I. Law Library Administration class

From the Boston University website: Ronald Wheeler, a recognized leader in the area of legal research instruction, has served in various law library management roles at law schools across the country, including Suffolk University Law School, the University of San Francisco School of Law, Georgia State University College of Law, and the University of New Mexico School of Law. Wheeler has taught legal research in various contexts including in stand-alone first year legal research courses, upper division courses, online, and in study abroad programs in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Linz, Austria. Wheeler also taught a course on US Legal Research to Chinese law students at the East China University of Political Science and Law in Shanghai, China during the summer of 2012. Wheeler also teaches a research and writing seminar called Queer Legal Scholarship which addresses the intersection of sexual orientation law and academic literature.

Director Wheeler’s scholarship focusing on legal research techniques, legal research instruction, and algorithm-driven search engines has gained him national attention, and he is regularly called upon to speak about innovations in teaching and other legal research-related topics. He is also a well-known author and speaker about issues related to law library management and the role of the law library in legal education. Wheeler pens Diversity Dialogues, a regular feature in Law Library Journal which aims to engage scholarly conversation on issues of diversity and inclusion in librarianship and the legal profession. In 2014, Wheeler was named to the Lawyers of Color “50 under 50” list of minority attorneys making an impact on legal education.

Director Wheeler currently serves as President of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). He is the first African-American male to hold this office. He is a member of the Law Librarians of New England.
(LLNE), serves on the executive board of the New England Law Library Consortium (NELLCO), and is a member of the Editorial Board of the Legal Information Review.

II. AALL Alumni & Friends Reception

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 14! Our annual Alumni & Friends Reception will be held from 7:00pm – 10:00pm in Baltimore as part of AALL Annual Meeting. Come to meet the new class of graduating students and see friends & colleagues.

The Lord Baltimore Hotel is a short walk from the Convention Center and hotels in downtown Baltimore. We will have an assortment of hot & cold appetizers (vegetarian and non-vegetarian options) as well as bar service with alcoholic and non-alcoholic options.

Please rsvp to: rmjost@uw.edu

III. Penny Hazelton Scholarship

I am pleased to announce that we have made great progress in our goal of raising $10,000 for the Penny Hazelton Endowed Fund for Law Librarianship! As you will recall, this fund was established in Penny’s honor to help fund student attendance at the AALL Annual Meeting to promote professional development, a hallmark of her career.

I will be announcing the final figure that we raised at the Alumni & Friends Reception in Baltimore, but there is still plenty of time to help us reach our goal. My sincere thanks to all of you who have made contributions so far – your generosity in honor of Penny is overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

To contribute, please go to: https://www.washington.edu/giving/make-a-gift/?source_typ=3&source=LPHEND
IV. Dick Danner

Dick Danner’s Legacy

I will miss Dick. I knew him nearly all of my 43 years as a law librarian. Most of you know me as a pragmatic law librarian, not a traditional academic. And yet I read most of Dick’s scholarship and attended virtually any program where he was speaking. I am thankful he has left a legacy of thoughtful, well-researched scholarship touching on nearly every topic of interest to law librarians. I value Dick’s scholarship because it provoked controversy, stimulated conversations, and formed the platform for subsequent thinking, action, and writing. His work has helped to shape ideas, and literally, to shape our profession—perhaps most notably in his call for law schools to end print publication of their student-edited law journals in the 2009 “Durham Statement on Open Access to Legal Scholarship.”

I was thrilled when Dick agreed to teach the required Law Library Administration course in the Law Librarianship Program in 2001. He came back in 2016 to reprise this role when one of his most famous mentees, Mike Chiorazzi (Arizona), invited him back to the Administration class that summer.

In his quiet and low-key way, Dick Danner had a tremendous influence on our profession. His lifetime of service to AALL— as President, on numerous special committees and task forces, winner of the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, and as editor of the Law Library Journal for 10 years (where he published 17 thought-provoking editorials)— tells only part of the story. We, in our profession, are profoundly in Dick’s debt.

I was not always smart enough to agree with Dick, but he stimulated me to think about issues in our profession from different points of view. And sometimes, he changed my mind! Thanks, Dick. Godspeed.

V. Law Library Program brochure

We recently updated the Law Librarianship Program brochure that is sent out to prospective students by the Information School and also used at MLIS recruiting events. Three of our esteemed alumni (Scott Matheson of Yale University, Tiffany Camp of UNC School of Law and Linda Kawaguchi of Chapman University) are featured in the alumni profiles. I have attached a copy of the brochure to this message for your use to distribute to any prospective law librarians that you may encounter in your travels!
As always, thanks for your continued support of the Law Librarianship program. Please let me know if you have any comments or questions.

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