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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

EMILY BARNEY, EMILY BYRNE, MATTHEW TIMKO

We have a lot of wonderful content from 2019 to share with you in this issue and are looking forward to the articles we'll receive in 2020!

Thank you to our CALL members who wrote recaps of the valuable lessons learned and interesting sights from conferences they attended through CALL grants for this issue! Thanks also go to our leaders who have provided recaps of recent CALL events.

Grantee Reports

Jean Wenger, **elected** to the executive board of the International Association of Law Libraries in 2019, reports back about her trip to Sydney, Australia for the **38th IALL Annual Course** and shares photos of local tours and the Australian legal context she received from local court, government, and law school leaders.

Sarah Sherman Walangitan & Leslie Strauss shared highlights from the programming and tours at in their **CONNELL and AALL grantee report**, along with some beautiful photos of DC. They also emphasized

the valuable tips and support they received from the [Mentorship and Leadership Development Committee](#)!

The Awards & Grants committee always encourages CALL members to apply for grants for a wide range of professional development opportunities at home and beyond! Find details the [Grants Information](#) page of the CALL website.

CALL Events

Philip Johnson has once again provided us with a detailed recap of the [November Business Meeting with Joe Scally](#) and recent [executive board meeting minutes](#).

Mandy Lee provided a recap of the [Mentorship & Leadership Development Committee event](#) with Gretchen Van Dam at the Northern District of Illinois Court Historical Association .



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

JESSICA LEMAR

Greetings, CALL members! We're about halfway through our CALL year, and I wanted to share some of the work of our committees and upcoming events. Our February Business Meeting was at Maggiano's on Feb. 6. While our attendance numbers for this meeting are up, the attendance at our September and November meetings this year were lower than average. And while I'd love to say it's just because we've all just holding out for the pasta, meeting attendance and membership numbers has been a creeping downward trend in our association, and profession-wide.

It's been well-discussed that part of this is the changing role of the information professional and shrinking print collections and budgets, resulting in fewer law librarians and more hats that we're all asked to wear! I looked back at our membership, and 10 years ago, we had 294 members at the start of the 2010 CALL year. At last count, we currently stand at 231 members. We are a very robust and active chapter, but our committees recognize this is a major issue facing our profession, and are working on a number of projects to address this issue at the local and national level! But the point of this letter isn't doom and gloom!

First, our Placement and Recruitment committee attended Career Day at the iSchool at the University of Illinois in November. They spoke with iSchool students and connected with those interested in

careers in law librarianship. Diana Koppang is Chair of Placement and Recruitment, and she is also on the Law Librarianship as a Career Guidance Review Special Committee of AALL. With the decline in specialized law librarianship tracts in Information and Library Science programs, they're working to identify ways to grow the next generation of legal research specialists.

Our Mentorship and Leadership committee has been coordinating with PR and Placement and Recruitment to identify outreach opportunities for new law librarians, and the legal community in general. Mentorship is planning an upcoming panel on careers in law librarianship. Stay tuned for details! We'll also be revamping CALL's LinkedIn profile as a good landing spot for new grads and other librarians interested in law librarianship.

Finally, our Meetings Committee has been busy planning the quarterly Business Meetings, but also putting together fun networking opportunities like happy hours and a CALL Karaoke Night planned for February. This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow CALL members and prove once and for all that you can, in fact, do the best Meat Loaf impression this side of the Mississippi. New and interested members are encouraged to attend! In the spirit of outreach, they are also planning a survey of membership for the Spring to gauge interest and ideas for future meetings. As we all are busier than ever, we want to make sure our meetings and schedule continue to work best for all our membership.

And to end this President's Letter on a positive note – to the extent it's possible to be more positive than karaoke – Gallup polls announced this week that Americans went to libraries more frequently than to the movies, concerts, museums, or sporting events in 2019. We know libraries are cool, we just have to spread the good word, and our committees and members are doing just that. Thank you all for your hard work, and don't forget to vote in our upcoming election for our next executive board!

Jessie

CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 2019

PHILIP JOHNSON

October 15, 2019 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Jessie LeMar, Lindsey Carpino, Joe Mitzenmacher, Julie Swanson, Jessie Bowman, Megan Butman, and Philip Johnson

Board Members Absent: None

Significant Actions: None

Guests: Emily Barney, Pat McCoy, and Tom Keefe

Treasurer's Report (Section IV):

1. Harris Bank Balance as of October 14, 2019: \$13,333.70
2. Net income as of October 14, 2019: (\$741.17)
3. Membership numbers to date – 211.

CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2019

PHILIP JOHNSON

November 12, 2019 9:00 a.m., AALL HQ

Board Members Present: Jessie LeMar, Lindsey Carpino, Joe Mitzenmacher, Julie Swanson, Jessie Bowman, Megan Butman, and Philip Johnson

Board Members Absent: None

Significant Actions: None

Guests: Sarah Andeen, Mandy Lee, and Lyonette Louis-Jacques

Treasurer's Report (Section IV):

1. Harris Bank Balance as of November 12, 2019: \$11,491.94
2. Net income as of November 12, 2019: (\$1,841.76)
3. Membership numbers to date – 211

CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES – DECEMBER 2019

PHILIP JOHNSON

December 10, 2019 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Jessie LeMar, Lindsey Carpino, Joe Mitzenmacher, Julie Swanson, Megan Butman, and Philip Johnson

Board Members Absent: Jesse Bowman

Significant Actions: None

Guests: Diana Koppang, Jean Wenger, Clare Willis, and Lisa Winkler

Treasurer's Report (Section IV):

1. Harris Bank Balance as of December 9, 2019: \$10,111.10
2. Net income as of December 9, 2019: (\$1,480.84)
3. Membership numbers to date – 212



NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING WITH JOE SCALLY

PHILIP JOHNSON

We held our November 2019 business meeting at Ditka's with Joe Scally, Clinical Case Manager at the **Lawyers' Assistance Program**. 61 people registered for this meeting.





Stakeholder Guest

At this meeting, we continued the new initiative to invite stakeholders from outside of law librarianship to our business meetings.

We welcomed shareholder Judge Tom Sianis. Judge Sianis was elected to the Cook County Circuit Court last year and is the deputy supervisor in the traffic court. He was previously in the securities department, where he was appointed special prosecutor for the attorney general's office. On a fun note, Judge Sianis owns the Billy Goat Tavern.

Meeting Sponsor

Our sponsor for this meeting was TRG Screen. Laura Weidig, along with Jose Camacho, discussed TRG's variety of research management products, including ResearchMonitor. For the many Chicago-area librarians that TRG already works with, Laura noted that they can expect a number of enhancements in analytics, reporting, and tracking

Featured Speaker

Joe Scally, Clinical Case Manager at the Lawyers' Assistance Program

In addition to being a case manager with the **Lawyers' Assistance Program (LAP)**, Joe Scally is an attorney with The Child and Family Law Center. He has served as a clinician at a number of institutions, and he was a co-director of a multi-year project that how courts obtain and use mental health information. His discussion focused on increasing awareness of mental health issues in law schools and practices.



Mr. Scally explained that LAP as a statewide program funded primarily by attorneys' fees. Its services are available to attorneys and law students. Mr. Scally outlined that LAP covers both preventative work and treatment, and it largely deals with mental illness and substance abuse. While LAP may seem like "harbingers of doom" for troubled attorneys, the goal is to bring hope to people.

Chi Assn of Law Lib
@CALLChicago

Scally: What issues do lawyers seek help for? Mostly anxiety and depression: #CALLNovMtg

Issue	Percentage
Mental Health	55%
Substance Use	33%
Other	12%

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1 12:28 PM - Nov 7, 2019

See Chi Assn of Law Lib's other Tweets

Chi Assn of Law Lib
@CALLChicago

Scally: What to look for to see if a colleague needs help - check the MAP - changes in Mood, Appearance, Productivity #CALLNovMtg (I keep forgetting the tag!)

What To Look For
Follow the MAP

1. Mood or attitudinal disturbances
2. Appearance or physical changes
3. Productivity and quality of work

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1 12:37 PM - Nov 7, 2019

See Chi Assn of Law Lib's other Tweets

Chi Assn of Law Lib
@CALLChicago

Scally: If you aren't sure what to ask someone who talks about suicide, here's a guide. Don't argue with them, or give them platitudes, do not swear to secrecy. #CALLNovMtg fideliscare.org/Portals/0/Prov...

1 12:45 PM - Nov 7, 2019

See Chi Assn of Law Lib's other Tweets

That said, most of the attorneys LAP works with are self-referrals. Generally speaking, LAP works with younger attorneys. About 34% are under 30, and another 26% are between 30 and 40. Mr. Scally attributes this to more stress and more questions for younger attorneys, but also that there may be less of a stigma for younger attorneys to seek help. Attorneys over 60 are also increasingly seeking assistance from LAP.

LAP primarily deals with mental health problems (55%) and substance abuse (33%), while other issues make up the final 12% that they assist with. A study of 12,800 attorneys found that 28% self-identified as clinically depressed, 23% as having chronic stress, 21% as having problems with alcohol, and 19% as having anxiety.

If you're concerned that a colleague may be dealing with these sorts of issues, be especially aware of mood swings, changes to their physical appearance, and negative changes in productivity and output. Mr. Scally then described various signs of anxiety, depression, and risk of suicide.

Mr. Scally closed on a more positive note about LAP, saying that it helps many people, and those who go to them generally end up for the better. LAP is free and confidential, and its services are tailored for attorneys and law students.

Q&A with the Speaker

Q: How should I approach the situation if I think a colleague is dealing with an addiction or mental health issue?

A: Come to LAP and we can help figure out the best way to proceed.

Q: Is LAP a referral program?

A: We assess clients and then make a recommendation. We can do some counseling, but we don't provide treatment.

Q: How are you funded?

A: Primarily through attorney licensing fees, though we do accept donations.

Q: How has the prevalence of social media impacted the people you see?

A: Social media can be isolating as people focus on their devices and don't interact with other people face-to-face. It can be good to sit and have a conversation in person. On top of that, the work of attorneys can be isolating by its nature. The impact hasn't been quantified, but there's something to it.

Q: Is there a schedule specifically for law schools?

A: We have office hours at law schools, but students can contact us any time,

Q: At orientation, the administration mentioned when LAP would be on campus. It would be good to let the librarians know.

A: I agree. It could be a good way to reinforce that knowledge for students.

Q: The New York Bar has eliminated the question about mental health treatment for admission. Where is Illinois on that?

A: Illinois doesn't ask about mental health treatment. It may come up with some questions of behavior or if you use it as a defense of character.

Q: Are certain practice areas more vulnerable?

A: No. We don't keep statistics, but that doesn't seem to be the case.

Q: How much support staff do you have?

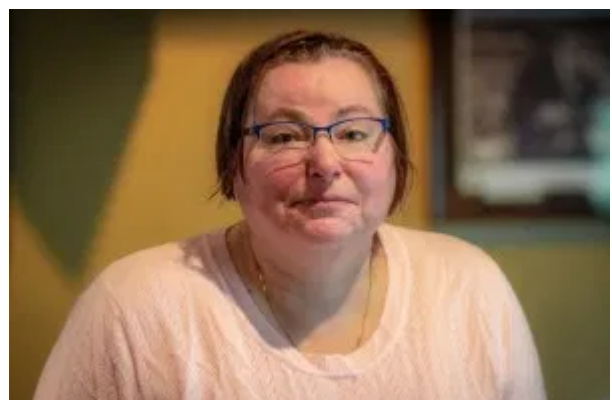
A: Five full time staff, three clinicians, and hundreds of peer support volunteers.

Committee Updates



Nominations and Elections

Clare Willis introduced the slate for the next CALL election. Annie Mentkowski and Jamie Sommer are running for vice president/president-elect, Janice Collins and Tom Keefe are running for treasurer, and Mandy Lee and Sarah Sherman Walangitan are running for director.



Community Service



Jamie Sommer thanked CALL members for their canned goods donations and noted that we can still donate to the Food Depository using the links on the site. There will be a volunteer day at the Depository on December 7.

Grants and Chapter Awards



Joe Mitzenmacher reminded membership about the availability of grants and noted that they can be for any professional development. Travel need not be involved.

Membership

Todd Ito noted that earlier this year we switched to Neon CRM from Wild Apricot as our membership management platform. He asked members to check the Neon directory for the correctness of their information and to contact the membership committee if they see any issues.



Placement and Recruitment



Diana Koppang discussed the committee's work on helping determine why membership is going down. They have determined that library schools are giving misleading information about law librarianship to students. Only seven schools have offered legal research classes in the last two years, and some people have been told that they need a JD to go into our field.

Diana and Megan Butman will be at career fair in Champagne on November 14, so let them know if you have job openings. Also, UIUC is hosting a networking event on the 21st with the new dean of its School of Information.

Also, there was a trivia night on October 16 benefiting CARPLS, and CALL sponsored a table for six. The team finished tied for fifth.

Continuing Education

Debbie Ginsberg noted events in November, on intellectual property research, and December, on the process for making program proposals and presentation techniques. Be on the lookout for registration information!

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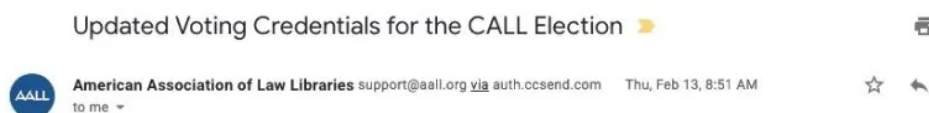
CALL ELECTION REMINDER


CLARE GAYNOR WILLIS

We're happy to announce that the election for our 2020-2021 CALL Executive Board was sent on February 13th. **The last day to submit your ballot is Friday, March 13, 2020, by 10:59 p.m. (CDT):**

Please find the candidates' bios at [on this member's only page of the CALL website](#) (contact the [CALL Secretary](#) if you need the password to the members only area of the website).

Thank you to the [Nominations and Elections Committee](#) for their hard work. Thank you also to our slate of candidates for their service to CALL!



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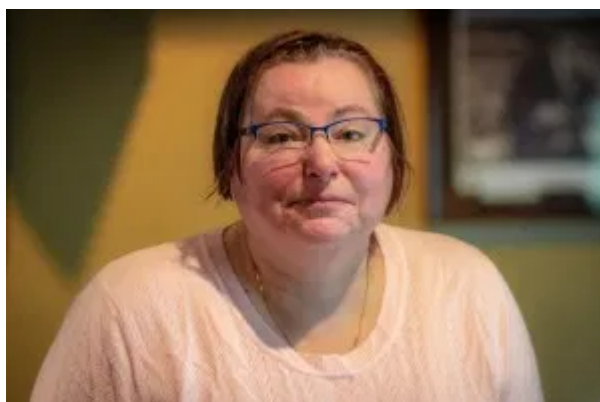
CALL ELECTION NOW OPEN

The initial email sent this morning contained the incorrect PIN tied to your email address. The correct PIN is listed below. We apologize for the inconvenience.

To access the ballot, log in with your email address and your unique voting PIN. Your voting information is provided below:

URL: <https://vote.aallnet.org/chp-call/>
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Please do not respond to this email. If you have any questions, please use the election contact form at <https://vote.aallnet.org/chp-call/contact.asp>.





GRANTEE REPORT FROM CONELL & AALL ANNUAL MEETING 2019

SARAH SHERMAN WALANGITAN, LESLIE STRAUSS

Attending the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference can be a worthwhile – and fun! – experience for law librarians at any career stage. The two of us, as newer law librarians, found this year's meeting to be especially rewarding. It made us feel good about our profession and the people who have chosen it.

We are both relative newcomers to this career–Sarah at the Illinois Supreme Court Library and Leslie at DuPage County Law Library. We met at a CALL Mentorship and Leadership Development Committee lunch last year.

Six months later, with the help of **generous grants from CALL**, we headed off to Washington, D.C. for our first AALL Annual Meeting. We both want to thank CALL for the grants and support which allowed us the opportunity to attend AALL.

CONELL

As first-time conference attendees, we attended the **Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL)**, held a day prior to the official start of the Annual Meeting. CONELL included a full day of programs, networking, and a tour of our host city, Washington, D.C.

The day began with a Q&A session with AALL leaders, who reminded participants that law librarians are hired to make decisions and that we should not be afraid of taking some risks in our career. After a show of hands in the room demonstrated that a majority of participants did not have J.D.'s, several members of the panel also spoke of their careers in government and corporate libraries and the paths available to those without dual degrees.

Going into the day, we were apprehensive about speed networking, but it ended up being one of the most fun and engaging parts of the program. The CONELL Committee assembled a series of conversation starters that allowed us to talk to other librarians from all over the country about cool tools, travel destinations, and our paths into law librarianship. Making so many connections in a short amount of time, as well as having familiar faces around for the rest of the conference, made this day well worth it.

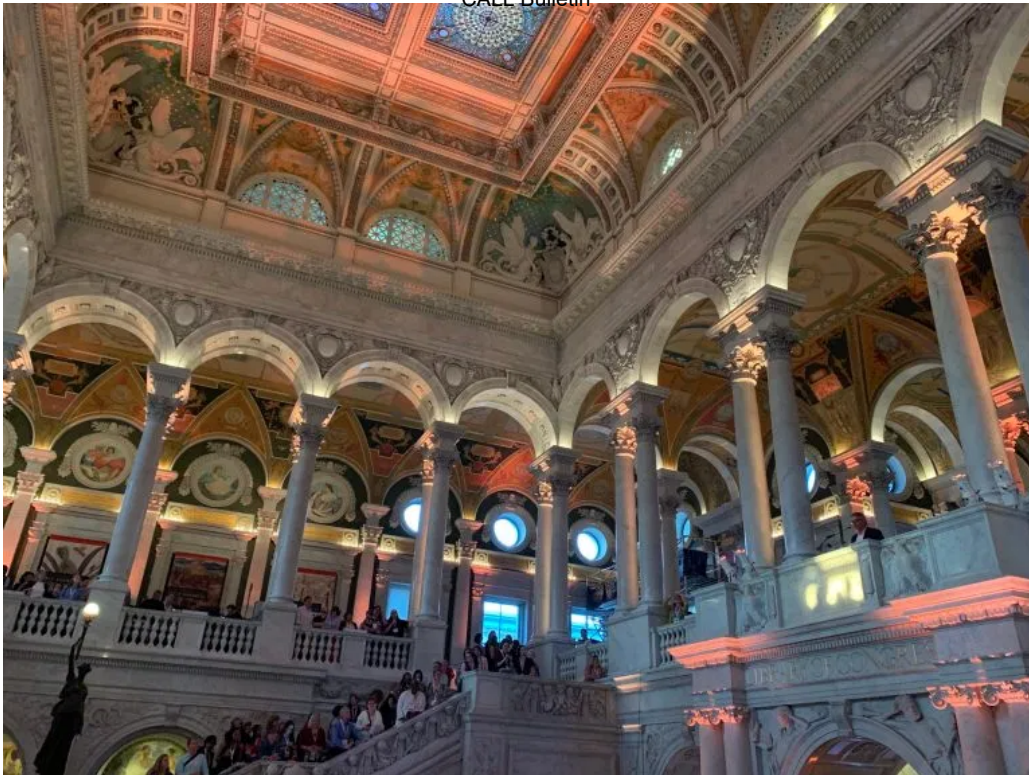
Visiting D.C.

We've both spent time in our nation's capital, but we still had a great time exploring the sights and trying new restaurants.

The CONELL tour took us to the Lincoln Memorial and the White House. Unfortunately, Secret Service turned us away when we tried to approach the White House on foot, but we were still able to catch a glimpse from the bus.



Lincoln Memorial during CONELL tour of Washington, D.C.(photo by Leslie Strauss)



Listening to Dr. Carla Hayden at the Library of Congress (photo by Sarah Walangitan)

Later in the week, we visited the Library of Congress and were delighted to be addressed by both the Librarian of Congress, Carla Hayden, and the Law Librarian of Congress, Jane Sánchez. We explored the Library's exhibits on the **Women's Suffrage Movement**, examined the shelves of **Jefferson's library**, and took in the building's stunning architecture and city views.



Library of Congress Reading Room (photo by Sarah Walangitan)

Favorite Sessions

Sarah: AALL Lobby Day

My favorite part of AALL was **Lobby Day (pdf)**, where I joined advocates from 26 other states for Advocacy training before heading, along with three Illinois colleagues, to meetings on Capitol Hill. The four of us met with staff for Senators Durbin and Duckworth and Representative Davis.



I had the pleasure of serving as coordinator for the Illinois advocates, which meant contacting and scheduling meetings with the Congress members' offices. Speaking with Congressional staffers via phone and email eased some of my nerves heading into the meetings and allowed me to do plenty of research ahead of time.

I had a wonderful time accompanying three of my more experienced CALL advocates as **we spoke to our representatives** about free PACER, Library of Congress funding, and net neutrality.

My favorite educational program session at AALL was "**I Know It Used to Be There: Using Web Archives in Legal Research.**" I use the **Wayback Machine** frequently, but I was unaware of many of its more advanced capabilities.

Visitor Map in Senator Duckworth's office (photo by Sarah Walangitan)

I was also pleased to learn about [Perma.cc](#), which the Illinois Courts began using in August 2018. This tool allows scholars and courts to archive web-based resources cited in their work, preserving those citations against future link rot.

A2J Resource Partnerships

Leslie: I genuinely enjoyed all of the sessions I had the opportunity to attend, but if I had to choose one which was most relevant to what I do day-to-day working in a courthouse law library it would be “[Surfing the Horizons: Law Libraries, Pro Bono, and Community Resource Partners for Access to Justice](#).” It is crucial for self-represented litigants to have access to the right resources and information, but they have to know that we are there to help them in the first place.

There are many avenues for collaboration between courts, bar associations, public libraries, legal service providers, social services and legal aid. A great benefit of courthouse law libraries and the free legal advice clinics that often accompany them is that people are better prepared for court if there is a place where they can get their questions answered and the court process explained to them ahead of time.

Connecting with the CALL MLDC

While the two of us are at different points in our lives, we are at the same general point in our careers, which brought us together for the first time at a gathering sponsored by the [Mentorship and Leadership Development Committee \(MLDC\)](#).

At that event, we heard for the first time about the possibility of applying for a CALL grant. That’s when we both decided that we wanted to be a part of the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Washington, D.C. The Mentorship and Leadership Development Committee has been a valuable connection and resource for both of us, in Chicago as well as at the conference.

AALL can be overwhelming – so much to see and do, so little time – and it was helpful to have members of MLDC who were willing to spend time with us, meeting up with us from the start at the Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall. They advised us on how to plan our time and what sessions to attend, and they introduced us to their AALL contacts, with whom we probably would not have connected otherwise.

Sarah's Favorite Advice

The best advice I received was to go to a least one session where you don't "belong," about a topic that has no direct connection to your current position. So many sessions and events are available at the Annual Meeting, and it can be hard to choose.

Attending an educational program that is completely "out of the box" for you is a way to reset, to meet people that you likely aren't meeting at other sessions, and to learn something completely new.

Leslie's Favorite Advice

You definitely will not be able to see everything and meet everyone, so take some time to smell the roses along the way. Rest a little, eat a lot, take advantage of whatever the host city has to offer, and learn a little history about where you are. There are host city programs offered at each AALL Annual Meeting and Conference, sponsored by the Legal History and Rare Books Special Interest Section.

Thank You to CALL

Thank you to the MLDC for your mentorship and advice and to the Grants and Chapter Awards Committee for the funding. We are grateful for having had the opportunity to travel, learn, and connect with other law librarians at AALL 2019.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM IALL ANNUAL COURSE IN SYDNEY

JEAN M. WENGER

Yaama.* A CALL grant facilitated my attendance at the 38th Annual Course of the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) held in Sydney, Australia, October 27-30. “**Law Down Under: Australia’s Legal Landscape**” drew 132 delegates (attendees) from 21 countries with 48% being first-time delegates.

**The Gamilaraay language word for hello used in Northern NSW, Australia.*

About IALL Annual Course

IALL is an international association with over 400 members from 50 countries. I attended IALL courses in previous years but this was my first year as **an incoming member of the Board of Directors**.

IALL’s annual course is different from a conference in that IALL education programs address the substantive law of the host country. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) did an exceptional job selecting respected and engaging speakers from government, the courts, academia, and practice. Each

day of the course had a topical focus and the speakers built upon the knowledge and presentation of previous speakers.

This article offers a few selections from the rich subject expertise presented during the course.

Sunday: Viewing History

On Sunday morning before the formal opening of the course, the LPC organized a guided walking tour of an area in Sydney called the Rocks. **The Rocks** was the site of the first European colony, established in 1788, when convict-bearing ships came from England to set up the colony of New South Wales (NSW). The area obtained its name from the original buildings, which were made of sandstone.

The opening reception on Sunday night was held in the **Justice and Police Museum**, the former water police station and courthouse, which originally opened in 1854. Attendees had access to a fascinating, yet at times macabre, public collection of artifacts relating to the history of crime, law, and policing in NSW.

Monday: Welcome from Local Leaders

The primary venue was the University of New South Wales (NSW) Central Business District (CBD) campus. During the formal opening of the course on Monday morning, attendees received a “Welcome to Country” from **Aunty Norma Ingram**, a Wiradjuri woman, whose work focuses on Aboriginal affairs. The use of Aunty is an Aboriginal term of respect for older women, who are not necessarily a blood relation.

The “Welcome to Country” or “Acknowledgement of Country” is an opportunity to acknowledge, and pay respect to the Aboriginal peoples, the Traditional Owners and ongoing custodians of the land. Throughout the conference, speakers began their presentations using a variation of the following language:

“We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognize their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.”

Monday focused on legal history and indigenous peoples. The **Honorable Susan Kiefel**, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, opened the course. She is the first woman Chief Justice of the High Court, which is the final court of appeal in Australia. She spoke on the importance of libraries and how she views them as a source of inspiration.

The **Honorable Margaret Beazley**, Governor of New South Wales, gave the keynote address. Like many other speakers that week, she offered an Acknowledgment of Country. She spoke in depth on Australia's legal history and colonial legacy.

Colonial Legacy & Legal History

The Governor and other speakers referenced the landmark decision from the High Court of Australia, **Mabo v Queensland (No 2)** [1992] HCA 23; 175 CLR 1; 107 ALR 1. This decision recognized native title to land in Australia for the first time and nullified the doctrine of *terra nullius* (land belonging to no one).

In 1788, Great Britain declared Australia to be *terra nullius* thereby allowing the importation of all laws of England, although the Aboriginal peoples had an existing and thriving civilization. The Mabo court acknowledged Aboriginal land claims and decided that *terra nullius* did not apply where there were already inhabitants present.

Although the Mabo decision was very significant, the ongoing disparate treatment of Aboriginal peoples in the legal system was highlighted by other speakers. Monday programming concluded with a presentation on parliamentary privilege in NSW and a tour of the NSW Parliament House, which contains some of the oldest structures in the Sydney CBD.



Tuesday: Australian Legal Context

Tuesday programming concentrated on Australia's constitutional quirks, international law, and the law of Aboriginal peoples. Dean George Williams of UNSW Law spoke on the [Australian constitution](#), which came into effect in 1901. He noted that during the constitutional conventions in the 1890's, Australians considered the U.S. constitution an aberration and wanted nothing like it.

Australia has no national bill of rights, although over 60% of Australians believe a bill of rights exists. If Australians think a law goes too far and impinges on their rights, they need to look to parliamentarians for redress rather than the courts. He noted that a major criticism of the constitution involves the treatment of Aboriginal peoples.

For example, [Section 25](#) of the constitution allows any state to disenfranchise a person due to their race. Although not currently applied, it has not been repealed. For Australians, the process to change the constitution is slow and must start in the federal Parliament.

Wednesday: Legal Innovations & Reform Work

Wednesday programming addressed technology, environmental law, and criminal law. As part of my board responsibilities, I introduced Professor Lyria Bennett Moses, UNSW Law, who spoke on regulating technology and her work as director of the [Allens Hub for Technology, Law and Innovation](#), which is an independent community of scholars based at UNSW Sydney.

The Allens Hub and the Law School address the diverse interactions among technological change, law, and legal practice. Professor Bennett Moses posited that it is not possible for legislation to be tech neutral.

Prof. Tim Stephens, University of Sydney, stated that Australia is a strong supporter of international environmental law and is party to more than 40 international environment treaties. However, Australia has taken an ambivalent stance towards climate change as it is a major user and exporter of fossil fuels. He highlighted the climate changes issues in the Great Barrier Reef. He shared a [map from the Coral Reef Studies](#), ARC Center for Excellence, that divided the reef into three sectors. For each sector, the map showed the shocking amount of coral bleaching taking place. He identified climate change as the greatest threat to the reef.

NSW Supreme Court Justice Mark Ierace covered the practice of criminal law. He addressed the existing inequities in legal aid and representation for Aboriginal peoples. Wednesday programming concluded with a tour of the NSW Law Courts and Library.

Thanks to CALL Awards & Grants

I wish to express my appreciation to CALL and to the Grants Committee for their consideration and award of a CALL grant to assist with my expenses of attending the course. I strongly encourage CALL members to **apply for a grant** to attend a professional development event.





RECAP: CREATING A HISTORY PROGRAM FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

MANDY LEE

On October 1, 2019, Gretchen Van Dam, CALL member and Northern District of Illinois Court Historical Association Vice President and Archivist gave a presentation on the topic, “**Creating a History Program for Your Organization: Lessons Learned from the Northern District of Illinois Court Historical Association.**” The event took place at the **Northern District of Illinois Court History Museum** on the 21st floor of the Everett McKinley Dirksen U.S. Courthouse.

Find an overview of the tour and questions that can guide you through creating a historical organization in this recap from our CALL Mentorship & Leadership Development Committee.

Museum Tour for CALL Members

Following the talk, which offered invaluable advice for information professionals from a range of organizations, Gretchen led the assembled CALL members on an informal tour of the museum, pointing out historical details and regaling the attendees with anecdotes about the collection. The attendees, from government, firm, and academic law libraries, represented a broad cross section of CALL.



History of the NDIL Historical Association

Gretchen's presentation shared insights into the development of the **Northern District of Illinois Court Historical Association** and offered practical tips and guidance for anyone considering starting a historical association. She began by tracing the roots of the Association back to 1991, when informal lunchtime gatherings to talk about the Court's history served as the genesis of the present-day Association.

Consisting of a small number of people with a personal interest in the subject, including a librarian, the group grappled with a wide range of issues as they embarked on their journey to become a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the history of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Gretchen then led attendees through a series of questions to consider and tips to keep in mind when going through the process of creating and running an historical association, based on the organization's experiences.

Questions to help start a History Program

- Do you want to play a role in this organization?
- Is someone else already doing this?
- Do you want to be a "Friends of" group? A partner? A development or alumni organization?
- Why do you want a formal setup?
- Is structure/formality needed to keep history from being lost?
 - If so, then organize.

Planning for a History Program:

Mission statement: What is your purpose?

Collection development policy

What is your organization's focus? In the case of the Northern District of Illinois Court Historical Society, the focus was on the people, places, and cases of the federal court of the N.D. Illinois

The Northern District of Illinois Court Historical Society decided to start small, with photos, documents, oral histories, because it had a collection to begin with.

For collection development, it's important to have a clear definition of your purpose from the beginning, to define what you will and will not be able to do, collect, etc.

- Do you already have a collection of items?
- Are you a photograph and storytelling museum, or an artifact museum?
- Are you going to collect documents? Memorabilia? Accept gifts?
 - Is someone, such as a university or a museum, already doing this?
- What do you do when someone gives you an item that you do not want to collect?
 - What would you do with the artifact if you accept it? What would happen to the artifact if you do not accept it?
 - Instead, do you want to help people to locate other places for their materials?

As an example, The Northern District of Illinois Court Historical Society had to answer the question, "What do you do when someone gives you a very large bronze eagle?"

Can/do you want to be an archive?

After considering your collection development policies, it's important to have an archival plan for any items you collection.

- If yes, you would need a place to put the items
- Special handling
- Temperature control
- Do you have an infrastructure already in place (digitization, storage, access, staffing)?
 - If not, do you have funding for that?
- Copyright issues?
- Space? Type of space? Storage requirements?
- Funding for special materials?

Record/save your history as it happens

A key tip: watch the trash! When you take items out of the trash, show them to people to get as much information as you can about them:

- Record/save information on the documents – the event, date, who is in the photograph, or example. This information may be significant or unavailable in the future
- Do not write on labels that you then affix to the item; the adhesive may dry up over time, and the labels may fall off, thus losing valuable identifying information. Instead, use a #2 Ticonderoga pencil or other archival supply
- Do not assume; check your facts

Court reporter tapes and old machines from the 1940s and 1950s have been popular with high school students! Other unusual items in their collection: Postcards and china, silver spoons from a private collection.

Organizing a History Program

There are legal and financial implications to how you organize your group. If people give you items, they expect to be given tax letters for their donations. The Historical Association had to create a separate organization from the court because judges & court staff can't fund raise.

- 501(c)(3)?
 - If 501(c)(3), need to come up with bylaws, structure, regular meetings
- Charitable foundation?
- Friends group?
- Committee?

Meetings

There were a number of logistical considerations for meetings. They suggested putting a provision in your bylaws about virtual meetings and virtual votes, as well as for resources for photocopies of agenda for meetings. Consider allowing votes by email and skype meetings, because it is really difficult to get everyone in the same room at the same time.

- When and where?
- Funds to support the meetings?
- Staff to organize meetings?
- Other support, as needed?

Money – who will fund the organization?

Reach out to everyone in your organization for collection donations. You never know who has stuff in their cabinets or stories to share.

Announcing a History Program

They offered several easy ways to start your organization and promote public access, from Anniversaries/milestones of your organization to special events.

Date Examples:

- 1st African American district court judge in the U.S.
- Law firm's founding day
- First day of women starting in your law school

Event Examples:

- Lectures and author signings
- Special Exhibits
- Displays

Promoting a History Program

Once your history program is up and running, then you want to promote public access. They offered several examples – each link below goes to pages on their NDIL website <http://ilndhistory.org/>:

- [Newsletter](#)
- [Museum](#)
- [Website](#)
- [Events](#)

Example: Northern District of Illinois Court Historical Society hosted a Bicentennial event at Harold Washington Library, in the Winter Garden

Additional marketing opportunities

With 2019 marking the bicentennial of federal courts in Illinois, they had banners in Everett McKinley Dirksen U.S. Courthouse lobby and on light poles in the Loop:



The event was co-sponsored by CALL's **Mentorship & Leadership Development Committee**, **Continuing Education Committee**, and **Government Relations Committee**.

The Northern District of Illinois Court Historical Association can be reached on the web at:
IIndhistory.org



A NEW DECADE: A LIBRARIAN'S REFLECTION

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I received my master's degree 30 years ago: where has the time gone? For those born with technology in your hands, you may wonder how past law librarians survived and thrived. This question makes me want to reflect on being a new librarian in the pre-internet, pre-flat rate contracts era.

In the pre-internet-days printed materials ruled supreme. Westlaw and Lexis were not on every device imaginable. In fact, at Clausen Miller where I started my career as a newly minted librarian we had one red Lexis UBIQ terminal with tiny chicklet shaped keys. The printer was a tall device with only one function, print cases on paper with holes running up the sides and perforations between the pages. Nightmares ensued when the paper was not fed correctly. Westlaw was loaded on only one computer which used a dial up modem to connect. Use of electronic services was a luxury.

Westlaw and Lexis were used only after all other non-electronic resources had been exhausted. Attorneys could be found in the Library using all manner of printed resources, including the *Shepard's* volumes. This resulted in case pull requests. Reporters needed to be pulled from the shelves, tabbed and sent to the copy center, usually on another floor. We had great upper arm strength from manhandling the carts in and out of the elevator. Want to know who wielded power in the firm during this era? The copy master who held your request in their hands. How times have changed!

Today most firms no longer have reporters, large treatise collections or need a filing service to visit weekly. Most rely on electronic databases from a variety of vendors. Gone are the days when libraries only had the big three research databases, Dialog, Lexis and Westlaw, in addition to OCLC. I saw how the advent of flat rate contracts and email changed the personal connection between the library staff and those we served. Attorneys stopped coming or calling directly to discuss a project as often. Secretaries no longer needed to hand deliver a rush case pull, and rather emailed the request.

You may wonder how we did research without the specialized databases we have today. We went to the stacks pulled out the books and consulted the index. Interlibrary loan was relied upon heavily to fill the need for books we did not own. A reliable interlibrary loan delivery was worth their weight in gold. Their job involved daily trips to the Cook County Law Library and nearby firms and academic libraries. We always dreaded when George was away from the office. In addition to book research, we had the librarian's secret weapon – a telephone! And we knew how to use it. I called government agencies, the Secretary of State to verify a corporation's status and anyone else who could help in my quest for information. Another must have was a current CALL Directory. Colleagues were the fount of knowledge on any topic.

Docket research, document retrieval, and current awareness have changed the most through the development of the internet. I laugh when thinking about how we obtained court documents. We called the court, got a page count, went to accounting for a check, typed a letter and prepared the FedEx envelope. The docket pages would arrive in a few days: yes a few days! The attorney would review it, and the process started again. For all the complaints about PACER's stone age functions, it does the job in minutes. Alerting was someone searching the papers daily for articles on selected topics. Library staffs *were* the alerting service. Now the alerts are created electronically and for the most part do not require daily monitoring.

I will end this stroll with one last thought. Through all the changes in the legal industry CALL is still supporting librarians at every stage of their career. When I was a rookie hired at Clausen as an Assistant Librarian the first thing Nancy Tuohy did was sign me up with CALL. Members Carol Dawe, Betty Roeske and Linda Devaun taught me invaluable skills in legal cataloging. Laura Hyzy and Mary Ann Lenzen helped me navigate my first AALL Conference in Anaheim. I look forward to the creative ways CALL members will continue to support each other in this rapidly changing environment.