

## From the Bench: President's Letter



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 Librarian  
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It's hard to believe that it's June already. It seems like only a few weeks ago that we were meeting in Phoenix. First, my thanks to everyone who helped, and attended, the SWALL Annual Meeting in April. Volunteers helped organize the meeting and arrange for the food (a high priority), hotel, and meeting rooms, and attended to all the other myriad tasks needed to ensure a successful program. To my Program Committee and Local Arrangement Committee, thank you. It was great to put faces to names that were only on emails previously. I thought the meeting was a tremendous success, and thoroughly enjoyed many of the programs. I was one of a handful of law firm librarians attending, and, while many of the programs were more geared toward an academic environment, I found something in each one that I could apply in my firm.

"Change" was one of the buzzwords from last year. But it's still appropriate this year. In addition to the annual leadership changes in all our organizations, our jobs are constantly evolving and changing. My column was delayed because of some staffing changes within our firm – changes that started earlier this year, resulting in different workloads and responsibilities, and we're still trying to find our footing. It's been a good change, but not always an easy change -- I'm really not sure I like the cameras on our office phones, but I do like the instant messaging feature that we're using among the library staff. With all the changes going on in our profession, especially financial changes (i.e. decreased budgets), I'm hoping SWALL and our Annual

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Meeting will continue to provide programming and opportunities for librarians who cannot attend/participate in AALL activities. The programs we offer are as valuable as the ones offered in July, we're much more reasonably priced, and it's a great way to meet and network with colleagues.

With all the changes going on, I'm trying hard to catch up on my "presidential" responsibilities. I'm in the process of appointing Committee Chairs (hint, hint!). If you would like to serve on any of the committees, please let me, or the Committee Chair, know. Information about the SWALL committees can be found on our website.

I hope many of you will be attending AALL next month and will join us at the HALL/DALL/SWALL/UNT Joint Reception on Sunday evening, at the Dragonfish Restaurant. More details will be sent out via the SWALL listserv. I'm looking forward to seeing people, and to having a productive year for SWALL.

## **Transcript: SWALL Business Meeting Minutes**

SWALL Business Meeting Minutes  
April 5, 2013  
Phoenix, AZ SWALL Annual Meeting

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the membership.

### **Opening Remarks**

Before the meeting was called to order, Beth Schneider offered thanks to those who helped put the conference together, and special thanks were given to Sara Lipich for designing the logo and many of the printed items that went along with this year's conference. She also thanked the vendors who sponsored our meals, programs, and the printing of the programs.

Following these remarks, the meeting was called to order at 8:50 AM by Robert Hu.

Introduction of new officers:

President Elect is now Kathleen Bransford and Secretary is now Stacy Fowler.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were incomplete, and there were not enough members present to make a quorum, so the minutes from last year's meeting could not be approved. They will be completed and emailed out for approval, and then put into the SWALL Bulletin in order to get them out to the members.

**President's Report:**

All committees were filled last year; most committees had a chair. A lot of work was done, especially by the Website committee, who redesigned and rolled out the new web site recently. Dr. Hu thanked all the committees, with special mentions to the Publication and Handbook committees.

**Committee Reports****Archives committee (Heather Kushnerick):**

Heather was not in attendance but submitted the following report by e-mail, which was read by Dr. Hu: "Am in the process of revising the Archives portion of the SWALL handbook. I am doing an extensive evaluation of the Archives themselves to determine what is missing. To that end, I require that all former members of any committees turn over any materials they have in their possession that are not currently being used by active committee members. There is a noticeable gap in the archives from 2000 to the present. I am interested in finding committee reports, business meeting minutes from both the annual meeting and AALL. These materials need to be sent to my attention at South Texas College of Law."

**Constitution and Bylaws committee (Dan Baker):**

Dan was not in attendance. A written report was e-mailed to Dr. Hu prior to the Phoenix meeting (see attachments). Two changes are being proposed: one is regarding how general elections for SWALL are conducted, and the other is in regards to certain committees being added to the list of standing committees.

**Finance/Treasurer Report (Michelle Rigual for Jennifer Laws):**

Jennifer was not in attendance. The following report, along with the Statement of Cash Flows, was handed out by Michelle: "Please see the financial statement provided (see attachments) for details on cash on hand in Savings and Checking accounts. We look much wealthier than we really are. All registration funds have been received but almost none of the 2013 meeting expenses have been paid. Expect the Checking account balance to drop considerably over the coming weeks."

**Grants committee (Christopher Dykes for David Gay):**

The committee wanted to acknowledge the three recipients for grants to attend the Phoenix meeting: Stacy Fowler from St. Mary's, Danny Norris from Texas Southern University, and Michelle Rigual from University of New Mexico. Two \$600 grants are available for AALL, so check the web site for more information regarding these.

**Legal Information Services to the Public committee (Michelle Rigual for Mike Martinez):**

This committee puts together the LISP program, which helps SWALL maintain its 501(c)(3) status. The pre-conference had an excellent turnout with 28 attendees.

Nominations committee (Michelle Rigual):

Committee business is concluded since the two positions have been filled. Thank you for nominations and to those who accepted the nominations.

Life Membership/Memorial committee (Sharon Wayland):

Sharon was not in attendance, but she e-mailed Dr. Hu with the committee's nominees for life membership. They are Richard (Rick) E. Ducey, JD, MLS, former director of the Mabee Legal Information Center at the University of Tulsa and Louise (Lou) Lindsey, JD, MLS, SLIS, former associate director of the Mabee Legal Information Center at the University of Tulsa. Dr. Hu asked for any objections; with none. Mon Yin Lung said as former SWALL presidents, they deserved this honor. These will be posted by e-mail and on the listserv for the general membership to approve.

Local Arrangements committee (Beth Schneider):

Beth made her comments at the start of the meeting.

Locations for Future Meetings committee (given by Beth Schneider):

2014 in Austin, headed by Barbara Bintliff – dates posted on the web site

2015 Boulder, CO – dates posted on the web site

2016 in Texas

2017 – Michelle Rigual would like to host in New Mexico

Membership committee (Mon Yin Lung):

Membership is down to 133, which shows a loss of around 50 members. The breakdown is as follows: Academic: 83, Firms: 23, State, court, and country: 19, Associates (vendors): 2, Life membership: 1, Students: 2, and Library Service businesses: 2. Mon Yin believes recruitment needs to be stepped up at the library schools. With that in mind, she is offering a personal \$500 scholarship annually for a library student or law library fellow to attend our annual meeting, effective immediately and continuing indefinitely. All members need to encourage others to attend meetings. She reminded those present that members can sit on any committee they would like just by asking to sit on it.

Dr. Hu recognized those who were attending their first SWALL conference; there were three total.

Private Law Libraries committee: no report

Program committee (Caren Luckie):

Thanked her committee for their hard work putting together the Phoenix conference.

Public Relations committee (Fang Wang):

Facebook and Linked In pages were created for the conference.

Publications committee (Elizabeth Caulfield):

Elizabeth was not in attendance. An e-mail was sent to Dr. Hu with her report (see attachments).

Recruitment committee: no report

Special Government Relations committee: no report

Special Handbook committee (Wendy Law):

They are working on edits to the SWALL Procedures Manual, which has not been substantially updated since 2002. E-mails are being sent to get feedback. Wendy thanked the Publications committee for the updated Appendix E, as well as Heather from the Archives committee for sharing information. She reiterated Heather's request to share older information with the Archives committee. Wendy asked the members to go over the charges of each committee to see if they are still accurate.

State, Court, and County Law Libraries committee: no report

Webmaster (Emily Lawson):

Emily was not in attendance. An e-mail was sent to Dr. Hu with her report (see attachments).

### **New Business**

The Constitution and Bylaws committee proposals have been covered already. The changes will be posted by e-mail and on the listserv for the general membership to approve.

Michelle Rigual from the University of New Mexico would like to host the 2017 SWALL annual meeting. Mon Yin said that this proposal should go to the Location for Future Meetings committee for consideration.

### **Passing of the Gavel**

Dr. Hu made concluding remarks, thanking everybody for a good year with SWALL, and hoping for continued growth under the new president, whom he then introduced. Caren Luckie is the 2013-2014 president of SWALL; she thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Fowler

SWALL Secretary, 2013-2014

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Additional committee reports submitted by e-mail:

Publications committee (Elizabeth Caulfield):

Since the SWALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio in 2012, the Publications Committee revised the SWALL Advertising Policy, provided information to the Special Handbook Committee about revisions to the SWALL Bulletin Guidelines for the SWALL Procedures Manual, and published three issues of the SWALL Bulletin. If you would like to write a column for an upcoming issue of the Bulletin, please contact one of the members of the Publications committee: Emily Lawson, Richard Guajardo, or Elizabeth Caulfield.

Special Website Redesign committee (Emily Lawson):

The Special Website Redesign Committee has had a busy year. After much planning and preparation, the committee was able to launch the newly redesigned SWALL website this week. I want to thank committee members Saskia Mehlhorn and Richard Guajardo as well as Frederick Young, University of Houston Systems Analyst, for all of their hard work on the website this year. If anyone has comments or suggestions about the new website, please contact Emily Lawson, SWALL Webmaster.

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SWALL Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report

To Be Presented at 2013 SWALL Annual Business Meeting

[Additions indicated by **underlined boldface font**. Deletions indicated by ~~**boldface font.**~~]

### **I. Committee Recommendation re: Dues (Article 3):**

It has been suggested that dues should be increased to \$20.00, with an “incentive” rate of \$15.00 for renewing members who pay on time. Such a change would require an amendment to Article 3. Proposing to change every appearance of “\$15.00” to “\$20.00” in section 3.2 would be simple enough, but the Committee needs further clarification regarding the “incentive” rate. Specifically, would Individual, Institutional, and Associate members all be eligible for the incentive rate? If so, then, in the case of Institutional members, would not “paying on time” raise the maximum to \$200.00? At this time, the Committee cannot make a recommendation regarding amendments to Article 3 without further input from the membership or the Board.

### **II. Committee Recommendation re: General Elections (Article 5, section 5.3):**

*The Committee recommends that section 5.3 be amended to read:*

#### 5.3 General Elections

a) General elections shall be held annually.

b) The President shall appoint a Nominations Committee consisting of members in good standing. No member of the Nominations Committee shall be an officer of the Southwestern

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Association of Law Libraries or a candidate for office. The Nominations Committee shall present a list of candidates to the President at least 60 days in advance of the annual meeting. The President shall provide notice of the candidates to all members no later than 45 days in advance of the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made by any member entitled to vote and in good standing by submission in writing to the President no later than 31 days in advance of the annual meeting, **and from the floor during the annual business meeting if that is when the voting is designated to take place. Voting begins 30 days in advance of the annual meeting, and concludes no later than 15 days in advance of the annual meeting. In the event of a tie, the successful candidate shall be determined by lot conducted by the Nominations Committee.**

**c) Voting shall take place in a manner designated by the Board of Directors. The President shall notify the membership of the manner of voting designated no later than 90 days before the annual business meeting. If a manner of voting other than at the annual business meeting is designated, voting shall begin 30 days in advance of the annual business meeting and conclude no later than 15 days in advance of the annual business meeting. In the event of a tie, the successful candidate shall be determined by lot conducted by the Nominations Committee. In the event there is only one candidate for an office after the times for additional nominations have elapsed, the President shall declare that the candidate is elected by acclamation.**

**e)d)** No member may hold more than one position on the Board of Directors at a time. No member may be elected to the same position on the Board of Directors for more than three consecutive terms.

**d)e)** The Directors so elected shall assume their positions on the Board of Directors at the adjournment of the annual business meeting and shall hold such office until their successors are elected and qualify.

### **III. Committee Recommendation re: Standing Committees (Article 8, section 8.2):**

*The Committee recommends that section 8.2 be amended to read:*

#### **8.2 Standing Committees**

The Corporation shall have the following standing committees: Constitution and Bylaws; Finance; Grants; **Legal Information Services to the Public;** Life Membership and Memorials; Local Arrangements; Membership; Nominations; Private Law Libraries; Program; Public Relations; Publications; **and Recruitment; and State, Court, and County Law Libraries.** The members of all standing committees shall be appointed by the Vice President/President-Elect for a term to coincide with his/her term as President, except as otherwise provided in these bylaws.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee:

Dan Baker, Chair

Joseph Lawson

Aperna Sherman

## Pro Forma: Treasurer's Annual Report

Jennifer L. Laws, SWALL Treasurer  
 Electronic Resources Coordinator  
 University of New Mexico School of Law Library

Report at April 2013 Phoenix, AZ SWALL Annual Meeting

## Statement of Cash Flows

### SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

#### Checking and Savings FOR APRIL 2012 - MARCH 2013

<b>Savings Account Balance</b>		<u>15,360.48</u>
No account activity		
<b>Checking Account</b>		
<b>Cash received</b>		
Cash received from member dues	2,545.00	
Cash received SWALL 2013 Annual Meeting Attendee Registrations	8,095.00	
Cash received from SWALL 2013 Annual Meeting Exhibitor Registrations	3,570.00	
Cash received from SWALL 2013 Annual Meeting Vendor Sponsorships	3,600.00	
Cash received from SWALL 2012 Annual Meeting	<u>3,265.00</u>	
Other		
Net cash received		21,075.00
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Cash paid for supplies	(19.44)	
Cash paid for other operating expenses	(27.00)	
Cash paid for SWALL 2013 Annual Meeting Expenses (thus far)	(1,500.00)	
Cash paid for SWALL 2012 meeting grants	(900.00)	
Cash paid for SWALL 2012 Annual Meeting Expenses	<u>(11,494.82)</u>	
Net expenditures		(13,941.26)
Increase (decrease) in cash during the period		7,133.74
Cash balance at the beginning of the period		<u>27,466.58</u>
Cash balance at the end of the period		<u>34,600.32</u>

## **Headnotes: Report of the SWALL Grants Committee**

W. David Gay, Chair, Grants Committee  
Reference Librarian  
Ross-Blakley Law Library  
Arizona State University

Thanks to Christopher Dykes, Reference Librarian at the University of Houston O'Quinn Law Library and Kasia Solon Cristobal, Student Services Librarian at the University of Texas Jamail Center for Legal Research for assistance with the awarding of grants this past spring and summer! The grants committee awarded 3 \$350 grants for the SWALL meeting in Phoenix. Congratulations again to our recipients (they have provided reports for this issue of the SWALL Bulletin and for the web site):

Stacy Fowler, Technical Services Librarian, St. Mary's University School of Law, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library,

Danyahel Norris, Faculty Research Librarian, Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library &

Michelle Rigual, Deputy Director, University of New Mexico Law Library.

Congratulations also to our recipients of 2 \$600 grants to AALL in Seattle:

Madeline Cohen, the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Library Director, in Denver and Saskia Mehlhorn, Manager of Library and Research Services, Fulbright & Jaworski, in Houston.

Finally kudos to Mon Yin Lung for the establishment of a SWALL scholarship for students this next spring. Details are elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin.

## **Headnotes: SWALL Phoenix Travel Grant Reports**

Danyahel Norris  
Faculty Research Librarian  
Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library  
Texas Southern University

SWALL Grant Recipient: 2013 SWALL Annual Meeting Report

This was my second year attending the SWALL Annual Meeting, and this year also left a great impression on me, along with a variety of new tools to take back to my institution. This year's

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conference was in sunny Phoenix, Arizona, and the only thing brighter than the city was the attitude of everyone at the conference. This year the conference took place at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Phoenix, in the midst of a variety of theaters, professional sports stadiums, restaurants, and a number of other entertainment venues.

I knew from the opening luncheon that I would enjoy the meeting, when they served a fantastic lunch and opened with stories of the early days of SWALL. At that point, I knew that I would at least be fed well and thoroughly entertained at the meeting. Fortunately for me, the meeting did deliver more, but the food and speakers were exceptionally good.

The workshops at the meeting were both informative and practical. I particularly enjoyed the following three workshops: 1) "Incorporating Mobile Apps and Cloud Computing in Your Library," presented by Laura McKinnon, which showed some useful tools to help equip law librarians with the most up-to-date technology available; 2) "Environmental Law Research," presented by Christopher Dykes, which was a very insightful presentation on an ever increasingly important area of law that is typically difficult to navigate through; and 3) "Retooling the Academic Law Library: Phoenix School of Law's Approach to Adding Value," presented by Kristin Moye, Lidia Koelbel, Michelle Vallance, and Sarah Prosory, which showed how their library remains proactive and seeks constant feedback from students and other departments. These workshops sparked a number of ideas for me, and I have already spoken to other members of my institution about incorporating some of the things discussed into our library.

I also had the opportunity to tour the State Library of Arizona, which is located right in the middle of the adjacent buildings housing the Arizona Capitol Museum, which is also the former home of the State Legislature, and the current State Legislature. The library was both a wealth of resources and visually impressive, with architecture dating to the early 1900s and art work illustrating the history of Arizona. We had a chance to see a variety of collections through the numerous floors which contained them.

In addition to the events at the meeting, a number of conference attendees had the opportunity to make it to the local activities, including the local art exhibits, opera and sporting events, which were all within walking distance from the host hotel. I personally had the opportunity to see the Phoenix Suns play the Golden State Warriors at the US Airways Center and immediately thereafter partook in the SWALL sponsored Dessert Happy Hour, which took place at Arizona's only revolving restaurant, located on the top floor of the Hyatt.

All in all, the conference was a great experience and I commend all those who organized it. I also thank the grants committee for selecting me as a recipient and allowing me to enjoy this meeting another year.

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Stacy Fowler  
Technical Services/Government Documents Librarian  
Sarita Kenedy East Law Library  
St. Mary's University School of Law

SWALL Grant Recipient: 2013 SWALL Annual Meeting Report

First off, let me offer my sincere thanks for the grant that allowed me to attend the annual meeting in Phoenix. The opportunity to attend was greatly appreciated, and I had a productive and informative time. A major highlight of the conference was the beginning of my tenure as association secretary. I look forward to serving the membership and growing as a library professional.

Another high point came during the business meeting (yes, seriously!), when Mon Yin Lung made the announcement that in order to help build interest in our organization, she will personally offer a \$500 grant for one library student to attend the SWALL annual conference. Dedication to our association can only be rewarded with an increased membership and fresh perspectives.

Informational sessions that I attended included Christopher Dyke's session on how to conduct legal research on environmental law and a stirring session on the first amendment. Two of my co-workers, Wilhelmina Randtke and Fang Wang, held a session on Open Source Software Tools for Law Libraries. The program was geared toward academic law librarians and would be useful when trying to determine if open source software is right for a particular library and what tools are currently available.

From Alan Pannell's *Law School Goes to the Movies* presentation, I took away some new ideas regarding the use of films in law schools, including possibly utilizing times in which our library does not currently use film, such as during orientation and as a stress reliever during finals. Due to his presentation, I have added five more films to our library's DVD collection.

Both John Dalton's keynote address and his session on writing were immensely enjoyable and informative. His path to becoming a well-known novelist was not directly related to law librarianship, but his story let others know that never giving up is the key to success, a lesson that is helpful wherever you are. His other session was about the process of writing and ways to write more effectively, and this is also a topic that can be related to on many levels. This session was particularly helpful, as it emphasized the essential elements of written communication by defining and giving examples of each element. According to Dalton, these concepts are the foundation for all types of successful writing, no matter what field of study or research.

Michelle Rigual and Sherri Thomas' presentation about the changing needs of collection development also gave me a much needed shot of enthusiasm for managing this daunting task, a common problem that many libraries are facing. Their tips on how and what to focus on for collection development were well-thought out and practical, ready to be implemented in my own library.

After a full slate of sessions over two days, it was fitting that the final session was on therapy animals coming to relieve student stress at the University of Arizona Law School. Following the example of similar programs across the country, UofA Law School has had a great deal of praise and success already for this program, and they show no signs of letting that momentum go to waste.

I am very glad I was able to attend this meeting. I got many good ideas to take back to my library, some of which have already been implemented. With so much good information to be attained, try your best to be at the next annual meeting (in Austin) – you won't be disappointed!

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Michelle Rigual  
Deputy Director, Associate Professor of Law Librarianship  
University of New Mexico School of Law Library

#### SWALL Grant Recipient: 2013 SWALL Annual Meeting Report

##### My Top Ten Experiences at the 2013 SWALL Annual Meeting

**10. Downtown Phoenix.** SWALL conferences have allowed me to visit a good bit of the territory from Arizona to Texas, and Cozumel, Mexico, too. I enjoyed our stay in nearby Tempe for the 2007 meeting and knew that Arizona is lovely in the springtime but downtown Phoenix was a surprise! I was familiar with the downtown of 10 years ago, a place with little more than skyscrapers and parking garages, abandoned at 5pm. Now it has come alive with people, pedestrian malls, water features, green space, museums, sports, restaurants, the downtown ASU campus, and inexpensive light rail. Though the conference hotel was attractive and provided a comfortable venue for our sessions and exhibits and for just hanging out, I love a conference where I don't feel trapped at the hotel and I definitely didn't feel trapped in Phoenix.

**9. My presentation.** I have no illusions that this would appear on any but my personal Top Ten list for the Conference, but I enjoyed preparing and presenting my session. SWALL is a great conference for presentations. For starters, if you propose an interesting and relevant topic and present it in a polished manner, the chances are high that it will be accepted. In addition, the SWALL audience is small but interested, appreciative, and generous with feedback. If you hope to build on an idea or take it to a bigger audience, SWALL can provide a test drive.

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In the case of my presentation, I have spent a lot of time in the past few years working on various collection development issues and now find myself in a situation where I have the opportunity/unavoidable responsibility to put a lot of plans into action. Preparing the presentation for an audience forced me to bring a higher level of order to my thoughts and to consider not only how to collect in support of my institution's unique mission, but how others can do the same even if their institution has very different structures than my own. Those in attendance were enthusiastic and asked a few questions, but my follow up with them since the Meeting has been where their generosity has been most apparent and helpful. Finally, another reason my presentation was a personal high point of the Meeting was the collaboration with my co-presenter, Sherri Thomas. She pushed me to think harder and more thoroughly about the substantive issues and to add flash to my originally dry presentation. I am grateful for her unique contributions.

**8. The food.** The SWALL Board, local arrangements committee, and the Hyatt Regency Phoenix all contributed to making sure we had lots of good food at the Meeting. SWALL has a history of and reputation for feeding its conference attendees well, this year was no different, and I am extremely appreciative.

**7. The program.** There was dissatisfaction expressed when this year's Meeting program was released and some members chose not to attend because they felt no programming relevant to their work was offered. Without doubt, the program was sparse and almost entirely focused on academic law library issues. However, I include this in my Top Ten because I felt that the programming--and the Meeting--were successes. The early end times and sometimes large gaps between programs provided more down time and led to many creative discussions. In the midst of the usual chitchat we discussed the programs we had just attended and talked about how we had implemented similar initiatives or why we had chosen not to do so. In addition, before the Meeting I was able to have serious discussions with those who expressed dissatisfaction and urge them to be proactive in helping create and propose programs for future meetings. I even successfully urged some court librarians to nominate one of their own for a position on the incoming SWALL Board. I consider this a big success and definitely worthy of a spot in the Top Ten!

**6. John Dalton.** John Dalton, author of the novels *The Inverted Forest* and *Heaven Lake*, was the Friday lunch speaker and presented a session on Friday afternoon. His discussions about the process of writing and publishing were fascinating and an extremely welcome respite from law librarianship and his demeanor was so engaging. I love it when our Meetings offer a little bit of intellectual diversity.

**5. Socializing.** Because I have had the privilege of working in three law libraries in the SWALL world, SWALL meetings provide an opportunity to sprinkle in a lot of catching up with old friends along with professional development. In the best of economic times I could only see some of

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these wonderful people once or twice a year, but since the economy has restricted everyone's travel I am unfortunately now seeing some less and less frequently. I've learned to stop leaving these visits to chance. If I want to spend time with busy people then I need to schedule it, especially if the Meeting is in their hometown and they will continue to have work responsibilities in addition to attending the Meeting. The reward for this in Phoenix was quality time over drinks or a meal and lots of fun conversation. Another plus of SWALL meetings is the time you can spend with vendor representatives. Longer conversations in the exhibit area or sharing a bottle of wine at dinner allows me to see a different side of them, gain better perspective on their work, and has led to stronger relationships.

**4. The enthusiasm of the PSL librarians.** The last session I attended was *Retooling the Academic Law Library: Phoenix School of Law's Approach to Adding Value*. I was a bad attendee; I arrived late with my mind already on the trip home, until the PSL librarians grabbed my attention with their enthusiasm. Their librarians are young, highly skilled, technologically savvy, and willing to try new things. I left feeling energized, optimistic, and ready to take on any challenge thrown my way.

**3. The views from the PSL student lounge.** One huge plus of the abbreviated program was that there was time for the extras. Tours of local law libraries were scheduled for Friday at 3:45, with a choice of Law and Research Library, Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records; Maricopa Superior Court Law Library; Phoenix School of Law Library; and the Ross-Blakley Law Library, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University. I visited the Phoenix School of Law's new facility in downtown Phoenix. The Library is lovely and I took many photos of their displays, book exchange, Law and the Movies collection, signage for recharge station and tablet checkout, study rooms, and their assortment of comfortable and sturdy chairs. However, I have to admit that the views from the student lounge and its outdoor space impressed me most. What a great spot to get a snack, study, or socialize!

**2. Not having any interaction with Sherriff Joe Arapaio or being asked to show my papers.** We're all justifiably proud of our hometowns but these are polarized times politically. I had serious qualms about attending a conference in Phoenix and know some SWALL friends for whom the Arizona boycott was not something they could ignore. That's probably enough said on that topic.

**1. Time away from the workplace!** As expected, the 2013 meeting in Phoenix was a lively mix of socializing and professional development. What I did not expect was how much creative thought would be unleashed by the respite from my daily duties combined with inspiring conversations with colleagues.

Thank you to the SWALL Grants Committee for your generous support which allowed me to attend!

## Hearsay: Membership News

Karen E. Selden  
Catalog Librarian  
William A. Wise Law Library  
University of Colorado Law School

### News from AALL's Online Bibliographical Services Special Interest Section

AALL's Online Bibliographical Services Special Interest Section (OBS-SIS) is pleased to announce the results of their recent election. Three new members were elected to the Board. New Board members are Karen Selden (Catalog Librarian at the University of Colorado Law School's William A. Wise Law Library in Boulder, Colorado), who was elected Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect; Elaine Bradshaw (Catalog/Computer Services Library at the University of Oklahoma Law Library in Norman, Oklahoma), who was elected to serve a two-year term as Secretary/Treasurer; and Ilona Tsutsui (Law Collections and Electronic Resources Librarian at the University of Oregon John E. Jaqua Law Library in Eugene, Oregon), who was elected to serve a two-year term as Member at Large. Karen, Elaine and Ilona will assume their duties at the end of the annual OBS-SIS Business Meeting, which will be held on Monday July 15, 2013, at 11:45am in Seattle. At that time, they will join current Chair Christina Tarr (Head of Cataloging at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law Library); current Vice Chair/Chair-Elect Katrina Piechnik (Library Systems Manager at the Jenkins Law Library in Philadelphia); and current Member at Large Corrine Jacox (Catalog Reference Librarian at the Creighton University School of Law Klutznick Law Library in Omaha, Nebraska) on the Board. Outgoing Board members will be Betty Roeske (Technical Services Librarian at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP in Chicago), who is currently the Past Chair; Marjorie Crawford (Head of Technical Services at the Rutgers University Law School Library in Newark, New Jersey), who is serving her last year of a two-year term as Member at Large; and Barbara Szalkowski (Senior Catalog Librarian at South Texas College of Law's Fred Parks Law Library in Houston, Texas), who is serving her last year of a two-year term as Secretary/Treasurer.

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Mon Yin Lung  
Associate Director  
O'Quinn Law Library  
University of Houston Law Center

### O'Quinn Law Library Staff News

O'Quinn Law Library has seen some personnel changes: In February we welcomed Daniel G. Donahue to be one of our Reference and Research Librarians. Dan D. arrived in Houston armed with an M.A. in International Trade from Hawaii, a J.D. from George Mason, and an

M.L.S. from Catholic. While we thought we would have two Daniels, we unfortunately will lose Daniel J. Baker to Capital in mid-June as Dan B. succeeds in moving back to the open arms of his family in Ohio. We want to thank Dan B. for more than four years of great service and wish him our very best.

We are very excited to report that a beautiful baby boy was born to Katy Stein Badeaux on May 20. Both baby and mother have been doing great. The birth of baby Badeaux has ended the decade-long (at least) baby drought in O'Quinn Law Library.

Spencer Simons, our commander-in-chief, attended the OCLC Game Changers meeting in Dublin, Ohio in May. OCLC invited thirty leaders of law, medical, and corporate libraries to discuss the challenges facing special libraries. We are certain that, with his experience in cataloging, reference, and library administration, Spencer had a lot to offer.

The 2012-2013 SWALL Board accepted my donation of an annual scholarship of \$500, specifically for library school students, law students holding a library degree, or a law library fellow within the SWALL territory to attend an annual SWALL meeting. I plan to start the scholarship with the 2014 Austin meeting. I have wanted to do something like this for a few years. 2013 marks the 40th anniversary of my becoming a professional librarian. It is time for me to provide practical encouragement and support for the new blood of our profession and cultivate new members for SWALL. The applicant must be interested in law librarianship and plan to work in a law library. The application process will include three letters of recommendation and a statement from the student.

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## Briefing the Case: Highlights from the ABA Pre-Conference “Self-Represented Litigants Networking Educational Program”

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### Highlights from the ABA Pre-Conference “Self-Represented Litigants Networking Educational Program”

I attended the American Bar Association’s pre-conference in St. Louis on May 8, 2013, on the Self-Represented Litigants Network’s (SRLN) education program. As a county law librarian, I was interested in finding out what has been happening at the national level with regard to self-represented litigants and the court system. The program provided some very helpful insights into what various states have been initiating at both the state and federal level.

As stated on their website, the SRLN is an “open and growing grouping of organizations and working groups dedicated to fulfilling the promise of a justice system that works for all, including those who cannot afford lawyers and are therefore forced to go to court on their own. The Network brings together courts and access to justice organizations in support of innovations in services for the self-represented.” One of their projects is the website [SelfHelpSupport.org](http://SelfHelpSupport.org) that provides an array of information on assisting the self-represented.

The conference moderator was Richard Zorza, who has been a major player in the access to justice (A2J) movement, and the presenters included, among others, attorneys, law librarians, a representative from the Legal Services Corporation and the National Center for State Courts, who provided reports on forms strategy, triage, unbundling, gamification, and non-lawyer practice (something that has already been established in the UK). The program provided a good overview of the state of A2J.

Janine Liebert, Librarian at the LA Law Library, discussed federal pro se litigants. Ms. Liebert outlined the distinctions between state/county and federal court services which included: the procedural complexity of the federal courts; lack of forms; limited information resources for the self-represented (over 50% of federal court libraries are closed to the public); and, no [LawHelp.org](http://LawHelp.org) at the federal level.

The Federal Judicial Center conducted a [survey](#) of Clerks of Court and Chief Justices. The survey helped identify some key issues including: identification of information that district court judges and clerks need; judges are interested in learning more about what is happening in state courts; and, judges have an interest in the best practices being developed around the country. Some model projects that have been developed in District Courts include the Pro Se Pathfinder Module for CA-C, NM, NJ (the New Jersey module is up and running at [this link](#)), and the Public Counsel’s

Federal Pro Se Clinic that provides step-by-step guides to completing forms (a 26-minute video from FJC about how the clinic started and how it is serving as a model for the U.S. Court system is available at [this link](#)). Other models include the [NY Pro Se Assistance Program N.D.N.Y.](#) and the [Northern District of Illinois Pro Se Assistance Program](#). Katherine Alteneder, a licensed attorney in Anchorage, Alaska, reported on triage and unbundling. Ms. Alteneder is the founding director of the Alaska Court System's [Family Law Self-Help Center](#). She now offers only limited scope services to clients in her private practice.

Ms. Alteneder defined triage as "aiming towards an integrated system among courts, legal services organizations and consumer services to optimize resources based on a balancing of need, resources and complexity." She provided the following current publications on triage that present different strategies:

- *The Access to Justice "Sorting Hat": Toward a System of Triage that Maximizes Access and Outcomes* – Denver University Law Review 2012, Vol. 89, Issue 4;
- *Some First Thoughts on Court Simplification: The Key to Civil Access and Justice Transformation* (soon to be published by the Drake University Law Review); and
- [Case Triage for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century](#).

With regard to unbundling legal services, Ms. Alteneder discussed the [ABA Resolution 108](#) that encourages practitioners to consider limiting their scope; Alaska's court-based pro bono project; and the Alaska Bar Association's Unbundled Law Section. She also shared some of the hallmarks from the Alaska Court System's Lawyer Assisted Early Resolution Project from the various perspectives of the participants which included:

#### Volunteer Lawyers

- Immediate gratification – lawyers work as real time problem solvers
- Collegial experience – volunteers regularly debrief about techniques to improve this form of service delivery
- Training and experience in providing unbundled services
- Discrete opt-in pro bono obligation with no preparation or follow-up
- Regular Scheduling – calendars run once or twice a month on Friday from 1pm-4:30pm
- Opportunity to make a significant contribution to access to justice

#### Litigants

- Parties get the reality check conversation in private
- Parties have access to early resolution
- Interim or final child support orders are issued
- Retirement & health insurance issues are not overlooked
- Private consult with lawyer can unveil issues such as coercion, or hidden legal issues because parties don't think they're relevant

- Parties get a mini-legal diagnosis and can make an informed choice of whether hiring a lawyer for further assistance would make a difference in their case
- All of the above helps triage the case to the proper resolution method
- Consults with lawyers include enforcement analysis, resulting in orders crafted to avoid obvious enforcement pitfalls
- Parties get advice on post-judgment issues

#### Court

- All parties get some legal advice – eliminating tension in the pro se courtroom on court's neutrality
- Early resolution of straightforward cases, freeing judicial resources for more complex cases
- Reduced administrative time as file is handled by FLSHC staff
- Accurate child support orders issued at hearing
- Final documents fully completed at hearing and service perfected in person eliminating the need to mail orders
- Lawyer assisted triage, again preserving public confidence in the court's neutrality<sup>1</sup>

For those of you who are interested, there was an [NPR segment](#) on the program that you can view online.

As a segue from unbundling to gamification, Stephanie Kimbro was mentioned as having a gamification for estate planning. Ms. Kimbro is the author of *Limited Scope Legal Services: Unbundling and the Self-Help Client*, and she has articles on gamification on her website, [The Virtual Law Practice](#). Not having heard the term before, it was interesting to hear Illinois Legal Aid's attorney Lisa Colpoy's discussion on the potential for gamification (which is defined by Wikipedia at [this link](#)) to assist self-represented litigants with instructions on filling out forms and navigating the legal system. Can the legal process be fun? [iCivics.org](#) has information and various games on government topics including citizenship and participation, separation of powers, and the Constitution and Bill of Rights. What game would you design?

David Udell, the Executive Director of the National Center for Access to Justice spoke on considering new roles for non-lawyers. Despite many of the A2J advances (some of which are discussed above) many people are still underrepresented. Some of the issues faced in providing legal services by non-lawyers are:

- Unauthorized practice laws designed to protect people from fraud and incompetence;
- Non-profit v. For-profit;
- Supervised v. Not supervised;
- What services do non-lawyers provide; and
- Ensuring quality (education, certification, license, enforcement).

<sup>1</sup> Bullet points taken from Ms. Altender's PowerPoint presentation.

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Although there has been a call for reform based on studies and economics, there are still concerns as to competence, regulation, economics and creating a two-tiered system. Mr. Udell provided some examples of non-lawyers already in new roles which included:

- Judges and court staff
- Law students, under student practice orders, with supervision
- “Document preparers” in Arizona and California
- “Independent paralegals” in Ontario
- “Friends,” with, or without, compensation
- MacKenzie Friends in England and Wales
- Petitioners’ friends in NYC Family Court
- Legal advice outside the courtroom in the UK
- Legal clinics in bookstores in the UK
- Administrative agency advocates in the USA
- Internet services

As a county law librarian, I was rather shocked to find law librarians absent from the list.

Mr. Udell pointed out three states, Washington, New York and California, that are already, or in the process of, making changes. Washington has adopted a [limited licensed legal technician rule](#). California is exploring a limited-practice license, and the California bar has held hearings. However, a recent article outlines some of the challenges. You can view the *California Bar Journal* article at [this link](#). In New York, an [advisory group has recently been appointed](#) by the Courts to examine “the role that appropriately trained and qualified non-lawyer advocates can play in bridging New York’s justice gap.”

The pre-conference also addressed incubator/residency programs for newly licensed attorneys. Will Hornsby, staff counsel at the American Bar Association, presented the [report](#) on the latest developments and various programs offering training for attorneys to launch their practices. Some of these programs provide low-cost, high-quality legal services to persons unable to afford legal representation.

The one-day conference was very rich in content, but I have attempted to highlight what I found to be useful information for anyone dealing with self-representing litigants. Thanks to the SRLN, there is quite a lot happening at the national level and hopefully the programs and information that they have amassed will seed more initiatives at the state and county level.

## Briefing the Case: 60 Sites in 60 Minutes at SLA 2013—A Summary

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### 60 Sites in 60 Minutes at SLA 2013

Gayle-Lynn Nelson, Senior Librarian Relations Consultant at LexisNexis; Samuel Wiggins, Information Officer at Norton Rose Fulbright L.L.P; and John DiGilio, National Manager of Research Services at Reed Nelson L.L.P. presented [60 Sites in 60 Minutes](#) at the SLA Annual Conference and Info-Expo in San Diego on Tuesday, June 11 at 8 a.m. to a colossal crowd. Below is the list with brief descriptions of the sites based mostly on my notes of their presentation. I have provided categories of the sites for reference.

#### Law-related

- [rollonfriday.com](#) – legal news including the ranking of law firms
- [americanbar.org/publications/preview\\_home.html](#) – Preview is a subscription service with charts, statistics, and essays on U.S. Supreme Court cases
- [whatdotheyknow.com](#) – learn about Freedom of Information requests made of U.K. government departments
- [accesstolaw.com](#) – from the Inns of Court; a place to start legal research outside the U.S.; links mostly to free sites
- [theyworkforyou.com](#) – what is happening in the U.K. government; search by MP, voting record, bill, committee, etc.
- [legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk](#) – lists legal abbreviations from around the world; gives you the official citation for a resource

#### Tools for research, teaching, presentations, etc.

- [dp.la](#) – the Digital Public Library of America
- [tineye.com](#) – discover where a picture came from; this reverse image search engine can help you get a better copy of an image
- [data.gov.uk](#) – data on the U.K.
- [startpage.com](#) – search Google but without it collecting data on you
- [jiscmail.ac.uk](#) – U.K. academic listservs; locate the UK law librarians listserv (lis-law); search the archives
- [99designs.com](#) – have a design created for you
- [etymonline.com](#) – etymology dictionary; provides the history of a word
- [conferencebites.com](#) – look for the best moments at conferences
- [findagrave.com](#) – online database of global cemetery records; organized by state and county; with pictures, bios, and plot information; with membership you can upload a memorial; could be useful when searching for probate information
- [sporcle.com](#) – find online trivia quizzes on geography, films, etc.; create a quiz for students
- [curious.com](#) – described as connecting teachers to lifelong learners
- [marinetraffic.com](#) – find data on the movement of ships

### Tech tools

- [sharelatex.com](http://sharelatex.com) – this text editor turns text into a .pdf; includes a blog for beginners
- [skillcrush.com](http://skillcrush.com) – learn how to code; a community-driven web site
- [snipreel.com](http://snipreel.com) – create your own videos with snips from YouTube
- [theswizzle.com](http://theswizzle.com) – free service that examines your inbox to determine the companies e-mailing you so that you can unsubscribe if you wish; creates daily digest of your e-mails
- [workflowy.com](http://workflowy.com) – organize your lists online; free or pro version

### Technology

- [bgr.com](http://bgr.com) – provides reviews of mobile gadgets and technology
- [techdirt.com](http://techdirt.com) – learn government policies on technology, legal issues that will affect innovation, etc.
- [thewirecutter.com](http://thewirecutter.com) – product reviews and recommendations of gadgets/technology that do what you need them to do, not necessarily the latest products
- [Twit.tv](http://Twit.tv) – podcasts from This Week in Technology
- [dudeiwantthat.com](http://dudeiwantthat.com) – site features technology that you may want; provides funny, irreverent reviews

### News

- [feedly.com](http://feedly.com) – news aggregator app
- [whowhatwhy.com](http://whowhatwhy.com) – investigative journalism
- [goodnoows.com](http://goodnoows.com) – personal news stream; you can also share the news
- [qz.com](http://qz.com) – a digital native news outlet which focuses on the new global economy
- [alltop.com](http://alltop.com) – what is trending; like an online magazine rack

### Reading/writing/books

- [longform.org](http://longform.org) – publish your work
- [librarything.com](http://librarything.com) – catalog your books; discover new ones; look at others' collections; write a review to win a book
- [upworthy.com](http://upworthy.com) – for inspiration
- [brainpickings.org](http://brainpickings.org) – a place to find culture

### Lifestyle

- [seamless.com](http://seamless.com) – put in your zip code and have food delivered
- [uber.com](http://uber.com) – order a driver, even internationally
- [virtualltourist.com](http://virtualltourist.com) – register for free and get travel tips from people who have visited your destination
- [whisk.co.uk](http://whisk.co.uk) – a site that helps you determine ingredients (including the quantity) to buy based on recipes you want to make
- [lonelyplanet.com](http://lonelyplanet.com) – travel web site
- [freecycle.org](http://freecycle.org) – use this site to get rid of furniture, exchange items, etc.
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- [good.is](http://good.is) – describes itself as a social network for social good

Lighthearted

- [hadonejob.com](http://hadonejob.com) – a site that shows people can mess up even when they only have one thing they are supposed to do
- [whoisthemostfamous.com](http://whoisthemostfamous.com) – site that allows for mindless escapism; learn who is the most famous for having a particular first name
- [whysiriwhy.com](http://whysiriwhy.com) – ask it a question
- [cheeseorfont.com](http://cheeseorfont.com) – is the word a cheese or a font?
- [passiveagressivenotes.com](http://passiveagressivenotes.com) – for humor
- [myexwifesweddingdress.com](http://myexwifesweddingdress.com) – for fun
- [wherecoolthingshappen.com](http://wherecoolthingshappen.com) – get your daily dose of innovation
- [xkcd.com](http://xkcd.com) – visit this site for two cartoons each week

Kid-related/education

- [edibleschoolyard.org](http://edibleschoolyard.org) – a site that teaches children how to eat healthy while also exposing them to math in the kitchen
- [zooniverse.org](http://zooniverse.org) – described as a citizen science project
- [kidrex.org](http://kidrex.org) – indexing system designed by kids for kids that runs on Google custom technology



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**Briefing the Case: Law and Film Resources Update—June 2013**

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Law and Film Resources Update—June 2013

LAW, CULTURE AND VISUAL STUDIES (Anne Wagner & Richard K. Sherwin, eds., 2013)

Law and film gets the full scholarly treatment in this soon-to-be-published collection of essays aimed at multidisciplinary audiences seeking a comprehensive theoretical and analytical overview of legal visual semiotics (the philosophical theory of signs and symbols). The collection explores both the historical and contemporary facets of visual culture in the law. The authors, including law librarian Paul Callister, come from a number of diverse fields, including cultural studies, communication theory, rhetoric, law and film studies, and legal history. They seek to lay the groundwork for rethinking the nature of law in our densely visual culture, and explore the critical skills needed for moving forward. Film-related chapters include: *Criminal Trial as Theater: The Semiotic Power of the Image*; *Trial by Ordeal: CSI and the Rule of Law*; *Judge Dredd: Dreaming of Instant Justice*; *Oil and Water Do Not Mix: Constitutional Law and American Popular Culture*; *Film and the Reconstruction of Memory*; and *The Impact of Film and Television on Perceptions of Law and Justice*. This illustrated reference work, at over 1000 pages, is available in either hardcover or e-book.

RYAN M. NIEMIEC AND DANNY WEDDING, *POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY AT THE MOVIES: USING FILMS TO BUILD CHARACTER STRENGTHS AND WELL-BEING* (2013).

As mentioned in the recent SWALL meeting presentation, [Law School Goes to the Movies!](#), *Positive Psychology at the Movies* is a good source for film screening ideas based on specific character strengths, many of which are applicable to law (e.g. fairness, integrity, persistence) and can be illustrated by both legal and non-legal movies. Positive psychology, which is now regarded as one of the most important developments in the field of psychology over the past century, is concerned with strengths and virtues that lead to fulfillment, connectedness, and meaning in life. *Positive Psychology at the Movies* was designed to show educators, students, and practitioners how to use movies as a medium for exploring mindfulness, resilience, meaning, achievement, and well-being. The forthcoming second edition has been completely revised to include film images, 400 new titles, and a number of new movie characters who exemplify key personality traits,

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Including Edward Cullen from the *Twilight* series (self-regulation) and Lisbeth Salander from *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* (prudence).

DEIDRE PRIBRAM, *EMOTIONS, GENRE, JUSTICE IN FILM AND TELEVISION: DETECTING FEELING* (2013).

This book focuses on the “justice genres”—film and TV programs concerned with crime, law, and social order—in order to explore textual representations of emotion (anger, fear, loss, consolation, and compassion) from a cultural perspective. Author Deidre Pribram sees popular film and television as ideally suited to understanding how emotions can create culturally shared meanings. Using a range of films and television series, including *Crash*, *Man on Fire*, *Cagney and Lacey*, and *Cold Case*, Pribram examines how popular narratives often take on emotional significance, enabling groups of people to recognize and express what they feel and who they are.

REIMAGINING TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD: FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW (Austin Sarat & Martha Merrill Umphrey, eds. 2013).

This collection of essays reexamines the film version of Harper Lee’s classic novel through the interdisciplinary lens of law and humanities scholarship. By looking at the visual representation of Maycomb, Alabama’s social world, the essays offer provocative and sometimes counterintuitive insights about the relationship between the subversion of social norms and the quest for justice. The book also looks at the film’s representation of race and how debates about family, community, and race reframed the law.

BOB HERZBERG, *HANG 'EM HIGH: LAW AND DISORDER IN WESTERN FILMS AND LITERATURE* (2013).

As author Robert Herzberg points out, film and literature has often served to perpetuate the myth of the Old West as a place where justice triumphed and most citizens (other than the villains) pursued the law. In reality, however, abuses of due process were common in the late 19th century American West, with lynch mobs and hired gunslingers rather than lawmen pursuing lawbreakers. This book discusses the Western films and novels that actually expose the propensity for vengeance over justice in the Old West. Using studio archives, Production Code letters, newspaper and magazine reviews, and passages from the novels, Herzberg analyzes the filmmakers’ intentions and shows how the films promoted the principles of due process, trial by jury, and the notion of innocence before being proven guilty.

THANE ROSENBAUM, *PAYBACK: THE CASE FOR REVENGE* (2013).

For fans of ABC’s addicting serial thriller *Revenge*, this book could serve as a scholarly companion. Legal scholar and novelist Thane Rosenbaum looks at revenge practices from

around the world and the way in which revenge tales have permeated popular culture. According to contemporary thinking, revenge is uncivilized and immoral—an impulse that individuals and societies should actively repress and replace with the order and codes of courtroom justice. Rosenbaum, however, argues that revenge is actually indistinguishable from justice. For him, the problem is not revenge, but rather the inadequacy of lawful outlets available for its expression. Using popular culture examples such as *The Godfather*, *Braveheart*, and *The Sopranos*, he makes the case that vengeance should be discussed openly and honestly, then practiced lawfully. Rosenbaum advocates for a legal system that punishes the guilty in a way commensurate with their crimes as a part of a moral duty by society to satisfy the need of victims to feel avenged.

MICHAEL NEWTON, *THE TEXARKANA MOONLIGHT MURDERS: THE UNSOLVED CASE OF THE 1946 PHANTOM KILLER* (2013).

Although not technically a book about law and film, movies do play a supporting role in this true crime story, the events of which inspired the cult 70s horror movie *The Town That Dreaded Sundown* (remembered mostly for its murder by trombone scene and the fact that, like the Zodiac Killer, the masked “Phantom Killer” of Texarkana remained at large). In this comprehensive look at the string of murders and attacks that claimed five lives in 1946, we learn that even going to the movies was a dangerous activity, as witnessed by a young couple who barely survived their trip home after seeing *House of Dracula* at the local theater. Newton’s book details the panic that engulfed the area during that tense spring, long before the phrase “serial killer” was coined.

JONATHAN HANDEL, *ENTERTAINMENT LABOR: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY BIBLIOGRAPHY* (2013).

This extensive annotated bibliography, by entertainment attorney and adjunct professor Jonathan Handel, is geared toward academics and attorneys working in entertainment labor law. It includes references to 1,500 books, articles, dissertations, legal cases, university classes, libraries, audiovisual material, and other resources dealing with the various aspects of entertainment labor. The book also features capsule descriptions of legal cases, URLs for full-text articles available online for free, and a detailed chapter on materials available from entertainment unions and guilds.



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