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LAW LIBRARIANSHIP ALUMNI

THE YEAR @ MGGLL



→ This March we welcomed **Will Davis** to our Technical Services staff as a library technician. Will has a lot of library experience and is an illustrator to boot! He will assist **Craig Morley** in the bindery as well as help maintain serials. He is helping fill a gap left by **Linda Toweill**, who resigned in February to pursue travelling and the next phase her life.

→ **Angela DiFiore**, a student who worked in the law library since October 2001, became a much-appreciated hourly employee after she graduated with a dual degree in drama and psychology last spring. She worked many circulation shifts, and she took on some of **Tyler Bosma**'s responsibilities when he resigned at the end of September. In May 2006, Angela was hired on a permanent basis as a library technician, processing lost/overdues and taking care of many other vital circ duties. It's good to have Angela on board!

→ **Nancy McMurrer** "retired" at the end of November, but lucky for us she is back! She works 40% time in the Reference Office while **Kristy Moon** has become Westlaw & LexisNexis liaison and **Cheryl Nyberg** has become the RIA Checkpoint liaison, both roles Nancy had been filling.

Information School update

Harry Bruce, a faculty member at the UW Information School, was named Dean of the school effective January 2006. Harry was recruited to the UW in 1998 by Mike Eisenberg, who is stepping aside as the school's dean after almost eight years.

Under Mike, the "iSchool" was transformed -- quadrupling its enrollment, securing more than \$7 million in funded research, establishing its first endowed faculty position and introducing the UW's first distance-learning master's degree. Degree programs were added in informatics, information science and information management.

"It is a great privilege for me to continue the remarkable work of Mike Eisenberg with the highly talented Information School community," Bruce said. "My leadership will focus on strategic growth, maturity, excellence, engagement, visibility and impact. The Information School will continue to lead, advocate and demonstrate the value of the information field on our campus and in the professional and scientific community."

I talked with Harry about the law librarianship program and was delighted to learn that he is as supportive of the program as Mike was. I look forward to many more years of collaboration between the iSchool, the Law School and the Gallagher Law Library.

We always knew our program was great, but we are #1 in US News & World Report's rankings of America's Best Graduate Schools 2007 for "Library and Information Studies Specialties: Law Librarianship."

Landers Winner 2006

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Landers Fund - it is a wonderful way to encourage smart, young people to enter our profession. Stay tuned to the alumni web page, <http://lib.law.washington.edu/lawlibrarianship>, for this year's winner!

Two St. Louis invitations

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

The Alumni and Friends Annual reunion will be a dinner held Sunday, July 9, at J.F. Sanfilippo's. The restaurant is inside the Drury Inn next to the convention center. The entire restaurant will be set aside for this reunion dinner immediately prior to the AALL opening dessert reception. An Italian buffet, with salad, pasta, vegetarian and meat dishes will be featured. Come, enjoy the time with your colleagues, as well as the excellent food and beverages! 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
Sunday, July 9th, 6:30-8:15pm
J.F. Sanfilippo's
705 N. Broadway, St. Louis

If you'll be in town Saturday, July 8, don't miss the sixth annual casual gathering of UW alumni and friends. Join the group at Sen Thai-Asian Bistro for a variety of delicious Asian dishes. The complete meal and choice of beverage will be \$20, which can be paid on site.

Casual Saturday Gathering
Saturday, July 8th, 7pm
Sen Thai-Asian Bistro
1221 Locust St., St. Louis

Please let us know if you can come! To RSVP for both events, either 206-543-4089 or tknier@u.washington.edu by June 30th. Thanks!

Have you visited us online lately?

The URL is <http://lib.law.washington.edu/lawlibrarianship>.

Login as **alum** and use **gallagher** (note the exclamation points) as your password to access the secure parts of the site.

Check out these features:

- A directory of alumni & friends: click on **alumni connections**
You can also search by state, see all alumni employed by a single organization, see alumni by graduation year and more.
- Newsy bits about alumni job changes, publications and activities: click on **alumni happen-**

ings, or on the "**Latest Alumni News**" box on the home page.

- Ways to give back to the program: click on **giving**

We need your help to make the website even better! Please send us a photo to add to your directory entry. Also, please let us know about your promotions, activities, relocations, and other life events. Email them to tknier@u.washington.edu.

Some comments from recent visitors:

"This is a great resource!"

"The alumni web site is very impressive and comprehensive."

Borgeson Award — anticipating a sixth winner

This year the Borgeson Prize has been funded again through a generous donation by Earl Borgeson and by the generosity of alums of the program who were eager to meet Blair Kauffman's challenge gift. We will announce the winner of the prize this year in St. Louis. Drum roll, please...

We thank the judges again this year: **Mike Chiorazzi** (1981), **Marguerite Most** (1977) and **Dick Danner** (2001 Law Library Administration Professor).

Class of 2006 fieldwork: east and west host students

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 four 2006 graduates will learn about these law libraries:

Student

Alicia Brillon
Jocelyn Kennedy
Tom Kimbrough
Chris O'Byrne

JD Earned at

Seattle U
Franklin Pierce
UC Berkeley
University of Washington

Fieldwork Host

Law Library of Congress
New Hampshire State Law Library
Seattle University Law Library
Washington University Law Library

Thanks to the 2006 host law libraries! You give our students a great start in their new profession!

Law Library Admin course

Summer 2006 finds another recently relocated Law Librarian teaching the Law Library Administration class: **Jean Holcomb**. We are delighted to welcome Jean back to Washington State from her new home with Paul (of the same last name!) in North Carolina. Most of you know that Jean was the Director of the King County Law Library for over 13 years and is the current author of the LLJ column, "Managing by the Book...". Since the book she will require for the Law Library Administration class this summer is *The Boss's Survival Guide: Everything You Need to Know About Getting Through and Getting the Most Out of Every Day*, I know the students will be getting their money's worth! Jean's optimistic outlook tempered with pragmatism and her extensive administrative experience give the students a great role model for these future leaders of the profession. Thank you, Jean!

As we know, she joins a long line of wonderful law librarians who have shared their world of expertise with all of our students: **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!

Class of 2005

Last year several of the 2005 graduates did not have jobs by the time this newsletter was published. I am delighted to fill in the gaps!

Jorge Juarez is happily working as a Reference Librarian at Santa Clara University Law Library with alum **Ellen Platt**.

Yale Law Library hired **Camilla Tubbs** for a vacant reference position that includes government documents collection development work. Her boss is none other than **Blair Kauffman**, class of 1977.

Pegeen Mulhern spent several exciting months working temporarily for the William H. Gates Public Service Law Scholarship Program here at the law school. She continues her contract attorney work and many volunteer activities.

Robyn Hagle, a non-JD MLIS student, worked part time as a Reference Librarian for Gallagher this year until she landed a full time Reference Librarian position at Perkins Coie law firm library in Seattle. We are glad she is staying in Seattle and in law librarianship (she was the Landers scholarship winner in 2005).

The other 2005 grads are: **Tina Ching**, Arizona State; **Stacy Etheredge**, University of South Carolina; **Vincenc Feliu**, Louisiana State; **Shannon Malcolm**, University of Illinois; **Rachael Smith**, Ohio State; and **Beth Williams**, Columbia University.