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FRIDAY, JUNE 25

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LPSS SOCIAL/HAPPY HOUR
PLEASE COME AND MEET US!**

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

**12:30-2:00 PM
MARTA LANGE/CQ AWARD
LUNCHEON**

**2:00-5:30PM
LPSS ALL COMMITTEE
MEETING**

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

**9:30 AM - NOON
LPSS PROGRAM
"THE POLITICS OF
SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING IN
THE NEW MILLENIUM",**

**11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
MARTA LANGE/CQ AWARD
COMMITTEE
CLOSED MEETING FOR
COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONLY.**

**11:30AM - 12:30 PM
LPSS NOMINATING
COMMITTEE [2000 ELECTION]
CLOSED MEETING FOR
COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONLY**

POLITICS OF SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM

SUNDAY, JUNE 27TH, 9:30 - Noon

**Sponsored by ACRL Law and Political Science Section and
ARL Office of Scholarly Communication**

Technological changes affecting institutions of higher education are increasingly requiring collaboration among university faculty members administrators, librarians, and scholarly publishers. These partnerships are being developed along with intellectual transformations in the politics of scholarly communication. This program is intended to educate academic librarians about their role in the academic community's intellectual endeavors and to encourage librarians to help promote an environment conducive to effective research and writing.

Paul M. Gherman, University Librarian, Vanderbilt University
Jerry Goldman, Associate Professor, Political Science,
Northwestern University
John Unsworth, Director, Institute for Advanced Technology
in the Humanities
Moderator: Ken Frazier, Director of Libraries, University of
Wisconsin.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank the many LPSS members who have done a tremendous amount of work to support LPSS and its mission. I hope many of you are planning on coming to the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. The LPSS Program Planning Committee, chaired by Gabrielle Carr and Mary Reddick, has put together a very timely program titled "The Politics of Scholarly Communication in the New Millenium". Our LPSS web site has a new and improved look, thanks to Catherine Hansen. The Membership Committee, under the direction of Janice Lewis, devised a survey that was sent to the membership in order for the LPSS Executive Board to take LPSS in the direction that you, the members, want us to go. And last but not least, Stephen Stillwell reviewed our By-laws and the proposed changes were accepted by the ACRL By-laws Committee with one minor change.

It is my pleasure to work with many active LPSS members, not just the ones I mentioned above. See y'all in New Orleans.

--Paula Popma, LPSS President

Dr. Jolande E. Goldberg Recipient of the Marta Lange/CQ Award

I am delighted to announce that Dr. Jolande E. Goldberg, Senior Cataloging Policy Specialist (Law Classification) of the Library of Congress is the recipient of the Marta Lange/CQ Award this year. In nearly 30 years as law classification specialist, Dr. Goldberg has developed the following classification schedules:

KK-KKC	Law of Germany (1982)
KJ-KKZ	Law of Europe (1989)
KJV-KJW	Law of France (1985)
KL-KWX	Law of Asia and Eurasia, Africa, Pacific Area and Antarctica (1993)
KZ	Law of Nations (1997)
JZ	International Relations (1997)

Dr. Goldberg was also responsible for substantial revisions and changes in LC Classification policies in connection with the J schedules for Political Science. The letters of nomination commend her understanding and consideration of the requirements of many law-related disciplines, especially Political Science. The award honors distinguished librarianship in Political Science or Law. The Committee was pleased that Dr. Goldberg's work has been enormously beneficial to both communities. Jolande Goldberg's colleagues at the Library of Congress have provided glowing accounts of her outreach activities at home and abroad. She has been involved in reclassification projects at Yale, Harvard and Berkeley and recently has been working with the Vatican Library on the Canon Law schedules. The Library of Congress law classification is being used at the Political Science Institute of the University of Leipzig, the Cultural Heritage Library in Berlin, the Bibliotheque de Parliament in Canada, the University of Jerusalem in Israel, and Sophia University in Japan, to name a few prominent places. The letters also stress her intelligence, wit and political skills, as well as her energy, dedication and enthusiasm. Dr. Goldberg has worked tirelessly within the scholarly and library communities to build support for her work. Dr. Goldberg was trained as a lawyer in Germany. It is clear that her understanding of comparative, Roman, and foreign law, including civil and common law based systems, has been a tremendous asset.

--Rosemary Allen Little, Chair, Marta Lange/CQ Award Committee

DRAFT MINUTES ACRL LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCE SECTION

Executive Committee Meeting
ALA Midwinter Conference
Philadelphia, PA January 30, 1999

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Paula Popma called the meeting to order at 2:30pm and welcomed all those attending. All in attendance introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the annual conference meeting, June 27, 1998, were accepted and approved. The minutes were previously posted to the listserv and printed in the Spring LPSS Newsletter.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Vendor/Publisher (Jan Lewis)

The committee is moving away from its rigid review criteria and format to be able to provide shorter and faster reviews of sources. Current plans include video reviews, and introductory sources for legal

information. There will be a review of Lexis-Nexis' Academic Universe in the Spring newsletter.

B. Review and Planning (Cathy Doyle)

The committee is still waiting for the ACRL strategic planning form, so planning efforts are on hold. There was discussion about the CQ/Marta Lange Award luncheon. All those at CQ familiar with the luncheon are gone, and future support for the luncheon is unclear. Paula Popma will follow up with CQ.

C. Publications (Michael Jackson)

A new LPSS web page, created by Catherine Hansen, is now available. The committee is continuing to critique the new page to improve access. The committee also discussed possible new formats for the newsletter. The next deadline for getting the newsletter to ACRL is April 19th. Lucia Snowhill, editor, will send out a note on LPSS-L soliciting articles and announcements for the Spring issue.

D. 1999 Program Planning

The 1999 Program, co-sponsored by the ARL Scholarly Communications Committee, is entitled Politics of Scholarly Communication in the New Millennium. There will be two non-librarian and two librarian speakers. Additional funding will be requested from ACRL, since the ACRL President has a little more money that can be distributed. The committee is working on publicity and speaker biographies. The publicity deadline for *CR&L News* is March 23rd.

E. 2000 Program Planning (Marifran Bustion)

No committee has been formed yet, but Marifran Bustion is considering a theme related to law, such as finding law online or women and politics. The recent membership survey supports a program related to resources in law.

F. 1999 Nominating (Cathy Doyle)

The committee has identified candidates for Vice Chair/Chair Elect and for Member at Large, and is still working on candidates for Secretary.

Nominees are:

Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Jan Lewis
Lisa Stimatz

Member at Large: Madison Mosley
Barbara Norelli

During the meeting Gabrielle Carr volunteered to run for Secretary. The deadline for nominations is February 5th.

G. Membership (Jan Lewis)

The committee surveyed the membership this fall on a web site and in the newsletter. They received 13 responses. Jan noted that a lot of what was requested is already happening, but there were some suggestions:

--Users need help with basics of law resources. One of the suggestions was to have a newsletter column on tips for doing legal research.

--Mentoring. It is hoped that the listserv can meet some of this need.

--Identify resource people for different aspects of law and political science. So far, volunteers are Suping Lu for legislative information, Geraldine Foudy for international statistics, and Merle Slyhoff for law videos.

--Post membership survey results and request responses from members.

Jan also reported that LPSS membership is down only 3.5%, now that ACRL members can select 2 instead of 3 free section memberships.

H. Marta Lange Award (Cathy Doyle)

The committee meets tomorrow, and has five nominees to consider. There was some discussion about the ceremony for presenting the award at the annual conference. Those at CQ that are familiar with the award and have supported the luncheon are no longer at CQ. Paula Popma, Rosemary Little and Sue Parker will be meeting with CQ to discuss future support. Discussion raised several benefits to CQ in providing the luncheon. It was noted that the turnout for the luncheons has been good and enthusiastic. Those attending have given lot of information and feedback to CQ on its plans and products. The luncheon provides a focus group and marketing opportunity for CQ.

I. Library Instruction (Christine Angolia)

Diann Weatherly is working on a pathfinder and web site to support the LPSS program at the annual conference. The pathfinder on law resources will be updated and expanded onto a web site for the program in 2000.

ACRL Instruction Committee and ALA Congress on Professional Education will be distributing a draft white paper in April. The committee will review and comment on that draft.

There will be an LPSS Instruction Discussion Group meeting tomorrow (January 31st) about combining traditional and electronic resources in instruction. The committee is considering extending the discussion on the listserv.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ACRL Leadership (Paula Popma)

Paula reported on ACRL leadership meetings she has attended. ACRL and ALA leadership are discussing how section programs should be determined in the future. They expect program support to be more competitive, and will be looking for analysis of potential audience and themes. Future programs may be scheduled around themes or tracks, with programs approximately 1 1/2 hours. There will be an attempt to schedule programs in meeting rooms near each other. It is also hoped that ACRL divisions and sections could hold programs in the same hotel, with the goal of streamlining the number of programs. Section program planners stressed the need to have a firm program decision calendar from ACRL to facilitate their planning.

ACRL is also considering revising its strategic plan. There was discussion of this impact on the LPSS strategic planning review. It was determined that LPSS should wait to see what structure and directions ACRL creates before revising the section's plan.

ACRL is creating an Initiative Program with a fund of \$15,000. It will have competitive grants of \$500-2500 to support leading edge-type activities that challenge the

status quo and current thinking. Paula will send out further information about the initiative to anyone interested.

B. Section liaisons

ACRL requests that each section write job descriptions for each of its liaisons. Paula will submit brief descriptions for our liaisons to AALL and GODORT.

1. AALL (Merle Slyhoff)

Merle Slyhoff, AALL liaison, reported on several AALL activities. The AALL annual conference will be July 17-21, "At the Crossroads". Judicial personnel are being invited to the conference for discussions. The AALL Universal Citation Guide, which will give guidance on citations in any format without providing any proprietary information, is now in draft. It should be available in Spring, 1999. Institutes are being held for judges and librarians. The AALL Education Task Force is working to ensure that there are law courses in library schools. AALL is working with other national organizations such as ALA, SLA and MAL on issues of intellectual property. The AALL Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee has a web site that evaluates law web sites:

http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/law/lawlib/aa/llwg

2. GODORT (Gwendolyn Halford)

Gwendolyn Halford reported that there will be a Federal Depository Library Conference in Washington, DC in April, and she will put the web site about the conference on the listserv. She will also forward GOVDOC-L news about legislative items to the listserv.

C. LISTSERV (Pat McCandless)

Pat put all LPSS members on the LPSS-L, and only a small number asked to unsubscribe. She estimates that there are about 600 members still subscribing.

D. BYLAWS

Our proposed bylaws changes are being considered by the ACRL Board at this meeting. Paula will be notified of their decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

--Submitted by: Lucia Snowhill, Secretary

NEW LPSS WEB SITE

The LPSS Web site has a new look, thanks to Catherine Hansen, one of the Members-at-large. The URL is:

<http://www.lib.rochester.edu/doc/lpss.htm>

Or, go to the ACRL Web site: <http://www.ala.org/acrl.html>
and click on LPSS under Sections.

A big THANK YOU to Catherine for doing this in her "spare time"

REVIEWS:

LEXIS -NEXIS Academic Universe

Marketed by Congressional Information Service, Inc.(CIS), a wholly-owned subsidiary of LEXIS - NEXIS . [CIS, 4520 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814-3389. E-mail: cisinfo@lexis-nexis.com.]

The web-based Lexis -Nexis *Academic Universe*, from the Congressional Information Service (CIS), is an affordable research alternative for libraries which need access to current legal, political, and government information, but do not support a law school. CIS, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lexis -Nexis, has made a limited version of the impressive Lexis - Nexis database available to academic libraries by offering the research tool to a large consortium of colleges and universities at the average price of \$1.52 per FTE student per year. Another factor in the cost cutting of the service is the agreement that CIS may put advertising on some of the database's web pages in order to help defray costs. *Academic Universe* is available campus-wide through designated institutional IP addresses; no passwords are required for access. Users should have either Internet Explorer 3.0 or Netscape Navigator 3.0 or higher with at least a 28.8 modem connection for optimal viewing. The main page of *Academic Universe* offers access to twenty research topics: "Top News," "General News Topics," "Company News," "Company Financial Information," "Industry & Market

News," "Government & Political News," "News Transcripts," "Legal News," "Foreign Language News," "Country Profiles," "State Profiles," "Biographical Information," "Reference & Directories," "General Medical & Health Topics," "Medical Abstracts," "Accounting, Auditing, & Tax," "Law Reviews," "Federal Case Law," "U.S. Code, Constitution, & Court Rules," and "State Legal Research." Each research topic is then further broken down by source material. For example, under the research topic "U.S. Code, Constitution, & Court Rules" the user must choose a source material from a pull-down menu (sources under this topic include: Federal Rules, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Code, U.S. Constitution, Federal Acquisitions Regulations, and Attorney General Opinions - but no Federal Register.) Under this research topic the user must also choose from a pull-down menu for "Document Section to Search," in this instance choosing between "Full Text" or "Cite."

Each of the twenty research topics have individualized interfaces with appropriate pull-down menu options for "Source Material," "Document Section to Search," "Court," "Dates," etc., as applicable to the topic being searched. Boolean searching is employed; and *Academic Universe* suggests using specific boolean commands for legal citations. For example, legal citations must be searched using the "pre/6" operator in place of the name of a legal reporter or volume of code, so that a search for "454 U.S. 851" would

be typed in "454 pre/6 851." Also legal case "name" searches use the boolean operator "AND" instead of "v." or "vs." so that a search for "Roe v. Wade" must be typed in as "Roe AND Wade." However, if a citation is typed in precisely, with the correct punctuation and spacing, it will be retrieved. Other familiar Boolean operators such as "w/n," "w/p," "w/s," as well as an asterisk for a wildcard, an exclamation point for truncation, and "at least n," may also be employed while searching *Academic Universe*. For undergraduates who are unfamiliar with sophisticated searching techniques, librarians should be prepared to offer increased instruction when using this product. However, each topic search screen has clear explanations on the bottom of the page if users take the time to scroll down and read them.

Each research topic screen also offers an "Additional Terms" or "Search Terms" field. This field may be used for advanced Boolean searching. For example, a user can do a "Full Text" search in the required topic field, and then narrow down their search by adding an author or publication search in the "Additional Terms" or "Search Terms" field. For example, some the "segments" one can search in the "Search Terms" field for federal legal cases are "Name" as in name(janet w/2 reno) and "Opinionby" as in opinionby(ginsburg). *Academic Universe* does not necessarily search the full text of a document when a basic topic search is conducted, but instead searches several fundamental segments of the document. In the case of newspaper searches, the database will search headlines and lead paragraphs only. Therefore, the "Additional Terms" field would have to be filled in if a user wanted an article by a specific writer in a particular publication. Results can be shown in the "KWIC"- "Keyword in Context View," to assess whether a document is pertinent to the user's research needs, which is a valuable time-saver.

Academic Universe provides access to an abundance of full-text documents.

Especially meaningful for academic libraries without law schools is the access to federal and state case law and codes, law reviews, and legal periodicals such as the *New York Law Journal*. Political Science researchers will have access to such political news sources as the *National Journal*, as well as FDCH *Congressional Hearings Summaries* and *Political Finance and Lobby Reporter*.

Most of the major national newspapers are accessible on *Academic Universe*, including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Chicago Tribune*, and *The Los Angeles Times*. International foreign language news is available in French, German, Italian, Spanish, and Dutch. The database also offers access to a plethora of social science academic journals and business resources. CIS says it has plans to add patent information sometime in 1999. A complete list of the sources on *Academic Universe* is available on the CIS web site at:

<http://www.cispubs.com/market/universe/alphasources/indexausf.htm>.

User response at my university to *Academic Universe* has been overwhelmingly favorable, especially among the Social Sciences faculty. There had been a consistent outpouring of requests from faculty members for access to the Lexis -Nexis database, however, for a public university with no law school, the costs were prohibitive. Lexis -Nexis *Academic Universe* has been the propitious solution to our faculty and students' information needs and the libraries' budget constraints.

--Gerri Foudy, SUNY Stony Brook

LEXIS-NEXIS Educational Program

Subscribers to *Academic Universe* also receive access to the "old" educational program version of Lexis-Nexis as part of the subscription package. When my library

made the transition to *Academic Universe*, the knowledge that we still had access to the old version helped cushion the initial impact of the change for staff and users. We anticipated using the educational program rather frequently for its power searching features, as well as for access to features and content not available on *Academic Universe*.

One of the major advantages of using the educational program is the ability to search all federal courts, all state courts, or the combination of both, at one time. Persons who need to perform current awareness searches on a particular topic find this combined searching feature to be a great timesaver. For example, a faculty member from our Department of Criminal Justice does a weekly search to find new search and seizure cases from around the country. He can do one search using the educational program, whereas on *Academic Universe*, he would have to run the search at least 53 times -- once for each state and once each for the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Courts of Appeals, and the U.S. District Courts. Being able to search multiple courts at one time is also useful when looking for cases on a very specific topic, such as products liability cases involving a specific drug, or cases matching a very narrow fact pattern. The power search features of the educational program are also valuable when comprehensiveness is required. In many instances, the structure of *Academic Universe* prevents users from knowing whether they have truly done a comprehensive search. For example, in the "Legal News" topic area, search results vary depending on whether terms are put in the "keyword" box or in the "additional terms" box. When I searched the last six months of "Legal News" for "arrest" in the keyword box and "probable cause" in the additional terms box, I retrieved 72

documents. Searching for "probable cause" in the keyword box and "arrest" in the additional terms box retrieved only 22 documents. A third alternative, searching for both "arrest and probable cause" in the keyword box retrieved 13 documents. Using the educational program's full-text searching feature, the same search found 138 documents. [Searches performed on March 22, 1999.] The LEXSEE and LEXSTAT features of the educational program make it very simple to find a particular case or statute if the citation is known. These commands can be entered from any screen, even the opening library screen. There is no comparable feature on *Academic Universe* -- one must select the correct topic area, such as "Federal Case Law," then the correct court, and then search in the cite field. Neither AUTOCITE nor Shepard's is available on *Academic Universe*; both are sorely missed. A final reason to use the educational program is to access the large amount of data that is not contained in *Academic Universe*. Some data, such as public laws, voting reports, congressional member information, bill texts and bill tracking reports, are contained in the sister product, *Congressional Universe*. Other information is not, to my knowledge, available through any of the Universe family. Some of the sources missed most at my library are *ALR* annotations, *Federal Register*, state Attorney General opinions and administrative codes, and the ALI Restatements. A list of titles included in educational program but not included in *Academic Universe* is available at <http://www.cispubs.com/market/universe/exclusions/educnotuniv.htm>.

--Jan Lewis, Law & Business Librarian
James Branch Cabell Library
Virginia Commonwealth University

Share Your Expertise: Be a Mentor

Are you looking for a way to be more active in LPSS? Well, we have the perfect opportunity for you. The recent survey of LPSS members indicated a real need for mentoring. We'd like to offer a virtual mentoring program through the LPSS web page and we need lots of mentors to make the program a success. The mentoring page will list subject specialists who have volunteered to help fellow LPSS members with specific concerns that fall within the subject specialist's area of expertise. These concerns may involve collection development and product evaluation issues, difficult reference questions, library instruction techniques, etc. The complexity and variety of our jobs make the sky the limit. That's why we need you to share your expertise with others. So far, persons have signed up as subject specialists in the areas of legislative materials, law-related videotapes, and international statistics. We need many more volunteers to make this program work. Please send me an email with your area of expertise so that we can add you to the list. Thanks in advance for participating in this worthwhile program.

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