

**ALA Annual 2006
New Orleans**

Draft Meeting Schedule

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

SAT. JUNE 24

11:30 am-1 pm
Marta Lange/CQ Press
Luncheon

1:30-3:30 pm
LPSS Program

SUNDAY JUNE 25

8-10 am
All Committee meetings

10:30 am-12:00 pm
General Meeting

TBA
Marta Lange/CQ Press
Award Committee
Meeting (closed)

Beyond Katrina: Politics, Race and Law

2006 LPSS Program
June 24th, 2006, 1:30-3:30 pm,
ALA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA

Please join us for a provocative and timely 2006 LPSS Program,
featuring a panel of three scholars:

- **Wayne Parent**, Louisiana State University, author of *Inside the Carnival: Unmasking Louisiana Politics*
- **Warren Billings**, University of New Orleans, co-editor of *A Law unto Itself?: Essays in the New Louisiana Legal History*
- **Adolph Reed**, University of Pennsylvania, author of *Without Justice for All: The New Liberalism and the Retreat from Racial Equality* and recent *Nation* article, "Class-ifying the Hurricane"

The LPSS program has evolved considerably since Hurricane Katrina. Pre-Katrina, the 2006 LPSS Program was titled, "Inside the Research Process: How Academics do their Work." The program still aims to follow through on its original intent and to offer three accounts of how faculty engage in research. Post-Katrina, a second goal was added to the program: to educate ourselves about the political, legal and racial underpinnings of the Katrina tragedy. Now titled, "Beyond Katrina: Politics, Race and Law," the 2006 program promises to be lively, engaging and deeply relevant. Don't miss this LPSS event!



Visitors Guide from New Orleans Convention & Visitors Bureau

Chair's Message

Lots of interesting accomplishments in our section these past six months.

- Participation with the ACRL environmental scan to identify trends and emerging issues that may affect the future of higher education especially key areas affecting ACRL and its members. Key assumptions about the relevant future for academic and research libraries and libraries are shared on the ACRL webpage. Several that may be of interest to law and political science librarians are: *the need for subject specialized librarians will grow* and *increased "googlization" blurs the line between technology skills and information literacy skills*.
- ACRL funded two LPSS initiatives for members to attend APSA conference and Teaching and Learning conference.
- LPSS Weblogs Discussion Group at ALA Midwinter.
- Political Science Research Competency guidelines review and development of an accompanying rubric during a midwinter meeting.
- Chair attended the 101st American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual meeting & exhibition. Spoke at the Business Meeting of the Undergraduate section to promote the draft of the Research Competency guidelines and encourage their input. Attended the CQ reception and given another opportunity to promote the LPSS Education Task force initiative.
- Four members of LPSS attended the 3rd APSA Teaching and Learning Conference to hold a workshop/focus discussion to improve the Research Competency guidelines and get feedback from teaching faculty about the guidelines rubric's draft. Kathi Fountain shared the feedback received from that workshop with the Education Task Force members.
- Executive Committee agreed to update language in the LPSS manual;
 1. Add the WebMaster to the Executive Committee.
 2. Past Chair duties changed to show--Serves as chair the second year as member of the Review and Planning Committee.
 3. Committee procedures language will include the ALA Policy Manual 4.5 Requirements for Committee Service.

Connie Salyers Stoner

LPSS Committee Volunteers Needed!

Looking for a way to meet colleagues, learn useful tips, and give back to the profession? LPSS could use your help on its committees. Volunteers are especially needed to serve on the Library Instruction and Membership committees, but volunteers for all committees are welcome. See the list of options on the LPSS website and p. 7 of this newsletter. Contact Kathi Fountain (kfountain@csuchico.edu) to volunteer.

From your Editor

After three years of editing the *LPSS News* (and concurrent with the expiration of my Publications Committee membership) I am ready to move on and allow someone else this opportunity. It has been truly rewarding and educational. I've enjoyed getting to know all of you, attending committee meetings and social hours at ALA, and staying in the loop for LPSS activities. I only wish I could have devoted more time to it and added some of the innovations that were in my mind when I started. Alas, reality intervened -- yes I do have a job and a family! -- and I had to content myself with editing for conciseness and learning to Adobify our final submission to ACRL for publication.

Thank you all, for your written contributions to the newsletter, and for allowing me to be your editor. Stay tuned to the listserv for the Publications Committee's announcement of a new editor soon.

Catherine Shreve

The 2005-06 Marta Lange CQ/Press Award

The ACRL Marta Lange CQ/Press Award Committee is very pleased to announce that Graham R. Walden is the recipient of the 2005-06 ACRL Marta Lange CQ/Press Award. Graham is Professor, Librarian and Collection Manager for Communication and Telecommunication, Germanic Languages and Literature at Ohio State University.

In selecting Graham, the Committee noted his excellent and sustained contributions to librarianship, research, scholarship, and service. He is an expert on the literatures of polling and survey research methodology. Over the past decade, he published three major bibliographies, scholarly articles, and numerous book reviews on these topics.

Congratulations to Graham!

The award reception, sponsored by CQ Press, will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2006 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (At this writing, the location of the reception has yet to be announced by ALA.) The invitation to the award reception will be sent out to LPSS colleagues via the LPSS listserv once the above-mentioned information is available. For more information on the award reception, LPSS colleagues may contact Brian Coutts (brian.coutts@wku.edu) or Lisa Norberg (lnorberg@email.unc.edu).

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ACRL Marta Lange CQ/Press Award Committee, Chair

LPSS Web Site Updated

...thanks to our new LPSS webmaster, Chad Kahl from Illinois State University's Milner Library in Normal, Illinois. He is the coordinator for library instruction and information literacy. Chad's officially been in the position since July, and finally received training and access to ALA's course management software in February.

He has updated the committee web site at
<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/lawpolisci/lpsshomepage.htm>

In addition to updating information and names, fixing broken links, etc. throughout the site, he made substantial changes to the following pages:

- Committees web page now has the rosters of the 2005-06 committee members.
- The committee rosters for 2003-04 and 2004-05 were archived.
- Publication web page now includes pathfinders from recent ALA conferences and other new publications.
- Awards web page includes names of recent winners for the Marta Lange/CQPress Award and links to information on a number of the previous winners.
- Conferences web page has agendas and/or minutes for recent conferences.

Links were also added to the new proposed LPSS Strategic Plan, Political Science Research Competency Guidelines and Repository of Outcomes examples for membership review and comments.

So, please take a look at the site! Chad would appreciate comments and suggestions for improving it. He can be reached at cmkahl@ilstu.edu.

[*Thank you* Chad!--ed.]

LPSS Midwinter Discussion Group on Blogs

The discussion at Midwinter touched on the many uses of blogs in the academic community. In addition to librarian blogs, we talked about teaching faculty blogs, the use of blogs by students for papers and projects, and the technical and time requirements of putting up a blog. There was also a dialogue about the acceptance of blogs within acad me.

Blogs have many different uses for librarians. A blog can give the academic community information about the library, ranging from public relations announcements to details about a new database. The advantage of relying on blogs instead of email is that the recipients won't be flooded with messages. However, it is a challenge getting patrons to visit the blogs. Users may not think of checking blogs for their information about the library.

Blogs can provide links to other valuable information sources. For instance, many political blogs have links to mass media, such as *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, as well as lists of fellow political bloggers. Thus, the blogs can serve as both news and opinion resources. Since most high quality blogs are updated daily, they can be used to follow current events.

Blogs can be an avenue in the classroom to educate students about information literacy. For example, a political opinion blog like www.andrewsullivan.com can be used alongside a traditional news source like *The New York Times* to highlight the differences between opinion and news.

Librarians may be ahead of the curve on this resource. Students may not be aware of blogs or if they do know about them, they are uncertain about their value. However, some students have been using them as sources. For example, there was a reference question from a student who wanted to use military blogs for a paper on the Iraq War. Some creative writing and communication students have been required to create and maintain blogs as part of their class portfolio.

The time required to maintain a blog is a drawback. Keeping blogs updated regularly, like any web resource, is crucial for their success. Librarians responsible for many subject areas would be hard pressed to update them weekly, let alone daily. In addition, there is the concern about investing time in a resource that may not be recognized as useful by colleagues and patrons. Questions were also raised about the technological skills needed to create blogs. However, it was pointed out that there is software that makes that task much easier.

Looking ahead, the participants expressed interest in having further sessions on weblogs. Specifically, a program about weblogs would be a good idea for the national conference in Washington DC in 2007.

Erik Sean Estep, Illinois State University

Want to know what you're missing?

Join the **LPSS listserv** for Section announcements, news, and discussion.

AND find out the time and place of the **LPSS Social/Happy Hour at ALA Annual!**

To subscribe see the LPSS web site:
<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/lawpolisci/lpsslistserv.htm>

Some blogs to check out

ACRLog
<http://www.acrlblog.org/>

LITA
<http://litablog.org/>

SuperPatron
<http://vielmetti.typepad.com/superpatron/>

Georgia State U. Library News & Subject Blogs
<http://www.library.gsu.edu/news/>

Internet Public Library's list of blogs (by topic)
<http://www.ipl.org/div/blogs/>

Division of Labour (political, w/ links to others)
<http://www.divisionoflabour.com/>

Blogging as a Virtual Academic Conference
<http://fruitsandvotes.com/?p=168>

BlogScholar.com
<http://www.blogscholar.com/>

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Be sure to vote for LPSS officers--ALA polls close Apr 24

Vice-chair/Chair-elect

Lorena O'English, social sciences reference and instruction librarian, Washington State University
Kelly Janousek, librarian, California State University-Long Beach

Member-at-Large

Cathy Carpenter, public policy and law librarian, Georgia Institute of Technology
Bruce Pencek, collegiate librarian for social sciences, Virginia Polytechnic Institute

LPSS Strategic Plan

At the 2001 Midwinter ALA Meeting, the LPSS Review and Planning Committee began the process of drafting a strategic plan for the Section. The strategic plan would give guidance and purpose to the activities of the section and its committees, as well as help identify future needs of the section. The goal was to present a final draft to the membership at the 2002 meeting.

A first draft was written and sent to Committee members for input. Following a number of revisions, a preliminary draft was sent to the general LPSS membership via e-mail for comment and input. Comments and suggestions were incorporated into the document, with a final draft presented at the LPSS general membership meeting in January 2002. The membership unanimously approved the document.

The Review and Planning Committee, working with other committee chairs, began developing the implementation stage of the strategic plan process at the 2006 Midwinter Meeting of ALA in San Antonio. The proposed strategic plan for 2006-2010 has been aligned with the newly released ACRL strategic plan, "*Charting Our Future: ACRL Strategic Plan 2020*," which is now available at <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/whatisacrl/acrlstratplan/stratplan.htm>

The LPSS five-year strategic plan will be reviewed annually by the Review and Planning Committee. The existing plan expires at the end of June, 2006, and the following new plan is proposed for membership approval. Please send comments to sparker@library.ucla.edu.

[Editor: excerpts follow--for the full draft plan with detailed objectives please see the LPSS website at http://www.ala.org/ala/acrlbucket/lpss/lpssstrategic06_draft.doc]

Susan E. Parker (UCLA Library), Chair, Review and Planning Committee
February 22, 2006

Association of College and Research Libraries Law and Political Science Section

STRATEGIC PLAN 2006-2010

MISSION

The Law and Political Science Section (LPSS), a unit of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), is the educational forum and information exchange center for librarians, archivists, and others with interests in all aspects of, or subject expertise in, law or political science collections, libraries, and librarianship.

KEY PRIORITY 1: LEADERSHIP AND INFORMATION FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE AND LAW LIBRARIANS

LPSS is the main source of information pertinent to law and political science libraries, librarians, and librarianship within ACRL and ALA for law and political science libraries, librarians and, librarianship.

GOALS

1. LPSS members achieve recognition as leaders and advocates for law and political science librarianship in academic and research libraries.
2. Increase recognition of the value of libraries and librarians by leaders in higher education, information technology, funding agencies, and campus decision-making.
3. Increase LPSS' efforts to support recruitment of new and diverse talent to academic and research librarianship.
4. Increase LPSS activities in support of succession planning in academic and research libraries.

KEY PRIORITY 2: CONTINUOUS LEARNING

GOALS

LPSS provides continuous learning opportunities in the areas of law and political science librarianship in order to strengthen members' effectiveness and achieve recognition as valued contributors to their academic and research communities.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Align programs and other learning opportunities with member needs and strategic priorities.
2. Increase professional development opportunities focused on assisting librarians in advocating the value of the library.
3. Increase learning opportunities in information technology, including practice, theory, and policy, ensuring appropriate integration throughout LPSS programming.
4. Increase accessibility of learning opportunities and enhance incentives and recognition for member participation.
5. Increase agility in providing cutting-edge content and delivery formats for learning programs and publications.

KEY PRIORITY 3: RESEARCH AND HIGHER EDUCATION

OBJECTIVES:

1. Learning
2. Scholarship
3. *Empower members to communicate the value of their contributions to learning and scholarship.*
4. Advocacy

KEY PRIORITY 4: MEMBERSHIP

GOALS

LPSS promotes membership in the section and promotes law and political science librarianship to new librarians and ACRL and ALA members in general.

OBJECTIVES

1. LPSS' membership growth builds on retaining core membership while recruiting from new and diverse communities.
2. LPSS recognizes and values the contributions its members make to librarianship.

KEY PRIORITY 5: COMMUNICATION, COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION

GOALS

LPSS works cooperatively with other ALA and ACRL units and sub-units, the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), and other law and political science related organizations, publishers and vendors to envision, create, produce, and promote joint projects.

OBJECTIVES

1. LPSS identifies potential partners for cooperative ventures.
2. LPSS provides its partners and members timely and relevant information to facilitate cooperative projects.
3. LPSS' collaborative activities with organizations are models that other ACRL sections can follow.

KEY PRIORITY 6: SUSTAINABILITY

GOALS

LPSS will have the resources, expertise and organizational structure to advance the Section's strategic plan.

OBJECTIVES

1. LPSS maintains standing committees and task forces to support the work of the Section.
2. LPSS Committees contribute to areas of the LPSS web site relevant to their individual mission.

LPSS Committees

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair: Connie Stoner, exp. 2006
Vice Chair/Chair elect: Kathleen Carlisle Fountain, exp. 2006
Past Chair: Lynne Rudasill, exp. 2006
Secretary: Ann Marshall, exp. 2006
Member-at-large: Kelly Janousek, exp. 2006
Member-at-large: Dorothy Washington, exp. 2006
Board Liaison: Lorena O'English, exp. 2007
Staff Liaison: Mary Petrowski

CONFERENCE PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE -- NEW ORLEANS, 2006

To plan and implement the annual conference program and coordinates program sponsorship with other ALA units as appropriate.

Co-Chair: Ann Marshall, exp. 2006
Co-Chair: Bruce Pencek, exp. 2006

CONFERENCE PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE -- WASHINGTON, DC, 2007

To plan and implement the annual conference program and coordinates program sponsorship with other ALA units as appropriate.

Co-Chair: Erik Estep, exp. 2007
Co-Chair: Ann Marshall, exp. 2007

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 information literacy courses in consort with the LPSS Library Instruction Committee. Prior to ALA Midwinter Meetings and Annual Conferences, provide the LPSS Executive Committee with a progress report and recommendations about the work of the task force.

Co-Chair: Barbara Norelli, exp. 2006

LIBRARY INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Sponsors a discussion group addressing library instruction issues in legal and political science research. Prepares a library guide to accompany the annual conference program.

Chair: Erik Estep, exp. 2007

MARTA LANGE/CQ AWARD COMMITTEE

To recognize annually an academic or law librarian who, through research, other creative activity, or service to the profession, makes distinguished contributions to bibliography and information service in law or political science.

Chair: Binh Le, exp. 2006

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Encourages new membership and the active participation of members in LPSS activities. Plans and hosts the section social at annual conferences. Creates and updates the section brochure.

Chair: Kelly Janousek, exp. 2006

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Prepares a slate of officers for annual elections.

Chair: Janice Lewis, exp. 2006

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Plans and reviews the content of *LPSS News*, the semi-annual section newsletter. Establishes newsletter policies, solicits/submits articles, reviews, and other pertinent information of interest to section members. Assists the editor in the production of the newsletter and maintains the website and the membership manual.

Chair: Dennis Lambert, exp. 2006

REVIEW AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

To study the implications of the ACRL Strategic Planning Task Force report as a guide for future section activities.

Chair: Susan Parker, exp. 2006

VENDOR/PUBLISHER LIAISON & REVIEW COMMITTEE

To work on strategies for better communication with publishers and vendors in the field of law and political science; to review and critique major reference sources in the field of law and political science, and to communicate to publishers the need for improvements in these sources as necessary.

Chair: Fadi Dagher, exp. 2006

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