The Year @ MGGLL

We are feeling much more settled in our new building these days. But we have planned our first major move of the collection for this summer — the Reference Area is already too full! In libraries, nothing much changes! :)

We have had a year of finding out what it is like when the library is thinly staffed (I don’t mean that we are all thin in physical stature!). Kristy Moon left Reference in November to seek her fortune in the San Francisco Bay Area leaving us with big shoes to fill. Fortunately we had six law librarianship students who helped a great deal. Circulation has been short-handed with several staff changes there. In addition, Technical Services has a new baby (I mean that Crystal Alberthal and her husband Dann just had their first baby, Ruby) and the staff has been great in picking up the slack created by Crystal’s leave.

We just approved a new program for librarian sabbaticals, so we will see several librarians on leaves in the next few years. Again this year, Jonathan Franklin will be the Acting Director while Penny is on sabbatical in August, September, and October. Thanks, Jonathan!

New Orleans: An Invitation for You

Alumni and friends of the UW Law Librarianship Program are invited to a big bash at the AALL Annual Meeting in St. Louis.

The Alumni and Friends Annual reunion will be an authentic New Orleans dinner held at Ernst Cafe. Thanks to work by Brian Huddleston (1996).

There is a $10 suggested donation at the door to help offset the cost. Also, thanks to the iSchool for their partial sponsorship of this traditional event.

Alumni & Friends Reunion
Saturday, July 14th, 5:30-8:30pm
Ernst Cafe
600 South Peters Street
New Orleans, LA
504-525-8544

Please let us know if you can come! RSVP to 206-543-4089 or tknier@u.washington.edu. Thanks!

iSchool Update: We're #1 (again)

Feels good to be ranked #1 again in the US News and World Report rankings of America’s Best Graduate Schools 2008 for “Library and Information Studies Specialties: Law Librarianship”! We’re #1! We’re #1!

We are wondering if these rankings are the reason that applications to the law librarianship program increased by over 70% this year. Maybe the rankings were just the thing to give the profession some needed publicity. Whatever—a very interesting development. The iSchool is committed to a class of 8-12 students each year.

Dean Harry Bruce has led a school-wide effort to plan for the future. Watch for more details of their ‘Vision in Action’ plan. The school continues to support the law librarianship program. Improvements this year include drafting the first-ever brochure about the Law Librarianship Program and reconciling some lingering issues about the admissions process. We appreciate the support of the iSchool for the Annual Meeting get-together.
Seventh Borgeson Award Winner is Selected

Congratulations to Ernesto Longa whose paper, “Lincoln University and America’s First Jim Crow Law Library,” has won the 7th Annual Earl Borgeson Research in Law Librarianship Award! Ernesto’s paper was meticulously researched on an important and little-known topic. This year the $1000 prize was funded by a generous donation from Earl Borgeson (1950).

Thank you, Earl! Again we thank the judges this year: Mike Chiorazzi (1981), Marguerite Most (1977) and Dick Danner (2001 Law Library Administration Professor). The judges felt the papers this year were all publishable.

2007 Fieldwork: Thanks, Hosts!

Again, as in past years, we tip our hats to the law libraries and the law library staff who are willing to host law librarianship students for their required directed fieldwork experience. This year the five 2007 graduates will learn about these law libraries:

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Thanks to the 2007 host law libraries! You give our students a great start in their new profession!

Class of 2006: Where They Are Now

Alicia Brillon, Reference Librarian at the University of Colorado Law Library is working with alums Barbara Bintliff (1979) and Scott Matheson (2001) high in the Rockies.

The University of Michigan Law Library has been a consistent employer of UW graduates. Keeping with that tradition, Jocelyn Kennedy is the new Faculty Services Librarian, a position that will allow her to use her great organizational and management skills.

Tom Kimbrough, Foreign and International Law Reference Librarian at Southern Methodist University, has been carving out a wide set of responsibilities in his new job in Fort Worth, Texas.

Chris O’Bryne is employing his considerable skills as a Research Librarian at Notre Dame Law School. He reports that his relocation to the Midwest has gone smoothly.

Law Library Administration Course

We are so pleased to welcome Joan Howland here this summer to teach the Law Library Administration course! Joan is the Roger F. Noreen Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Information and Technology at the University of Minnesota Law Library. I know the students have learned a great deal from her during these past four weeks. Thanks, Joan!

As we know, she joins a long line of wonderful law librarians who have shared their world of expertise with all of our students: Jean Holcomb, Dennis Hyatt, Emily Greenberg, the class of 1977 team of Tim Kearley, Kit Kreilick, Blair Kaufmann, Marguerite Most and Sally Wise; Virginia Wise, Kay Todd, Pat Harris O’Connor, Judy Meadows, Margaret Leary, Virginia Kelsh, Nancy Johnson, Frank Houdek, Mary Hotchkiss, Jim Hambleton, Don Dunn, Martha Dragich, Dick Danner, Mike Chiorazzi and Barbara Bintliff. To all these extraordinary professionals, thank you!

Come Visit, and Please Keep Us Posted

If you haven’t visited the UW Law Librarianship alumni website lately, take a look at lib.law.washington.edu/lawlibrarianship. Use the login alum and the password gallagher (note the exclamation points) to access all parts of the website, including a complete directory of alumni and friends.

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