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SLA Denver delights

*HPC well-represented
at chapter meeting*

*By Diane Frake
UH Law Library*

As Vice President/President Elect of the Hawaiian-Pacific chapter of SLA, I attended the SLA Leadership Development Institute and Chapter Cabinet Meeting held at the 2007 SLA Conference in Denver in June.

The Institute featured as keynote speaker José-Marie Griffiths, dean and professor of the School of Information and Library Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Griffiths spoke about the huge professional challenges to those in our profession and the need to recruit and develop leaders in library schools. Participants were invited to share their ideas about "Leadership for 21st Century Librarians" in round table discussions.

The Chapter Cabinet Meeting was more fruitful. Participants received handouts of the many actions and activities of SLA chapters which we might use to develop ideas for our own chapter. Hawai'i was well represented in the listings of events and programs! I learned that there is an annual

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photo courtesy of Liz Bryson

Librarians really know how to have a good time, you know. SLA Denver proved that again to me. Take Monday. Sure, I was learning how to podcast at 7 a.m., synergized with my favorite movers and shakers Stephen Abram, Eugenie Prime, Cliff Lynch, explored the exhibits for hours and listened to library futurist Roy Tennant on change. But THEN, it was off to the Museum of Nature & Science for a fabulous Thomson reception and Denver-silhouetted sunset, rapidly followed by a Hawai'i Nite Dinner at the legendary Buckhorn Restaurant with cougar, bear, elk and snakes watching overhead. Lastly, an elegant Elsevier dessert reception with entertainment and a million-dollar view of a twinkling Denver night. What?! We have to get up at 5:30 a.m. tomorrow? Only for SLA. – Terese Leber, East-West Center Library

Seven Denverisms

Seven sayings to sum up SLA 2007

Compiled by Carol Hasegawa, UHM Library

- 1. Copyright, as we know it, is out the window.**
Gary Price, ask.com, during the "Web Tools for Legal Researchers" session.
- 2. Google can answer the who, what, where questions well but librarians handle the how and why better than any search engine.**
*Librarians improve questions.
Stephen Abram, SirsiDynix & SLA President-Elect.*

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Tour offers sampling of law resources

By Margot Hanson

On the afternoon of Sunday, May 6, 25 lucky librarians and librarians-to-be listened raptly to law librarians Diane Frake and Catherine Thomas as they provided a behind-the-scenes tour of the William S. Richardson School of Law Library. Frake expounded on the unique difficulties faced by law librarians while introducing some essential print resources for legal research. Thomas focused on electronic resources which are available through Richardson Law Library as well as free resources for those not as financially well-endowed.

Frake is the Public Services Librarian at the UH Law Library. Before this tour, I thought that all law librarians were required to have a law degree, but this isn't necessarily so. In Frake's case, her juris doctorate from Florida State University certainly has assisted in her reference skills, and she highlighted some key points for the legal reference interview. Many pro se patrons, who are doing their own legal research, may not have any experience with the law, and have no idea where to start. They may give the law librarians incorrect or incomplete information, so the specificity of the reference interview is of the utmost

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President's Message

By Catherine Thomas, UH Law Library

Summertime, and the living is easy! I hope you're all having a wonderful summer and have been able to take some time to recharge your batteries.

So far it's been a busy year: We had a great start to our new SLA calendar year in February with a fascinating tour of Jerry Dupont's Law Library Microform Consortium, which is located on the Windward side in Kane'ohe. This marvelous tour was written up in our previous Spring 2007 newsletter (you can check it out on the Web at <http://www.sla.org/chapter/chip/2007spring.pdf>). We then had a full house for our professional development workshop at the University of Hawaii's Richardson School of Law Library. Twenty-five SLA members and Library School students joined Vice-President/President Elect Diane Frake and me as we outlined and explained basic legal research resources in both print and online formats that we use in the Law Library.

But the year's not over yet – we still have a couple of great events lined up for the fall so mark your calendars! Back by popular demand is our Mentoring Mixer, which will again be held at Lois Kiehl-Cain's amazing condo at the foot of Diamond Head. It'll take place Friday, Sept. 7, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Details will be posted in August so remember to check the SLA-HPC Web site – and your e-mail inbox! – for updates. We hope to see you there as this is always a fun and exciting event (and a great way to get to know the incoming LIS students too!).

We are also planning another professional development event the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 28. We're lining up an "Environmental Panel" of speakers who are doing their part to educate the public on environmental issues, and who can provide us as information professionals with quality sources to assist our researchers and patrons.

And it may be summertime but it's not too early for your hard-working Board to begin scouting for next year's officers! This year we're seeking nominations for Vice President/President Elect and Treasurer. We hope to see lots of names come in for this – you can either nominate yourself or someone else. In addition to these elected positions, we're looking for volunteers for appointment as Professional Development Chair. This is an excellent way to expand your horizons, hone your management skills, and meet and network with other professionals! I can personally attest to how fulfilling it has been to come together with other professionals to discuss various topics.

So, until our next event, be sure to keep the sunscreen on hand and enjoy your lazy afternoons by the barbecue. I'll see you in September!

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mid-year SLA Leadership Summit. In 2008, the summit will be in Louisville, Ky., Jan. 23 - 26. My impression was that the Leadership Summit might be more valuable to new SLA leaders, but I also learned that attendance at the annual meeting was mandatory. SLA is updating its administrative software and will provide training on the new system in Louisville.

SLA has surveyed chapters on the amount of conference related awards offered to members. A handout describes the amounts of the awards, the recipients and comments. Stipends ranged from \$300 - \$3000, with many chapters offering awards to student members.

SLA will be celebrating its centennial in 2009 in Washington, D.C.



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importance. Some of the basics to pin down include the area of law, jurisdiction or topic to be researched. Other difficulties arise with the prominent use of jargon, acronyms and abbreviations, for which Frake recommends Bieber's Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations. The most important point to remember (I know this because she repeated it several times), is to be careful to stay on the right side of the thin line of unauthorized practice of law. We can show patrons to the resources, tell them where to find information, but always keep the following sentence as your mantra: "I'm not giving you legal advice."

Frake suggested some basic resources which are useful for legal research. The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation is "like a Bible," says Frake, and makes some sense of the wild world of legal citations. BNA's Directory of State and Federal Courts, Judges, and Clerks presents the court structure in a graphic format. Shepard's

Citorator is used to find where a particular case is in the court structure, and how other courts treated the case: or, "to Shepardize." Frake mentioned some popular and basic legal research guides, including "How to Find the Law" by Cohen, Berring and Olson, "Fundamentals of Legal Research" by Mersky and Dunn, and "Legal Research in a Nutshell" by Cohen. The Georgetown School of Law provides several online legal research tutorials, available at <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/tutorials>.

Specific to Hawai'i, "Hawai'i Reports" and "Hawai'i Digest" are crucial to keep updated for the most recent information, so that a patron is less likely to base her research on a case which was subsequently overturned. These and many other resources are available by subscription through WestLaw and Lexis-Nexis, which gives the searcher all the cross-indexing features we have come to know and love in online databases.



photo courtesy of LORI ANN SAEKI

Law librarian Diane Frake introduces attendees to a variety of print law resources, including Bieber's Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations.

Thomas is the Technical Services/Acquisitions Librarian for the Law Library, and she showed us some of the online resources available for legal research. The Law Library Web site is a wealth of information, available at <http://library.law.hawaii.edu>. There is information on all sorts of topics, from legal forms to civil rights groups, intellectual property to Native Hawaiian research

guides. Thomas highlighted the pages focused on Hawai'i research resources, which have links to all sorts of helpful Web sites and can be used for reference in many settings. Don't we all have questions about Hawai'i Foreign-Trade Zone No. 9 from time to time?

As with any library-related gathering, the afternoon ended with food and drink, and we all went home happy.



photo courtesy of SONIA ISOTOV KING

Hawai'i Business Research Library staff present retiring librarian Ruth Corn with a quilt in the design of a bookshelf, complete with personalized book titles by the staff, at a farewell luncheon.

HBRL hires new director

Sonia Isotov King was recently named library director for the Hawai'i Business Research Library. She replaces Ruth Corn, who retired in February. King has an MLIS from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, and formerly served as Research/Cataloging Librarian under

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Get Involved with SLA-HPC!

The Hawaiian-Pacific Chapter of the Special Libraries Association maintains a dynamic program of professional development events and networking opportunities in many specialized areas of library work such as digital librarianship, law, medicine and astronomy. Be a part of this organization and help provide our library community with these invaluable learning experiences by joining the Executive Board.

SLA-HPC has three openings for 2008

Vice President/President Elect

Are you looking for a way to gain experience? Work with awesome people? Enhance your skills in management? Then, we want you! SLA-HPC is seeking nominations for Vice President/President Elect. This is a great opportunity to practice and enhance your management skills, network with your colleagues and meet new people. This position is a three-year commitment and is a truly enjoyable one, is not difficult, and provides an opportunity to work with the wonderful Board members. The first year is spent learning the ropes. The second year you “feel the power,” and the third you pass on what you learned to the newly elected.

Treasurer

We are seeking a new Treasurer to start in January 2008. This position is very rewarding, is much easier than you think, is great for your professional development, and is a fantastic way to get to know people at national SLA. As it is an elected position, we are seeking nominations and self-nominations for this position.

Professional Development/Programs Chair

Want to hone your skills in planning events? Meet new people and network on the SLA Board by serving as coordinator of tours, mixers, brown-bags, workshops and other professional development opportunities, all while increasing your marketability and beefing up your resume! The Professional Development/Programs Chair is an appointed (as vs. an elected) position

For more information on how you can get involved, contact current SLA-HPC President Catherine Thomas at thomasca@hawaii.edu

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3. **Why isn't there an Information Outlook pull out in Business Week?**
Why aren't librarians going where the managers are, speaking where the leaders are, infecting virally outside the library community?
Eugenie Prime, formerly of Hewlett-Packard.
4. **There is a need for data curation, competing teams versus competing individuals and sponsored research moving into the humanities.**
Clifford Lynch, Coalition for Networked Information.
5. **Is there a link between money and politics (MAP)?**
Dan Newman, MAPlight.org, uses mash-ups and the public record to follow interest groups, campaign contributions and how Congress votes.
6. **I thought Ed Ruscha only painted with gunpowder or Pepto-Bismol.**
Carol Hasegawa, looking up at Ruscha's large-scale murals circling the inner balcony of the Denver Public Library.
7. **The library comes with me.**
Hildy Dworkin, New York City Human Resources Administration, on getting out of the building to market her library.



Send us your stories!

Got exciting news at your library? Attend a scintillating conference? Invent a fancy librarian robot to do all your work for you while you surf the Web?

We want to hear from you!

Share your stories and photos with your SLA chapter. E-mail your submissions to lsaeki@gmail.com. The deadline for the Fall newsletter is Oct. 15.

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Ruth Corn for many years. The HBRL is a specialty center with the Hawai'i Small Business Development Center Network, a program of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Although physically located in Kihei, Maui, the library focuses on electronic desktop delivery of customized business research to small business users state-wide. In particular, the library also publishes and responds to questions regarding the Maui County Data Book. The library is on the web at <http://www.hbrl-sbdc.org/>.