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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings from Downtown Detroit. MichALL is off to a good start planning this year's events and working on our various committees. We have a high percentage of our members participating in the activities of the association. We're especially happy that the Newsletter is making a comeback, and several members have agreed to write for it.

I have assigned about 25 of our members to the Government Relations, Newsletter, Grants, Nominating, Bylaws, Membership and Public Relations committees, and Leanna has chosen her Education Committee members. In addition, I am firming up plans for the Pro Bono committee.

As you may know, headquarters is asking all chapters to add language about gender identity to their bylaws. So the Bylaws Committee decided that since they were working on that, they would also change imprecise verbiage regarding the time line for elections when an April Spring Event is held. We're happy to report that a draft of our revised bylaws is nearly complete. Once the Board approves of the revisions, they're sent to headquarters for approval. After garnering the approval of headquarters, the membership will then vote on the new bylaws. So stay tuned for messages regarding a membership vote.

We now have a new committee which will work on all things digital, to include video recording and broadcasting of the Spring Events, placing the Newsletter on social media, and whatever other social media or digital endeavor they deem to be worthy (virtual archives?). For now, it's called the Digital Media Committee.

I want to acknowledge our committee chairs to the list for all of their hard work. The committee member list is still in a bit of flux, so we'll stick with listing the chairs for now. Here are this year's committee chairs:

Bylaws: Amy Ash

Education: Leanna Simon

Government Relations: Marlene Coir

Membership: Jessica Haines

Newsletter: Janet Ann Hedin

Nominating: Virginia Thomas

Public Relations: Duane Strojny

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RICK HERMAN - KEYNOTE SPEAKER MICHALL FALL BUSINESS DINNER

BY LEANNA SIMON



Mark your calendars now for the MichALL Fall Business Dinner on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. Come and greet your fellow MichALL members at 6:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. with your tantalizing choice of either London Broil or a Vegetarian dish. Cost for the dinner is \$27.00.

We are excited to announce that Rick Herman of the Copyright Society of the USA will be our keynote speaker. Rick practices intellectual property law with an emphasis on copyright, trademark, and licensing law. He also is a past chairperson of the Arts, Communications, Entertainment, and Sports Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

Please RSVP with check made out to MichALL and send to: Matthew R. Sherman, Legal Research Coordinator, Dykema, 300 Ottawa Avenue, N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

MICHALL AMERICAN ASSOCIATION 2014-2015 ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

BY KATHLEEN GAMACHE

This year MichALL celebrates its thirty-fifth anniversary as a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. Since 1980, MichALL provides educational and networking opportunities for law librarians, promotes professional cooperation and is committed to serving the legal community in Michigan.

Members of the 2014-15 Executive Board were, Kathleen Gamache, President, Patrick Meyer, Vice President/President-Elect, Alicia Dyer, Secretary, Matthew Sherman, Treasurer, Michelle LaLonde and Mark Heinrich, Members at Large, and Amy Ash, Past President. The board explored various options for storing and maintaining the association's print archive. At the annual meeting Kathleen Gamache and Dr. Sandra Yee, Dean, Wayne State University Library System signed a Memorandum of Understanding, designating Wayne State University the official home of the association's print archive. Virginia Thomas will coordinate the preservation and documentation of the collection. Matthew Sherman updated the procedures for documenting and processing expenses and requests for reimbursement. Electronic payment procedures were explored, but not adopted.



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MICHALL ANNUAL SPRING MEETING NOW ON YOUTUBE

BY PATRICK MEYER, MICHAEL SAMSON, AND JANET ANN HEDIN

The MichALL Spring Meeting held on April 17, 2015 was a great success. Hosted at the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne State University, the theme of the meeting was “Technology in Law Libraries: Where We’re At and Where We’re Going.” After a warm welcome by Dr. Sandra Yee, Dean, WSY Library System and Patrick Meyer, MichALL Vice-President, MichALL members participated in four great programs.

The first program of the day was the very informative panel of June Liebert, (Sidley Austin), John Adkins (San Diego Law Library), Brent Domann (MSU Law Library), and Cole Hudson (Wayne State Univ. Libraries) who kept MichALL members abreast of where we are right now with technology in our libraries.



Then June Liebert and Kincaid Brown (U of Mich. Law Library) made sure we were up-to-date with the latest trends in technology.



Dr. Peter Hook

In the afternoon, MichALL member had a chance to see how technology could be used to map out the discipline of law with Dr. Peter Hook (WSU Library School) and then had a quick crash course of the best technology apps for librarians by Amy Ash (WMU Cooley Law Library) and Michael McArthur (U of M Law Library). MichALL members were then updated on the latest happenings at AALL by John Adkins from the AALL Executive Board.

At the Business Meeting, members were informed that we now have a permanent home for our archives. MichALL President, Kathleen Gamache and Dr. Sandra Yee signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Wayne State University who will house our archives. The meeting ended with a great tour of WSU Library Archives led by Louis Jones and Erik Nordberg.

Mad at yourself for missing this great meeting? Were at the meeting but would like to hear some of the information again? Not a problem – thanks to Michael Samson, you can do just that by viewing the following YouTube videos:



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pt2 - <https://youtu.be/26lSrr3jyVw>

pt3 - <https://youtu.be/YNixpZ6TF3s>

pt4 - <https://youtu.be/fhsfq47wQFI>

MichALL would like to thank Wayne State University for hosting the 2015 MichALL Spring Annual Meeting. MichALL would also like to thank BNA Bloomberg, Lexis Nexis, Thomas Reuters, and Wolters Kluwer for their generous sponsorship.

MEMORIAL: MARIO ANGEL CERESA
DETROIT COLLEGE OF LAW LIBRARY DIRECTOR, 1970 – 1999
BY HILDUR HANNA & JANET ANN HEDIN



Professor Emeritus Mario A. Ceresa, Michigan State University College of Law (formerly Detroit College of Law), passed away April 2nd, 2015, after a long battle with cancer. He was 83.

Mario Ceresa was born in Puerto Padre, Cuba and attended the Colegio de Bel. He graduated from the University of Havana Law School in 1956 and served as a public defender for 10 years, leaving Cuba when it became clear he must either join the revolution or go into exile. With his wife and children he boarded the midnight TWA flight, leaving everything else behind.

He relocated to Ann Arbor, Michigan, and in 1970 completed his M.A.L.S. at the University of Michigan. He also attended his first AALL conference. He would always smile at the memory. “I couldn’t afford to attend because I was so poor, but I knew I had to find a job so I registered anyway. Then I got a dream job as Director of the Detroit College of Law Library. It was too late to get my money back so I went and had the best time of my life.” So began his life-long support of AALL. He made sure the library budget would cover AALL memberships for every librarian. He lobbied with the administration to ensure that Librarians enjoyed the same travel funding as faculty members, and he always granted leave-time for AALL activities.

In his 30-year tenure as Library Director, his accomplishments were legend. He started his career by overseeing a 12,500 square foot addition to the Detroit facility, and ended his career by overseeing a new 42,000 square foot library in East Lansing, Michigan. He was an innovator, regularly at the forefront of technology. In 1983 he decided to link the library’s two computers, so he coaxed the janitor into laying a coaxial cable, hidden on top of bookcases. He went on to wire three networks and build several computer labs, purchase the first online integrated library catalog, and subscribe to all of the “new” databases like Westlaw and Lexis. But he never turned his back on tradition. He also built up the print collection by adding over 70,000 volumes, joined the GPO Depository program, and made sure the Library owned every title identified in the accreditation guidelines.

He expressed himself with such zest and exuberance; it was easy to lose sight of his accomplishments in the presence of his laughter. Everyone has a different Mario story. One librarian described her first AALL conference in 1983 in Houston, Texas. “We were all very conscientious and attended every possible conference on Monday. Then Mario announced he had rented a car. ‘It would be a shame to get this close to the Gulf of Mexico and not see the ocean.’ So on Tuesday our boss took us all to the beach.”

He counseled his staff through big decisions (“There are certain imponderables.”) and on the best course of action (“Do not burn your boats behind you, like Cortez.”). He knew how to make solid decisions (“I will go home and talk to my pillow.”) and when to cut his losses and move on (“I wash my hands, like Pontius Pilatus.”). Every day he would come to work with a story about his family. Big of heart and generous of spirit, everyone counted as family for Mario. “I loved coming to work with my mom to see Mario,” observed one *Bring Your Child to Work* alum. “He acted surprised with every ‘peek-a-boo.’”

We honor his accomplishments. We mourn the man. He is survived by his wife, Marcia; his children, Mario, Juan, Deris, Patricia, Maria and Robert; and nine grandchildren.

MEMORIAL: PETER MICHAEL KEMPEL
THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW LIBRARY DIRECTOR, 1976 – 1989
BY LANSING STATE JOURNAL AND KATHLEEN GAMACHE



Peter Michael Kempel of DeWitt, Michigan died August 11, 2014, at home with his wife Kathy by his side. Peter was born in Detroit March 5, 1943 to Edward and Helen Kempel.

Growing up in the Detroit area, Peter started his school years going to Christ the King School. He went to high school at Salesian High School run by the Oblates of St. Francis DeSales and then went on to receive a degree in philosophy and political science at the University of Detroit. While at U of D he was very active in theatre and was a member of the Players where he met his wife Kathy and made many good and lasting friendships.

He continued his education completing a degree in library science at U of M and then a degree in law at the University of Detroit Law School.

Peter and Kathy married December 31, 1971 and moved to Lansing, Michigan where he worked for the Michigan Court of Appeals as a research attorney. In 1972 he started his long career of 40 years as a professor at Thomas M. Cooley Law School and as the Director of the Law Library from 1976 to 1989. He served as the President of MichALL from 1987-1988.

During their 42 years together Peter and Kathy made many good and true friends. They also shared a love of animals giving a home to dogs, cats, a grouchy parrot and a friendly turtle. From the early '90s to the end of his life Peter and Kathy shared their love of horses and riding with a close community of fellow horse lovers at Fox Brush Farm in DeWitt. Kathy is now sure that he is trail riding his beloved mare Dicey Riley.

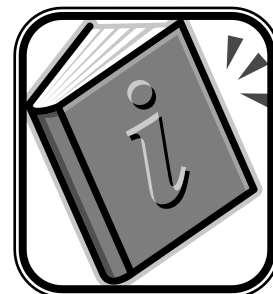
He is survived by his wife Kathy, his aunt Mary Lee Moon and cousin Margaret Demaggio. He is remembered fondly by the Michigan library community.

THIS IS YOUR MICHALL NEWSLETTER

We want to know what is happening in your libraries, in your lives, in your careers. Send us your stories, articles, photos, announcements Janet Ann Hedin, hedinj@law.msu.edu with MichALL Newsletter in the subject line.

Please include all material as an attachment in either Word or PDF format. Please send all photos as a .jpg file. Please do not include the material as part of your e-mail. The next issue of the Newsletter is planned for the Spring of 2016 so please send material by Friday, February 26, 2016.

Any questions—please contact Janet or a member of the MichALL Executive Board. Thanks.



BY PATRICK MEYER

Finally, we teach legislative history and administrative law to the legal writing students each Spring semester (WL, LEX, ProQuest Cong'l -- but not in print), for one hour each. Although all of these sessions are either mandatory or mandatory in practice, no grade is assigned. It's up to the individual legal writing faculty as to how they penalize no shows.

BY BETH APPLEBAUM

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Beth Applebaum is responsible for coordinating liaison services to Law School Clinics, Externship classes and Alumni. This semester, she is providing instruction sessions in the Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic (LAPC) and the Externship Colloquium classes for students with placements in the fields Public Interest, Criminal Justice, Judicial and Corporate Counsel. She also attended a recent meeting in Ann Arbor of academic law librarians and representatives of ICLE.

LAW LIBRARIANS GO WILD AT AALL PHILLY

BY BRENT DOMANN

This summer's AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia was built around connection, and the programs and meetings all supported this theme with great success. The conference opened with *Fresh Air* host Terry Gross, who spoke at length about the depth and power of human connection. There were few dry eyes at the end of her presentation, and through her powerful stories she solidified the value and meaning behind the conference's focus this year.



Program highlights included several items regarding electronic content and patron service through content management, data analytics, data visualization, and more. Other connection-based programs focused on things like building special teams for individual projects, raising and maintaining awareness of library value, and even building a library career when you might prefer *not* to be a manager.

Philadelphia, as always, was a gracious and warm host. Aside from a little trouble with the law at the Fastcase Suite (law librarians sure do know how to compartmentalize!), things ran very smoothly. The Reading Terminal Market served as an excellent venue for the annual major party, and local library tours (particularly the Jenkins Law Library, the oldest law library in the United States) were welcoming and interesting.

MICHIGAN ACADEMIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION HOLDS FIRST CONFERENCE

BY PATRICK MEYER AND JANET ANN HEDIN

The Michigan Academic Library Association will be hold their first Conference May 12 & 13, 2016 at Central Michigan University – Park Library. The theme of the Conference is Shaping Our Vision: New Possibilities for Academic Libraries in Michigan.

The Michigan Academic Library Association (MI-ALA), a chapter of the Association of College & Research Libraries, is the new professional association for academic library staff & libraries in Michigan. Some of the goals of MI-ALA are to provide opportunities for professional development for all academic librarians, library staff, and library students working in any college, community college, or university library in Michigan; advance academic librarianship and libraries, and educate and inform appropriate communities of the value and contributions of academic libraries, librarians, library staff, and library students.

MI-ALA is asking for librarians, staff, LIS students, and administrators from all types of academic libraries to submit program and poster proposals on topics in every area of librarianship, addressing the issues critical to academic libraries. The Conference is especially interested in proposals that explore the present and the future of academic library collections, staffing, and services.

Program proposals will be accepted through December 4, 2015 and through January 31, 2016 for posters. You must be a member to submit a proposal. You can find out about MI-ALA and the conference at <http://www.miala.org/index.php>.

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Leanna and her Education Committee are busy planning for the impending Fall Dinner and for the Spring Conference. You will find details about the Fall Dinner elsewhere in this Newsletter, which is planned to be held in early November at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. Weber's Inn is a wonderful venue. We hope to see you there for an evening of visiting and education!

See Page 3 for information and the links to our past Spring Event programs. Our thanks go out to Michael Samson for all of his efforts.

I would like to wish Amy Ash good fortune as she changes careers. She has been a stalwart in MichALL for several years and has just completed her run as Vice-President, President and Past President. Amy also edited the Website, managed the listserv, and recently has been the Bylaws Committee Chair. Thanks, Amy, for all of your hard work!



Amy Ash

Patrick Meyer
MichALL President

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John Adkins, AALL Executive Board member, and June Liebrecht, AALL Chair of the 2016 AMPC, participated in the annual spring educational meeting, "Technology in Law Libraries: Where We're At and Where We're Going." Patrick Meyer chaired the education committee. MichALL members speaking at the meeting included Amy Ash, Kincaid Brown, Brent Domann, and Michael McArthur. Education Committee members were Patrick Meyer, Chair, Janet Ann Hedin, Laura Mancini, and Michael Samson.

Two founding members of MichALL died this year. Peter Kempel, served as President of MichALL during 1987-88. Peter was Library Director of Thomas M. Cooley Law Library 1976-1989. Mario Ceresa served as the Library Director at Detroit College of Law (NKA Michigan State University School of Law) for nearly thirty years (1970-1999).

Goals for the incoming executive board include reviving the association newsletter, updating the website, and reconstituting the committee structure. Leaving the executive board this year are Amy Ash and Mark Heinrich. Incoming members are Leanna Simon, Vice President/President-elect and Emma MacGuidwin, Member at Large.



Mark Heinrich