

**ALA Annual 2004
Orlando**

Draft Meeting Schedule

****Please check the ALA website for final schedule****
<http://www.ala.org/> [click on Events & Conferences]

SAT. JUNE 26

11:30 AM-1 PM
Marta Lange/CQ luncheon

1:30-3:30 PM
LPSS Program

SUNDAY JUNE 27

8:30-10 AM
All committee meeting
10-11 AM
General membership mtg.

2-4 PM
Marta Lange/CQ Award
Committee--*members only*

TBA on the LPSS listserv
LPSS Social/Happy Hour!

2004 LPSS Annual Program: Interactive And Collaborative Curricular Learning Communities

Saturday, June 26, 1:30-3:30pm

Learning community faculty and librarians have common goals and can form partnerships to meet the information needs of students. Librarians support instructional academic goals and have an interest in teaching for critical reading, analytical writing and persuasive speaking in the context of a discipline, introducing students to reliable information sources, search techniques, and critical evaluation criteria. Collaborative efforts between faculty and librarians will provide a better focus on the information environment students now access.

The conference program features the Law and Diversity Learning Community (LDP) at Fairhaven College. Since 1991, this program has been recognized for its role in expanding diversity in law schools and law related professions. It continues to be a rigorous two-year interdisciplinary course of study for upper-level undergraduate students. Julie Helling, J.D. Director of the program and student Billy Munoz will share their experiences as members of this unique learning community.

For the second half of the program join LPSS instructional librarians and help create sample student outcomes for LDP using the ACRL Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education.

LPSS History

Past issues of *LPSS News* are available on the LPSS website.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/lawpolisci/lpsspublications.htm>

Work is underway to scan and post issues from Fall 1985 (v.1) to Spring 1998.

Chair's Message

What was that traffic jam at Midwinter? It was the celebration for the opening of the new San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum, featuring the USS Midway, CV 41, at the Navy Pier. The USS Midway was in active service for 47 years, beginning after the surrender of Japan in August 1945 through the Kuwait campaign of 1992. The museum will open for visitors in June 2004. Details, history, and photos are available at the museum's website, www.midway.org.

Once past the traffic, members were treated to meetings highlighted by spirited exchanges during separate visits from the ACRL Presidential candidates, Camila Alire and Charles Kratz. It was an outstanding opportunity to interact with the candidates and learn details about their vision for the Association. You can read their goal statements in the February 2004 *C&RL News*. Don't forget to vote! For more information about the 2004 election and the new online voting option, visit: <http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/governance/electioninfo/alaelectioninfo.htm>

Our three task forces are still moving forward. The Education Task Force agreed to work with Ann Marshall's proposal to create a forum for members to present their scholarly work at national meetings. The Web Page Review Task Force is making plans for a presentation in Orlando. Marketing and Public Relations could use some additional members: it is not too late to volunteer for one of these groups!

We are still seeking the right structure to coordinate representation from LPSS at APSA and possibly other groups. Bruce Pencek has been a willing test pilot, and his reports have inspired some LPSS members to increase their active participation in our section.

Thanks to everyone who is taking responsibility for leadership in our section. It is exciting to see new faces and familiar ones. I have had an exciting year as chair, and I am grateful to Barbara Norelli, Past Chair, for providing patient counsel to me and for convening the Education Task Force. Lynne Rudasill, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, has been dutiful in making committee appointments. She will be a wonderful chair for you next year.

I hope you will come to Orlando in June. Our Annual Program Committee promises an interactive experience on Saturday, June 26, from 1:30-3:00, when participants will help create sample student learning outcomes for library instruction. If that weren't enough reason to attend the Annual Conference, consider coming in order to honor Lucia Snowhill, our 2004 CQ/Marta Lange Award winner. Then of course, there is the sun, the water, and all of those amusement parks. I look forward to seeing you in Orlando!

Susan E. Parker, Chair, LPSS



Some of the smaller boats in San Diego, just outside the Convention Center. Photo by Catherine Shreve.

LUCIA SNOWHILL Recipient of the Marta Lange/CQ Award

Congratulations to the 2004 Marta Lange/CQ Award winner Lucia Snowhill, Collections Coordinator, Donald C. Davidson Library, University of California, Santa Barbara.

Lucia has demonstrated over many years the kind of commitment to LPSS that has made her a standout. Lucia has been active in a number of committees and has been the editor of the section newsletter. Collection responsibility has been in the area of social sciences, particularly political science, law, and government documents.

Please join us Saturday, June 26, 2004 from 11:30-1pm at the Congressional Quarterly, Inc (CQ) sponsored luncheon honoring Lucia during the American Library Association Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Information on how to RSVP for the luncheon will be posted to the list shortly. Binh Le is the luncheon coordinator.

LPSS Task Force Charges

Task Force Guidelines:

- No specific term for now, serve until project is complete - experimental condition
- Work is done electronically, no requirement to attend ALA or ACRL
- Members must respond to all emails and other electronic communications in a timely manner
- ACRL Committee Membership form is not required for task force members at this time

Education Task Force

To promote and facilitate legal and/or political science research and library instruction projects of our members, report works in progress and disseminate results; act as a resource and information-sharing vehicle for those who teach law and/or political science research in bibliographic instruction/information literacy courses all in consort with the LPSS Library Instruction Committee Chair. Prior to ALA Midwinter Meetings & Annual Conferences, provide the LPSS Executive Committee with a progress report and recommendations about the work of the task force.

Members: Barbara Norelli, Chair; Mercedes Benitez-Sharpless; Kathi Fountain; Peter Kraus; Lorena O'English; Bruce Pencek; Connie Salyers Stoner; Catherine Shreve

Current Project: To propose a set of information literacy standards for political science for review at the ALA Annual Conference in Orlando, June 2004.

Marketing/Public Relations Task Force

To develop strategies for strengthening the public relations image of LPSS and Law and/or Political Science Librarians beyond the members of LPSS; specifically address the need for a public relations plan to more widely disseminate the concept of Political Information Day (including but not limited to receptions, press releases, articles, presentations, etc.) on a local, state and national level all in consort with the LPSS Membership Chair. Prior to ALA Midwinter Meetings & Annual Conferences, provide the LPSS Executive Committee with a report and recommendations about the work of the task force.

Members: Cathy Carpenter, Chair; Kelly Janousek; Marcus E. Kieltyka, Jeanie Welch

Web Page Review Task Force:

To examine the current LPSS Web Site on a periodic basis; recommend changes in the organization and structure of the site; identify needed revisions, additions, and deletions related to the content; document technologies not currently provided by ALA and ACRL which are needed to support features of the site; ensure that the web site conforms to all appropriate ALA, ACRL, and LPSS policies and procedures; and document decisions made during the review and revision of the site, all in consort with the LPSS Webmaster and Publications Chair. Prior to ALA Midwinter Meetings & Annual Conferences, provide the LPSS Executive Committee with a report and recommendations about the status of the LPSS web site.

Members: Lisa Norberg, Chair; Jan Lewis; Lynne Rudasill

Current Project: To propose a redesign of the LPSS web page for review by LPSS membership at the ALA Annual Conference in Orlando, June 2004.

LPSS COMMITTEES, 2003-2004

Executive Committee:

Susan Parker, Chair, term exp. 2004
Lynne Rudasill, Vice Chair, term exp. 2004
Kathleen Fountain, Secretary, exp. 2005
Barbara Norelli, Past Chair, exp. 2004
Michael Jackson, Member-at-Large, exp. 2004
Marcus Kieltyka, Member-at-Large, exp. 2005
Dorothy Washington, Board Liaison, exp. 2004
Mary Jane Petrowski, Staff Liaison, exp. 2004

Conference Program Planning Committee - 2004:

Connie Salyers Stoner, Chair, exp. 2004
Cathy Carpenter, exp. 2004
Brian Coutts, exp. 2004
Dennis Lambert, exp. 2004
Ann Marshall, exp. 2004
Lynne Rudasill, exp. 2004

Library Instruction Committee:

Lorena O'English, Chair, exp. 2004
Kathleen Fountain, exp. 2005
Kelly Janousek, exp. 2005
Bruce Pencek, exp. 2004

Marta Lange/CQ Award Committee:

Graham Walden, Chair, exp. 2004
Binh Le, exp. 2004
Janice Lewis, exp. 2004
Megan Bielefeld, Staff Liaison, exp. 2004

Membership Committee:

Michael Jackson, Chair, exp. 2005
Kelly Janousek, exp. 2005
Chad Kahl, exp. 2005
Peter Kraus, exp. 2004
Becky Lutkenhaus, exp. 2004
Thomas Schaffer, exp. 2004
Marian Shaaban, exp. 2004

Nominating Committee:

Lorena O'English, Chair, exp. 2005
Barbara Norelli, exp. 2004
Mary Jane Petrowski, exp. 2004

Publications Committee:

Thomas Mann, Chair, exp. 2004
Brian Coutts, exp. 2004
Travis Johnson, Webmaster, exp. 2004
Suping Lu, exp. 2005
Patricia McCandless, Listserv Manager, exp. 2004
Catherine Shreve, *LPSS News* Editor, exp. 2004
Lucia Snowhill, exp. 2004
Roger Stelk, exp. 2005

Review and Planning Committee:

Barbara Norelli, Chair, exp. 2004
Christine Angolia, exp. 2004
Mercedes Benitez-Sharpless, exp. 2004
Susan Parker, exp. 2005
Merle Slyhoff, exp. 2004

Vendor and Publisher Review Committee:

Mary Gilles, Chair, exp. 2004
David Lincove, exp. 2005
Atifa Rawan, exp. 2004



LPSS committees held productive meetings at Midwinter 2004. Join us! Photo by Susan Parker.

Review: Oxford Analytica <http://www.oxan.com/index.html>

Since 1984, Oxford Analytica has produced the *Daily Brief Service*. The service's format is patterned after the current White House practice of short reports on economic, political and social developments around the world. The Daily Brief Service consists of seven to eight briefs of three to four pages. Of these briefs, one is dedicated to each of the following areas: *Latin American Daily Brief* (LADB), *Asia-Pacific Daily Brief* (APDB), and the *Eastern European Daily Brief* (EEDB). The remaining briefs are identified as *Oxford Analytica Daily Brief* (OADB) consisting of some overlap with the regional briefs. The format is one of event identification, its significance, the body comprised of a multi-page analysis, and a conclusion.

The briefs are actually written in the evening after a review of over 600 news sources by the Oxford Analytica staff. The sources, both in print and electronic format, include significant newspapers, magazines, and journals. The Managing Editors, Senior Region Heads, and editorial staffs select those issues with the most significant political, social and economic impact to become the basis for the following mornings brief. The writers are chosen from a pool of over 1000 academics, independent researchers, and writers all known for their expertise and knowledge in their discipline. The various area desk staffs then edit down these submissions to a common format, length, and voice, further checking references. The final briefs are available by 9am EST.

OxResearch is a database aimed for the academic environment containing full-text briefs from the four services: *Latin American Daily Brief* (LADB), *Asia-Pacific Daily Brief* (APDB), and the *Eastern European Daily Brief* (EEDB) and the *Oxford Analytica Daily Brief* (OADB) back to 1984 with an automated rolling three-month embargo of current material.

Oxford Analytica was founded in 1975 as an international research and consulting firm based in Oxford England. The unique aspect of this service beyond that of a news wire is that students, researchers, and leaders are able to obtain consistent strategic analysis of geopolitical, macroeconomic and social developments as close to real time as possible at a price for academic institutions.

Marcus Kieltyka
Auburn University

APSA TEACHING AND LEARNING CONFERENCE

APSA launched the first annual APSA Conference on Teaching and Learning in Political Science in Washington, DC, on February 19-21, 2004. Held on the campus of American University in Washington, D.C., the conference is designed to generate a greater understanding of cutting-edge approaches, techniques, and methodologies that can be applied in the political science classroom. APSA intends for the conference to provide both faculty and graduate students in political science a forum to develop their own work related to teaching and learning as well as to discuss broad themes affecting political science education. For the inaugural conference, APSA invited 40 political scientists to participate in the 2004 conference. In future years, the conference will be open to all who would like to participate.

<<http://www.apsanet.org/tlc/>> APSA TEACHING AND LEARNING CONFERENCE

From the American Political Science Association's newsletter (thank you Bruce Pencek)

LPSS Minutes--ALA Midwinter 2004

The draft minutes of the 2004 LPSS meeting at ALA Midwinter have been prepared. They will be available for review at ALA Annual 2004. They will also be available on the LPSS listserv, or from the LPSS Secretary, Kathleen Fountain at KFountain@csuchico.edu.

Review: ICPSR: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research
<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/>

The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), established in 1962 at the University of Michigan, maintains and provides access to an archive of mainly social science data. ICPSR is a tightly knit membership organization with over 500 member universities, colleges, and organizations. It is defined by a Constitution, Bylaws, a Memorandum of Agreement with its host the Institute for Social Research, and a Governing Council. The Council, which guides ICPSR activities, consists of twelve scholars and data professionals elected by the membership.

In a collaborative effort with member institutions, producers of data, and funding agencies, ICPSR acquires, preserves and supplies numeric raw data used by researchers to create publications, reports, and figures. It preserves and migrates data to storage media as changes in technology warrant, provides user support to assist researchers in identifying relevant data for their research projects, and offers training in quantitative methods to facilitate effective data use. Access to the data holdings, which include over 5,200 titles and over 75,000 individual files, is via IP address, with no limits on simultaneous users. For nonmembers, ICPSR data are available on a fee basis depending on collection and upon the size of the files and extent of ICPSR processing.

Traditionally ICPSR data has focused on research in Political Science, Sociology, and Demography. But ICPSR also provides historical research data (time series data with a time span back to the 1800s) that is useful to research in the Humanities, and it is trying to expand further, especially into research in the field of Health. Included in the data holdings are Special Topic Archives, hosted by ICPSR but mostly publicly available. The Special Topic Archives are sponsored and maintained by agencies with a specific subject area focus, such as: [Health and Medical Care Archive](#) (HMCA), consisting of research projects funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; the [International Archive of Education Data](#) (IAED), a project sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics; the [National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging](#) (NACDA, funded by the National Institute on Aging; and the [National Archive of Criminal Justice Data](#) (NACJD), supported by the Bureau of Justice Statistics. ICPSR is also embarking on projects to archive both all Census 2000 and Election 2000 data and documentation files.

ICPSR goes to great lengths to ensure that data studies distributed through its archive do not contain information that can be used to identify individuals. For studies that do not meet these criteria, a procedure is in place to make confidential data available on a case-by-case basis. Restricted datasets are limited to researchers who

must qualify under ICPSR's use file restrictions and meet the terms and conditions contained in their Restricted Data Use Agreement. The ICPSR facility in Ann Arbor has a secure lab for researchers to use data that cannot be taken offsite. It has a seat at the Michigan Census Research Data Center which allows members with approved research projects access to confidential unpublished census data.

The ICPSR website provides a wide range of information on data research and access. ICPSR data is compliant with Data Documentation Initiative (DDI). The adherence to this internationally recognized meta standard enables ICPSR to embark on a project where selected datasets can be searched at the variable level. In addition, researchers can rely on a thesaurus that is continuously being developed. Increasingly data files are accompanied by application software, usually SPSS. All codebooks are in pdf, which makes them logistically better than paper and easier to use.

A locally designated Official Representative (OR) represents each member institution. The OR serves as the liaison between the home campus and ICPSR, represents the member institution at ICPSR meetings, and serves as the contact person for research questions on campus, especially if a member institution has not hooked up to ICPSR Direct. ORs also receive relatively quick and solid technical support from ICPSR. In general, ICPSR is receptive to feedback.

In order to promote effective data use in research and instruction, ICPSR sponsors training conducted mainly in Ann Arbor, with venues elsewhere in the country too. Their flagship program is the summer program in qualitative methods of social research, which offers a comprehensive, integrated program of studies in research design, statistics, data analysis, and social methodology. Another program is the Site for Instructional Materials and Information. Its goal is to develop--with the help of faculty--and disseminate instructional datasets and accompanying material for undergraduate and graduate education.

ICPSR is an important resource in encouraging and facilitating research and instruction in a wide spectrum of disciplines. It is highly recommended.

Fadi Dagher
Columbia University

Review: Sociometrics: Social Science Electronic Data Library (SSEDL)
<http://www.socio.com>

Established in 1983 by Dr. Josefina J. Card as a research and development firm specializing in health and social science research applications, Sociometrics data archives have grown to include over 350 studies chosen by its National Advisory Board of specialists.

Sociometrics works with various governmental agencies in the acquisition and reformatting of data sets to facilitate searching among the eight topically focused data libraries. Each data set included SAS & SPSS data extract program files, SPSS portable files, frequencies, data dictionaries and detailed user's guides. Eighty percent of Sociometrics data sets are not available from other sources including ICPSR and the United States government. In March 2004, Thomson Gale acquired distribution rights to Sociometrics, though leaving Sociometrics in control of operations. According to Dr. Card, this arrangement allows each side to emphasize their strengths in the creation of a better product available through a known library agent.

Sociometrics will continue to offer services such as data set preparation at various levels. Data set preparation includes the production of data sets suitable for public sharing and distribution. Other services include The Multivariate Interactive Data Analysis System (MIDAS). MIDAS provides electronic access to data analysis of social science, health, and demographic variables from a pool of over 150,000 variables available in studies from seven of Sociometrics' topically focused national data archives. MIDAS includes search and retrieval programming and highly organized variable-level and study-level links to supporting documentation such as original instruments, codebooks, methodology reports, and data set user's guides.

Another of Sociometrics' research services is The CAQDD (Computer Assisted Questionnaire and Dataset Developer). CAQDD is software intended to facilitate questionnaire writing, data set development, and documentation by automating tasks that can best be done by computer. It improves questionnaire creation and documentation by providing a structure and format that is both complete and of high quality; and it eliminates much of the post data-collection effort of documenting a data set for public use by other researchers.

The Data and Internet Literacy Series is a newly added training component with the express goal of training data novices on the appropriate use of these resources. This series is a set of six self-paced training modules and a parallel set of teaching materials for instructors.

Sociometrics has also recently created a value-added service to the U.S. Social Survey by linking questionnaires from national social and health surveys with the actual data collected by survey researchers.

U.S. Social Surveys allow a researcher to track specific populations' responses to the U.S. Social Survey.

The Research Support Group provides assistance with customized data set extracts; user-defined statistical tables and analyses; data archiving, management and analysis services; customized CD-ROMs; and training workshops.

To further support the use of these data sets, Sociometrics conducts an annual training known as the Institute for Program Development and Evaluation (IPDE). This three-day training is designed to integrate science-based principles into planning, implementing and evaluating for health-associated organizations.

The eight data archives that comprise this easy-to-use and well-organized collection of mostly unique studies include the following:

The Data Archive on Adolescent Pregnancy and Pregnancy Prevention (DAAPPP) holds 156 studies (many longitudinal) on sexuality, health, and adolescence with over 60,000 variables.

The American Family Data Archive (AFDA) consists of 20 studies and 20,000 variables containing documentation from nationally recognized studies on important issues relating to American family life, demographics, and family patterns.

The Data Archive of Social Research on Aging (DARSA) is a compilation of 14,500 variables from the longitudinal aging studies.

The Research Archive on Disability in the U.S. (RADIUS) is a collection of 19 data sets with more than 20,000 variables that focus on the prevalence, incidence, correlates and consequences of disability in the U.S.

The Maternal Drug Abuse archive (MDA), a collection of 7 data sets with 5,000 variables, examines topics such as the prevalence of drug use among pregnant women, demographic characteristics of pregnant drug users, types of illicit drug use, effects of prenatal and perinatal substance use on pregnancy complications, the effects of alcohol and drug exposure on children.

The AIDS/STD Data and Instrument Archive (AIDS) contain 12 studies on AIDS/HIV and other STDs with over 14,000 variables.

The Child Well-Being and Poverty Data Archive (CWP) consists of 11 data sets with over 20,000 variables. The collection provides descriptive and comparative data on the structure of child well being and poverty, the factors and consequences of child poverty and other programs related to welfare, education, and child well-being.

The Contextual Data Archive (CDA) describes the population, social, and economic characteristics of geographic areas, from census tracts to states, in which people reside or work. Each of the 13 data sets, containing 18,000 variables, is drawn from various sources, but has one common geographic unit of analysis.

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