

# LPSS News

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## Marta Lange/CQ Winner

**Laura N. ( Lolly ) Gasaway**  
**Director of the Law Library and**  
**Professor of Law**  
**University of North Carolina at**  
**Chapel Hill**

The Presentation Ceremony will be during the Law and Political Science Section (LPSS) Luncheon scheduled for noon on Saturday, June 27th, during the annual ALA convention in Washington, D.C. Please plan to join us.

For more information, contact:  
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## LPSS Committee Roster

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[ppopma@mailers.scu.edu](mailto:ppopma@mailers.scu.edu).

### LIBRARY INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE 1998/99

**Chair:** Christine Angolia  
**Through June 1999:** Brian Carpenter,  
John Dillard,  
Janice Lewis, Allan Metz, Paul  
Vermouth  
**Through June 2000:** Christine Angolia,  
John Stemmer, Lisa Stimatz, Elizabeth  
Williams

### MARTA LANGE/CQ AWARD COMMITTEE 1998/99

**Chair:** Rosemary Allen Little  
**Through June 1999:** Ronald Heckart,  
Patricia McCandless, Sue Parker  
**Through June 2000:** Rosemary Allen  
Little, Karen Rupp-Serrano, Merle  
Slyhoff

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 1998/99

**Chair:** Janice Lewis  
Members with terms expiring June  
1999: Janice Lewis  
Members with terms expiring June  
2000: Suping Lu, Madison Mosley,  
Nancy Sosnik, and whoever is elected  
member-at-large in the upcoming  
election

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE 1998/99 (1999 Elections)

**Chair:** Cathy Doyle  
**Through June 1999:** Wendell Barbour,  
Cathy Doyle,  
Patricia McCandless

### PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE 1998/99 (ALA CONFERENCE 1999)

**Co-chairs:** Gabrielle Carr, Mary  
Reddick  
**Through June 1999:** Gabrielle Carr,  
Linda Johnson, Thomas Mann, Barbara  
Norelli, Mary Reddick, Elka Tenner,  
Diann Weatherly, Paula Popma, ex-  
officio

### PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 1998/99

**Chair:** Michael S. Jackson  
**Through June 1999:** Catherine  
Hansen, Michael Jackson, Theresa  
Trost



**Through June 2000:** Jeanine Finn,  
Lucia Snowhill

### **REVIEW AND PLANNING COMMITTEE 1998/99**

**Chair:** Cathy Doyle

**Through June 1999:** Cathy Doyle,  
Charles Spornick

**Through June 2000:** Dennis Lambert,  
Stephen Stillwell, Judy Solberg

### **VENDOR/PUBLISHER LIAISON & REVIEW COMMITTEE 1998/99**

**Chair:** Atifa R. Rawan

**Through June 1999:** Janice Lewis,  
Merle Slyhoff, Charles Willett, Heidi  
Yacker

**Through June 2000:** David Armond,  
Atifa Rawan, Karen Rupp-Serrano

## **Executive Board Minutes**

Association of College and Research  
Libraries  
Law and Political Science Section  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
New Orleans, New Orleans Convention  
Center, Rooms 43 & 44  
January, 10, 1998, 2:30-4:30pm

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair, Stephen Stillwell welcomed all  
new and current members to the  
meeting, and everyone introduced  
themselves.

### **II. Approval of Minutes & Agenda**

### **III. Report from Chair**

Stephen Stillwell, Chair reported on  
attending two meetings of the ACRL

leadership at this conference:

### **A. ACRL Chairs & Vice Chairs**

The purpose of the Friday sessions with  
ACRL chairs was discussed. In the  
future there will be 5 one hour meetings  
on an introduction to ACRL and other  
targeted topics (e.g. major issues for  
ACRL, information for Chairs,  
information for Vice Chairs).

ACRL is revisiting the Strategic Plan,  
working on ways for sections to be more  
involved in the process. ACRL is also  
looking at relations between  
sections and the ACRL Board.

### **B. Sections Council**

Chairs of the various ACRL sections  
reported on their activities. At the  
Annual Conference in Washington DC  
there will be an ACRL Advocacy Day  
pre-conference beginning the evening of  
June 24 and continuing all day June 25.

The first portion of the conference will  
focus on how to be an advocate. On the  
afternoon of June 25th, conference  
participants will go to the Hill to  
advocate for library issues. Section  
leaders are requested to attend the  
conference. In other areas of concern  
for sections, there is no news yet on a  
web site to be maintained by ACRL, but  
it is expected soon. ACRL will also be  
addressing the question of membership  
on committees and required attendance  
at ALA: Can membership on committees  
\*not\* require attendance at  
conferences?

### **IV. Report from Vice Chair**

Paula Popma announced that she  
needs to appoint committees for next  
year. She will put an announcement in  
the LPSS newsletter and on the LPSS  
listserv. She will also contact members



going off committees to see if they would like re-appointments.

## V. Committee Reports

### A. Vendor/Publisher Committee:

Jan Lewis reported for the committee, since the chair was unable to attend. A review of EuroCat will appear in the newsletter in an abbreviated version, and in a longer version on the web site.

### B. Review & Planning

Cathy Doyle reported on several items discussed by the committee:

1. Awards ceremony: Planning for an awards ceremony needs to be stabilized. One potential is for a luncheon before the LPSS All-Committee meeting.
2. Web site: The committee is concerned about how the section's web site should be maintained, and how much should be ALA's responsibility.
3. Strategic Plan: Since ACRL is developing a new strategic plan, it is not clear how LPSS should proceed with developing its own plan. Some sections have plans, which were once mandatory. The committee will look at what other ACRL sections have done and watch the overall process in ACRL before spending energy on developing a new section plan. These issues will be reconsidered at the annual conference as appropriate. Maureen Sullivan will be looking to sections to contribute to the overall plan for ACRL.
5. Supreme Court tour: Since the Supreme Court will not be in session at the time of the annual conference in Washington, DC, Cathy Doyle will

pursue the possibility of an LPSS tour during the conference.

### C. Publications

Michael Jackson reported that the committee would like to work on the web site this year. The membership will be surveyed on the LPSS listserv for what to put on the site. He will also keep in contact with Hugh Thompson at ACRL about maintaining the site.

### D. Nominating

Kelly Janousek reported that it has been hard to find nominees. She recommends looking for and mentoring future members and officers.

### E. Membership

Jan Lewis reported that the committee will be doing a survey to see what the membership wants, since there are 750 members, but very low attendance and participation. LPSS meetings conflict with the GODORT schedule much of the time, but there isn't much more that can be done about that. There was discussion on whether or not questions about the strategic plan should also be included in the survey. The committee will work with Review & Planning and Publications committees for strategy and suggestions. The committee also recommended other items to boost participation and awareness: a membership column in every newsletter; LPSS ribbons for conference badges; and soliciting suggestions of members' favorite web sites. The committee has reviewed the LPSS information brochure, and it needs only minor changes. They will be adding information about the Marta Lange Award and the LPSS web site. There is \$1150 in special funding available. Jan will check with Elisa Topper on the



option to carry the funding into the next fiscal year.

#### **F. Library Instruction**

The committee is developing a pathfinder for the 1998 annual conference program on the Middle East. There will be sections on web reference resources by country and libraries particularly strong in Middle East resources.

#### **G. 1998 Program**

Planning is proceeding well, but the committee still needs a title for the program. There will be speakers from three Washington DC organizations: Middle East Institute, Islamic Center, and the US Information Service. The program will focus on how the US is explained to those in the Middle East, and how the Middle East is explained to those in the United States.

### **VI. Liaison Reports**

#### **A. ACRL Board Liaison**

Mary Reichel reported that there will be a vote at the second Board meeting on minor by-laws changes to be put on the ballot for all members in the Spring. Part of the changes being considered relate to the status of activities sections. At its first meeting, the Board also considered several items: Institutional awards and rewards documents; the diversity committee report; ALA Spectrum initiatives (giving scholarships for diverse backgrounds to increase library school attendance by under-represented groups). She briefly discussed the ACRL Strategic Plan. It is expected to be a broad based process and product. She recommends that LPSS develop a strategic plan so the

Board will have it as input when it develops the overall plan. She also noted that the Board has funded projects in sections' strategic plans.

### **VII. New Business**

#### **A. 1999 ACRL Program**

Mary Reddick and Gabrielle Carr will chair the 1999 Annual Conference program. The topic is "Politics of Scholarly Publishing in the New Millennium".

#### **B. Member-at-large vacancy**

Nancy Littlejohn has resigned and is no longer a librarian. She has been an at-large member of the Executive Board and chair of the Membership Committee. Jan Lewis is filling in as chair of Membership. Marifran Bustion has been appointed to fill out the term as at-large member.

#### **C. 1999 ACRL Conference (Detroit)**

Does LPSS want to do anything for that conference? The question will be posed on the listserv to see if anyone wants to coordinate an event.

- Lucia Snowhill  
[snowhill@library.ucsb.edu](mailto:snowhill@library.ucsb.edu)

#### **ACRL/LPSS Program: Bridging an Understanding: The U.S. & the Middle East**

Sunday 28 June, 1998  
9:30-11:30

How certain educational institutions, cultural institutions, and information agencies create understanding between the nations and peoples of the Middle East and the United States. Speakers include:



- Paul Yachnes, Librarian of the Middle East Institute
- Christopher Datta, USIA Country Officer for Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the West Bank, and Gaza
- Judy Barsalou, Executive Director, Middle East Research and Information Project.

For more information, contact Stephen Stillwell, [IY20@JOVE.ACS.UNT.EDU](mailto:IY20@JOVE.ACS.UNT.EDU)

### **LPSS Still Needs YOU!**

A big thank you goes to all LPSS members who volunteered to serve on LPSS Committees for 1998/99. The committee rosters are almost complete. However, LPSS is always looking for volunteers to serve on committees. It is never too late to volunteer.

Contact: Paula Popma, LPSS Vice Chair, [ppopma@mail.scu.edu](mailto:ppopma@mail.scu.edu) or (408) 554-5431.

### **Advocacy training for academic librarians: From Ivory Towers to Halls of Power**

Wednesday, June 24, 1998,  
6:30p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
&  
Thursday, June 25,  
8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m

ACRL President W. Lee Hisle announces a cornerstone event of his presidential year--an advocacy preconference. The event takes full advantage of Washington DC, the setting for the annual conference of the American Library Association, June 26 - July 2, 1998. "Advocacy is one of the most powerful skills that academic librarians can learn to prepare them for the political and economic environments of the 21st century. I consider advocacy expertise and legislative awareness essential components of the academic librarian tool kit." said ACRL President Hisle. Speakers include:

- Keynote: Robert Oakley, Director, Georgetown University Law Library
- Margo Crist, Director of Libraries, University of Massachusetts
- Anne Beaubien, Head, Cooperative Access Services, University of Michigan Library
- Laila Van Eyck, Assistant Director, Federal Relations-Higher Education, National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges
- Rick Weingarten, Senior Policy Fellow, ALA, Washington Office;
- Lynne Bradley, Deputy Executive Director, ALA, Washington Office;
- Adam Eisgrau, Legislative Consul, ALA, Washington Office.

Preconference activities are designed to acquaint academic librarians with federal legislative issues and to equip them with skills to advocate for their libraries, whether on campus, locally, or on the state or federal level. Librarians will learn about the relationship of federal legislation to academic libraries;



current legislative issues affecting their libraries; formulating messages for congress, and techniques for delivering them effectively. The preconference will culminate Thursday afternoon, with registrants walking to Capitol Hill and delivering their messages in person to staff in offices of their representatives and senators. The preconference is open to all academic librarians and particularly ACRL members. Seating is limited to 125 and registration fee is \$50 for ACRL members, \$75 for non-members, made payable to ACRL and sent to: ACRL Preconference, ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Registration must be postmarked by May 15, 1998. All registrants will receive a packet of information and a list of several tasks they MUST carry out before arriving in Washington for the preconference. The preconference will be held at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill. For further information contact: Michael Godow, ACRL Program Officer, Phone 800-545-2433 ext. 2510; E-mail: [mgodow@ala.org](mailto:mgodow@ala.org) or access the website at: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/preconfs.html#advocacy> and make a copy of a registration form.

### Favorite Web Sites What's Yours?

Legal and political science web sites: we all know about *some* of them; we all use *some* of them. But none of us can know about all of them. That's where the benefit of belonging to a group like LPSS comes into play. The LPSS membership committee recently asked members to share their favorite web

sites, so that we can learn from each other.

David Ettinger and Rosemary Little shared pages they created and use in their work everyday. David's page [<http://gwis2.circ.gwu.edu/~dettingr>] focuses on his subject specialties at George Washington University's Gelman Library: international relations, international economic development, the Middle East and Western Europe. With the upcoming program in D.C., his Middle East links should see heavy use by LPSS members! Rosemary's page reflects the URLs she uses while advising Princeton University seniors who are working on their theses. Rosemary's site [<http://www.princeton.edu/~rosemary>] is organized by topic and material type. It includes links to a number of public administration, public opinion, government, political, international and legal sites, as well as to practical materials students will need, such as dictionaries and citation guides. Anyone who has created a subject page knows the work that goes into screening and selecting sites. Many thanks to David and Rosemary for sharing their selections with us.

Barbara Norelli, from Skidmore College, recommends **FindLaw** [<http://www.findlaw.com>], as a reliable, easy-to-use and extremely well-organized site for finding case law, statutes, law reviews and more. Barbara also recommends the **International Affairs Network** [<http://www.pitt.edu/~ian/ianres.html>]. Produced by the University of Pittsburgh, it provides a comprehensive collection of annotated links, organized by source and topic. Barbara says that



this site "has been very useful for our International Affairs students and works well as a starting point for their research." **Native American Sites** [<http://www3.pitt.edu/~lmitten/indians.html>] also makes Barbara's list. It provides access to home pages of individual Native Americans and Nations and to other sites that provide solid information about American Indians. Barbara has used it to locate primary documents not easily obtained elsewhere. Last, Barbara recommends **Political Database of the Americas** [<http://www.georgetown.edu/LatAmerPolitical/home.html>] for documentary and statistical political information on Latin America.

Jeanine Finn, from University of Houston, recommends **Policy.com** [<http://www.policy.com>], a comprehensive public policy reference site whose features include daily policy-related news and events; *Issues Analysis*, which provides research on and an online guide to Internet content from think tanks, advocacy groups, associations and governmental bodies; *Virtual Congress*, which provides concise briefing books on significant federal legislation; and *Policy Newstand*, with abstracts of articles from leading policy journals. Jeanine also likes **Project Vote Smart** [<http://www.vote-smart.org>]. This nonpartisan, nonprofit site provides biographical information and tracks the performance of over 13,000 political leaders.

Thanks to the persons who sent in their favorite sites. Let's hear from the rest of you!

- Jan Lewis, Membership Chair

## 1997 President's Program on Videotape

Complete and abridged versions of the 1997 ACRL President's Program in San Francisco are now available for borrowing by ACRL chapters wishing to use these as part of local programming, as well as libraries and individuals.

The program, "Imagining the Learning Library", features presentations by Betsy Baker, of Northwestern University, and by several members of the Disney "Imagineers". The full program runs 2.5 hours on two 1/2 inch tapes; the abridged version runs 72 minutes on one 1/2 inch tape.

ACRL encourages state and regional chapters to bring this program to those members who may not have been able to travel to ALA last summer. To borrow the tape for a 3 week period send an ALA-approved interlibrary loan form to the ALA Headquarters Library, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2975.

A nominal fee will be charged to cover postage. Advanced reservations for the tapes will be honored by calling 312-280-3277 or via e-mail at [larc@ala.org](mailto:larc@ala.org).

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**LPSS Schedule of Meetings  
ALA Annual Conference  
Washington, DC**

**All Committee Meeting**

6/27/98

2-5:30

**LPSS Program**

**Bridging an Understanding:  
The U.S. and the Middle East**

6/28/98

9:30-11:30

**Marta Lange/CQ Award Committee.**

6/28/98

11:30-12:30--closed

**LPSS Nominating Committee**

6/28/98

11:30-12:30--closed

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