1993 GRADUATES

I am delighted to announce placement of eleven of the twelve graduates this year! Helen Litwack is continuing to interview at a time when a record number of entry-level positions are available. Graduates and their new positions:

Kelly Browne 
Reference Librarian 
University of Tennessee Law Library

Sheilla Desert 
Enrolled in PhD Program - Librarianship 
University of Pittsburgh

Joanne Dugan 
Supreme Court Law Librarian 
North Dakota Supreme Court Law Library

Barbara Glennan 
Computer Services Librarian 
California Western School of Law Library

Ana Marie Hinman 
Reference Librarian 
Creighton University School of Law Library

Pam Kontowicz 
Reference Librarian 
McChord Air Force Base Library

Wei Luo 
Assistant Librarian for Technical Services 
Southern Illinois University Law Library

Tom Miller 
Collection Development Librarian 
University of Puget Sound Law Library

Jill Stephens 
Head of Reader Services 
Northeastern University Law Library

Russell Sweet 
Evening Services Librarian 
Vanderbilt University Law Library

Stephanie Tripp 
Reference Librarian 
University of San Diego Law Library

Thanks to those of you who interviewed and/or hired, hosted for fieldwork or mentored this year's bumper crop. Your support is gratefully appreciated by us all!
1994 STUDENTS

Nine lawyers are enrolled this year in the program. Though not as small a group as I had hoped, they are a strong group, committed to law librarianship. The Gallagher Law Library staff and I welcome:

- Michael Bushbaum  JD 1993  Lewis & Clark, NW School of Law
- Patrick Charles  JD 1990  University of Idaho School of Law
- Diane Coyne  JD 1993  University of Oregon School of Law
- Jonathan Franklin  JD 1993  Stanford Law School
- Robert Jacoby  JD 1993  Lewis & Clark, NW School of Law
- Diane Murley  JD 1980  University of South Dakota Law School
- Emily Quinn  JD 1988  Duke University Law School
- Beth Smith  JD 1991  University of Washington School of Law
- Andrew Steinberg  JD 1993  University of Kentucky School of Law

Several of these students enrolled in the program due to your recruiting and mentoring activities. Keep up the good work! The application process for the library school has been moved up to March. Please encourage potential applicants to complete their applications early.

GSLIS NEWS

Dr. Phyllis Van Orden is New Director of Library School

In mid-September, Dr. Van Orden completed her move to Seattle from Wayne State University. From 1988 to 1991, she served as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Florida State University after long tenure as professor in FSU’s School of Library and Information Studies.

Dr. Van Orden’s BS is in elementary education; her library degree is from the University of Michigan, and her EdD degree from Wayne State University. She has worked as a children’s librarian and elementary school librarian, and has authored a number of books and articles. She is a regular reviewer for American Reference Book Annual.

I look forward to working with Dr. Van Orden!

GSLIS to Have Ed Contract for NEXIS

Due to Dr. Ed. Mignon’s efforts, the library school will finally have access to the NEXIS service for their students and faculty. Now, in addition to exposing students to DIALOG, NEXIS and its many full-text databases will be available for course discussion and assignments. Hooray!

Collaboration with Dr. Fidel

Dr. Raya Fidel, the indexing and abstracting expert in the library school, is working with me on a project to study the usability of various indexes of Lawyers Cooperative Publishing products. We hope to have our report completed by next April.
MELISSA SUE LANDERS MEMORIAL FUND

This fund, with an endowed principle of over $12,000, was established in 1989 to honor the Gallagher Law Library’s Assistant Librarian for Public Services. Melissa’s great energy, intelligence and enthusiasm for our profession—law librarianship—left its indelible mark on many of us. The fund was established to provide a scholarship each year to a library school student (one without a law degree), who shows interest and promise in law librarianship.

Three such scholarships have been awarded to date, and I am pleased to say that all three librarians are working in our profession!

1991 - Amy Schaaf is currently working in a parttime position as the Librarian at the Skagit County Law Library in Mt. Vernon, Washington. Amy reports a highly successful program during National Library Week that featured the county law library—its resources and services.

1992 - Kathleen Clark is still in her first year of her position as Librarian for the El Paso County Law Library in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Kathleen reports keeping busy and challenged by her various users!

1993 - Connelly Johnson has just started her first permanent position as the Catalog Librarian at Davis Wright in Seattle. Lane Powell hosted Connelly for her fieldwork, and other parttime temporary jobs in various Seattle law firm libraries have given her even more experience.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE GALLAGHER LAW LIBRARY?

EVERYTHING! Guess that’s what automation does to libraries! Implementing the Innovative system has been under Richard Jost’s fine direction, but the entire staff has rallied to the changes in procedures and policies which will result in more efficiency and better information for everyone.

We barcoded like mad—still have a big backlog, but had the circulation system up when fall quarter started the 27th of September! Entry of serial record grids, on-order records and fiscal/payment records....continue.

Several circumstances at the UW have conspired to make our implementation of Innovative particularly trying. The University Libraries also bought the Innovative software; but our UW Computer & Communications department had already developed a BRS-based online catalog—snazzy, with a graphical user interface—that could only be accessed on an x-terminal. So we went from one microfiche catalog created by WLN to four electronic catalogs: WLN, Innovative, RLIN (CJK) and GCAT (law library catalog on BRS software). The public catalog is GCAT, but working out the movement of records from on to the other has been a technical nightmare! The K of Innovative’s CJK (Chinese, Japanese & Korean) capability has been less than we’d hoped, so a great deal of work has gone into refining and developing this piece of the project. And so it goes...

We hope we can show off our new look at the Annual Meeting next summer.
To add to this load of work, the University has decided to give the law school planning money to write a "program" to justify the addition of 60,000 gross sq. ft. to current Condon Hall and to renovate said space. Some of us are worried that the project money (when approved, we hope, by the legislature in 1995) will be spent just to give Condon Hall a new skin! No decisions have been made yet about what will go into the new space. The law library needs about 20,000 more square feet, either by occupying vacated space in old Condon Hall, or with new space. Mr. Pedersen of Kohn Pedersen & Fox (NYC) has been hired to do the design work. He designed the Washington Mutual Building in downtown Seattle. The timetable is to have the program ready for the University and the legislature by April 1994, appropriation of $21 million for new and renovated space by June 1995 ($5-6 million private funds also must be raised), with groundbreaking in 1995 or 1996 and completion by 1999 at the latest. Short timeframe!

A budget cut in operations and hourly help for 1993/95 has really hurt the library. We have dropped 17 hours/week from our schedule and eliminated 17 hours per week of reference service. Supplies, telecommunications, equipment, and many other operations lines have been cut up to 40%. One of the tax initiatives (601) passed in November, tying the percentage by which the state budget may grow to inflation and growth rate. Anti-government, anti-tax sentiment is running high. Cuts in higher education are bound to result.

1994 ALUMNI CONFERENCE

All of us in Seattle are anxious to see you next summer at the AALL Annual Meeting! The law school is hosting the Institute on "Transnational Legal Transactions" from July 5-8, 1994 (I am doing the local arrangements), the ALL-SIS reception on Tuesday, July 12 (tours will be provided), and one workshop. Library tours will be available at other times during the week. Do plan to visit us sometime!

Because of the success of the April 1991 Alumni Conference in Victoria and the hectic schedule of the Annual Meeting itself, we are planning another two-day reunion as a post-Meeting gathering. This replaces the usual reception (unless I hear groans to the contrary)! We will get aboard buses on Thursday, July 14 and be driven (via ferry) to Port Townsend on the tip of the Olympic Peninsula. Lunch will be on your own in the charming downtown of this historic community. Everyone will then be bussed to Ft. Worden State Park for a free afternoon and check in to their accommodations in the historic officers' quarters on the park grounds. A reception will be followed by dinner at the park, and a brief educational program is planned for that evening. Breakfast, followed by the last program and lunch will complete the business part of Friday the 15th. A possible trip to Hurricane Ridge high atop the Olympic Range will precede the narrated trip back to Seattle. Arrival in Seattle is planned for about 6-7 p.m.

At this point, planning is fairly firm for this meeting. Families are welcome, as Ft. Worden has a superb sandy, clean beach and many hiking trails on its 57-acre grounds. The old parade ground can be the site of volleyball, softball and soccer games. And there is shopping in Portsmouth for the less athletic!

We are able to provide this entire package for $107/adult and $70/child (3-9 yrs. old). We hope you will be able to make your plans to include this fun reunion event. Registration materials will be mailed out in February. Attendance will be limited, so early registration is advised!

--Penny A. Hazelton