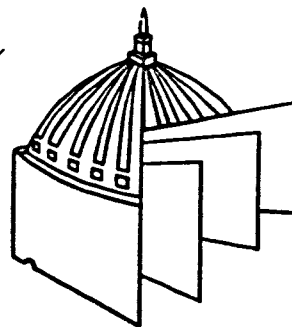


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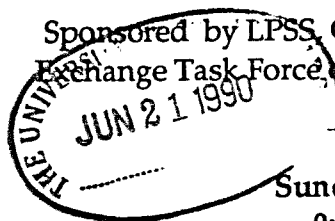
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INFORMATION SOURCES for the 1990's.**

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Sunday, June 24, 1990

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**SPEAKERS**

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## Highlights of Midwinter Meetings, 1990

The chair of the Review and Planning Committee, Chuck Spornick, reported that the section review document, which was, in essence, a planning inventory, was submitted to the ACRL Review of Planning Committee in September. The section received a letter thanking us for our participation in the strategic planning process and congratulating the section on a job well done. In fact, they will use the LPSS review as a model for other sections. At the summer meeting, the Review and Planning Committee will do more planning than reviewing and will determine where the section should concentrate its efforts. One focus of activity is to increase active memberships. The current membership is 880, with a working body of no more than 40.

Stephen Atkins reported on plans for Chicago, 1990 program. (See page one of this issue for details). Marta Lange is chairing the planning committee for the Atlanta program, 1991. The program will have a legal theme, with a tentative title of "Empowering the Public: Information Literacy for the Public Interest." Ideas for speakers are: a lawyer, a representative from a public interest group, and a librarian who has worked in the public interest arena. The topic should be of value to librarians working in a variety of settings.

The Publications Committee is involved in the production of the newsletter and Section Manual. Three to five members of the Publications Committee will be rotating off after the 1990 annual conference. Volunteers for the Publications Committee are needed. Please contact Stephen Atkins.

The Executive Board approved the creation of a new committee on Bibliographic Instruction. It is an offshoot of the Committee on Bibliographies, and will concentrate on pathfinders and other instructional aids. Judy Solberg will chair the new committee and Cathy Doyle will chair the Committee on Bibliographies. A pathfinder for political science is near completion. A copy will be sent to LOEX and it will be made available to LPSS members through the newsletter. Future projects for both committees include a pathfinder to PAIS on CD-ROM, recommendations for titles in political science and law to be included in the new edition of Sheehy, and the writing of criteria for evaluating indexes.

Marta Lange reported on the Activities Section Council meeting. They are planning a better orientation for new section officers and chairs. It will take place on Friday afternoon before summer conference. There will be one large session and workshops. Section chairs should know that C&RL News will print abstracts of speakers' presentations at the summer conference, if speakers will write them up for submission.

## Meeting Schedule Chicago, 1990

**Sunday, June 24**

Program: 9:30 - 12:30 p.m.

**Saturday, June 23**

Executive Committee: 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Review and Planning Committee: 11:30-12:30 p.m.

Publications Committee: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, June 24**

Conference Program Planning  
Atlanta, 1991: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Monday, June 25**

Committee on Bibliographies: 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Nominating Committee: 11:30-12:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 26**

Business and Executive Committee:  
9:30-11:00 a.m.

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**Interview with Stephen Atkins,  
Chairperson of LPSS**

**Q.** What attracted you to the Law and Political Science Section? Why did you become active in the section and run for office?

**A.** The Section's subject area of law and political science is compatible with my job and interests. The Law and Political Science Section also provides an opportunity for all members to actively participate in its activities. I have worked on several LPSS committees and enjoy working with LPSS people, partly because we speak the same subject language and partly because in our informal get-togethers we share our work, intellectual and recreational interests.

I was personally recruited by Peter Malenchuk, former chair of LPSS and active member of ACRL. Following his example, I feel responsible for carrying on this tradition of active recruitment. This personal commitment to the Section has been exemplified by previous chairs. It is a pleasure to follow in Peter's and Natalie's footsteps.

**Q.** As a successful member of the profession, what talents and experiences will you bring to this section which will benefit the membership as well as the section and its committees?

**A.** The committees that I served on have given me an inside view of the objectives and accomplishments of each of the LPSS committees. I know that ALA committee work is an important addition to any librarian's c.v., so I am willing to help members get started on this path. I have already recruited about twelve people. LPSS will continue to find slots for individuals who want to be involved with a committee and want to learn more about ALA and ACRL. I feel that someone who can not attend every conference can still participate in committee assignments, complete the work locally and mail in the completed project. I think that LPSS can be proud of the 15 % membership increase over the past two years, but we are not so talent-rich that we can throw talent away. Every ALA member should feel free to stop by any LPSS meeting to get a sense of our section.

**Q.** If you were encouraging your best friend to join LPSS, what attributes of the section would you emphasize that make this section outstanding?

**A.** Four words come to mind:

**OPPORTUNITY** - any member can participate.

**COLLEGIALITY** - a section where the varying interests get equal attention.

**RECOGNITION** - a member can demonstrate to his/her institution that the funding, support and time involvement is worth it, since he/she is taking an active role in service within the profession.

**MENTORING** - experienced Section and Committee members help newer members to become knowledgeable about ALA and offer other professional advice. ——— *Marvie Brooks, John Jay College Library; Stephen J. Stillwell, jr. CSIA Library, Harvard University.*

**Join LPSS for LUNCH**  
**Sunday after the LPSS program.**  
**Take a stroll to the GORDON,**  
**a moderately priced, "eclectic,"**  
**American-style restaurant located at**  
**500 N. Clark (\$3-\$4 cab from the loop).**  
**No reservations are necessary and**  
**there will be more information at the**  
**LPSS meetings at ALA.**



**Special Collections in Political Science**

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**Overview:** The Jefferson Patterson Library of the Center for Science and International Affairs is commonly called the CSIA Library. CSIA, established in 1973, is a research center within the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. The Center and its Library are the focus for the study of international peace and security at the University.

The CSIA Library is administered by the Center and its faculty. The Harvard University Library is a collection of loosely affiliated entities rather than a centrally administered unit. Co-operation between the entities is at their discretion. CSIA participates in HOLLIS, the integrated library system used at Harvard. The HOLLIS catalogue includes all material found in the CSIA Library. A computer generated shelflist is available.

**Collection:** The library is a current and extensive collection in the field of international peace and security. It is not a definitive research collection. The configuration of the reading room and its shelving, its occasional use as a seminar room, and the physical structure of the building will not allow for growth much beyond its current size of about 5000 volumes. Selection criteria are: relevance to the main research of the Center, availability within the Harvard system, cost, balance along the political spectrum, and balance in regional representation. With the exception of a few journals, the collection is limited to English.

An active program of deaccession is maintained. For monographs, current policy is based loosely on the Library of Congress classification scheme. The policy uses the schedules and their relevance to the main research of the Center to determine when a book is a candidate for removal, e.g. a work classified under HD would be deaccessioned sooner than one under UA. The retention policy for serials has been established on a by-title basis, considering relevance to the Center, scholastic level, frequency of use, and

accessibility at the University. Most serials are only held for the current year plus the preceding four years.

RAND publications and government documents (US, foreign, NATO and UN) are left to other units of the Harvard system that have been designated as the specific collectors of same.

**Clientele:** The user community or the Library's "public" is, for the most part, the faculty and the researchers of the Center itself. Currently, the Center has in residence a faculty of four, a staff of 12, 10 post-doctoral research fellows and 14 doctoral candidates. There are also some 60 adjunct and affiliate scholars. The Kennedy School and other Harvard faculty, staff and students also use the library. The facility is open to the public but with highly restrictive hours. There are no circulation privileges to those outside the University.

**Staffing:** All work of the Library - collection development, acquisitions, serial records, copy and original cataloguing, circulation and reference - is performed by the sole staff member. A background in the field of international peace and security studies is essential at CSIA to allow the Librarian to make the collection development decisions. Policy decisions and the budget are prepared by the Librarian and approved by the Center's Directing Staff (its four faculty plus three senior staff members). Input from the rest of the staff, the research fellows and doctoral candidates is welcome and frequently sought.

— Stephen J. Stillwell, jr. CSIA Library, Harvard University.

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## Traditional Sources in Arms Control and Disarmament

The upcoming LPSS program - Arms Control, Disarmament and Peace Research: Information Sources for the 90's - will focus on the new and improved methods of information retrieval - databases and other forms of electronic access to information. Therefore, a review of the traditional sources in the field is called for.

The most comprehensive bibliography on this topic is *Arms Control and Disarmament* (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 1977). A much briefer update is the *Bibliography on Contemporary Arms Control and Defense* (Providence: Center for Foreign Policy Development, 1983). In order to keep current, the researcher should consult the monthly list of new items printed since 1971 in *Arms Control Today*, a publication of the D.C. based non-profit Arms Control Association. A valuable source of bibliographic materials is *Peace and War: A Guide to Bibliographies* (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 1983). This compilation is a comprehensive annotated guide to the literature on peace published between 1785 and 1980. An extremely valuable annotated guide, which focuses on military issues but which also contains a section on arms control, is *Research Guide to Current Military and Strategic Affairs* (Washington D.C.: Institute for Policy Studies, 1981). Congressional hearings on military topics are listed in *Congressional Hearings on American Defense Policy: 1947-1971* (Lawrence: University of Kansas Press, 1974). Additionally there are: *To End War* (New York: Pilgrim Press, 1982) and *Guide to American Foreign Relations Since 1700* (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 1983). ABC-Clio scores again with one of the newest and highest quality bibliographies in the field, *Arms Control and Disarmament, Defense and Military, International Security and Peace : an annotated guide to the sources, 1980-1987*. (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 1989), compiled by Stephen E. Atkins, the current chair of LPSS.

As part of its Bibliographical Series (ST/LIB/SER B), the Dag Hammarskjöld Library of the United Nations has published periodic bibliographies on the topic of disarmament. They are *Disarmament: a select bibliography, 1967-1972*, and *Disarmament: a select bibliography, 1973-1977*. Another valuable publication of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library is the *Monthly List of Acquisitions of Selected Articles*. It covers all topics of interest to the United Nations and materials in languages other than English. The List continues a

League of Nations publication of the same nature.

Various agencies of the United States government have published bibliographies on the topic. *Arms Control and Disarmament*, published from 1964 through 1973 by the Library of Congress, is a quarterly index with abstracts and annotations. It is the most complete bibliography to cover those years and is an invaluable source for all types of publications. The Army Library in Washington D.C. has compiled a number of research aids on this topic as well. They are: *U.S. Security, Arms Control and Disarmament, 1960-65* (1965); *Disarmament Supplement 1, 1975-1981*; and *A Selective Bibliography* (1982). Also published by a government agency is *A Basic Bibliography: Disarmament, Arms Control and National Security*. (Washington, D.C.: Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 1961) The *Air University Library Index to Military Periodicals* is of paramount importance to the researcher, even though it concentrates on military issues.

Important journals with bibliographies in this field are: *Foreign Affairs* with annotated reviews in each issue, *Foreign Policy*, and *International Security*. The journal, *Foreign Affairs* has published compilations of its reviews under the title *Foreign Affairs Bibliography* (Council on Foreign Relations). The first compilation covers the years 1919-1932 and the most recent is for 1962-1972.

The *Arms Control Reporter*, produced by the Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies in Brookline, Massachusetts is a looseleaf source which contains summaries and chronologies based on newspaper articles on all international arms control/disarmament negotiations as, for example, the nuclear freeze.

The government of Canada is an important source for documents and information in this field. The Ministries of External Affairs and Defense and the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security (a non-governmental organization) are fonts of information, much of it free. Also from Canada is *Peace Research Abstracts Journal*.

These are the printed sources. The June LPSS program will introduce attendees to the electronic world. ——— Stephen J. Stillwell, jr. Librarian, CSIA Library, Harvard University



Barbara Burg, Editor; Widener Library, Harvard University

Ali, Sheikh R. *The Peace and Nuclear War Dictionary*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 1989. 293 p. \$44.50 (ISBN 0-87436-531-7).

Elliot, Jeffrey M., and Robert Reginald. *The Arms Control, Disarmament, and Military Security Dictionary*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 1989. 325 p. \$44.50 (ISBN 0-87436-430-2).

These two new dictionaries were both published by ABC-CLIO as part of the series, CLIO Dictionaries in Political Science. The problem facing the reviewer is the considerable amount of overlapping content between the two. However, the dictionaries vary in terms of presentation, indexing and reference aids. *The Peace and Nuclear War Dictionary* is alphabetically organized, while *The Arms Control, Disarmament, and Military Security Dictionary* is arranged by broad subjects.


Both dictionaries contain entries which are thorough, well-written and include an explanation of the significance of the term, agency, or weapon being described, in addition to the main definition. In comparing a number of the entries, I was unable to see any marked difference in quality, accuracy, style or authority.

*The Peace and Nuclear War Dictionary* contains no cross references in the text from alternate forms of names or from acronyms to the correct entry. The author has provided "see also" references between entries, however. The index is quite poor. Again there are no "see" references from alternative forms of entry. For example, the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency can be found only under "U". There is nothing in the text or the index under ACDA or Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Because *The Arms Control, Disarmament, and Military Security Dictionary* has entries grouped into broad subjects, a good index is necessary. In order to locate a term in the main text, you must first consult the index. How can you tell where to find an article on the military industrial complex from among subject categories such as Military Security, the Arms Race, Conventional Wars and Weapons, and Nuclear Weapons? Clearly, from the index. So how can this be called a dictionary?

I would like to ask the editor of the series to put these two dictionaries in a bag, shake them up, and pull out the best of each to come up with one good dictionary instead of the two mediocre ones which we are presented with. — Stephen J. Stillwell, jr.

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