Two Big Bashes in Philadelphia

Two not-to-be-missed events will add festivity to the AALL meeting this year. Hope to see you at the annual gathering of UW Law Librarianship Alumni and Friends, Sunday, July 16, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Marriott Hotel.

Also, share in the UW Law Librarianship Program’s 60th Anniversary Celebration! A Chinese dinner at Philly’s most historic location in Chinatown will mark this milestone on Saturday, July 15, 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the H.K. Golden Phoenix.

Please email your R.S.V.P. to both events to Theresa Knier (tknier@u.washington.edu), and be sure to share any news about your year if you absolutely can’t be with us!

Class of 2000: Fieldwork and Firsts

Two students are graduating from the law librarianship program this year - Simon Canick and Beatrice Tice.

Simon has his JD from Boston University and will do his fieldwork in his next place of employment -- Columbia University Law Library! Thanks to Kent McKeever and his fine staff for hosting Simon this summer after the AALL Annual Meeting. We know Simon will get a great practical education at Columbia where he will be a Reference Librarian.

Beatrice has a job as Associate Reference Librarian at the University of Michigan Law Library!

This is the first time I can remember in 15 years when every graduate had a job before the AALL Meeting. Thanks to those who are willing to mentor our graduates through their fieldwork experience and to those who employ them!

Class of 2001

It looks like a class of seven full-time law librarianship students and two part-time students for 00/01. Just hope that the job market stays vigorous!
Our Staff

Katie Drake is here in Seattle teaching the Administration class this summer. She is terrific! As most of you know, Kay is Senior Legal Researcher for Paul, Hastings, Janofsky, and Walker in Atlanta, Past President of AALL, and woman of many talents! She has done an exceptional job teaching the class. The students are learning a lot - and Kay is getting some time to enjoy Seattle and environs. Thanks, Kay, for working with your firm to make this happen. It’s been great having you here.

She is teaching this class in the grand tradition of the likes of Virginia Wise, Pat Harris O’Connor, Judy Meadows, Margaret Leary, Virginia Kelsh, Nancy Johnson, Frank Houdek, Mary Hotchkiss, Jim Hambleton, Don Dunn, Martha Dragich, and Barbara Bintliff. Thanks to all these greats!

Earl Borgeson Honored: UW SLIS Distinguished Alumnus

In the best news of the year, law librarianship graduate Earl Borgeson (1960), was given the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the School of Library and Information Science this year. He was able to come out to the dinner from his home in Boston to accept the award. He gave a very moving speech that reflected his many accomplishments as Law Librarian at Harvard, Los Angeles County, and Southern Methodist University as well as a stint as a Librarian at the Stanford University Library. A remarkable man! Someone whose loyalty to his alma mater has been really wonderful. Join me in toasting Earl!

Two Landers Scholarships Awarded for 2000

This spring, each of these two outstanding non-JD library students was awarded the Landers Scholarship, carrying a stipend of $750. They both have worked as student librarians.

Diane Burress graduated with honors in June -- and with her daughter Cynthia -- the first mother/daughter MLIS combination to come through the law librarianship courses. She is now employed as a librarian at Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliff’s Seattle office.

Vicki Valleroy also graduated with honors in June. During library school she worked at the UW Bothell Campus library. Her experiences in special and corporate settings combined with her interest in legal research makes her a unique job candidate. She is looking for work in the Seattle area.

New at the School of Library and Information Science

Last year Mary Hotchkiss was appointed a Lecturer in Law with partial funding from SLIS. She teaches the two legal research classes in SLIS as well as a full complement of research courses in the Law School.

Under the leadership of Mike Eisenberg the little ol’ library school of the UW is transforming itself into a new and vibrant unit soon to be called the Information School. A new BS in Informatics, a new Ph.D. in Information Science, and a completely new curriculum will nearly complete the transformation from a small, little-know unit on campus to a school on the move. The faculty has grown to over 20 in two years. I am proud to be part of this newly awakened enterprise. The school will move into Mary Gates Hall in the next few months, out of its temporary headquarters in the Old Electrical Engineering Building. Visit the I-School Web site for more details: www.ischool.washington.edu

With the new curriculum, law librarianship students will not have any electives and the core curriculum seems to be much more theoretical. The law librarianship courses have remained the same for me.

New Building Update

The new building is on track in design development until the end of December. Ground-breaking is scheduled for next spring, and we are supposed to be in the building no later than fall 2003. The library will occupy nearly 50% of the building - 1 1/2 floors underground, with natural light on the west and south sides of the building and from four large crystals (skylights to you building novices). The outside design has changed a lot and looks to be very attractive. We are getting excited. However, learning that SU began remodeling their new building almost the day they moved in certainly gives us pause.

Our Staff (continued)

Since we were short a Reference Librarian all year, we were very privileged to have helping us out part-time some of the best law librarians in Seattle. Special thanks to Katie Drake and Mort Brinchmann for their help covering reference office hours.

Class of 1999

Where are they now?

Kris Albertus: Reference Librarian at the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis.

Kristin Ford: Legislative librarian for the State of Idaho and is really enjoying her job.

Brandy [Whittington] Kreisler: Reference Librarian at Cornell Law Library and since marriage claims she does not miss the warmer climates she has lived in.

Marc Lampson: Continues teaching legal research and writing at Seattle U (now, of course. located in Seattle); taught a section of Basic Legal Skills at the UW; and is thrilled to have been admitted to the new Ph.D. program at the UW School of Library and Information Science.

Matthew Wright: Happy as a Reference Librarian at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He is thriving in a new library in a new law school with lots of policies and procedures to implement.