The Addendum

addendum: Something to be added, esp. to a document; a supplement.

From The Director…

Colleagues –

As we arrive at mid-summer, I wanted to update you on activities in the library this past spring.

Three new employees joined us in the library recently. Patrick Parsons started in December 2014 as a Reference Librarian. He comes to us from the University of Arizona School of Law, where he was a Library Fellow. Katy Tucker started in May as a Technical Services Librarian. Katy is a Columbia native and finished the library school here at USC. Amy Persons began in June as Access Services Assistant. She comes to us from the Virginia Beach area and you will see her at the Circulation Desk in the afternoons and evenings.

The librarians have been busy planning for the library in the new building. Selection of the furnishings has been the main focus during the past six months. You may have seen furniture samples scattered on the first floor of the law library and the building lobby.

The library added a new historical database – United States Primary Sources. Based on the collection at the Yale Law Library, this database includes early state codes, constitutional conventions and compilations, city charters, law dictionaries, case digests, and published records of the American colonies. Coverage is from 1620 through 1926.

Please see the remainder of the newsletter for more details on the busy spring semester in the Law Library.

- Duncan Alford, Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library

Library Spring Exam Break

In March, the Law Library treated our students to an exam break of goodies both homemade and commercial. The librarians look forward to choosing snacks for the students and helping to spread some TLC at a stressful time in their semester.

Near right: students visit the library’s exam break table. Far right: Librarian Patrick Parsons points out his homemade blueberry bars.
Law Library Faculty and Staff News:

The law librarians were busy at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries held in Lexington, Kentucky, in April 2015. Patrick Parsons made a presentation entitled “Managing Your Online Presence.” Pamela Melton coordinated and was a speaker at a presentation entitled “Creative Assessment: Connecting Legal Research Instruction to Results.” Alyson Drake co-presented two programs with Susan deMaine, Research & Instruction Librarian at the Ruth Lilly Law Library at Indiana University. The first program, Accessibility 101: An Introduction to Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, introduced attendees to the accessibility standards that must be remembered in designing legal research course materials. In the second program, Accessibility 102: Practical Steps for Making Your Online Instruction Materials Accessible for All Students, the duo demonstrated practical ways to make various online materials (videos, PowerPoints, PDFs & word documents) more accessible for students with disabilities. Alyson has also been named the 2015-2016 chair of SEAALL’s Education & Publications Committee. Alyson and Pamela (pictured at left) took time to relax at the end of the busy SEAALL meeting with a trip to Keeneland Racetrack. Here they are in their race day finery.

In June, Terrye Conroy and Alyson Drake presented at the South Carolina Library Association’s Information Literacy Workshop, iTeach2: Enhance and Engage! Their program, Tailoring Your Own Textbook, described how any librarian teaching a course or workshop can create his or her own textbook with interactive features using LibGuides and explained why an online book is beneficial for students.

Also in June, Terrye Conroy received her 10-year service pin from Dean Wilcox. Terrye was recognized for her dedication to and time at the Coleman Karesh Law Library. The law library thanks Terrye for her past and present hard work.

Faculty Services Librarian Candle Wester co-authored a CALI lesson on Illinois Legal Research-- Secondary Source Materials. She also co-authored a forthcoming AALL Spectrum article entitled The Mentoring Family Tree: How Intergenerational Concepts Can Inform and Improve Our Mentoring Relationships.

Thanks a Bunch! Pamela Melton holds a token of appreciation from a former student who just landed a judicial clerkship. Pamela, who had written a letter of recommendation for the student, was elated at the good news.
Magna Carta Exhibit on Display at Law Library

June 15, 2015, was the 800th anniversary of the first signing of the great charter – or Magna Carta – on the field at Runnymede. To celebrate, the Coleman Karesh Law library has created an exhibit in the S.C. Legal History Room. Among the items on display are Henry de Bracton's *De legibus & consuetudinibus Anglie libri quinque* (*On the Laws and Customs of England*) (1569) and volume three of Raphael Holinshed’s *Chronicles of England, Scotland & Ireland* (1587), generously loaned to us by the Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections at the Thomas Cooper Library. We hope you will take a moment to drop by.

Law Library Comings and Goings:

New Technical Services Librarian Katy Tucker attended USC-Columbia for her undergraduate degree as well as her masters of library and information science program. Originally from Indiana, Katy grew up here in South Carolina. Her primary specific interests are in cataloging and metadata, fields which she focused during the three-and-a half years of graduate school and post graduate work. She enjoys spending time with her family, and is an avid runner and reader. She is looking forward to continuing to grow as a professional as well as learning more about technical services.

New Access Services Assistant Amy Persons is currently finishing the Library Science program here at the University of South Carolina. She has previously worked in libraries in the Tidewater Virginia area. Originally from Austin, Texas, Amy earned her Bachelor’s degree in English and Psychology from Austin College. Persons’ favorite area of specialization is academic instructional librarianship because she enjoys “providing bibliographic assistance and digital literacy instruction to students, integrating technology with library use instruction, and collaborating with faculty”. She enjoys the art of children’s picture books, and recommends the works of Peter Reynolds, Levi Penfold, and *Clementina’s Cactus* by Ezra Jack Keats.

Reference Librarian Patrick Parsons came to the University of South Carolina from Tucson, Arizona where he was a Law Library Fellow at the University of Arizona Law Library. Patrick also received his MLIS at Arizona. Patrick is originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he attended law School at the University of Pittsburgh and worked as a lawyer from 2006 to 2012. Patrick also received his Bachelor’s degree from The Pennsylvania State University. In his free time, Patrick has a number of hobbies including gardening, hiking, and playing music. Patrick plays the piano, organ, guitar, and upright bass. Patrick is most looking forward to high quality fried chicken, barbeque, and sweet tea during his time in South Carolina.

Long time library staff member, Joey Plumley, recently accepted an Assistant Manager position in the Lexington County Public Library system. Joey worked in Technical Services and Access Services during his time with the Law Library. He will be missed, and we wish him well in this new and exciting opportunity.