Gallagher Law Library News

It has been a busy year at Gallagher! In June 2019, Alena Wolotira returned from family leave, and Kyle Brown resumed his work with the Capetown Project. In July 2019, Anna Endter became the Interim Associate Dean for Students. The interim designation was dropped in May 2020 when Anna accepted a long-term appointment as Associate Dean for Students. In August, Marissa Rydzewski and Pearl McCrea received Washington Library Association and AALL scholarships. In September 2019, Research Services and Circulation merged to become Public Services, with Alena Wolotira leading the Public Services staff efforts on the Information Desk and Law Ref. During 2019-20, Jonathan Franklin, Judy Davis, and Crystal Alberthal celebrated their 20th years at Gallagher. In December 2019, Maya Swanes and her husband welcomed baby Annika and Kyle Brown returned to cover Maya’s family leave. In February 2020, HeinOnline acquired the rights to the Current Index to Legal Periodicals. It is great to have CILP on the Hein platform! In early March, UW Law moved classes and services online. Gallagher pivoted to support remote faculty and students, responding swiftly by scanning reserve readings, facilitating e-book access, creating research videos for online classes, and answering reference and research inquiries remotely.

Retirements & Departures: With deep gratitude and best wishes

Rob Britt retired in September 2019 after 32 years at Gallagher. Rob was revered at the UW and across the U.S. for his knowledge of Japanese legal materials. He was active in multiple associations, including the Council on East Asian Libraries. His foreign research expertise was sought by graduate students and faculty alike.

Nikki Pike retired in September 2019 after 21 years at Gallagher. Nikki was an invaluable member of several teams and instrumental in moving the collection from Condon Hall to Gates Hall in 2003. In 2008 Nikki joined the CILP team and helped produce over 500 issues of CILP!

Cheryl Nyberg retired in March 2020 after 25 years at Gallagher. Her research skills and service to our students and faculty, and the law library community is legendary. In addition to her prolific personal scholarship—notably Subject Compilations of State Laws—Cheryl created UW Law’s digital repository, uploading over 6700 items of UW Law scholarship.

Perry Maybrown left in September 2019 for a Game Support position at Wizards of the Coast. She plans to start law school in Autumn 2020.

Kaden Mack left to pursue other ventures in December 2019, after 15 years in the Circulation department.

Information School News

After a national search in Autumn 2019, the Information School is pleased to announce the next Director of the Law Librarianship Program and full-time Associate Teaching Professor is Carla Wale! Carla starts on June 16, 2020.

Carla received her B.A. from Washington State University; J.D. from Loyola University – New Orleans; M.L.I.S. from University of Washington (Class of 2011!); and is a M.B.A. candidate at The Johns Hopkins University. Carla has worked at Georgetown Law, Temple Law, and most recently served as Associate Dean for Law Library and Information Technology at UDC Law. Carla can be reached at cpwale@uw.edu.

We are thrilled to have Carla as the program’s new leader!
Meet your new colleagues, the UW Law Librarianship Class of 2020

Left to Right: John Miller, Charlotte Daugherty, Katy Boyle, Julie Brown, Dan Radthorne, Maren Anderson

This year’s cohort is both talented and resilient! In addition to the regular intern tasks, they did guest lectures in the UW Masters’ of Jurisprudence program and created research videos for the 1L legal writing curriculum. Due to COVID-19, all Spring and Summer course moved to remote instruction, including capstone presentations.

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Summer Management Course and Directed Field Work

The 2020 Management course will be taught online and coordinated by Mary Hotchkiss with guest lectures from managers and directors across the U.S. This summer’s Directed Field Work will be coordinated by Carla Wale. Students will work remotely on a variety of tasks with experienced librarians in academic, court, and firm settings.

Borgeson Prize Update

The 2019 Borgeson Prize was awarded to Grace Lo for her paper, “Aliens” vs. Catalogers: Bias in the Library of Congress Subject Heading, published in 38 Legal Ref. Serv. Q. 170-196 (2019). The abstract explains “Aliens: It is the subject of conspiracy theories and nightmares, the name of a blockbuster science fiction/horror movie franchise, and also how the de facto national library of the United States refers to ‘persons who are not citizens of the country in which they reside.’ Using the “Illegal Aliens” controversy as a case study, this article explores how the LCSH works, its role in research, and its vulnerabilities to bias, and offers proposals for how librarians can help improve the situation.” Congratulations Grace! Thank you to the Borgeson Prize judges: Mike Chiorazzi, Barbara Bintliff, and Simon Canick.
2019 Grads: Where Are They Now?

Sara Bensley – Emerging Legal Technology Specialist at University of Florida Law Library
Nate Delmar – Reference & Scholarly Services Librarian at Fordham University School of Law
Traci Emerson – Foreign & International Librarian at The George Washington University Law School, Jacob Burns Law Library
Grace Lo – Reference Librarian at Stanford Law Library
Kian Pakdel – Law Library Fellow at the University of Colorado Law Library
Victoria Tokar – Research Librarian / Assistant Professor at UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law
Nam Jin Yoon – Reference Librarian at Columbia University Law Library

2019-20 UW Alumni News

Beth DiFelice (’94) is the new permanent director at Arizona State’s Ross-Blakely Law Library.

Amanda Runyon (’08) became Associate Dean and Director of Biddle Law Library at the University of Pennsylvania in July 2019.


Taryn Marks (’14) became Head of Research & Instructional Services at Stanford Law School in June 2019.

Traci Emerson (’19) and Sara Bensley (’19) co-authored Ghost Guns, 47 Documents to the People (DttP), No. 3 (2019) at [https://journals.ala.org/index.php/dttp/article/view/7122](https://journals.ala.org/index.php/dttp/article/view/7122).


No AALL Meeting this July? The UW Law Librarianship Alumni Reunion Moves Online!

Instead of gathering in New Orleans, please hold **Saturday, July 11, 2020 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm (Eastern Time)** for the Gallagher/UW Alumni Reunion. We look forward to catching up with you, introducing the new class of Law Librarianship Program graduates, and honoring Carla Wale as the new leader of the MLIS-Law program. Zoom details will be distributed in June.