“Everyone has a CONELL story.”

A First-Time Attendee Visits CONELL
by Tal Nozinski

CONELL kicked off this morning with a good showing. Dozens of new law librarians banded together over a continental breakfast and a busy program schedule. Speaker upon speaker exhorted us to relish the crowd and the moment. Everyone has a CONELL story, James Duggan told us. By then, we had already eaten together and met with members of the AALL Executive Board. Our stories were already unfolding with encouraging motifs provided by the Executive Board members and speakers from the field. I tried out a variety of conferences in the last two years as an MLIS student at University of Washington, and I feel that the advice I received today is among the most realistic and concrete. Executive Board member Ron Wheeler stated the best of the advice in three simple statements: (1) Relish the diversity, (2) Network, and (3) Lead.

“Take advantage of the diversity.”
Ron Wheeler keenly elaborated on the different layers of diversity in our crowd. “Take advantage of the diversity.” In age, background, first language, and more, he said. As a young person who has just recently relocated from Philadelphia to Seattle, the diversity of our cultural and geographic backgrounds stood out to me.

Christopher Lund, St. John’s University, Huntington, NY, joins colleagues at CONELL’s speed networking event Saturday.

“Rule of Five”
CONELL’s organizers set up speed-networking sessions for us wherein we blazed through introductions and put names to faces. More importantly, to my mind, we were enlightened to the Rule of Five networking principle: make sure you meet at least five people a day. I like meeting people (i.e., more than five a day at a conference), but I also like to do list type tasks. Keeping the Rule of Five in mind is a good means of forcing more socialization but also making sure that you learn what your future colleagues do. Being new here and having certain expectations about on-the-job duties.

Welcome to Seattle!
The Hospitality Booth, located on the 4th floor of the Convention Center next to Registration, is ready to help you with all your local information needs about our great city. Staffed largely by local volunteers, the Hospitality Booth (open the same hours as Registration) can answer any questions that you might have about what to do or see in Seattle. We will have information on local attractions (you can’t come to Seattle and not go to the Space Needle!), local transportation (how do I get to Seattle Center?), local shopping (can I really buy fish at Pike Place Market?), and local entertainment (is grunge dead?).

In addition, we will also have information on sports events (Go Mariners!), quirky Seattle neighborhoods (go to Fremont and see the Troll under the bridge!), and tours of the city and region. We are also full of practical information on how to navigate the city and find houses of worship, places to run, bookstores, and anything else you may need during your stay. After a long day of conference-going, most of you will be ready to have a nice lunch or dinner to enhance your day. Come to the Hospitality Booth and ask the volunteers if they have any local favorites that they would recommend. The Local Arrangements Restaurant Committee has put together an incredible restaurant guide for all tastes and budgets, copies of which we have at the Hospitality Booth for you to look over. A fabulous dining scene is one of Seattle’s attractions, so leave time in your schedule to sample what the city has to offer.

We are delighted that you are all here in our city! All of the volunteers at the Hospitality Booth and your Hospitality Committee (Brenna Louzin, Bridget Dacres, Lori Fossum, Scott Matheson, and Tim Sheehy) are here to make your visit as pleasant as possible. Richard Jost, Chair, Hospitality Committee

The Kindness of Strangers: Seattle Volunteers
by Ingrid Mattson
Pre-conference activities were in full gear all day Friday and Saturday before the ribbon cutting Saturday evening. As attendees were flying in from across the country, volunteers were doing the behind-the-scenes work that makes AALL conferences so successful. It is easy to overlook the hard work of volunteers when everything is run so well, but if you see one good deed in particular—say, at the registration booth or pointing you in the right direction at every literal wrong turn—take a minute to say thanks.

Friday’s pre-conference volunteer work started bright and early and continued for the next 36 hours. Volunteers who set up signage, staffed various pop-up offices, provided troubleshooting for housing emergencies, and hosted dine-around events for AALL and other attendees are a sampling of the folks whostrived to make your arrival and registration feel seamless and relatively easy. Of note, a group of 30+ volunteers from across the nation, gathered at 9 a.m., to sort, assemble, and stuff registra-
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Calling All Legislative Advocates and Animal Lovers

Animal Law Caucus Presents:
“Moving the Ball Forward for Farm Animals”
Sunday, July 14, 2013, 12:30-1:15 p.m.
Location: Sheraton-Cedar AB
Michele Finery
Pacific McGeorge School of Law

ALL members and interested friends are invited to hear a presentation by Matthew Domínguez, public policy manager for Farm Animal Protection of the Humane Society of the United States. Matt will address the most pressing legislative issues facing farm animals and the progress being made to help them. In his advocacy, Matt has been quoted in newspapers and through news affiliates all over the country.

Matt’s recent comments in the New York Times article (April 6, 2013) titled “Tapping of Farm Cruelty Is Becoming the Crime” addressed the issue of what is termed ag-gag laws, making it illegal to covertly videotape cruelty to animals at factory farms. Recent videos resulted in federal prosecution of the individuals and plants involved. In a push-back effort, state legislatures and special interest groups are promoting ag-gag laws designed to criminalize these investigations and to punish the whistleblowers.

Matt grew up in Northern California and spent his childhood on his family’s cattle ranch. After graduating from Lewis & Clark with his JD degree, Matthew joined the Farm Animal Protection Campaign at Humane Society of the United States, where he works to expand the number of and breadth of laws that protect farm animals from cruelty.

Be sure to join us at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday in the Sheraton Cedar AB to hear a very interesting program. The AALL Animal Law Caucus website is available at: community.aalnnet.org/AnimalLawCaucus/Home.

Volunteers continued from page 1

Richard Jost, Maggie and Greg with OnPeak (the AALL Seattle housing partner), and especially Sandy Calvert in the Staff Office, I was able to secure a last-minute hotel room. Two takeaways from this experience are as follows: (1) book your conference hotel through the resources AALL provides where possible to avoid living my cautionary tale, and (2) be flexible. The kind volunteers really make AALL experiences successful.

Big volunteer jobs and crises-assistance aside, it is the work of a thousand hands in little ways throughout the year that made this year’s conference possible. If you served on a committee this year, volunteered to host a dine-around, offered a grant for attendees, are sharing a room with a colleague to share the costs of attendance, blog or tweet about and for AALL, or help in any other way during this event, thank you. It’s that generous spirit that makes librarianship so rewarding.

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the constant reminder that everyone wears different hats at work—sometimes more than one (diversity)—is always refreshing. Aside from networking, therefore, the Rule of Five gives one a more specific sense of what there is to do and who can help you with the things you can’t do.

“I can do that.”
Ron Wheeler challenged us a simple question with an apparently simple answer: What is leadership?

Nordic Legal Cooperation

Please join the Foreign, Comparative & International Law (FCIL) SIS in welcoming Mr. Bård Sverre Tuseth, the recipient of the 2013 FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians. On Monday, July 15, from 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. (WSCC Room 206), Mr. Tuseth will give a talk on the topic of Nordic Legal Cooperation. He’ll present a brief legal history, the basis and types of legislative cooperation, and its impact on legal research, followed by a Q&A. All are invited to attend Tuseth’s presentation.

Tuseth is an academic law librarian at the University of Oslo Library in Norway, where he serves as head of the library at the Department of Public and International Law. He earned his law degree (Cand. Jur.) from the University of Oslo. He currently serves on the Board of the International Association of Law Libraries. To learn more about Tuseth, please visit the FCIL-SIS website, www.aalnnet.org/sections/FCIL.

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Sound Off
July 14, 2013
SCCLL Celebrates 40 Years

Join the State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section (SCCLL-SIS) as we celebrate 40 years as an organization of state and court librarians. This group was formed here in Seattle at the 56th Annual Meeting. At that Annual Meeting a resolution was offered to create a task force to study the creation of special interest sections. Four years later, SCCLL would be one of the first SISs formed. In the meantime, the State and Court Librarians group, as it was then known, was busy organizing, publishing newsletters, and developing programming for the Annual Meeting.

Help us celebrate by stopping by the SCCLL table in the Exhibit Hall. We have a limited-edition name badge tag. We are also offering a drawing for a $40 Barnes and Noble gift card.

The drawing will be held Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m., during the Exhibit Hall dessert break. You need not be present to win.

Need Some Advice? Visit the AALL Mentor Booth

Stop by the Mentor Booth in the Member Services Area of the Exhibit Hall to learn more about AALL’s new online Mentor Match Program. This is a chance for newer law librarians to meet mentors, ask questions and get a taste of all the great wisdom mentors can provide.

This is also a chance to ask for advice on more substantive questions about the profession, such as dealing with difficult situations, job searches, moving between library types, professional development opportunities, etc. Who better to answer these inquiries than AALL’s mentors?!

- Sunday, July 14
  1-3 p.m.
- Monday, July 15
  10 a.m.-noon
- Tuesday, July 16
  10 a.m.-noon

Meet the AALL Executive Board Candidates

Get to know your fellow AALL members who are running for the AALL Executive Board this fall. The “Meet the Candidates” forum will be held Monday, July 15, from 9-10 a.m. in the AALL Member Services Booth in the Exhibit Hall. This is your chance to ask questions and find out each candidate’s vision for AALL before you vote in November. Successful candidates will begin their terms of office in July 2014.

UNC Roll Call

The School of Information and Library Science, in conjunction with the Katherine R. Everett Law Library at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, would like to invite UNC SIS alumni and friends of the Library Law to a small social gathering on Sunday, July 14 from 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. at Rumba (1112 Pike St.). We hope you can find some time to socialize with old friends and to meet some newer law librarians. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Leong at leong@lawduke.edu.

Chat with AALL Editors at the Member Services Booth

While you browse the Exhibit Hall in Seattle, take some time to meet the incoming Law Library Journal Editor James Duggan and AALL Spectrum Editorial Director Catherine Lemmer at the AALL Member Services Booth. Ask questions, discuss article ideas, or simply let James and Catherine know what you think of LLJ and Spectrum.

- Sunday, July 14
  James Duggan
  10-11 a.m.
- Monday, July 15
  Catherine Lemmer
  11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 16
  James Duggan and Catherine Lemmer
  1:30-2:30 p.m.

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To download the app, visit crowd.cc/aall2013 from your device. If you use Apple or Android, you can also search for the app in the iTunes or Play Store.

Say Cheese!

Stop by the Member Services Booth to get your photo taken by AALL’s professional photographer. We will email the photo to you after the meeting so you can upload it to your online profile on AALLNET and use it in other social media.

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Lib Fashion: Spotted at the Conference

by Stina McClintock

lib fashion features the stylings of conference goers both in style and inspiration.

Name: Kim Osis, Reference Librarian at Public Law Library of King County

Where are you from: Seattle

How would you describe your style: Comfortable

What program are you most excited to see: The web design for various platforms on Sunday (Flats or heels / Ties or bow ties: Flats)

Who inspires you: My mother

Library Services to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners

Join us for a Joint Roundtable on Library Services to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners. Sponsored by the LISP, SCCUL, and SR SILs. Box lunches provided on a limited basis—first come, first served. Open to everyone. Monday July 15th (11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.), WSCC Room 303. Speakers include:

- Stefanie Pearlman: experiences helping prisoners in the Nebraska correctional system
- Austin Williams: survey regarding public libraries and public patrons
- Matthew Burnett, Immigration Advocates Network: access to justice for low-income immigrants

Placement Office

The AALL Placement Office is located in the Sheraton Seattle Hotel—Isaiah (3rd Floor)

Placement Office hours:

Sunday, July 14, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Monday, July 15, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Tuesday, July 16, 9–11 a.m.

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Woodland Park Zoo: a Seattle Treasure

by Anna L. Endter

W elcome to Seattle! We are so glad to have you here with us for the Annual Meeting. We hope that you’ve had a chance to take a look at our Family Activity Guides on the Local Arrangements Committee website. In those Guides, Robyn Hagle and I have highlighted some of the many fun and interesting outings that Seattle has to offer families traveling with children. Of course, you don’t have to have a child in tow to enjoy the zoo—it’s a worthy outing for anyone looking to experience a bit of our local community. Here, I’d like to introduce you to our beloved zoo in a bit more detail than our Guides could provide. The Woodland Park Zoo has been an important part of the Seattle community for more than 100 years, demonstrating a long-term commitment to animal care and safety, conservation, and education. The Zoo itself spans 92 acres, 65 of which are dedicated exhibit and public spaces. There are also open green spaces that are perfect for running with your children, and it has a hill or two that are nice for rolling down. And of course there are the animals! In particular, children might be happy to see the new triplet jaguar cubs, litter of otter pups, and, of course, the new triplet otter pups. The bear exhibit is not to be missed. You might even see one of the grizzly bears taking a swim or fishing for trout.

No matter which area you head to, one of the things you’ll notice about the zoo is that it is very park-like and open. Families with especially small children might appreciate that it is enclosed but provides plenty of room for the little ones to explore. The historic carousel is also great fun and is conveniently located near one of those wide open green spaces I mentioned earlier. The Family Farm is also a perfect spot to get close to chickens, rabbits, owls, and pigs and also has a huge area for running, climbing, and exploring in the trees.

The zoo prides itself on having animal care professionals who are experts in their field and provide the highest quality care for animals every day. The zoo manages the largest live animal collection in Washington state, with 1,000 animals representing more than 300 species. The zoo provides a home for 46 endangered and 20 threatened or vulnerable animal species. The zoo’s botanical collection includes more than 92,000 plants and trees representing more than 1,000 species. In addition, the zoo supports conservation of wildlife, preserving fragile habitats, and increasing public awareness for wildlife and environmental issues. The zoo currently collaborates with 35 field conservation projects taking place in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. These include some of the smallest life forms—the endangered Oregon silverspot butterfly—to the largest mammal on land—the African elephant. (See zoo.org/page.aspx?pid=2372#udorekek1t)

The zoo is easily accessible by bus from downtown and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. every day. I recommend getting there early in the day if possible so you can move around a bit before it gets more crowded. Summer is a busy time at the zoo, but it’s worth your time.

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Practical Law, Librarians and the Future of Legal Know-How

by Chris Wedgeworth

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Among our objectives at the AALL meeting this week will be to share how Practical Law can be an important efficiency tool for librarians to use to create value for their organizations, helping less- seasoned attorneys get up to speed when managing matters that are new to them or more experienced attorneys get a jump-start on an issue.

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Ultimately, training resources from Beyond the Bar can help position lawyers in ways not addressed by state CLE requirements, and instead of spending the time and effort on mandatory meetings.

Because it provides constantly updated content online, Beyond the Bar can help law librarians think differently about the way their firms train lawyers. Lee Ann Enquist, vice president of professional development at Thomson Reuters, emphasizes, “Beyond the Bar is a new type of technological content; it’s highly interactive, yet it’s still on-line. It transcends the meeting space in terms of convenience and accessibility, but provides highly-effective personal approaches to learning.”

These convenient resources come in a variety of media, including live classes, videos, podcasts. An example of these courses was made available at the beginning of July, presented by Lenné Espenschied, “The Essentials of Contract Drafting: What You Don’t Know Could Harm Your Client and Your Reputation.” It is available from July 15 through August 26.

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