The year is almost over and another class is about to graduate! Here are the highlights for the Law Librarianship program for spring and summer.

**Class of 2017 News**

**1. Current Issues in Law Librarianship papers**

The papers this year reflect a broad array of topics and student interests. As in the past, they will be judged by the LRSQ evaluation team to determine the winner of the 2017 Earl Borgeson Research in Law Librarianship Award.

The paper topics are:

- Hannah Doenges – *Non-Disclosure Clauses: The making, breaking and remaking of relationships*
- Christine Ford – *Pro Se Patrons in the Law Library: The Case for Privacy in the Digital Age*
- Elizabeth Manriquez – *Stronger Together: Embracing Google and Linked Data in Law Libraries*
- Mariana Newman – *Faculty Research Services for a New Era of Law Librarianship*
- Maya Swanes – *Framing the Issue: The Case for Artwork in Academic Law Libraries*
- Sam Williams – *Great Minds Think Differently: Education Requirements and the Autonomous Academic Law Library*

**2. Directed Fieldwork**

The directed fieldwork placements have all been made and our students will be working across the country in a wide variety of library settings. Our thanks to all the hosts who have volunteered to spend three weeks training and mentoring our students this summer before they attend their first AALL Annual Meeting in Austin.

The directed fieldwork placements are:

- Hannah Doenges – *U.S. District Court for the Ninth Circuit, Seattle*
- Christine Ford – *Law Library of Congress*
- Liz Manriquez – *George Washington University Law Library*
- Mariana Newman – *New York University Law Library*
- Maya Swanes – *Hastings School of Law Library*
- Sam Williams – *University of Colorado Law Library*
3. Jobs!

Currently, four of our graduates have already found employment for next year. They are:

- Christine Ford -- **Management and Program Analyst at the Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC**
- Elizabeth Manriquez -- **Research Librarian/Assistant Professor at the University of Nevada Las Vegas Law Library**
- Maya Swanes -- **Research Services Librarian, University of Washington Gallagher Law Library**

**Law Library Administration class**

This year’s Law Library Administration class will be taught by Victoria (Tory), Associate Dean for Information technology and the Ross-Blakley Law Library at Arizona State University. Tory is a past President of AALL (2004-2005) and a member of the AALL Hall of Fame (2015). She is a prolific writer and is a nationally recognized for her work on the national and regional level for law library organizations. Tory will be trading in the warm weather of Arizona for the cooler climate of Seattle in June, providing an interactive and insightful approach to the management skills that our graduates will need in the workplace.
Alumni Reception at AALL

As you begin to make your plans to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Austin this year, please mark your calendars to attend the annual (and fabulous) UW Law Librarianship Alumni Reception in Austin!

Here are the details:

When: Saturday, July 15, 2017
Where: Hotel Van Zandt Meriwether Ballroom, 605 Davis Street
Time: 7:00pm – 10:00pm

The hotel is a 5-minute walk from the Convention Center in downtown Austin. We will have an assortment of hot & cold hors d’oeuvres as well as a choice of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. The cost will be $20.00/person.

As you all know, this is the best party of the entire Annual Meeting and a great chance to catch up with your colleagues as well as to meet the new class of Law Librarianship Program graduates!

If you are planning to attend and have not already sent me an RSVP, I would appreciate you letting me know for the food & beverage count.

Hope to see you there!

Ischool applications/Law Librarianship program

Despite a national downturn in applications to MLIS programs, the UW Ischool managed to increase their application pool to 411 this year, an increase of 55 over 2016-2017.

The Law Librarianship program had a total of 13 applications this year, a little lower number than average. However, the quality of the applicants remained high and many of them said that this was their first and only choice for a law librarianship program. I am confident that we will have a great class for 2017-2018!
Remember to keep sending me any updates about jobs changes, titles, articles published or any other news that you would like to share with your colleagues!

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