

**NEWS
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Suddenly realized that I have not corresponded with you since last year at this time!
Definitely time to fix this oversight! (pah)

Reunion Reception in Indianapolis

Please note that this reception will NOT be listed in the final AALL program due to an oversight. Please mark your AALL calendar and attend this special gathering! **SUNDAY JULY 21, 1996, 5:30-7pm, CONVENTION CENTER ROOM 140.** I hope you can add this relaxing event to your busy schedule. If not for yourself, think of all the new law librarians who have graduated from this program. They need to know you and what you are up to! Besides, we are such a FUN group with a sense of humor - let's dispel the librarian stereotype! So we will have a good count or to let us know what to share about your year if you absolutely cannot join us, please email or otherwise notify Janet Abbott (abbott@u.washington.edu). See you the 21st!

1995 Graduates

Seven students graduated from the Law Librarianship Program in August 1995. All had permanent, full-time employment soon after graduation.

Pearl Bertrand	Executive Director Center for American Indian Legal Programs & Resources U North Dakota School of Law
Beth Edinger	Reference Librarian Rutgers University Law Library @ Newark
Jennifer Larraguibel	Foreign & Int'l Reference Librarian Ohio State University Law Library
Lee Neugebauer	Reference/Govt. Documents Libn. University of Maine Law Library
Marina Parascenzo-Brush	Law Librarian Schwabe Williamson, Seattle
Spencer Simons	Professional Librarian Chicago-Kent College of Law Library
Michelle Wu	Govt. Documents/Reference Libn. George Washington U Law Library

Fieldwork for 1996 Graduates

I am pleased to announce that the following institutions have agreed to host 1996 students for their required fieldwork experiences. This year, fieldwork will be from July 29 to August 16, 1996. Our thanks to these libraries and librarians for supporting the education and training of the next generation of law librarians!

Rose Gavin (JD ASU 1982)	Arizona State U Law Library Rick Brown
Brian Huddleston (JD U Alabama 1995)	TBA
Xinh (Sing) Luu (JD U Utah 1990)	Santa Clara University Law Library Mary Emery
Warner Miller (JD UPS 1986)	US Court of Appeals Library 9th Circuit Cheryl Blare

Law Library Administration Course - Summer 1996

I am thrilled that Barbara Bintliff, Library Director and Associate Professor of Law at the University of Colorado Law Library, will be teaching the Law Library Administration course this summer. Barbara has thrown herself into this project with the gusto and enthusiasm for which she is famous! Barbara will certainly give the students this year their money's worth! Thank you, Barbara!

What's New at the UW Graduate School of Library and Information Science?

Phyllis Van Orden, the Director, has decided to retire at the end of this summer. Professor Edward Bassett, Professor of Communications, will be the Acting Director. The Provost has appointed a Futures Committee to help create "a model for the education of library and information professionals into the twenty-first century". Among other areas of inquiry include whether the library school might be better organized and administered under a different arrangement and whether opportunities to collaborate with other University departments exist. The committee is being chaired by Betty Bengtson, University Librarian and will have its report completed by late fall 1996.

The school is definitely interested in the information science part of the discipline. We could see a change in the name of the degree as well as other changes in the scope and range of the curriculum. It is too early to tell exactly what will become of the library school as we know it. The University appears to be committed to building a strong program on this campus. Just as an aside (but perhaps most important), I believe the law librarianship program will survive intact. The existing program has some of the

collaborative elements the University likes to see. We might even get the MLL degree back! At least there is currently some sentiment for this rebirth.

What's New at the Gallagher Law Library?

Several staff changes have occurred in the past year. Cindy Cunningham (Circulation) and Molly McCluer (Head of Public Services) both resigned this past fall. We hired two terrific new librarians - Cheryl Nyberg, Reference Librarian, formerly at the U of Illinois Law Library and Mary Ann Weber, Head of Circulation Services, formerly a librarian at Lane Powell Spears Lubersky here in Seattle. They bring energy, wonderful previous library experiences and a lot of talent to our already strong staff. We will be looking to fill another Reference Librarian position by early fall.

In a joint request with all other 4-year colleges and universities in the state, the law library is the recipient of \$400,000 in supplemental appropriations. These funds will be used to complete a massive recon project (45% of our collection is not yet in machine-readable form) and to enhance the staff support and equipment for interlibrary loan. The project goals are to create a state-wide catalog of all collections and to be able to share resources rapidly throughout the state to benefit our users. The only catch is that the funds must all be expended by June 30, 1997. But, we can do it!

And, last, but not least, is the news about the new law school building. Last week the President of the University announced the site for the new building (in the parking lot south of the Burke museum) on 15th (northwest edge of campus), and we are in the frenzy of programming, with schematic design to begin in the next two weeks. Bill Gates has given the law school \$12 million with the stipulation that the new building will be named after his father. We still must raise another \$5 million in private funds and then the legislature is supposed to appropriate \$35 million to complete the task. Plans are to occupy the new building in the year 2000 - the 101st anniversary of the law school! We are working on a VERY tight timeline. Hurdles that still might mire the project include a city-approved change to the UW campus plan (which is crucial in order to be able to build) that has been appealed and the environmental impact statement process. The joy of construction in an urban, academic environment!