FROM THE DIRECTOR...

As midsummer approaches, I wanted to highlight several significant events and accomplishments of the law library during the past academic year. More details on these events follow in this newsletter and I merely discuss a few here.

The Law Library and the School of Law hosted a conference on the Law Librarian’s Role in the Scholarly Enterprise. Over 50 law librarians from around the country attended this conference in November 2008. Stanley Katz, Professor at Princeton University, was the keynote speaker. Videos of the presentations are located on the Web here: http://www.law.sc.edu/scholarly/

Pamela Melton was curator of two law library exhibits this past year. The first focused on the Memory Hold the Door collection hosted here at the Law School which honors prominent members of the bench and bar of South Carolina. The second exhibit which opened in May is entitled A Nineteenth Century Law Library, The Colcock-Hutson Collection. In a beautifully designed exhibit, Professor Melton traces the history of five generations of lawyers in South Carolina. More information is here: http://www.law.sc.edu/colcock-hutson/

Stephanie Marshall joined the Law Library in March 2009 as the new Assistant Director for Faculty Services. Hailing from the State of Texas, she will coordinate the law library’s services to support faculty scholarship. See more information about Stephanie’s impressive qualifications and experience later in the newsletter.

With the support of the Office of the Provost and Thomas Cooper Library, the Law Library has taken the lead in providing access to LexisNexis Congressional and its complete full-text digital collection of Congressional documents to all University of South Carolina campuses. This rich collection of government information (Serial Set, hearings, CRS Reports, and the Congressional Record) will aid researchers throughout the state.

I encourage you to read the remainder of this newsletter to learn more about the law librarians’ teaching, service and scholarship and the accomplishments of the law library staff. I thank all the talented law librarians and staff for their hard work this past year.

Duncan Alford 
Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library
The Law Library now has a Librarian who specializes in Faculty Services. The new Assistant Director for Faculty Services is Stephanie Marshall. Whether it is scholarship assistance; research assistant training/guidance; specialized class research lectures; class preparation support (including TWEN & Blackboard) or supporting current awareness strategies, Stephanie is available to support the law faculty. The Faculty Services Department also maintains a pool of research assistants. No matter how big or small the project, we will find a way to help satisfy your research and teaching needs.

If you are feeling overwhelmed with the abundance of legal news and publications you need to review to maintain your current awareness, contact Stephanie, and let her help you organize the information you are currently receiving. There are so many options to filter information; we can eliminate the irrelevant documents to free-up your time. You will find Stephanie in the law library, room #103D or in the faculty offices, room #309. You may reach her by phone at 7-6109 or email at smarshal@law.sc.edu.
Luncheon Honoring Scholarship Donors Held

A luncheon honoring scholarship donors was held at the Koger Center on March 26, 2009.

**Katie Holtz**, Circulation Assistant in the Law Library, is the recipient of the **Prue Goolsby Endowed Scholarship**, which benefits library employees interested in pursuing studies in law librarianship.

Katie has been attending the School of Library and Information Sciences since the fall 2007 semester and was awarded this scholarship for the 2008-2009 academic year. Katie will complete her schooling and receive her MLIS degree in August, 2010. Thanks to Prue Goolsby for providing this funding for Katie and other future Law Librarians!

**Dean Alford** was approved as a candidate on the Fulbright Specialists Roster. As part of the Fulbright Scholar program, Fulbright Specialists participate in two to six week collaborative projects at higher education institutions in over 100 countries.

**Jayne Hatchell**, Administrative Assistant, received a state service award for 20 years of state service, all of which have been at the University of South Carolina.
DAVID LEHMANN

PRESENTATIONS


"Licensing, Copyright and Libraries: Software and Copyright Issues” Presentation to USC Library and Information Science School, University of South Carolina, Online Information Services - SLIS 740, March 25, 2009.

With Terrye Conroy and Jan Baker at the 2009 Annual Conference of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries in Athens, Georgia, on April 16, 2009. The presentation, You Can't Have One Without the Other: Integrating Legal Research & Writing, detailed a fun, music filled joint legal research and writing session they conducted during 1L orientation last year.

With Terrye Conroy, took the law library’s Circuit Riders Workshop Series, Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians, to Greenville County Public Library System, Greenville, South Carolina, on October 10, 2008.

PUBLICATIONS


REBEKAH MAXWELL

PRESENTATIONS


DUNCAN ALFORD

PUBLICATIONS


With Barbara Bintliff, Director of the Law Library at the University of Colorado, served as a guest editor of a double issue of the Legal Reference Services Quarterly entitled “Teaching Legal Research”.

LIBRARIAN ACTIVITIES
PAMELA MELTON

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLICATIONS
“Click to Refresh: Audience Response Systems in the Legal Research Classroom,” 17 Perspectives 175 (Spring 2009).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:
Elected Chair of the University Athletics Advisory Committee for 2009-10.
Chair, AALL Research & Publications Committee for 2009-10.

TERRYE CONROY

PRESENTATIONS
“Legal Research & Predictive Writing,” University of South Carolina, Presentation to Professor John Grady’s Sport and the Law class (SPTE 530), September 23, 2008.

“Introduction to Internet Legal Research for All Librarians,” Presenter, University of South Carolina School of Library & Information Science, Panning for Gold Continuing Education Workshop, October 31, 2008.


“Dog Bite Research: Whose Dog Was That Anyway?,” Presentation to Ami Leventis and Amy Milligan’s Advanced Legal Writing classes (LAWS 540), June 8 & 10, 2009. Terrye will be making return visits in July to talk about Tort Claims Act research. Not as much fun as the dog bite theme, but key knowledge for students drafting complaints against government entities.


PUBLICATIONS
Fall Break is Only a “Click” Away: Using an Audience Response System to Merge a Pre-Break Legal Research and Legal Writing Review, with Jan Baker, The Second Draft (Spring 2009).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
Invited to serve on the Foundation Board of the South Carolina State Library.

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A new edition of Paula Benson's A Guide to South Carolina Legal Research and Citation, also know as “The Green Book” will be released near the end of the summer.
Research Assistant Training A Success

This summer the law librarians participated in a specialized training course for Faculty Research Assistants. The one day course included presentations by Terrye Conroy, teaching Administrative Law research and Legislative History; David Lehmann, teaching Non-legal databases; Pamela Melton, teaching Citations and Rebekah Maxwell, teaching the Online Catalog, Legal databases and Updating print materials. The course also included presentations by Lexis and Westlaw.

Reviews from the survey at the end of the course indicated students were surprised at the amount of information available to them and very appreciative of the course.

DOING OUR PART

In an effort to make the Law Library more energy efficient, we’re using the automated light system to turn lights off in the library during the late night/early morning hours while the library is closed.

NEW INTERLIBRARY LOAN REQUEST FORM

Law faculty and law students can now request materials not held by USC libraries through a new online form located on the Web. For a book request, go here: http://www.law.sc.edu/library/forms/ill_book.pdf For an article please use this form: http://www.law.sc.edu/library/forms/ill_article.pdf Just complete the form and click the “Submit by Email” button.

Congratulations May 2009 Graduates!

The faculty and staff of the Coleman Karesh Law Library wish you great success in your legal careers, wherever they make take you. If we can ever be of service to you, through our document delivery service [http://www.law.sc.edu/library/forms/ddr.pdf], our email reference service [lawref@law.sc.edu], or by phone [803-777-5902], please do not hesitate to call on us.