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It was wonderful to see so many of our ORALL colleagues in St. Louis. Up until 2004, members of ORALL attending the annual AALL meeting traditionally gathered for a breakfast or lunch at one of the conference hotels. These gatherings were organized through AALL and over the years the cost of these meals had been increasing at an alarming rate. In an effort to keep costs down for ORALL members, beginning with the 2004 AALL meeting in Boston, ORALL has been holding informal gatherings away from the official conference venues. This year, Claudia Zaher arranged for members of ORALL to meet for lunch on Tuesday at Kitchen K, a restaurant not too far from the America's Center. Over twenty five members of ORALL gathered to visit with each other and enjoy a nice lunch. We all had a great time networking, sharing stories and renewing friendships. These informal gatherings at AALL are becoming a fun "new" ORALL tradition. Those of you who plan to go to AALL in New Orleans next year will want to include the ORALL gathering in your conference plans.

While we are on the subject of next year's AALL meeting in New Orleans, I want to remind everyone that AALL has decided to make some changes to the traditional annual meeting schedule and these changes will go into effect beginning next year with the 2007 meeting. Beginning next year, the opening event for the annual meeting will be held on Saturday evening rather than on Sunday evening. There will no longer be an Association Luncheon. The meeting will end on Tuesday. The Association Closing Reception, Banquet, and Dance will take place on Tuesday evening rather than on Wednesday evening.

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Profile

ORALL is a 4-state chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries [Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan]. It was formed in 1949 "to further the development and usefulness of law libraries and to stimulate a spirit of mutual helpfulness among law libraries of this region." An annual conference is held each fall. ORALL publishes or sponsors the following publications: *Core Legal Collection* [bibliographies for Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan], ORALL Membership Directory, ORALL Newsletter, Ohio Legal Resources Annotated Bibliography & Guide 3rd.



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President's Column continued

Those of us who have a few AALL meetings under our belt will have to adjust to this schedule change and not simply rely on "autopilot" when we make our travel plans for future AALL meetings.

I hope many of you are making plans to attend ORALL's Annual Meeting next month in Columbus. Miriam Murphy and her Education Committee have put together an impressive program with a dynamic group of speakers. Local Arrangements Co-Chairs Nancy Clark and Sarah Lynch and their committee have come up with wonderful ways to extend Columbus hospitality to us during our stay there. The opening reception will be held at the Ohio Judicial Center, the beautiful new home of the Ohio Supreme Court and the Court's Law Library. It truly is an amazing building. Please remember that because it is a government building, you will need to bring your photo ID with you for the security check-in.

AALL is committed to keeping the chapters informed of national issues and of the activities of the Association. In order to honor this commitment, AALL sponsors the attendance of someone from the Executive Board to visit each chapter on an annual basis. These chapter visits provide an opportunity for AALL Executive Board members to meet with members of chapters and to hear our suggestions and concerns. Our AALL Chapter Visitor for our meeting next month will be the President of AALL (and member of ORALL!!) Sally Holterhoff. Sally will be attending our educational programs and then she will briefly address us at our Thursday luncheon. We are all very proud to have a member of ORALL serve as President of AALL and we are pleased that Sally will be able to serve as our AALL Chapter Visitor at our annual meeting in Columbus.

This is my last column as President of ORALL. At the conclusion of the business meeting in Columbus, Miriam Murphy will become President and I will pass the ORALL gavel into her very capable hands. It truly has been an honor to serve as President of ORALL this year. I thank you for giving me this wonderful opportunity.

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for the AALL Annual Meeting photographs!



Tech Talk

SELECTED PROGRAM REVIEWS: AALL ST. LOUIS

**By Deborah Dennison, Judge Ben C. Green Law Library,
Case Western Reserve University School of Law**

Inevitably, and despite the 90 degree weather outside, once I return from our AALL annual meeting, it seems summer is over. School's around the corner, annual reports are beckoning, there's a flurry of things to attend to. Sadly, there's little time to discuss or implement innovations we found intriguing at the conference.

The Tech Services SIS has established a system of reporting on presentations that are then published in the fall issue of *Technical Services Law Librarian*. For those of us that do the reviewing, this writing commitment requires us to take the time to rethink conference substance.

I did not hear a lot of favorable comments concerning our St. Louis experience. Dining and walking about the downtown area were disappointing, and it was difficult to maneuver neighborhood jaunts. Conference programs in general received mixed reviews (but that is independent of conference location).

City ambiance is definitely a make or break conference factor. One expensive taxi ride, a few transit and bus trips, took me out of the downtown area to a few really lovely walking neighborhoods, far from the concrete and hotels.

After reviewing my notes for my TS program summary, I realized the conference provided me a better balance of presentations, meetings, and volunteer work than I had initially thought. Linda Greenhouse, New York Times correspondent (extraordinaire), was thoroughly engaging at her plenary session address about writing *Becoming Justice Blackmun*. Her research challenges included examining nearly 1600 boxes of Justice Blackmun's materials within the time constraints of a few months.

Technical Service issues were prominent – either in programs about the new cataloging code (RDA), or integrating with reference (FRBR) and technology interests (digital preservation). As one might expect from recent Library of Congress announcements about changes in authority, subject, and series control; and the Calhoun and Mann reports about changes in cataloging, TS-SIS meetings and round tables were crowded, energized, and vocal.

A surprising highlight for me was the program on preserving digital information.¹ Like many librarians, I had not given much thought to electronic preservation issues, assuming those issues were being addressed. Surprisingly, that is not the case. Emphasis has been

¹ Program A-4: Preservation of Digital Information: Global Trends in Digital and Analog Archiving

on immediately supplying electronic information, without a cohesive plan from most quarters on preservation. (Somewhat comparable to other library issues involving information seekers versus researchers, or the quick fix.) A dramatic statement by one of the presenters brought the issue into focus: “the original version of the Doomsday Book compiled in England in 1086 is still readable, while the electronic version created sixteen years ago is not...”² To become more educated and involved in this issue, look to AALL’s Legal Information Preservation Alliance (LIPA)³. Additionally, for an in-depth review of this program, see the fall issue of the Technical Services’ Law Librarian.⁴

Lastly, for new (or jaded conference attendees), I would recommend that you volunteer in some capacity. Volunteering adds a cohesive element to what otherwise, whether from dashing about from one meeting to another, the barrage of small talk, and/or endless hours in a conference center, can be a rather discordant experience.

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² Russell Burkel, Analogue Imaging LLC

³ AALL/LIPA: <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/lipa/>

⁴ AALL/Technical Services Law Librarian: <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/tssis/tsll/>



AALL 2006 Annual Meeting Reports

NOTES FROM A FIRST TIME AALL ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDEE

**By Sarah L. Glassmeyer, Assistant Professor and Reference Librarian*
Zimmerman Law Library, University of Dayton School of Law**

*** and Proud owner of the Westlaw International Stuffed Animal Collection**

I attended the 2006 AALL Annual Meeting this year thanks in part to a generous grant from ORALL. This was my first professional conference and I had been looking forward to it for a year and a half. I was so excited that I was *almost* able to overlook the fact that it was being held in St. Louis, Missouri instead of a more glamorous and fun locale like Seattle, Orlando or Boston. Almost.

Before going I received lots of advice from more experienced annual meeting attendees. Most of it can be summarized thusly: forget about seeing every program that you registered for and try to get as much free stuff as you can. I took the first part of that advice as a personal challenge. As for the second part? That was already the plan.

I started my annual meeting with CONELL, the Conference of Newer Law Librarians. It was great to meet and confer with other new law librarians before the rush of the full meeting began. As an added bonus, for the rest my time in St. Louis, I had at least one friendly face in every program or roundtable that I attended. CONELL also provided "How to Be a Law Librarian In a Nutshell" programming that covered topics including how to get involved with AALL, professional publishing opportunities, and an SIS and Caucus marketplace. CONELL wrapped up with a bus tour of St. Louis (much cooler than I gave it credit for) and a trip up the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (a.k.a. the St. Louis Arch.)

Despite my pre-meeting intentions, I did not attend a single program that I registered for in the first two days of the conference. Unfortunately, I am bound by the laws of physics and I couldn't be in two places at once. Even so, they were a very educational two days. I started Sunday with the ALL-SIS breakfast meeting. It was a standard group business meeting with committee and officer reports and a by-laws vote...not too exciting. The highlight of the meeting was that I sat next to a Louisiana law librarian and had a fascinating conversation about post-Katrina library issues.

While looking back on my annual meeting notes to write this piece, I have realized that when one's day starts at 7:00am, one is able to get a lot accomplished. To wit, later on Sunday I attended the AALL Award Ceremony. Awards ceremonies are generally not the most thrilling events (especially when the winners are already known), but I enjoyed hearing about the various projects and papers that libraries and librarians are involved in. I also sat next to one of the award winners – who also happens to be my AALL mentor - and she enlightened me on the award nomination process and told me a little more about her project.

Sunday also saw two of the most educational events of the meeting for me – roundtables. One was on legal research instruction, one was on collection development and both were sponsored by ALL-SIS. These roundtables allowed me to hear and learn from the experiences of over a dozen people instead of the traditional 2 or 3 program speakers. Besides, I would much rather have a discussion with someone than be lectured to. I was able to get some great tips out of both of these roundtables and definitely plan on attending more of them in future AALL Annual Meetings.

After the roundtables, I went to the inaugural GenX/GenY caucus meeting where the number one complaint was that older librarians are not providing professional support to younger librarians. From there I went to the AALL mentoring reception where the number one complaint was that younger librarians didn't sign up for mentoring. Hmmm...do you think that maybe these two groups should get together? Sunday ended with the LexisNexis Dessert Extravaganza, but I was almost too tired to really enjoy all of the dessert offerings. Almost.

On Monday, I had the privilege of touring the Missouri State Archives' St. Louis Circuit Court Historical Records Project. This archive is a major holder of slave freedom suit court documents. As that is a research interest of mine, I was looking forward to the tour since it was announced. It was definitely an eye-opening experience. Due to funding issues, the collection has only recently begun to be preserved and cataloged. For the most part, the court records are just bundled in cardboard and metal boxes and haven't been looked at for over a hundred years. The archivists are racing to protect these records (in an un-air conditioned building, I might add) before they are completely destroyed.

I did finally get around to attending some of the meeting's programs on Tuesday and Wednesday. It would be impossible to decently summarize them in this space, especially as I fear I've run on too long already. I will say that the programs I attended were informative and well presented. Prior to coming to St. Louis, I wasn't sure if the

programs would be educational or “educational” – my use of quotes meaning that the programs were on the schedule for appearances sake, but they were not really of any substance. I was pleased to see that they were in fact educational (no quotes), which in retrospect shouldn’t have come as a surprise as this was a conference for librarians, and I’ve yet to meet a librarian that didn’t love learning new things. (Or, once they’ve learned them, telling everyone they know about it.)

In between all of the programs and roundtables and meetings, I toured through the exhibit hall. I must admit, before the meeting I had the intention of greedily grabbing as much free swag as I could get. Much to my surprise, I actually found myself more concerned with listening to the vendor presentations than the prizes they offered. That’s not to say I didn’t leave St. Louis with a suitcase full of the exhibit hall treasures, of course, but as a new librarian there’s so many product bells and whistles that I still am learning to use.

I had so many other experiences in St. Louis that I haven’t had the opportunity to touch on here. But, as there are only so many activities one can cram into a four day conference, there are only so many experiences one can fit into a 1,000 word newsletter essay. I understand that next year’s annual meeting is only going to be 3 days long...I just don’t know how I’m going to fit it all in. At least next year I’ll have some experience to guide me in my activity choices. Thanks again, ORALL, for assisting me in attending this meeting.

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AALL 2006 Annual Meeting Reports
**PROGRAM G3: PIONEERING TOWARD A NEW CATALOGING
CODE: RDA – RESOURCE DESCRIPTION AND ACCESS –**
By Jill Williams, University of Akron

RDA – You may have heard that acronym and wondered what it has to do with libraries. Or maybe you have a vague idea that it is connected to libraries but wonder, what is RDA all about?

RDA: Resource Description and Access is the new cataloging code scheduled to be released in 2008. It started out to be AACR3, but as work began on the revision, it became clear that the world of cataloging had changed so much that more than a revision was needed. It was decided that a complete new code, using today's terminology instead of the old catalog card vocabulary, was the best way to proceed. Those attending the annual meeting were able to hear two very knowledgeable speakers, Jennifer Bowen of University of Rochester Libraries and Ann Sitkin of Harvard Law School Library. Ms. Bowen discussed why a new standard is needed, the goals and content of RDA and the issues that have been encountered as the group works on the creation of this new code. Ms. Sitkin's presentation was focused on topics of special interest to law catalogers and users of law materials. There was time for questions which were answered by both speakers.

RDA will present a new standard for resource description and access designed for the present day digital environment. Although being developed as an English language tool, it can also be used internationally. It will be a content standard independent of the format of the item.

RDA is striving for continuity and compatibility with existing records. As the Committee completes a section, it is released for comments from interested individuals or groups. These comments are then discussed and voted on before the next revision takes place. AALL has suggested improvements in areas of special importance to law materials, such as integrating resources and access points. The finished product will reflect the input of many people beyond the Committee.

RDA drafts available at: www.collectionscanada.ca/jsc/rda.html

RDA online prototype: <http://www.rdaonline.org>

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PIONEERING THE TRANSFORMATION OF TECHNICAL SERVICES LIBRARIANS INTO DIGITAL LIBRARIANS

By Ben Hu

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This presentation discussed the steps leading up to a transformative change of a traditional, low-budget, short-staffed cataloging department at the University of Oregon into the Department of Metadata and Digital Library Services.

With very limited resources, a transformation like this is overwhelmingly difficult and the challenges are tremendous. What have they done to get there?

In the presentation, Carol Hixson, the department head, detailed every step taken in the long journey of evolution. Department members stepped out of their comfort zones with familiar knowledge and expertise. They started continuing education to acquire new skills of metadata, new vocabularies, standards, and image scanning technology. They hired new staff with new skill sets to make the transition easier and faster. They went to workshops, brought in-house expertise, and simply did trial and error experiment again and again. They convinced the top library leadership to give strong support. They managed to have librarians and staff from different departments and divisions in the library involved with the transformation.

Today, with initiative, persistence, and many years of hard work, the cataloging department has transformed itself to include creation and maintenance of digital collection. Traditional cataloging functions go side by side with the new responsibilities that include software administration and upgrades, public Web pages, digital and photographic reproductions of library materials, microfilming of newspapers, theses, and

on-demand reproductions. In addition, the department assumed operation of the campus institutional repository, including policy-making and marketing documents.

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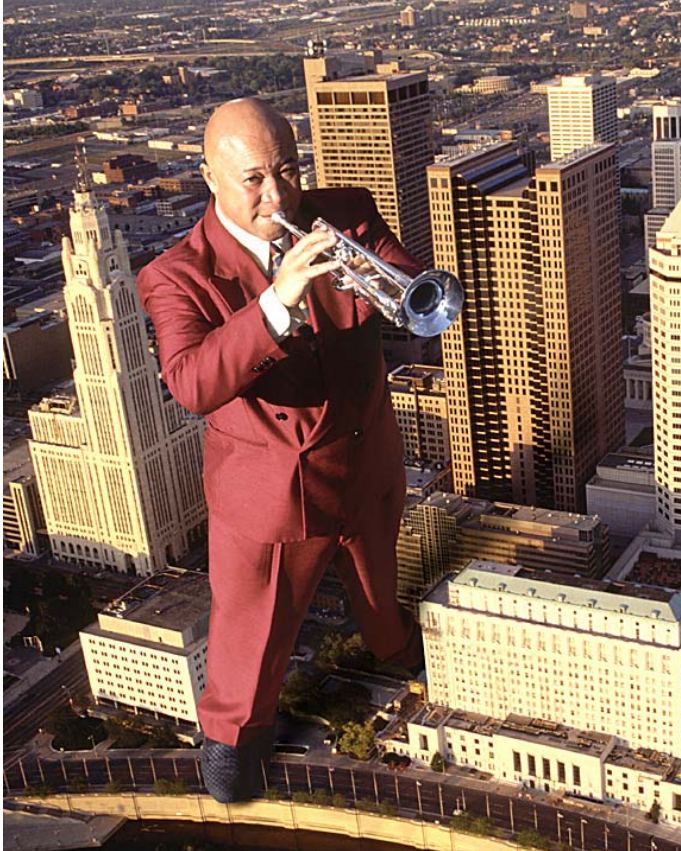


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ORALL 2006

By Nancy S. Clark, Local Arrangements Co-Chair

We are excited to report the confirmation of a Columbus Legend for our entertainment at the Closing Banquet. Space for dancing will be available**!



ARNETT

Like Cher, Madonna, and Elton; Arnett is known by his first name. In Central Ohio, Arnett Howard is a legend. No matter what he plays or who he plays with, he always brings out the crowds. His energetic personality and musicianship have made him perhaps the best-known entertainer in the region. Backed by various lineups of seasoned Columbus musicians, Arnett has performed over 4000 concerts since 1985 – for audiences big and small, people young and old, in Central Ohio and worldwide. No matter what the event needs, Arnett has the band and the repertoire to make it sizzle, turning up the heat with:

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- Contemporary Pop & Jazz Standards

This multi-faceted musician is also a teacher and historian (he coauthored Listen For the Jazz: Keynotes in Columbus History). Besides playing for private and public functions, Arnett offers schools, libraries and non-profits a number of educational (and highly interactive) music presentations.

There is simply no stopping Arnett Howard! So get ready to enjoy a great Closing Banquet and memorable entertainment.

[**Tapping toes, snapping fingers, sing-along, and/or dancing feet are allowed.]

Mark your calendars for the ORALL Annual Meeting, Oct. 11 – 13, 2006.

See you in Columbus!

ORALL COMMITTEES 2005-2006

Thanks for your service!

AALL Arrangements

Duties: To arrange an informal ORALL social gathering at AALL in St. Louis.

Chair: Kyle Passmore

Board Liaison: Claudia Zaher

Bylaw and Guidelines

Duties: To review the ORALL Bylaws and Handbook and consider proposals for amendments.

Chair: Richard Humphrey

Board Liaison: Don Arndt

Members: Beth Langton, Anna Paczelt

Education

Duties: To plan and coordinate the educational program at the annual meeting.

Chair: Miriam Murphy

Board Liaison: Miriam Murphy

Members: Carol Bredemeyer, Beth Langton, Sara Sampson, Kathy Sasala

Government Relations

Duties: To monitor proposed legislation affecting law libraries and recommend appropriate action.

Chair: David Whelan

Board Liaison: Kyle Passmore

Members: Kathy Hall (Ohio), Kurt Metzmeier (Kentucky), Cheryl Niemeier (Indiana)

Internet

Duties: To maintain the ORALL Website and Listserv, advise the Executive Board on Internet issues, facilitate the interchange of Internet expertise among ORALL members.

Chair: Kurt Metzmeier

Board Liaison: Kurt Metzmeier

Members: Roger Jacobs, Ron Jones, Laura Ray

Membership

Duties: Solicit new members to ORALL, recruit persons in the ORALL region to the law library profession, provide new ORALL members with information about the Association, supply application forms for membership, and publish the ORALL membership directory.

Chair: Sarajeane Petite

Board Liaison: Claudia Zaher

Members: Don Blair, Kathy Carrick, Tom Hanley, Gail Hartzell, Katherine Lowry, Jill Williams

Newsletter

Duties: To publish the quarterly ORALL Newsletter

Chair: Susan Elliott

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Members: Jim Hart, Carla Myers, Robbie Robertson, Anita Shew

Nominations

Duties: To evaluate and select candidates for offices in ORALL and recommend retiring members for life membership.

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Board Liaison: Maureen Anderson

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