The Year At Gallagher Law Library

After 17 years as a top-notch reference librarian (with a stint as faculty instructional services coordinator) Nancy McMurrer retired in April.

Chris Perdue, who had been a serials technician, left to go to law school at UC Berkeley. Fortunately for us, Linda Towell was able to return to an appreciative serials team for about 6 months to ease the pain of losing Chris. In May she left to pursue completion of a master’s degree at Wheaton and to get married.

For the first time, law school staff have occupied an office within the library staff area. The Three Degrees Project is housing their two founding members, Jen Marlow and Jeni Barcelos, in an office located in the circ office suite.

Since August of 2009, Current Index to Legal Periodicals (CILP) has had a team devoted to indexing and editing the weekly publication. The team now consists of Emily Smith (2010), Rachel Turpin (2009), Melia Cossette (2009), Ingrid Holmlund (1991), and temp Alysha Yagoda. Tania Shriwer (2009) is returning after the birth of her twins in May, 2010. The whole crew has been held together since October 2007 by Nikki Pike, the CILP producer and sometime indexer.

Sharon Hall and her husband David have moved into their new home after a fire last April leveled it.

As you may be aware the state of Washington cut another 22 percent from the higher education budget. This is on top of a 24 percent cut two years ago. The UW plans to increase tuition and scholarships with its Activity Based Budgeting in 2012. Higher reliance on tuition revenue and private gifts will be hallmarks of the future. The Law Library awaits its budget allocation for 2011/12. We have been assured that no staff layoffs will be required.

Happy Centennial, iSchool!

The Information School is celebrating its centennial this year. Look for the display by Tina Ching in the exhibition area of the AALL annual meeting.

After a very difficult winter and spring with the threat of deep budget cuts and the likely consolidation or elimination of the iSchool as we know it, the iSchool rises, like the Phoenix from the ashes, as a completely self-supporting, fee-based school at the University of Washington. The fee-based model will establish a more predictable and stable funding platform, and further insulate the iSchool from the impact of future state budget reductions. This change is effective beginning in the fall of 2011 and will have no effect on the academic program or its accreditation, ranking, quality, or integrity. The Law Librarianship Program is a stable and important part of the iSchool and has the strong support of Dean Harry Bruce and the administration. Effective this fall, tuition has been set at $650 per quarter credit hour with no discount for in-state residents.

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, http://lib.law.washington.edu/lawlibrarianship.

2011 Borgeson Award Winner

Ellen Richardson has been selected for the 2011 Earl Borgeson Research in Law Librarianship Award for her paper, “Ain’t No (Sky)River Wide Enough to Keep Me From Getting to You: SkyRiver, Innovative, OCLC, and the Fight for Control Over the Bibliographic Data, Cataloging Services, ILL and ILS Markets.”

The judges, Mike Chiorazzi, Dick Danner, and Marguerite Most, chose Ellen’s paper from the eight 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.

Earl Borgeson and His UW Legacy

Thanks to so many of you for contributing to the Earl C. Borgeson Research In Law Librarianship Award Fund. We are halfway to our goal of endowing this fund thanks to your support.

There was never a more ardent and passionate supporter of the Law Librarianship Program here at the UW than Earl. He believed in the education the University provided and the important work of its graduates. He knew we influenced countless law students, law professors, lawyers, judges, and members of the public with our command of legal information systems and our desire to help others.


With Elizabeth Dole on his visit to Seattle in 1999 to accept the UW iSchool Distinguished Alumnus Award.
What's New @ Alumni Website

The UW law librarianship alumni website is getting better all the time! There were 6020 hits and 4716 visitors for the year ending June 30, 2010. And that was before these improvements:

- Its look and feel has been updated using the specially-designed template for the University of Washington.
- An interactive map shows alumni by state.
- Alumni and Friends directories now include URLs to personal web pages.
- A link to the new blog is on the home page. If you haven’t received an invitation to the blog, please send an email to tknier@uw.edu.
- See http://lib.law.washington.edu/lawlibrarianship for:
  - Alumni Activities
  - Borgeson Papers
  - Links to history, giving, and more
- To access secure areas of the website, use the login alum and the password gallagher (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.

Fieldwork Hosts

The class of 2011 will be capping their academic year with their required directed fieldwork experience. Thank you to the hosts who will be training and supervising these almost new librarians!

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Admin Professor

Welcome back, Mary Ann Hyatt! Mary Ann is the visiting professor teaching Law Library Administration this summer. Currently the director of the University of Oregon Law Library in Eugene, Mary Ann is better known around here as former head of the Gallagher Law Library Circulation Department from 1996 to 2002. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience not only from leading the U of O law library, but also from her earlier experience as head of Florida Coastal School of Law Library during their process of earning initial ABA accreditation.

Thanks to all the other law library administration teachers who have shared their expertise over the years: Carolyn Ahearn, Jean Holcomb, Joan Howland, 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.

Reunion in Philly

All alumni and friends are invited to the reunion dinner at the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Saturday, July 23rd, 6:30-9:30pm. A less-than-5-minute walk will take you into Philly’s Chinatown and Ocean Harbor restaurant at 1023 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, phone 215-574-1398. Dinner will be served family style starting at 7:00pm.

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 traditional Chinese dishes served family style. Vegetarian options are included. Please let us know if you can come! RSVP by July 15 to Theresa Chemnick at 206-543-4089 or tknier@uw.edu. Thanks!

2010 Grads: Where Are They Now?

Last year’s seven grads of the program have launched their new careers!

Kristina Alayan started as foreign and international law reference librarian at Duke University Law Library in September of last year.

Georgetown University Law Library has added reference librarian Andrew Christensen to their staff.

Trez Drake is a New York Law School Library reference librarian, with an international and comparative law concentration.

Patrick Flanagan joined other recent grads as a reference librarian and lecturer in law at Columbia University’s Diamond Law Library.

Tim Gallina is a New York Law School Library reference librarian, with an international and comparative law concentration.

Brittany Kolonay is electronic resources librarian at the University of North Carolina Law Library.

Emily Smith is a CILP co-editor and reference librarian at Gallagher Law Library.