

**ALA Midwinter 2004  
San Diego**

**Draft Meeting Schedule**

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**SAT. JANUARY 10**

2:00 - 4:00 PM

LPSS All Committee

4:00-5:00

LPSS General Membership

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**SUNDAY JANUARY 11**

9:30 - 11:30 AM

Marta Lange/CQ Award  
Committee

*Closed meeting for  
committee members only*

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Library Instruction  
Discussion Group

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TBA on the LPSS listserv  
*LPSS Social/Happy Hour!*



John Little, center, accepts the award for Rosemary Allen Little from Connie Salyers-Stoner, award committee Chair; Barbara Norelli, LPSS Chair; and Nina Tristani, CQ.

**MARTA LANGE/CQ AWARD**

The committee and guests honored the 2003 award winner Rosemary Allen Little of Princeton University on Saturday, June 21, 2003, at a luncheon sponsored by Congressional Quarterly, Inc. in Toronto, Canada. The award was granted posthumously, and accepted by her husband John.

The committee is accepting nominations for the 2004 award to be presented in Orlando in June.

The award was established in 1995 in honor of past LPSS Chair Marta Lange, and recognizes distinction in law and political science librarianship. The nominee must be 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.

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**NOMINATIONS FOR 2004 ARE DUE DECEMBER 6, 2003  
TO CHAIR GRAHAM WALDEN.**

To submit nominations please see:

[http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ACRL/Awards1/Marta\\_Lange\\_CQ\\_Award.htm](http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ACRL/Awards1/Marta_Lange_CQ_Award.htm)

## Chair's Message

Dear Members,

I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend our meetings at ALA in Toronto. Our numbers were significantly reduced because many of your institutions did not support your travel to Toronto during the SARS crisis. WE MISSED YOU!! The SARS travel ban affected some of us who did attend Toronto as we volunteered for additional duties in LPSS and elsewhere in order to fill in for absent colleagues. The business and programs of LPSS went on with your help through e-mail, telephone, and fax participation before the meetings, and it continues now. Everyone has been so accommodating despite the loss of my favorite part of the annual conference: the pleasure of working with you in person.

I would like to thank Lynne Rudasill, Chair, and the 2003 Conference Program Committee for another wonderful program. "Crossing New Borders: The Impact of Globalization on Information Sources," drew strong attendance and attention. The program was a collaboration among LPSS, the ACRL Copyright Committee, and the Canadian Library Association and serves as a good example of the type of collaborative programming efforts we hope to continue in future programs.

The Marta Lange/CQ Award luncheon was a bittersweet occasion. The 2003 award winner is Rosemary Allen Little, long time Public Administration, Politics, and Law Librarian at Princeton University. Rosemary was an active member of this section and a true embodiment of the principles honored by the award. It was fitting that Rosemary won the award also because she was an original member of the Marta Lange/CQ Award Committee and chair for two years. Her husband accepted the award from Nina Tristani of CQ, and LPSS members and Princeton colleagues in attendance spoke in appreciation of Rosemary's many contributions to our work.

We have much more to do in the year ahead. Three task forces have been formed as we implement our strategic plan and look forward to enhancing current committee activities and structure. The Task Forces on Education, Web Page Review, and Marketing/Public Relations will work with the committees. In addition, we look forward to partnering with CQ Press to celebrate Political Information Day. We will continue working with ACRL to realize the capability of holding electronic meetings, at least in years when there is an ACRL annual conference. I would like to thank outgoing Chair Barbara Norelli for her tireless work, particularly on organizing the task forces, and for her leadership in surveying members on the electronic meetings question.

We also have a small group examining possible connections between LPSS and the APSA, in keeping with the goals of new ACRL President Tyrone Cannon, who calls upon ACRL "to refine and promote collaborative best practices that academic and research librarians have established with faculty, researchers, students, information technology professionals, administrators, and staff."

In other ongoing business, the 2004 Orlando Conference Program Committee welcomes your ideas. Contact Chair Connie Salyers Stoner at [csalyers@shawnee.edu](mailto:csalyers@shawnee.edu). The Marta Lange/CQ Award Committee needs your nominations and a few more members for this year. Please contact Chair Graham Walden at [walden.1@osu.edu](mailto:walden.1@osu.edu).

Please keep up to date with news and activities at our website, which you can reach through the ACRL home page links to sections. On our website you can find current committee listings, past newsletters, and the spring report of progress in implementing the ACRL strategic plan.

<[http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ACRL/About\\_ACRL/Sections/Law\\_and\\_Political\\_Science/LPSS\\_Home\\_Page.htm](http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ACRL/About_ACRL/Sections/Law_and_Political_Science/LPSS_Home_Page.htm)>

We need your continued participation to keep your LPSS going strong! Please remember to renew your ALA, ACRL, and LPSS memberships on time and consider volunteering for a task force or committee assignment. Fill out a volunteer interest form and submit it to Vice Chair Lynne Rudasill, or contact her directly at [rudasill@uiuc.edu](mailto:rudasill@uiuc.edu). I also encourage you to consider running for office. The Nominations Committee is compiling the 2004 slate of elections now. Please contact Lynne Rudasill if you wish to run for office.

I look forward to seeing you at the business meetings or our section social in January at the ALA midwinter meeting in San Diego, where we Southern Californians will welcome you for a sunny winter break.

Susan E. Parker, Chair, LPSS

## 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  
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Janice Lewis, exp. 2004  
Megan Bielefeld, Staff Liaison, exp. 2004

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Chad Kahl, exp. 2005  
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Lucia Snowhill, exp. 2004  
Roger Stelk, exp. 2005

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Merle Slyhoff, exp. 2004

### *Vendor and Publisher Review Committee:*

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

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## LPSS Candidates

The following is the slate of candidates for next spring's election:

### Vice Chair/Chair-elect

Connie Salyer Stoner, Shawnee State University  
Jeanie M. Welch, University of North Carolina-Charlotte

### Member-at-large

Kelly Janousek, California State University, Long Beach  
Cathy Carpenter, Georgia Institute of Technology

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## New Editor

The members of the Publications Committee thank Lucia Snowhill, University of California, Santa Barbara, for her service to the Law and Political Science Section as Editor of *LPSS News*. Lucia began with Volume 14, Number 1, Fall 1998. Volume 18, Number 2, Spring 2003 was her final issue. All of those issues of *LPSS News* are available on the LPSS website.

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We are now pleased that Catherine Shreve, Duke University, has taken the editorship with this issue, Volume 19, Number 1, Fall 2003.

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## LPSS Member's Book Honored by RUSA

Jeanie Welch's book *The Tokyo Trial: A Bibliographic Guide to English-Language Sources* was named a best bibliography in History by the Reference and User Services Association's (RUSA's) History Section. The section honors outstanding bibliographies in the field of history published in the last two years. A review of the book is in *Reference and User Services Quarterly* (Summer 2003, Vol. 42, Number 4, p 325).

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*The Marta Lange/CQ Award Committee needs new members! Want to be in on it? See the front page article about the exciting award determined by this committee.*

## Do-it-Yourself Liaison: Making Contact with APSA

Bruce Pencek, Virginia Tech

Immersion at the national meetings of the American Political Science Association (APSA) is a marvelous way to get a fresh view of your patrons' orientation and needs, gather information about disciplinary trends, and persuade this audience that librarians can be colleagues in research and teaching.

It was remarkably easy for me to reach out and touch at least part of the American Political Science Association during the past year. I had kept up my membership even after I'd left teaching, choosing my section memberships in part to suit the requirements of my current job. Since I belong to the Undergraduate Education section, I knew of their plans to publish a journal on political science education and of APSA's plan to begin holding conferences on that subject. It seemed appropriate to follow up and perhaps to stake a claim in their deliberations for librarians' concerns like information literacy and the costs of scholarly communication.

The meeting was held in nearby Philadelphia, so the expense to my university in time and money was manageable. Moreover, my department head encourages precisely this sort of outreach through attending disciplinary events.

I decided to make myself useful to LPSS as well as my own library, posting a note to the LPSS listserv that asked if there were questions I should ask or topics or materials I should keep an eye open for. The most encouraging reply came from ACRL executive director Mary Ellen Davis, which included the ACRL's practical tips for liaisons, even though I was going unofficially.

I chose my target: the Undergrad Education (UE) section. Its focus is closest to my instructional duties, it had a business meeting scheduled, and I already had contacts there. Section activists are as anxious to preserve and enhance their sections as we are to get out our message about libraries and information literacy - on points of mutual interest we are as much a potential resource to them as they are to us. So I got on the agenda at the UE business meeting, pointing out that information literacy, critical thinking, undergrad research, pedagogy, and assessment all work together, and inviting members to work with LPSS. I went to various panels sponsored or co-sponsored by UE. I tried to speak judiciously, since I was seeing many of the same faces repeatedly, but I made it a point to speak up at least once.

The best opportunity came at a packed panel on the undergraduate methods class, which featured a statistically grounded paper by Gregory Marfleet on the results of incorporating ACRL information literacy standards into the design of his courses. I went prepared. During question time, the author said he'd learned of the literacy standards at a library-sponsored workshop at Carleton College, and that he had only summarized them in his paper. I rose to say that I held in my hand several copies of that very item, which I distributed as seed, getting a few business cards in return.

I pursued some unplanned outreach opportunities as well. At a roundtable on the APSA proposed guidelines for graduate curricula, I asked what consideration the task force had given to the infrastructure of graduate education, citing especially the serials crisis. My later remark about the association's responsibility to train students for non-faculty career paths may land me on a panel at next year's APSA meeting in Chicago.

At a session on assessment, participants worried that proficiency measures would be forced on professors if faculty didn't develop them on their own. I pointed to the ACRL information literacy standards as a possible foundation and noted that LPSS was looking for practicing political scientists to develop recommendations specifically for this discipline.

The Perestroika movement in the discipline, which seeks to re-legitimize alternatives to hard science methodologies in publication and graduate curricula, is probably more receptive than some to the broad aims of information literacy. I went to the main Perestroika roundtable to observe rather than evangelize. But I got into a chat afterward with some panelists about our complementary aims, and they took me to lunch.

"Liaison" is a rather imposing term, suggesting the leadership of one organization working with the leadership of the other. However, I went to APSA to talk to lots of other regular members about ways we can work together to perform our jobs better. It seemed to work.

[Editor's Note: APSA will host a pilot conference on Teaching and Learning in Political Science in Washington, DC, on February 19-21, 2004. See <http://www.apsanet.org/teach/index.cfm>]

## Pencek's Tips for Liaisons

- Join a disciplinary association, if only a regional.
- Get on disciplinary listservs, whether they are affiliated with an organized section of the association or deal with an area of interest. The Political Science Teaching and Research List (PSRT-L) from H-net at <<http://www.h-net.org/lists/>> is a good start.
- Post to those lists when appropriate. It's good outreach, creating name recognition and credibility.
- Use your list contacts to set up a personal network of people to speak with face to face at the meetings.
- Start small. You'll end up talking to a few people - but they're from different institutions and, thanks to self-selection in their choice of sections and panels, they'll have more in common with you.
- Attend the business meeting of your targeted group. If you're not on the agenda, and you belong to the group, use the new business or announcements period to introduce yourself and explain why librarians care about the group's work. Schmooze at the group's reception, with a handshake, a smile, and a business card ready.
- Attend substantive sessions that interest you, and speak up, identifying yourself as a librarian.

- As with any professional exchange, bring something to the table if you want to be taken seriously in follow-up conversations. We bring expertise and an institutional framework which faculty respect but don't know much about. Political science is so balkanized that no one expects to understand much about a different subfield, but they all know something about the value of libraries and we can build on that.
- Beyond your targeted clientele or issue, do some environmental scanning for trends in the discipline (perestroika and methodological pluralism), for organization initiatives (civic education, graduate curriculum recommendations), for insights into collection management (the same publishers will have different emphases in their displays for teaching faculty than they do for librarians), and for stimulating panels and people.
- Tell the rest of us about it. Shortly after I returned from the APSA meetings, I posted to the LPSS listserv a summary of what I observed, including observations about trends in the discipline. That post is in the list archives. A more detailed report is still in progress.

## LPSS Task Forces: An update

Submitted by Barbara Norelli, LPSS Past Chair

As mandated by the Implementation Plan of the LPSS Strategic Plan, the Executive Committee established three task forces this year -- Education, Web Page Review, and Marketing/Public Relations. LPSS task forces communicate electronically with no requirement for attendance at either midwinter or annual meetings of ALA. We hope this will attract more member participation in our section, free from the expense and complications of travel to ALA. A written task force activity report will be shared at the LPSS general membership meetings at ALA midwinter and annual conferences.

The Review & Planning Committee has been given the task of articulating the specific charge for each task force. That work began with the new academic year. Simultaneously the task forces are moving ahead.

The Education task force has a full complement of members (Elena O'English, Mercedes Benitez-Sharpless, Barbara Norelli, Bruce Pencek, Connie Salyers Stoner, and Peter Kraus). They have started to address the development of discipline-specific information literacy standards for political science (ps). For example, ACRL Information Literacy Standard No. 2 states, "the information literate student identifies a variety of types and formats of potential sources of information." For the ps major outcomes might include "The information literate student:

...knows how government information is produced, organized, and disseminated.

...understands the basic principles of the SuDoc system and can locate material shelved according to this system as well as navigate the GPO Access web site."

The Web Page Review task force (Jan Lewis, Lynne Rudasill, and Lisa Stimatz) still needs members. Its focus is to assist the LPSS webmaster in offering members a dynamic, useful and easily navigable web page, and to enhance the content. Though our web page was redesigned a little over a year ago, the impact of the new ALA web site on ours has brought more immediate attention to this need.

The Market/Public Relations task force has yet to be formed. It was conceived as a group to cross-pollinate ideas from all of our committees for marketing our organization beyond our membership. One example would be taking the LPSS Political Information @ Your Library campaign to a broader audience.

If you are interested in serving on any of these task forces please contact Susan Parker at [susan.parker@csun.edu](mailto:susan.parker@csun.edu).

## Review: *Landmark Decisions of the United States Supreme Court*

Reviews in recent issues of *LPSS News* have focused on electronic resources. I hope the following will serve to remind LPSS members of the beauty and joys of a really good book!

*Landmark Decisions of the United States Supreme Court*, by Paul Finkelman & Melvin I. Urofsky.  
Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, c2003. 687p. ISBN 1568027206 \$225.00

Don't be put off by either the title or the price of this book. This isn't another rehash of the 75-100 old standards typically covered in a book entitled "landmark decisions." This is the mother lode book of landmark decisions, including around 1200 cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. At less than 20 cents per case, it's a bargain!

Aimed at a wide audience, from high school, college and university students to historians, political scientists and law professors, this book is arranged chronologically by decade and covers Supreme Court decisions from 1790-2002. It also includes several appendices, a case index and a subject index.

The authors used a number of methods and criteria to determine which cases to include, but acknowledge that the final decision was based on their judgment. They split the cases into three groups. The first group comprises those decisions generally recognized as the most important ones handed down by the Court. These they explicated as fully as possible, given the constraints of space. The middle group is clearly significant, but not as important as the first. The third group is not as weighty as the others because the influence of the cases was limited to specific areas or times.

The explication of each case includes the basic statutory or constitutional holding, the case's impact and, when appropriate, the strength of the dissenting opinion. The entries are well written and appropriate for a wide readership, achieving the authors' aims. They list the U.S. Reports citation, the date the case was decided, how each justice voted, who wrote the opinion of the court, concurring opinions and dissenting opinions. Additional readings are suggested, cross-references to related cases are provided, and citations to antecedent or subsequent cases are frequently included. The names of referenced cases, treated elsewhere in the book, are printed in bold. A typical entry is about a half-page in length.

The first appendix is the Constitution of the United States. The next is a list of confirmed Supreme Court nominations, by nominating President, 1789-2002. It includes the justice's home state, party affiliation at the time of nomination, date of birth, who the justice replaced, date of appointment, date of confirmation, date of resignation/retirement, date of death, and number of years of service on the Supreme Court. The third appendix records membership changes in the Supreme

Court, by Chief Justice, 1789-2002. The last appendix is the seat chart of the Supreme Court justices.

This reviewer has longed, for years, for a book like this. A single volume of Supreme Court decisions with a large enough number of cases that there's a reasonable expectation of finding a particular case. Something that briefly summarizes the case in language that a typical undergraduate student can understand. A place from which to begin research on a specific Supreme Court decision. What remains is determining whether this really is the book.

Mary Gilles, Washington State University

### Past Chair's Message

It was a wonderful ride. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chair of LPSS and to work with and come to know so many wonderful librarians with similar interests. It was a year of uncertainty (not knowing if SARS would effect a cancellation of ALA Annual in Toronto) and exploration (investigating the possibility of electronic meetings) but also success (an exceptionally well-attended and well-received program on copyright and globalization despite SARS) and development (implementing the strategic plan and creating 3 task forces). There are lots of opportunities for involvement in LPSS and I hope you will avail yourself of them especially by supporting Susan Parker and Lynne Rudasill as they continue to work to make LPSS the vibrant and responsive section on which we depend.

Barbara Norelli, Past Chair



New and long-term members gathered at the Duke of Argyle Pub in Toronto for the LPSS Social. Photo by Barbara Norelli.

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

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

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Toronto was beautiful and sometimes bustling in spite of the SARS scare. Photo by Barbara Norelli.

## 2003 Annual Program Crossed Borders

"Crossing New Borders: Globalization and Copyright" was the title of the program co-sponsored by LPSS and the ACRL Copyright Committee in association with the Canadian Library Association and the ALA Office for Information Technology Policy. The program was held at the 2003 Joint Annual Conference of the American Library Association and the Canadian Library Association. Attendance at the conference was smaller than usual due to the threat of SARS, but the attendance at this program was very healthy. Approximately 80 individuals were in the audience. The truly international nature of the program was underlined with 27 attendees indicating an association with Canadian institutions. In addition, 11 members of LPSS signed the attendance sheet.

The theme of the program revolved around the impact of international agreements and accords on copyright law with an emphasis on the relationship between Canada and the United States. The first speaker was Rick Weingarten, Director of the Office for Information Technology Policy of the ALA. Weingarten proved very enlightening concerning the process of negotiation that occurs in the development of international agreements. He described the process of "forum shopping" by interested parties and suggested that those in the library world who have a stake in the results of negotiations would best serve their interests by developing relationships with government representatives. The accords are usually reached using a closed process without direct input from either consumers or libraries.

The first Canadian speaker was Paul Whitney, Director of the Vancouver Public Library. Whitney has been extremely active in the development of copyright legislation in Canada. He echoed Weingarten's assertion that the library world had not had much voice in the development of the legislation directly affecting its commitment to information access. Large corporations seeking to represent the interests of the audio-visual and digital media appear to be driving the movement toward more restrictive copyright legislation. As multi-national corporations, it is in their interest to have consistency in legislation from country to country.

The last speaker was Grace Westcott, Executive Secretary of the Canadian Copyright Institute. She emphasized the effects of globalization on copyright. In order to comply with international agreements, laws need to be changed to conform. She also hinted at the impact of "forum shopping" and indicated that this type of activity pulls much needed governmental resources away from the government in an effort to see that national interests are served. Westcott also emphasized the importance of best practices and monitoring for the countries that are not as affluent or powerful as the United States.

The discussion that followed raised several issues: the need for advocacy, individuals and organizations that might be tapped to provide support for the library community, and grass-roots movements that are occurring in response to changes in copyright legislation.

Evaluation forms indicated the program was extremely well received. If you would like to become involved in program planning for the 2005 Annual Conference, please contact Lynne Rudasill at [rudasill@uiuc.edu](mailto:rudasill@uiuc.edu).

Lynne Rudasill, Chair, 2003 Program Planning

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