

## President's Message

*Tonya Baroudi, Director — Prince George's County Circuit Court Law Library*

In my final message, I would like to use this opportunity to acknowledge the members of LLAM, and particularly the Board, for the many contributions that are being made toward the progress of libraries. During my term, I have been impressed with the commitment and knowledge of so many LLAM members. I have learned much in my role as President and now have a fuller understanding of how LLAM operates.

It has been an honor to serve in this capacity and it feels great to be involved in shaping the future of LLAM. The Board meetings were insightful as new ideas emerged and enthusiasm created exciting programs. I know that under the capable leadership of our incoming officers, projects such as the formation of 'ShearNews' and the LLAM Twitter account will continue to grow and succeed.

Less than one month ago, we embarked on an outstanding bi-annual conference, ALL ACCESS, at the new John and Frances Angelos Law Center at the University of Baltimore School of Law. With more than 90 registered guests and first rate national and local speakers, this conference has certainly put LLAM in the forefront on the issue of Access to Justice. Discussions about the conference continue to surface throughout our organizations. Many captivating sessions were presented and each speaker brought a specific expertise to the field that prepared participants for a day of enrichment and development. With the dedication and hard work of Kate Martin and the Legal Research Institute Committee the conference exceeded our optimistic expectations.

I would also like to extend my many thanks to Jim Gernert, Rachel Englander, and Jason Hawkins of the Grants Committee who worked endlessly to evaluate applications for the LLAM and AALL Chapter Registration Grant. They had a few unexpected challenges along the way, but were able to conquer and bring joy to two worthy candidates - Catherine McGuire, from the Maryland State Law Library and Camilla Tubbs, from Thurgood Marshall Law Library, University of Maryland.

The Annual Year-End meeting, affectionately known as our Spring Fling will be held on Friday, May 16, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Kate has secured the Baltimore Museum of Art for the event. The museum will be open for the first hour and the remainder of the scheduled event will be held in the sculpture garden. Expect an open bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres. I hope to see you there!

Respectfully yours, *Tonya Baroudi*

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# RECAP:

## *LLAM's 2014 Legal Research Institute*

### *ALL ACCESS: ACCESS TO JUSTICE CONFERENCE*

#### A Big Success -The LLAM National Access to Justice Conference

*By Kate Martin, Chair, ALL ACCESS: Access to Justice Conference*

Access to Justice is a core value of law libraries and emerging as more crucial to everyday Americans than ever before. With tough economic times and the increased use of the courts to solve disputes, more and more self-represented litigants are swarming law libraries across the U.S. The ABA has stated that half of the middleclass cannot not afford to hire a lawyer. This year, AALL president Steve Anderson convened a special task force on exploring A2J issues so it seemed a good time to showcase Maryland's cutting-edge work on this vital topic.

After months of planning, LLAM's National Access to Justice Conference opened on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the beautiful, new University of Baltimore Law School campus. Almost one hundred people came from Maryland, Utah, Georgia, Louisiana, Florida and Pennsylvania to attend a wide range of seminars focused on practical and issue-oriented A2J topics.

LLAM was able to use the LRI to showcase local A2J leaders such as, Maryland Court of Appeals Judge Clayton Greene, Jr.; MD Access to Justice Commission executive director, Pamela Cardullo Ortiz; past MD correctional services coordinator Glennor Shirley; and Maryland Lawyers Service deputy director, Leigh Maddox.

Judy Meadows, former Montana State Law Librarian spoke on the role of public libraries and Jessica Van Buren, the Utah State Law Librarian, gave a presentation on best practices in working with self-represented litigants. Sarah Mauldin, Director of Library Services at Smith Gambrell & Russell in Atlanta, spoke to private law librarians about the ways law firm librarians could raise their firm profiles by working with pro bono programs. Other speakers covered the University of Maryland's innovative JustAdvice legal clinic, better ways to communicate law issues to the public, the role of the self-help center and patron assistance beyond legal help. Even some of our own LLAM members (Joanie Bellistri, James Durham, Pamela Gregory, Catherine McGuire, Tanya Thomas and Mary Jo Lazun) shared their expertise on A2J subjects. An opening colloquium answered big picture questions on the future of access to justice and libraries. The conference ended with a networking fair and wine reception where representatives from Catholic University's library school, AACO legal aid, JustAdvice, Thomson Reuters, LexisNexis and United Way of Maryland spoke to attendees one-on-one and shared information on their organizations.

This conference would not have been possible without the talent and hard work of the LRI committee: Katherine Baer, Tonya Baroudi, Joanie Bellistri, Pat Behles, James Durham, Rachel Englander, Mary Jo Lazun, Dave Pantzer, CJ Pipins, Jenny Rensler, Sara Thomas and Julia Viets.

Our generous sponsors included the University of Baltimore School of Law, the AALL/Bloomberg Continuing Education Grants Program, Bloomberg BNA, Gale Cengage, Innovative Interface, Inc., LexisNexis, Thomson Reuters, and William S, Hein & Co., Inc.

For more information and program videos, slides and hand-outs, go to:  
<http://llamonline.org/lri2014/2014-lri-program-handouts/>



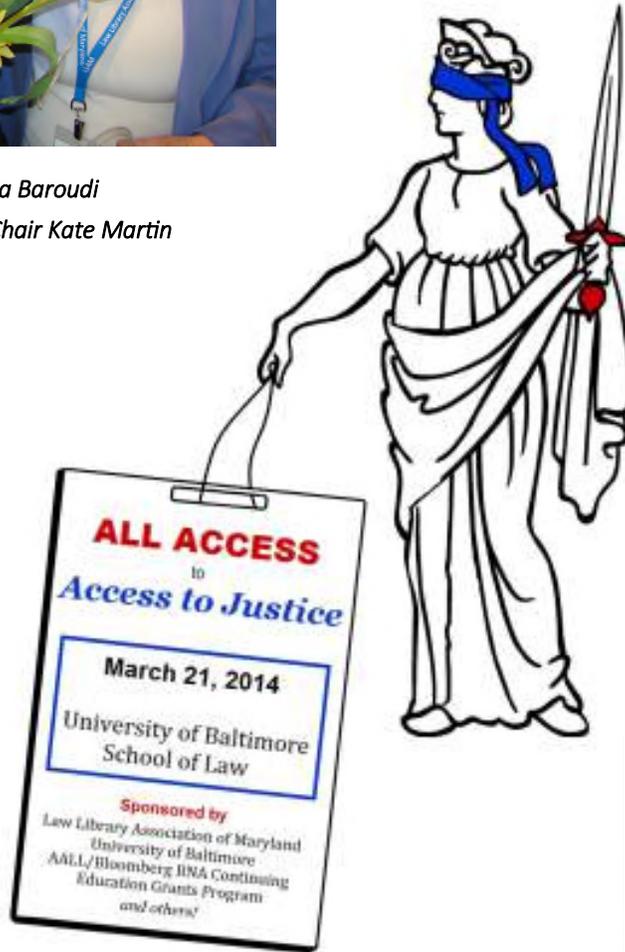
*LLAM President Tonya Baroudi  
& LLAM Vice President/LRI Chair Kate Martin*



*Vendor Fair*



*Presenter Glennor Shirley*



*Presentation on SRLs*



*Networking Breakfast*



*Panel overseeing Welcome Colloquium*



*LRI Committee Member Rachel Englander &  
LLAM Member Sara Witman*

## Member Profile: Mark Desierto

Mark Desierto has been a mover and a shaker in the Maryland library community for some time. He is currently the Systems Librarian at Venable LLP and a sitting Board Member on the LLAM Board of Directors. Meanwhile, he finished his JD and had a new baby. All impressive achievements on their own, Mark has managed to accomplish everything at the same time!

Recently, Mark was invited to present on the topic of eDiscovery at the *Law Firm 2020 Track Program* at LLAGNY's (Law Library Association of Greater New York) 75th Anniversary Education Conference which was held at NYU's School of Law on January 14, 2014. This conference focused primarily on the future of law librarianship and featured programs on Google Glass, social media's impact on legal research and mobile devices.

As a member of Venable's eDiscovery committee, Mark was chosen to present on eDiscovery because of its obvious impact on the future of legal research. His presentation covered an overview of the topic, including a look at leading case law, general principals guiding the current practice of eDiscovery, and EDRM (Electronic Discovery Reference Model) which outlines the technical steps in the eDiscovery process. It's uncommon for a librarian to be involved with eDiscovery within firms, so Mark encouraged attendees to get involved and explore opportunities to work with practice management so that they can be involved in decision making when it comes to resources. Mark maintains that it's as important to be involved with practice group management as it is to collaborate with IT and Marketing departments within firms. From his perspective, eDiscovery faces many of the same challenges that libraries do: managing large sets of data, communicating effectively between attorneys and staff members and managing vendor relationships. Mark's ability to give this presentation outside of our own chapter is a testament to his involvement in the field and proves that he is on the cutting edge of information in our profession!

In addition to his contribution to LLAGNY's program last January, Mark also recently received an award from AALL for attendance at the annual conference this year. He was given a grant to cover his travel expenses to/from San Antonio and the registration for the PLL Summit. He will be recognized for his achievements at the PLL Luncheon being held on Sunday at the conference. Mark is honored to receive such a generous award. In his typical humor, Mark said, "I was personally hoping for a life-sized statue of myself outside of the convention center, but I'll take what I can get." I hope, one day, you get the statue you deserve, Mark...

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## AALL CONFERENCE IN SAN ANTONIO — July 12-15, 2014

Early registration ends June 6th so if you want a discount on the cost, sign up soon!

The keynote speaker for the Opening General Session will be **Andrew Keen** presenting on his vision of the future of Law Librarianship. The conference will hold something for everyone in all varieties of our profession. Come for networking, learning and to hear the latest and greatest from our vendors!

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### Join the LLAM Dine-Around in San Antonio Saturday, July 12th at 6:30 pm

If you are attending the 2014 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference in San Antonio, please consider joining the members of LLAM for the annual “LLAM Dine-Around.” This year, the group will meet at La Paloma Riverwalk, 215 Lasoya, on the San Antonio Riverwalk, which is a short distance from the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. The reservation, under the name of “Maryland Law Librarians,” is for 6:30 p.m. on Saturday evening, July 12. We have requested a patio or Riverwalk table, if available. To view photos and a menu, visit <http://www.lapalomariverwalk.com>. Vegetarian options are offered. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to [james.durham@mdcourts.gov](mailto:james.durham@mdcourts.gov), so that the reservation can be amended to accommodate the actual size of our group. *See you in Texas!*

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## AALL and LLAM Grant Recipients

LLAM is pleased to announce the 2014 LLAM and AALL grant recipients, **Catherine McGuire** and **Camilla Tubbs**.

In conjunction with AALL, LLAM offered two grants to our members for the 107<sup>th</sup> AALL Annual Meeting and Conference, being held in San Antonio on July 12th -15th.

The first grant came from LLAM and was awarded to Catherine McGuire, Head of Reference and Outreach at the Maryland State Law Library. It provides \$500 towards either travel expenses or the cost of the Annual Meeting registration.

The second grant is the AALL Chapter Registration Award and has been given to Camilla Tubbs, Acting Director of the Thurgood Marshall Law Library, University of Maryland School of Law.

Please congratulate Catherine and Camilla!

In addition, the Board would like to thank the Grants Committee and express appreciation for their work and dedication in making this tough decision. The committee members are: **James Gernert** (*LLAM Grants Committee Chair*), **Rachel Englander**, and **Jason Hawkins**

## ***On the Radar:***

# **What's New in the Library World?**

*By James Durham Deputy Director — Maryland State Law Library*

*This selection of upcoming conferences and continuing education opportunities has been compiled from library organization discussion lists, blogs, websites, and conversations.*

*Which event will you pick?*

The SLA (Special Libraries Association) Annual Conference will be held in Vancouver on June 8 – 10, 2014. Details and registration information are available at <http://www.sla.org/attend/2014-annual-conference>.

LLSDC (Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C.) is sponsoring the "2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Librarians @ the Ball Game" at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at National Park, when the Washington Nationals will play the Houston Astros. For more information, contact Alicia Pappas at (202)533-4943 or at [apappas@kpmg.com](mailto:apappas@kpmg.com). Online registration for the event is available at <http://www.llsdc.org/events-calendar>.

The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction will hold the 2014 CALI Conference at Harvard Law School on June 19 – 21, 2014. For more information, visit <http://www.cali.org/CALI-Conference>.

"Transforming Our Libraries, Ourselves," the ALA (American Library Association) Conference, will be held in Las Vegas on June 26 – July 1, 2014. For details, visit <http://www.ala14.ala.org>.

"Beyond Boundaries" the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Conference of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) will be held in San Antonio on July 12 – 15, 2014. Details and registration information are available at <http://www.aallnet.org/conference>.

The Maryland Chapter of SLA (Special Libraries Association) is sponsoring "A Day in Frederick: A National Museum of Civil War Medicine Tour, Lunch, and Visit to the Frederick County Library's Maryland Room" at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 19, 2014. Additional information is available on the Chapter's website at <http://maryland.sla.org/future/>.

PLA (Pennsylvania Library Association) will hold its 2014 Annual Conference from Sunday, September 28 – Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at the Lancaster County Convention Center / Lancaster Marriott. Additional information is available at <http://www.palibraries.org>.

WVLA (West Virginia Library Association) will hold its 2014 Annual Conference from Wednesday, October 8 through Friday, October 10, 2014, at the Snowshoe Mountain Resort. For additional information, visit <http://www.wvla.org/> and at <http://www.snowshoemtn.com>.

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## LLAM PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR SOME OF THESE EXCITING  
UPCOMING LLAM-HOSTED EVENTS!

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- ◆ **May 16, 2014** The Annual Spring Fling is being held at Gertrude's at Baltimore Museum of Art. You can register to attend through the LLAM website at: <http://llamonline.org/category/events-and-announcements/>
- ◆ **May 2014** As part of the Spring Fling, LLAM is participating in Operation Paperback. We will be collecting gently used books that will be matched and sent to troops overseas and veterans and military families here at home. For more info, go to: <http://www.operationpaperback.org/>

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