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President's Message

By Patrick Meyer

It is difficult to fathom that our year is nearly finished and the impending Spring Educational Meeting is less than one month away. **Leanna Simon** (Honigman Miller Schwartz & Cohn) has written about the Spring Event elsewhere in this newsletter. So I'll let her best describe it. However, I will say that I'm looking forward to attending the meeting, at the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan on May 20, as the speaker lineup is varied and expert. I can't wait to hear each person on the schedule speak about their important topics. It should be a great day for our capstone event, and I hope to see everyone there!



There is something else of importance happening at the Spring Educational Meeting. This year, AALL tasked the MichALL Board with adding a gender identity clause to the antidiscrimination article of our MichALL Bylaws. Our Bylaws committee took this opportunity to make other changes that are minor in nature. Feel free to view the memorandum explaining what the changes are, as well as the redlined version of the Bylaws, both of which were sent to the membership on April 26 via the MichALL list. AALL has approved our changes, proper notice has been sent to MichALL members, and by the time of the Spring Educational Meeting, the MichALL membership will be able to vote on the changes. These changes will be voted on at this year's Annual Business Meeting, which will be held during lunch time at the Spring Educational Meeting. We hope that you attend the meeting and make your vote count. A huge thanks goes out to **Amy Ash** (formerly of WMU Cooley), **Virginia Thomas** (Wayne State), and **Michelle LaLonde** (Wayne State) for all of their work on our Bylaws.

We're happy to have the newsletter back in production this year. MichALL owes a debt of gratitude for the work of **Janet Ann Hedin** on the newsletter over the years, to include our last issue. **Kathleen Gamache** (Clark Hill) provided Janet with help with the last issue, and also graciously agreed to spearhead this issue. MichALL librarians have plenty to share with each other, and although our work often keeps us from regularly doing so, the hope is that the newsletter will be the vehicle that bridges the gap. In that vein, we will continue to look at additional electronic means by which to reach our members.

The Fall dinner was held at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor on Thursday, November 5, and was a great success. Leanna secured speaker Rick Herman of the Copyright Society of the USA, a very knowledgeable copyright law practitioner who was also quite entertaining. He has practiced intellectual property law for

several years, primarily in the areas of copyright, trademark, and licensing law.

The votes for our 2016-2017 MichALL open Executive Board positions are in. I'm happy to announce that current MichALL Secretary Alicia Dyer (Detroit Mercy) will be the new Vice President/President-Elect, Carol Darga (Dickinson Wright) is the new Treasurer, and Jason Blevins (Muskegon County Circuit Court) is the new Member-at-Large. Congratulations to all of you!

Charlotte Walden (Dykema Gossett) has been spearheading an important addition to the MichALL menu of offerings: She has agreed to coordinate Metro Detroit social events for our members. The first event, a trivia night, was held at Pronto in Royal Oak on March 10. A second trivia night event, also at Pronto, was held Tuesday, April 26. Don't forget to read Charlotte's article, elsewhere in this issue, that recaps these wonderful events. These social events are a great way to see members outside of our work environment, and they offer a great way to bond. Charlotte is planning for a summer outdoor event. If you are interested in a similar coordination on the West side, just let me, **Jessica Hanes**, or **Emma MacGuidwin** know.

It is important that committee chairs and committee members know what is expected of them. For that reason, the Board spent considerable time reviewing the committee charges for necessary updates. This allowed us to delete charges that were no longer relevant as well as to add additional, more relevant charges. Ultimately, the Board agreed on suggested changes which the board liaisons then discussed with the committee chairs and their committee members. Once the Board and the committee chairs were comfortable with the revisions, they were placed on the MichALL Website on the Officers & Committees page. At this time, several of the charges have been updated.

I now realize that the year has gone by lightning fast, as I suddenly ready myself to hand the reins to Leanna in less than one month. I am humbled that you have trusted me to lead MichALL. I've had a great time working for you, its members, as your President. I hope that I have in some way strengthened MichALL.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Meeting

MichALL Annual Meeting: Innovation and Collaboration

Registration is now open for the MichALL Spring Education Meeting! [Please use our website](#) (also available through the MichALL site) to register, find driving directions and menu. A continental breakfast, coffee (morning and afternoon), and [Zingerman's lunch](#) are included with registration. Lunch is only guaranteed for those who sign-up by May 15th. Registration will also be available on the day of our event.

Date Friday, May 20th, 2016

Where

Ross School of Business – University of Michigan. 701 Tappan Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109 (Campus map attached)

Pricing

Member - \$22.00; Non-members - \$25.00

Parking

The recommended parking structure for the MichALL Spring Meeting is the Forest Avenue Parking Structure Address: 650 S Forest Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Phone:(734) 761-7235. It's about 2 blocks away from the Ross School of Business and charges \$1.20 per hour. However, there are multiple structures and spaces around campus if this does not work for you.

Getting There

Please be advised that M-14 is currently closed between US-23 Business Route (Main Street) and the Miller Road/Maple Road interchange, with a detour posted. Through-access is currently not available along this section of M-14. The posted detour will include US-23, I-94 and M-14.

During construction, access to both the Main Street (Business 23) and the Miller Road/Maple Road interchanges will be maintained at all times. One lane of M-14 will be open in each direction between I-94 and Miller Road and between Main Street and the M-14 junction with US-23. The project includes pavement patching between I-94 and the Huron River, resurfacing between the Huron River and the US-23/M-14 interchange, and bridge work at several locations.

All of this information can also be found on the MichALL website <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/michall/>. Looking forward to seeing you in Ann Arbor on May 20.

UDM to Offer New Mandatory First Semester Legal Research Course

By Patrick Meyer

University of Detroit Mercy law librarians will teach basic legal hierarchy and research techniques to all entering U.S. JD students starting this Fall semester. The two credit mandatory course, called Introduction to Legal Research and Communication, will train students in online and print research (both Michigan and federal). We will include modules on secondary sources, case law and digests, legislation, administrative law, and citator services. The course will also touch on citation, grammar and language usage, and basic legal analysis and writing. This course is a prerequisite to the legal writing courses (ALTA I & II).

As taken from the Course Proposal, the objectives are as follows: "Students who successfully complete Introduction to Legal Research and Communication will be able to:

- 1) Demonstrate a working understanding of hierarchy of authority. (A "working understanding" suggests the ability to select appropriate authorities in different factual contexts.)
- 2) Perform basic research (book & online) with cases, statutes, and secondary sources. (Note: "Basic research" includes case verification and search strategies.)
- 3) Properly cite cases, statutes, and secondary sources in both long and

short form using a standard guide to legal citation.

- 4) Demonstrate a working understanding of basic principles of grammar and writing.
- 5) Demonstrate a basic familiarity with common law rule identification, with analogical reasoning (with cases), and with IRAC as a tool for structuring a legal analysis.”

We will teach three sections of the course. Each class meets once a week for 110 minutes. Most classes will be comprised of a lecture followed by substantial hands-on assignments. Having the initial assignments in-class allows for the librarians to best guide students at the critical initial learning phase. Librarians are now busy planning the in-class assignments. In addition, it is anticipated that some form of take-home assignment will be administered, which will force students to link concepts without having the instantaneous direction and feedback that the librarians provide in the classroom.

We are using the *Basic Legal Research Workbook*, by **Amy E. Sloan**, as a base for the hands-on assignments, and *Michigan Legal Research*, by **Cristina Lockwood** and **Pamela Lysaght**, for the textbook (which, in spite of the name, also adequately covers federal law). We anticipate administering several unannounced quizzes and we intend to craft some sort of final exam. The assignments and quizzes will provide multiple formative assessments and ample feedback. We are confident that this course will provide our students the best chance of obtaining and retaining proper research technique.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL- ARTHUR NEEF LAW LIBRARY

BY BETH APPLEBAUM

We are happy to report that we have been busy since the publication of the fall Newsletter....

American Bar Association Site Visit. A sabbatical Site Evaluation Team visited the Law School in April. Director **Virginia Thomas** served on the Law School's ABA Self-Study Committee and coordinated the library's responses to the Site Evaluation Questionnaire. The entire law library staff assisted with preparation for the site visit. We provided information, reviewed documents, and interviews with an ABA representative. We also reviewed our library spaces to be sure we looked good for the visit.

Moot Court. **Beth Applebaum, Jan Bissett** and **Virginia Thomas** served as Moot Court Judges for the Law School-First Year Moot Court Program.

Library of Michigan Foundation Selection Panel. **Michelle Lalonde** has been appointed to the 2016 Library of Michigan Foundation Selection Panel. Each year, the Library of Michigan Foundation presents the State Librarian's Excellence Award to one Michigan library that exemplifies excellence in customer service. Michelle will serve as the academic library representative on the Selection Panel.

Gov Docs Review Project. For several months we have been engaged in a review of our print Federal Depository Library Program documents. During

March-April, we withdrew long runs of print Congressional Record, Federal Register, Code of Federal Regulations, and House and Senate Journals. Prior to their withdrawal, these volumes were offered to our Regional Depository Library at the University of Minnesota, and to other Federal Depository Libraries within Michigan. **Michael Samson** coordinated the necessary updates to our records. Thanks to **Mary Bonk** and **Kathryn Polgar**, we opened up 1,400 linear feet of shelf space in our basement level stacks and now have room to consolidate our historical Michigan Law Collection. Next we will be reviewing the Serial Set and other print FDL publications that we own in digital format.

Law Faculty Scholarship Display. We have a new digital display featuring books and book chapters authored by Wayne Law faculty. The display is being run on a digital monitor in the law library's 1st floor reading room and features publications from 2009 to date. **Jan Bissett** created the slides and collaborated with content manager **Michael Samson** and facilitator **Mary Bonk**.

Law Librarians of Metropolitan Detroit (LLMD). Our law library was delighted to host the March 2016 meeting of LLMD on the 17th in the Damon J. Keith Center. Participants included 25 librarians from academic, law firm, and government law libraries in the area. The agenda included vendor relations and publication practices, and news from member libraries.

International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA). Initiated by **Michael Samson**, all the Wayne State law librarians are collaborating on a project for the IFLA Law Libraries section. We submitted a collaborative proposal for a paper to be presented as part of IFLA's 2016 annual conference in Columbus, OH. The session theme focuses on the role of libraries in facilitating access to justice and the rule of law. The paper is titled: Bringing Law to the Community: Facilitating Access to Justice in Metropolitan Detroit and will be presented on August 17.

Milestones:

Leronia Ross-Green, Access Supervisor, was recognized at the April 2016 Employee Recognition Program Ceremony for her 30 years of service in the Wayne State University Library System.

Paul A. Turner III, Library Clerk, is anticipating graduation ceremonies from Wayne State Law School in May.

Western Michigan University Cooley Law School Library News

By Duane Strojny

Librarians at all locations are engaged in teaching one credit research electives. The topics run the gamut from legislative history research to Michigan legal research. Students are gaining practical skills in these courses that can be directly applied to real life situations.

The Library works closely with faculty in Michigan to implement access to students for ICLE online materials. This program has been very successful and students have found online access to ICLE books and forms to be very valuable.

The Associate Dean for Library and Instructional Support is meeting regularly with other WMU colleagues, the Dean of Libraries and the Director of the Medical Library to expand research opportunities for all WMU students and faculty.

Clare Membiela, our Associate Director for Library and Instructional Support, has left and accepted a new position with the Library of Michigan. Her over twelve years of service to WMU Cooley will be greatly missed!

Metro Detroit MichALL Trivia Nights

By Charlotte Walden

The trivia events present a unique opportunity to get to know your colleagues in a relaxed environment. When in everyday conversation are you presented with an opportunity to discuss someone's knowledge of the Greek alphabet? And then get the opportunity to learn the mnemonic device to remember that alphabet?

These events also present an opportunity to learn how each of us can help one another in our careers. You are amongst people who work in similar environments. Perhaps someone at these events has a solution to a challenge you face at work. It's a laid back environment, and we do not always talk about work, but, since it is something we all have in common, these conversations inevitably come up.

The first Mich-ALL Metro Detroit Trivia night was held at Augie's Bar in Madison Heights on Thursday, March 10th, 2016 at 7pm. Including myself, we had a total of six Mich-ALL members. Two were academic law librarians, one was a government law librarian, and three were law firm librarians. At this event, we came so close to winning (we were in 2nd!)— until we bet everything on the final question.

The second Mich-ALL Metro Detroit Trivia night was held at Pronto! in Royal Oak on Tuesday, April, 26th at 8pm. Including myself, we had a total of four Mich-ALL members. Three were academic law librarians and one was a law firm librarian. Excluding myself, this night's attendees were not the same attendees from the first trivia night. At this event, we were split into teams of two. One team came in second in the first round, while the other team came in second during the second round. Neither team placed first on this night.

Each event is different. I choose a different venue in a different city on a different day, so the atmosphere is different, as well as the trivia. I am planning a Classic Simpsons Trivia event at Detroit's Park Bar in June. May's trivia night is still to be determined.

We need strategist and more people to attend in general. The more people we have, the more our knowledge pool grows. I believe Metro Detroit Law Librarians can be unstoppable at trivia. We have made 2nd place so many times already. Will you help us make it to first?

If you are interested in coming out or have trivia suggestions, please contact Charlotte Walden at cwalden@dykema.com.

GRALL News

By Emma MacGuidwin

The June meeting is scheduled at Bistro Bella Vita in downtown Grand Rapids. Regular meeting attendees are **Matt Sherman** from Dykema, **Kate McCarthy** from Varnum, **Jessica Fields** from Miller Johnson, **Mary Andrews** from the Sixth Circuit library, and **Courtney Busscher** and myself from Warner Norcross. You will be able to catch a few GRALL members at the AALL conference in the Windy city.

Pat Bravender is retiring soon from Grand Valley's Steelcase Library, and I'm not sure if they have found a replacement for her yet. Those of us who use Lexis have been transitioning over to our new Lexis reps, since Jeff Schultz, our old rep, left the organization. Some of us who use Westlaw have also started making the switch to the new Westlaw "Premier Plus" plan (which makes almost all of the content in-plan).

LLMD News 2015 –2016

By Jan Bissett

The Law Librarians of Metropolitan Detroit (LLMD) continued its tradition of meeting in the Fall, Winter and Spring months. The kick-off meeting, a lunch hosted by Dickinson Wright PLLC in mid- October 2015, provided members with an opportunity to discuss summer activities including conference attendance, summer associates and professional activities. Miller Canfield hosted the Holiday Lunch in early December 2015, welcoming members with a great meal and scenic vistas.

Wayne State's Arthur Neef Law Library hosted the March meeting in Wayne Law's Damon J. Keith Center with a lunch and great conversation including vendor relations and publication practices.



**Shannon Bass, Virginia Thomas
& Elise Keller**

The last meeting of the season was a Bucharest Grill luncheon provided by LLMD and hosted by Dickinson Wright PLLC. The meetings were well attended and a great time had by all.

LLMD welcomes **Michael Powell**, Information Services Director, Bodman PLC; **James Gulvas**, Librarian & Information Specialist, Butzel Long PC; **Lillian Stueben**, Librarian, Dickinson Wright PLLC; **Charlotte Walden**, Legal

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Thanks everyone for your enthusiastic participation and we look forward to resuming our meetings, September 22, 2016, hosted by Dickinson Wright PLLC.

AALL Registration Grant

By Alicia Dyer

On behalf of the executive board of the Michigan Association of Law Libraries, I am pleased to announce that **Jessica Fields** has been chosen as the recipient of the AALL Registration Grant for this year's Annual Meeting. Ms. Fields holds a position as the Library Information Services Manager at Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cummiskey, P.L.C. in Grand Rapids. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Fields.

Also, a big thank you to everyone who applied this year!

Saying Goodbye to Thomas

By Kathleen Gamache

On July 5, 2016, Thomas, the Library of Congress's inaugural legislative website will retire. The Thomas "Starting Point," was launched on January 5, 1995. For over twenty years the Library of Congress, tweaked and cajoled the fragile infrastructure of Thomas. It was sometimes clunky, but with so much available legislative material in one place it was worth the effort for researchers. On September 19, 2012, a new website <https://www.congress.gov/> was launched as a Beta site, in September 2014 the beta label was removed and researchers were directed to the more robust website. For a nostalgic look back see <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php>

Upcoming meetings of interest

AALL American Association of Law Libraries, Chicago, IL, July 16-19, 2016. MAKE IT NEW CREATE THE FUTURE
<http://www.aallnet.org/conference?gclid=CiuCtaKfxswCFdhahgodrqqFOA>

SLA SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION, PHILADELPHIA, PA, JUNE 12-14, 2016. <https://www.sla.org/attend/sla-2016-annual-conference/>

ALA AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, ORLANDO, FL, JUNE 23-28, 2016. <http://2016.alaannual.org/>

MAALL MID-AMERICA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, OCTOBER 13-15, 2016
<HTTP://MAALL.WILDAPRICOT.ORG/MAALL-ANNUAL-MEETING-2016>

ORALL OHIO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES, DAYTON, OH, OCTOBER 19-21, 2016. http://orall.org/?page_id=1254