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Program

September 29 – October 1



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Breakfast in the Boundary Peak Ballroom
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Welcome and Keynote Address

David Whelan | *Legal Information Access Is Messy*

10:30 – 11:00 am

Morning break

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11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Stephanie Heyroth Wilcox | Exploring Legislative Histories

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Lunch and business meeting with special guest Beth Adelman

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Deane Deane | *Creating a Culture that Supports Universal Accommodation*

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Afternoon break

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Keynote Address

David Whelan

Friday, September 30

9:00 – 10:30 am

Legal Information Access Is Messy



My twin brother was entrapped by Russian state security services in 2018 and has been wrongfully detained ever since.¹ It has been a journey that our family didn't want to go on, like so many people facing legal issues. It has required me to rethink what I know about legal research – in a foreign language – and to build out a new set of skills to find information and determine its value.

It has reminded me and reinforced how the law librarian is a conduit of information, and not just to the law, but a guide to the context of how the law works. We are translators of language but bound by language barriers. We can explain the legal system as written but not the uncertainty with which it is actually implemented. We can encourage expertise in our researchers –

students, lawyers, the public – but it will be their own experience that determines their success.

I'll take you along on parts of this journey and talk about how law librarians can prepare to help our researchers to be successful.

David Whelan is the director at the San Diego County Law Library in California. He has worked in legal organizations in the U.S. and Canada and managed library and information teams for the American Bar Association, Southern Methodist University School of Law, and The Law Society of Ontario. David has taught at the University of Illinois and University of North Texas library schools and at the University of Northern Kentucky College of Law. He blogs on his personal site and has written books on legal research on the internet and legal practice using cloud technology.

¹ David Whelan, Opinion, *I Am Paul Whelan's Brother. He Is Not a Spy*, WASH. POST (Jan. 4, 2019), https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/i-am-paul-whelans-brother-he-is-not-a-spy/2019/01/04/56b62514-1046-11e9-84fc-d58c33d6c8c7_story.html; Joshua Yaffa & Adam Entous, *The American Prisoner in Russia Trapped Between Putin and Trump*, NEW YORKER (Sept. 4, 2020), <https://www.newyorker.com/news/dispatch/the-american-prisoner-in-russia-trapped-between-putin-trump-and-thoroughly-soured-us-russian-relations>.

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Stephanie Heyroth Wilcox | Exploring Legislative Histories

What is a legislative history? It is a term we use to refer to all the documents created by a legislature as a bill is processed (i.e., introduced, heard in committee, amended, voted on, etc.). Have you ever been asked the dreaded question, “What was the intent of this statute?” A legislative history is your answer. It is what attorneys and courts use in their efforts to determine legislative intent or clarify ambiguous statutes. This session will use Nevada’s legislative histories as an example to work through the pieces of and methods for compiling a legislative history. It will conclude with additional resources to help you find existing compiled histories or assemble your own.

Stephanie Heyroth Wilcox is a librarian for the Nevada Legislature in Carson City. She helps maintain the print and digital collections of legislative histories and publications, select state and federal documents, governmental studies, and more. Additionally, Stephanie answers reference questions and assists legislators, committees, staff, and the public in finding materials and conducting research. Formerly, she worked as an information specialist in talent acquisition at Allstate Insurance Company in Chicago and a marketing specialist for a software engineering company in Minneapolis. Stephanie received a B.A. in advertising and public relations as well as a B.S. in marketing and supply chain management from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. She also holds a M.A. in library and information studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Stephanie is a member of the Nevada Library Association and the NCSL Legislative Research Librarians’ Notable Document Award Selection Committee. In her free time, she enjoys hiking around Lake Tahoe with her husband and daughter.

1:30 – 2:30 pm

Deane Deane | *Creating a Culture that Supports Universal Accommodation*

A culture that supports universal accommodation ensures people with disabilities receive the accommodations they require in the most supportive way, with the least resistance. This deep dive aims to transform how attendees think about providing accommodations and the way they build support into their everyday ways of handling issues in the office. It builds on the idea of [Universal Design in the Workplace](#) and concepts central to [Disability Justice](#).

The presenter will explain relevant concepts and invite attendees to apply them to their own idea of what a workplace would look like if it afforded them dignity and respect for their wholeness as a human being. The presenter will then guide attendees through practical exercises to apply these ideas to their workplaces.

Deane Deane is the Research & Innovation Specialist, at Fenwick & West, LLP.² They were the first law librarian to write about microaggressions in the law library. They have spoken about Diversity Equity and

² [Deane Deane | LinkedIn](#)

Inclusion (DEI) issues on DEI specialist Bathabile Mthombeni's³ podcast, now called Just Tea Sundays.⁴⁵⁶⁷⁸⁹ Deane has nonobvious disabilities and is committed to disability justice. Their neurodivergent perspective on the importance of universal accommodation includes compassion for those experiencing workplace bullying because of differences in socialization and brain function. They also have a keen awareness of when the power dynamics between employers and employees result in unfair, but socially acceptable uncompensated work and how that inequitably impacts people based on the gestalt of their life responsibilities, access to inherited wealth, and other familial support. Deane has 4 degrees from three different institutions: Princeton University, The University of Tulsa and San Jose State University. These cover Sociocultural Anthropology and Latin American Studies; U.S., Foreign and International Law; and Library Science. They draw on these disciplines as well as lived experience to share a message about compassion, equity and respect for one's colleagues. In their free time, they curate experiences that support their quirky friends in experiencing more pleasure, connectedness and joy in their lives.

2:30 – 3:00 pm

Lightning Talk: Youngwoo Ban & Patrick Griffis | *Establishing a Patent and Trademark Resource Center (PTRC) Program*

The [Patent & Trademark Resource Center Program](#) is a public outreach program administered by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The libraries that are designated by the USPTO as a Patent & Trademark Resource Center (PTRC) library help patrons with patent & trademark searching; provide resources for patent & trademark application processes; and offer educational workshops with local organizations for inventors and entrepreneurs. The University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) was recently approved by the USPTO to operate as a PTRC library and will host a grand opening in November 2022. In this session, the two UNLV librarians who are currently serving as the UNLV PTRC representatives will discuss UNLV's PTRC journey and the challenges that need to be overcome as they prepare for the grand opening.

[Youngwoo Ban](#) is a Research Librarian at the Wiener-Rogers Law Library, William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV and a member of the Patent and Trademark Resource Center Association. He received his J.D. from Oklahoma City University School of Law, M.L.I.S. from the University of Arizona, and LL.M. in Gaming Law from the William S. Boyd School of Law. Youngwoo can be contacted at youngwoo.ban@unlv.edu.

[Patrick Griffis](#) is the Business Librarian at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Libraries. He is a tenured Associate Professor and a member of the Patent and Trademark Resource Center Association. Mr. Griffis

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⁴ [Five Things Your Black Friends Are Not Telling You - Just Tea Sundays by Come Abide Here \(podcast.app\)](#)

⁵ [Me So Horny Asian Women and the Problem of White Paranoia - Just Tea Sundays by Come Abide Here \(podcast.app\)](#)

⁶ [From Oppressed to Oppressor Shifting Margins of Identity - Just Tea Sundays by Come Abide Here \(podcast.app\)](#)

⁷ [How to Partner with Black Women in Power - Just Tea Sundays by Come Abide Here \(podcast.app\)](#)

⁸ [What's Wrong With Saying I Don't See Color - Just Tea Sundays by Come Abide Here \(podcast.app\)](#)

⁹ [Why Do White People Celebrate POC Overcoming Racist Barriers - Just Tea Sundays by Come Abide Here \(podcast.app\)](#)

holds an MS in Library and Information Science from the University of North Texas and a BS in Business Administration from the University of Southern California. Patrick can be contacted at patrick.griffis@unlv.edu.

3:30 – 4:30 pm

Anne Lucke | *Locating Tribal Law: Tips from the National Indian Law Library*

There are 574 federally recognized Native American tribes in the United States, all with their own unique governments and laws. Unlike the laws for many jurisdictions in the U.S., however, these laws can be difficult to find, if they are accessible at all. This session will discuss some of the reasons tribal law can be hard to find and the best resources for locating tribal law, including tribal websites, legal publishers, and [NILL's Tribal Law Gateway](#). NILL's project with Open Law Library and the University of Wisconsin Law Library, which seeks to make tribal law more accessible by creating a platform to digitize tribal laws and then distribute the laws to libraries, will also be highlighted. This pilot project has been funded by a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Studies. The session will conclude with a brief description of some of the other resources available to researchers through the National Indian Law Library.

[Anne Lucke](#) is the Library Director of the National Indian Law Library, Native American Rights Fund.

4:30 – 5:30 pm

Valeri Craigle | *Minting DOIs for Your Law Reviews*

Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) are persistent identifiers that can be used to provide stable access to digital content. Many online law reviews do not use persistent identifiers and so are susceptible to link breakage and unreliable access. In this workshop, attendees will learn the procedure for “minting” a DOI for a journal article. Prior to the workshop, each participant will be asked to investigate DOI minting activities and Crossref or DataCite membership.

[Valeri Craigle](#) is the Associate Librarian at the James E. Faust Law Library, S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah. She is also head of the Digital and E-Publishing Services department and has spearheaded a number of digital initiatives aimed at preserving and making electronically accessible the scholarship produced at the College of Law. Prior to her career as a Law Librarian, Valeri was a Medical Librarian at the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library and a Project Manager for the [Neuro-Ophthalmology Virtual Education Library \(NOVEL\)](#). Prior to her career as a librarian, she worked as a Forensic Anthropologist for the Utah State Office of the Medical Examiner.

AALL Board Representative

Beth Adelman



Beth Adelman is the 2022-2023 American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) President and serves as director of the Charles B. Sears Law Library and vice dean for legal information services at the University at Buffalo School of Law. She has taught Legal Bibliography and New York Legal Research in the law school setting and Legal Information Sources in the library school setting. Adelman is the lead author of *New York Legal Research*, now in its fourth edition, published by Carolina Academic Press. Adelman served as Interim Vice Provost for University Libraries at the University at Buffalo from June 2018–July 2019. She has published several articles, book chapters,

and tutorials on topics related to teaching legal research and academic law libraries.

An active member of AALL, she served as the 2021-2022 vice president of AALL. She also chaired AALL's Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section and AALL's Annual Meeting Program Committee. Most recently, she represented AALL as a member of the U.S. News & World Report's Joint Task Force Steering Committee that proposed changes to the survey questions about law libraries used in the magazine's rankings.

Adelman earned her BA and MLS degrees from the University of Buffalo and her JD from Albany Law School. She is a 2011 recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

Saturday, October 1

9:00 – 10:00 am

Meredith Weston Kostek | *Embedding Creativity into Your Guides*

When you start thinking creatively, there's no end to what you can achieve but sometimes you aren't sure if your tools can keep up with you. Using different embedding techniques and sources, creative elements can be added to many LibGuides: videos, interactive slides, Canva created advertising/newsletters, and beyond. The presenter will cover concepts, display examples, then demonstrate tools and techniques.

Meredith Weston Kostek is the Research, Instruction & Engagement Librarian at the Boley Law Library, Lewis & Clark Law School. Previously, Meredith served as a County Law Librarian for Island County in Coupeville, WA and as an environmental attorney for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. She also worked as an attorney editor for Thomson Reuters.

10:00 – 10:30 am

Lightning Talk: Sarah E. Ryan | *Publishing Your Work in Interdisciplinary Social Science Journals*

Publishing your work in interdisciplinary social science journals requires the same intuition as publishing in law librarianship journals or law reviews. In this 30-minute workshop, the presenter will discuss strategies for identifying relevant journals, increasing your odds of acceptance, and what to expect during the process. Strategies will include aims and scope analysis, professional organization affiliation analysis, special issue targeting, keyword strategies, and more. The presenter will draw upon her experience as a founding editorial board member and Associate Editor of the international journal *Energy Research & Social Science*. She has published in Communication, Energy, International Affairs, Public Administration, and Women's Studies journals, as well as in law librarianship and law journals.

Sarah E. Ryan is the Director of the Law Librarianship Program and Associate Professor of Information Science, College of Information, at the University of North Texas.

11:00 – 12:00 pm

Aimee Self Pittman | *With Access for All: Creating ADA-Compliant Social Media to Build Inclusive Communities*

A growing number of colleges and universities are being sued or entering into settlements due to inaccessible websites. The accessibility standards, under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, can apply to both public

and private institutions. Many of the settlement agreements between the Department of Education and the schools cite inaccessible social media as a problem. Learn how to make your social media accessible and welcoming to all users. Alt-text, closed captioning, and low-vision best practices will be covered along with the tools to make ADA accessible content easy to create and post.

Aimee Self Pittman is a Reference Librarian at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center Law Library, Louisiana State University.

No-Host Dine Arounds

6:30 p.m. reservation | Parties of six | Reservation name: *Sarah Bates*

[Liberty Food & Wine](#) | artisan eatery, market, and wine bar | 775-336-1091 | 100 N. Sierra St. Reno, NV 89501 | 4-minute walk from the Whitney Peak

[Wild River Grill](#) | creative, contemporary cuisine on the riverfront | 775-284-7455 | 17 S. Virginia St, Reno, NV 89501 | 6-minute walk from the Whitney Peak | patio table overlooking the Truckee River

[Kwok's Bistro](#) | relaxed Chinese cuisine, classic appetizers & family-style dishes | 775-507-7270 | 275 West St. Reno, NV 89501 | 3-minute walk from the Whitney Peak

[Sierra St Kitchen & Cocktails](#) | small plate experience and specialty handcrafted cocktails | 775-324-1414 | 170 S Virginia St, Reno, NV 89501 | 5-minute walk from the Whitney Peak

Local Events & Excursions

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