

## Gallagher Law Library: This Year Under the Crystals

Several major events marked this unique year. Our new dean, Kellye Testy, most recently dean at Seattle U, has brought energy and enthusiasm to her new job. The Marian Gould Gallagher Society gained a permanent, sparkling place in the Law Library. We are very pleased to acknowledge our most generous supporters with the installation that includes Mrs. Gallagher's portrait, and we celebrated with an unveiling event in October 2009. Donors who have contributed fifteen thousand dollars or more have earned bars inscribed with their names and the years they became members of the Society. The bar is permanently mounted on the wall, and the donor receives an identical bar to keep. The Society will grow this year, thanks to more thoughtful donors who make the Law Library a priority in their giving.

Another prominent acknowledgement is the newly named Gerald N. and Lucille Curtis Reference Area. The striking column painted a rich color and displaying their names pays tribute to the legacy gift of the Curtises. Gerald is a 1953 UW Law grad.

**Ann Hemmens** left a huge deficit in our reference staff when she left to become Assistant Director for Public Services at the University of New Mexico's law library. While she will be missed, we were thrilled to hire **Trinie Thai-Parker** as a Reference Librarian in March to help fill the void. Trinie has a wide set of skills and experience and was most recently at Harvard Law School Library. Thanks to **Cheryl Nyberg** who is serving a new administrative role as Coordinator of Reference Services.

Thanks to our first Visiting Librarian,

**David Aznar**, from the University of Navarro, Spain. He joined us January through March and assisted with projects such as a new LibX toolbar, catalog enhancements, and a new titles web page. He contacted Richard Jost and the ball was rolling! There was a lot of learning on both sides.

Unfortunately, our key cataloging staff member, **Sharon Hall**, lost her house and virtually everything in it to a fire in March. Sharon wasn't at home, but her husband survived the fire and is in Harborview recovering. The library and law school staff and faculty have been bighearted in their response to our coworker and friend's tragedy. The Mood Swings, a 19-piece all-female swing band, of which Sharon is a member, co-sponsored a benefit for the couple on June 6th.



Dean Kellye Testy with Gallagher Society members Edward Corker, Penny Hazelton, Betty Corker, Lucille and Gerald Curtis, Judith Bendich, Guy Towle, Joanne Roddis, Mary Whisner, Mary Hotchkiss, and David and Polly McNeill.



Dean Kellye Testy and Penny Hazelton with Lucille and Gerald Curtis, for whom the Curtis Reference Area is now named.

## Award Recipients 2010

**Emily Shepard Smith** has been selected for the 2010 Earl Borgeson Research in Law Librarianship Award for her paper "May It Please the Court: Law Students and Legal Research Instruction in Prison Law Libraries". The judges, **Michael Chiorazzi**, **Dick Danner**, and **Marguerite Most**, chose it from the six submitted this year. We are encouraging all students to post their papers on their own SSRN page so they will be distributed as part of the SSRN Legal Information and Technology e-journal. Also, you can view the papers on the alumni webpage.

The 2010 Melissa S. Landers Memorial Award recipient will be posted on the UW Law Librarianship website after the AALL meeting.

## iSchool Update

*U.S. News and World Report* ranked the University of Washington Information School 4th, maintaining the school's position.

For the fifth year in a row, the UW Law Librarianship Program was ranked number one.

A brochure promoting the law librarianship program was sent to law school deans and career planning centers in the fall of 2009. For a copy of the brochure, please email your request to [tknier@uw.edu](mailto:tknier@uw.edu).

Private gifts have become ever more important to all UW programs in today's difficult economy. Thanks to alums who generously responded to iSchool campaigns, giving to supplement the Borgeson Award, the Law Librarianship Loan Fund, the Landers Fund, and the Gallagher Law Library. See more about giving opportunities on the alumni website, [lib.law.washington.edu/lawlibrarianship](http://lib.law.washington.edu/lawlibrarianship).

## Fieldwork Hosts

Our sincere thanks to the law libraries and their staff who will host the law librarianship students for the required directed fieldwork (DFW) experience this summer. Here is where the class of 2010 will be:

<u>Student</u>	<u>JD Earned at</u>	<u>Fieldwork Host</u>
Kristina Alayan	U Oregon 2009	Columbia U Law Library
Andrew Christensen	U Virginia 2008	George Washington U Law Library
Trezlen Drake	Georgia State U 2002	L A Law Library
Patrick Flanagan	U Houston 2003	U.S. Ct of Appeals, 10th Circuit Library
Tim Gallina	St. John's U 2005	NY County DA's Office Law Library
Brittany Kolonay	U Kentucky 2009	Northern Kentucky U Law Library
Emily Shepard Smith	Columbia U 2002	Association of the Bar of the City of New York Law Library

## Admin Professor

We appreciate the work of 2010 visiting professor, **Carolyn Ahearn**, who is teaching LIS 594, Law Library Administration, this summer. Carolyn has just retired after 35 years as a law librarian from her position as Director of Library Services at Wiley, Rein in Washington, DC. Before her work at Wiley, she was the Director of Research Information Services for 17 years. Carolyn served as the president of AALL and has twice been President of the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C. We are fortunate that Carolyn "eased" out of her professional career to share all she knows about the administration of law libraries. Thanks, Carolyn!

Students have gained key knowledge and insight from all the past law library administration teachers. To all these extraordinary professionals, thank you!

## Denver Reunion

All alumni and friends are invited to the reunion dinner at the AALL Annual Meeting in Denver, Saturday, July 10th, 5:30-8:30pm; Wynkoop Brewing Co. Mercantile Room, 1634 18th Street, phone 303-297-2700.

The UW iSchool is again partially sponsoring this fun event. Thanks, iSchool! A \$20 suggested donation at the door is requested. Receipts will be available.

The menu will feature a Southwest buffet that includes many vegetarian options. Please let us know if you can come! **RSVP by July 6** to Theresa Chemnick at 206-543-4089 or [tknier@uw.edu](mailto:tknier@uw.edu). Thanks!

## Alumni Website

The UW law librarianship alumni website is just for you. See <http://lib.law.washington.edu/lawlibrarianship> for:

- Alumni Activities
- Borgeson Papers
- Links to history, giving, and more

A complete directory of alumni and friends is available, too. To access secure areas of the website, use the login **alum** and the password **ga!!agher** (note the exclamation points). Be sure to let us know if you have any news, and we will post it as a News Brief. Please send any news or comments to Theresa Chemnick at [tknier@uw.edu](mailto:tknier@uw.edu).

## 2009 Grads

**Melia Cossette** is a Co-Editor of CILP at the UW's Gallagher Law Library, and part time as an attorney at a downtown Seattle law firm.

**Gabriela Femenia** is the International and Foreign Law Librarian at the University of Pennsylvania Biddle Law Library.

**Sarah Montgomery** is working as a librarian at Edwards, Angell, Palmer & Dodge as well as the New Hampshire State Law Library.

**Pablo Sandoval** is the Customer Sales Consultant for New England at Innovative Interfaces.

**Tania Schriwer** is a Co-Editor of CILP. She is on maternity leave after giving birth to twins in May.

**Maria Soto** is a Consultant to the Consortium for the National Equal Justice Library.

**Rachel Turpin** is also a CILP Co-Editor, and has returned to work as an attorney at Kenyon Disend PLLC.

**Julia Vinson** is teaching legal English at the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen, Germany.

**Jennifer Wertkin** is a Reference Librarian Columbia University Diamond Law Library

**Jackie Woodside** is a Research Law Librarian at the University of California at Irvine.

**Joe Cera** is searching for full-time law librarianship work.