarians and attorneys (most, if not all, are volunteer or recently retired) hold workshops focusing on the court rules to walk self-represented litigants through the steps of a case. More advanced workshops take a deeper dive on issues of civil procedure, such as drafting and filing motions, requesting documents in pre-trial discovery, and admitting evidence. Self-represented litigants can go to the program website for infographics and video tutorials. Ms. Engstrom intends to get everything online eventually and hopes to hold more legal reference hours and workshops at the Seattle Public Library and King County Library branches, which have become important partners in getting the Legal Help Center services to more patrons in need.

The Los Angeles County Library runs a similar program. Were Ms. Engstrom to take her experience on the road to more law and law librarian conferences, she would likely encourage those attendees to return home to launch a version of the Legal Help Center for self-represented litigants in their own counties and cities. Ms. Engstrom, Mr. Lampson, and their team are truly inspiring.
Travel Grant Report -
WestPac Annual Meeting 2019
by Shanna Pritchett, Librarian III, Nevada Supreme Court Law Library

I want to thank WestPac and the Grants Committee for awarding me a travel grant to attend the 2019 WestPac Annual Meeting in Spokane, Washington. As a recent addition to WestPac, I was thrilled when I received the email informing me that I had been selected to receive the travel grant to attend.

This was my first time attending the WestPac Annual Meeting and despite my first flight being cancelled, delaying my attendance at conference events until Friday morning, it started off great! While I had planned to spend time exploring Spokane on Thursday afternoon, I decided to get up early Friday and head over to Riverfront Park before breakfast. Not only did get to see the city waking up, but I had the park pretty much to myself and was able to grab some nice photos of the chilly morning. And to wrap it all up, I met several other first-time attendees during breakfast.

There was a lot of great programming this year, including Mari Cheney’s Doing More with Less: Workplace Efficiency Tools. I have already utilized some of the tools while preparing slides for a joint presentation at the Nevada Library Association’s annual conference. (You saved me a lot of time searching for a background for my presentation and I’m reviewing my notes hoping to incorporate more into my workflow.) Special thanks to Rob Truman who presented in Mari’s absence.

I was very interested in Jane Connelly’s program on Legal Archives: Preserving Your Institutional History. Jane walked us through what to collect (and what not to collect), getting started, accession, processing, and creating finding aids. She also provided us with points to consider at every step and lists of resources. Her presentation was accessible for anyone and helped me put into context a lot of the information I have learned in my courses on archives and preservation.

Amanda Donovan’s Library Programming in Contentious Times: Drag Queen Story Hour at Spokane Public Library was very informative. I loved hearing about Spokane Public Library’s handling the planning and safety for their children’s story time event and the opposition to it. I took a lot of inspiration away on how to plan controversial library programs and handle any opposition when it arises. I loved that the library took the controversy as an opportunity to educate the public as to both sides of the issue with a Drag Panel Discussion (even though the opposition chose not to participate). I was really glad that the library educated and informed their staff regarding various security issues throughout the process (doxing, how to recognize and avoid being secretly recorded, talking points, etc.). I’m so glad Amanda shared this program with us and hope to use Spokane Public Library’s insights into future programming.

I want to thank Lee Van Duzer and Barbara Engstrom for their Aiding and Abetting: Public Library and Library Partnerships Lightening Talk. It was great to hear how other public law libraries are helping their citizens understand their legal rights and obligations and ways to navigate the justice system. Lee discussed the Washington County Law Library’s partnership to provide legal reference hours at local public libraries. They also provide legal reference and research training and consult with reference service managers regarding acquisitions, collection development, and weeding. I especially enjoyed hearing Barbara speak about how King County Law Library created their series of self-represented litigant workshops. My library is currently in the information gathering stage of creating a legal reference training for public librarians and it’s great to see that other libraries have succeeded in building successful collaborations with public libraries.

Spokane is a beautiful city and made for a memorable experience at my first WestPac Annual Meeting. I enjoyed getting to meet everyone and am thrilled that my home city of Reno, Nevada is hosting next year. I look forward to seeing everyone again and showing you all the Reno/Tahoe area.
Beth Jennings joined the Faust Law Library on October 21, 2019 as Head of Circulation. She was an associate attorney at Wharton O’Brien PLLC in Salt Lake City and has prior experience both as a teacher with Salt Lake City Public Schools and as a law librarian at the Utah State Law Library.

University of Idaho: Stacy Etheredge’s interim director appointment at the University of Idaho has become permanent.

Introduction from the new WestPac Webmaster: "My name is Jason Cabaniss, and I am the incoming WestPac webmaster. I work with Kerry at the Seattle University Law Library, as the circulation/resource sharing manager. In my spare time I enjoy long distance running and reading U.S. presidential biographies. I want to send a special thanks to Laurie for mentoring me in this new role, and for putting up with the various technology hiccups along the way.

Departing note from Laurie Urquiaga: I have enjoyed my time as "webmistress"; it has been an honor and a pleasure to work with so many wonderful WestPac officers and local arrangements volunteers over the past few years. I’m happy to be leaving the website in good hands :-)

Please welcome our newest members:

- Ruth Gervais
- John J. Adams
- Alena Wolotira
- Heather Joy
- Jane Connelly
- Amber Boedigheimer
- Joe Custer
- James Rich
- Devan Orr
- Douglas Lyles
- Beth Jennings
- Wanda Barrett
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