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EDUCATION

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE
M.L.I.S., 1987

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL
J.D., *cum laude*, 1982

Harvard Women's Law Journal – editor-in-chief, volume 4; managing editor, volume 5

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
B.A. with Distinction in Philosophy, *cum laude*, 1977

LIBRARY EXPERIENCE

MARIAN GOULD GALLAGHER LAW LIBRARY
University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington.

Reference Librarian, 1988-90

Head of Reference, 1991-99

Assistant Librarian for Reference Services, 1999-2006

Reference Librarian, 2006-2015

Head of Reference, 2015-16

Research Services Librarian, 2016-19

Public Services Librarian, 2019 to present

REFERENCE AND CIRCULATION SERVICE:

- Provide reference service to law students and law faculty, as well as to members of the university community, the bar, and the public.

- Perform research for law faculty; write memos summarizing research and communicating results.
- Provide current awareness service to faculty and others on wide variety of topics.
- Fall 2019 and Winter 2020, perform circulation functions as part of staffing Information Desk. (Operations went remote due to COVID restrictions.)

TEACHING:

- Guest lecture on legal research in a wide variety of classes and contexts. Law school classes addressed include labor law, Indian law, international law, health law, and legislative advocacy. Non-law classes have ranged from a high school class studying civil rights to a graduate seminar in the English department applying discourse analysis to legal texts.
- Beginning in spring 2020 created instructional videos for distance learning (videos by the law library team are listed [here](#)).
- Present on research topics for non-class groups, including career development workshops, faculty and staff groups, student groups, and summer program for law students in their summer jobs.
- Taught summer school course in legal research for non-law students, 1989 (team-teaching), 1990 (sole instructor), 1991 (team-teaching).

WRITING, EDITING, AND WEB WORK:

- Develop materials for law library website (<https://lib.law.washington.edu> and <https://guides.lib.uw.edu/law/>).
- Manage and contribute to Gallagher Blogs, gallagherlawlibrary.blogspot.com (2008-present).
- Coedit Legal Scholarship Blog, legalscholarshipblog.com (2007-present). Team includes librarians from the University of Pittsburgh, the Ohio State University, and—as of spring 2017—five other law schools.
- Provide support for UW Law’s SSRN presence. Post papers, consult, maintain statistics.
- Co-edited *Current Index to Legal Periodicals* May 1990–June 1992.
- Edited Law Library News column of law school newsletter, 1988-1991, 1999-2000, fall 2004, 2010-11.
- Created and wrote Trial Ad Notes, trialadnotes.blogspot.com, 2005-15. As blog’s audience grew beyond the trial advocacy program, expanded coverage and renamed it Trial Ad (and other) Notes.
- See list of publications, below.

MANAGEMENT:

- Participate in training and mentoring law library interns (1988–present). Supervise and evaluate interns (1991–2006, 2009–2018).
- Scheduled six professionals and up to eight hourly employees per quarter in Reference Office (1991–2005).
- Supervised and evaluated hourly employees and interns (1991–2006).
- Represented Reference Department in Library Council (1992–2006, 2015–16).
- Serve on Collection Development Council (1992–present).

OTHER LIBRARY, LAW SCHOOL, AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES:

- Serve on law school committees
 - Curriculum Committee (1991–1992, 1993–1994)
 - Special Committee on Curricular Reform, 1993–1995
 - Strategic Planning Committee (1996–1998)
 - Special Committee on Writing in the J.D. Curriculum (1998–1999)
 - Gender Study Committee (2001–2005)
 - Library Director Search Committee (2015–2016)
- Judge various moot court competitions (1988–present).
- Organize and perform in Law Revue skits (1991, 1992, 1993, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013).
- University Distinguished Librarian Award selection committee
 - member, 2009-10
 - chair, 2010-11

PAUL M. HEBERT LAW CENTER LIBRARY

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Graduate Assistant, August 1986–December 1987

- Staffed reference office.
- Planned and supervised reorganization of comparative and foreign law collections; planned reorganization of collection of court records and briefs.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW LIBRARY

New Orleans, Louisiana.

Assistant to the Director, September 1985–January 1986

Reference Assistant, February–June 1986

- Planned and supervised move of a collection of over 120,000 printed volumes to new building, including inventory and space planning.
 - Revised library guides to reflect change in shelving arrangement.
 - Developed series of library guides for online databases.
 - Compiled public service statistics.
 - Staffed reference desk.
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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

WOMEN'S LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Washington, D.C.

Attorney/Fellow, 1984–1985

Placement: Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Employment Discrimination Project

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD, APPELLATE COURT BRANCH, DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT LITIGATION

Washington, D.C.

Attorney, 1983–1984

JUDGE STEPHANIE K. SEYMOUR, UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Law clerk, 1982–1983

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

STEVEN M. BARKAN, BARBARA A. BINTLIFF & MARY WHISNER, *FUNDAMENTALS OF LEGAL RESEARCH* (10th ed. 2015)

STEVEN M. BARKAN, BARBARA A. BINTLIFF & MARY WHISNER, *LEGAL RESEARCH ILLUSTRATED* (10th ed. 2015) (abridgement of *Fundamentals of Legal Research*)

MARY WHISNER, *PRACTICING REFERENCE: THOUGHTS FOR LIBRARIANS AND LEGAL RESEARCHERS* (AALL Publications Series, Hein, 2006) (compilation of *Law Library Journal* columns)

COURSE MATERIALS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Mary A. Hotchkiss & Mary Whisner, *Communicating Research Results Through Writing*, in STEVEN M. BARKAN, ROY M. MERSKY & DONALD J. DUNN, *FUNDAMENTALS OF LEGAL RESEARCH* 21-31 (9th ed. 2009).

Reprinted in STEVEN M. BARKAN, ROY M. MERSKY & DONALD J. DUNN, *LEGAL RESEARCH ILLUSTRATED* 21-31 (9th ed. 2009)

LAW FOR THE NON-JD (2003) (materials for AALL workshop).

Chapters by Mary Whisner: *Principles of Legal Analysis & Writing* (Part B), *Torts and Criminal Law* (Part E), *Administrative Law* (Part I), *Alternative Dispute Resolution* (Part L), and *Lifelong Learning* (Part O).

PENNY A. HAZELTON, ET AL., WASHINGTON LEGAL RESEARCHER'S DESKBOOK, 3D (2002) (Number 12 in the Marian Gould Gallagher Law Library Research Study Series).

Chapter by Mary Whisner: *Fundamentals of Legal Research in Washington* (pp. 45-91).

LAW FOR THE NON-JD (2001) (materials for AALL workshop). Chapters by Mary Whisner: *Principles of Legal Analysis & Writing* (Part B), *Alternative Dispute Resolution* (Part H), *Administrative Law* (Part J), and *Lifelong Learning* (Part O).

MARY WHISNER & JAMES E. DUGGAN, LEGAL RESEARCH FOR NON-LAW LIBRARIANS (1999, 2000, 2001) (materials for SLA workshops, sponsored by West Group).

INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN LAW: LAW FOR THE NON-JD (Tom Fleming & Mary Whisner eds., 1997) (materials for AALL institute).

Chapters by Mary Whisner: *Perspectives on Practice* (pp. 33-36) and *Labor and Employment Law* (pp. 63-70).

Chapter by Tom Fleming & Mary Whisner: *Continuing to Learn About Law* (pp. 81-87).

PENNY A. HAZELTON, ET AL., WASHINGTON LEGAL RESEARCHER'S DESKBOOK, 2D (1996) (Number 10 in the Marian Gould Gallagher Law Library Research Study Series).

Chapter by Mary Whisner: *Fundamentals of Legal Research in Washington* (pp.69-132).

Chapter by Peggy Roebuck Jarrett and Mary Whisner: *Nonlegal Research* (pp. 207-15).

Chapter by Peggy Roebuck Jarrett, Nancy McMurrer & Mary Whisner: *Computer-Assisted Legal Research* (pp. 217-38).

MARTIN CERJAN, ET AL., WASHINGTON LEGAL RESEARCHER'S DESKBOOK, (1994) (Number 6 in the Marian Gould Gallagher Law Library Research Series).

Chapters by Mary Whisner: *Basic Legal Research in Washington* (pp. 45-91), *Administrative Materials: Regulations* (pp. 93-108), *Glossary of Legal Research Terms* (pp. 299-306).

Chapter by Penny A. Hazelton, Peggy Roebuck Jarrett, and Mary Whisner: *Computer-Assisted Legal Research* (pp. 227-62).

Continuing Legal Education materials, with several other authors: WASHINGTON LEGAL RESEARCH MADE EASY (University of Washington School of Law, Washington Law School Foundation, 1992).

Continuing Legal Education materials, with Penny Hazelton and Peggy Roebuck Jarrett: INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER-ASSISTED LEGAL RESEARCH (University of Washington School of Law, Washington Law School Foundation, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993).

LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL “PRACTICING REFERENCE” COLUMN

quarterly column, 1999–2019

- [*Looking for Waldo*](#), 111 Law Libr. J. 613-17 (2019)
- [*Tuesday Morning Detective Work*](#), 111 LAW LIBR. J. 157–60 (2019)
- [*My Year of Citation Studies, Part 4*](#), 110 LAW LIBR. J. 561–77 (2018)
 - Parts 1–4 are posted as [one PDF on SSRN](#).
- [*My Year of Citation Studies, Part 3*](#), 110 LAW LIBR. J. 419–28 (2018)
- [*My Year of Citation Studies, Part 2*](#), 110 LAW LIBR. J. 283–94 (2018)
- [*My Year of Citation Studies, Part 1*](#), 110 LAW LIBR. J. 167–80 (2018)
- [*Negotiating Strengths*](#), 109 Law Libr. J. 487–91 (2017)
- [*Service Within and Beyond Our Walls*](#), 109 LAW LIBR. J. 347–51 (2017)
- [*Lexicographer for a Day*](#), 109 LAW LIBR. J. 169–74 (2017)
- [*On Specialized Legal Research*](#), 108 Law Libr. J. 483–88 (2016)
- [*Data, Data, Data*](#), 108 LAW LIBR. J. 313–19 (2016)
- [*Animal Stories for Good Reference Librarians*](#), 108 LAW LIBR. J. 141–46 (2016)
- [*Exploring Precedent*](#), 107 LAW LIBR. J. 605–17 (2015)
- [*Not What I Planned \(A Writing Detour\)*](#), 107 LAW LIBR. J. 319–23 (2015)
- [*Race and the Reference Librarian*](#), 106 LAW LIBR. J. 625–32 (2015)
- [*Getting to Know Fastcase*](#), 106 LAW LIBR. J. 473–81 (2014)
- [*The 4-1-1 on Legal Directories*](#), 106 LAW LIBR. J. 257–66 (2014)
- [*There Oughta Be a Law—A Model Law*](#), 106 LAW LIBR. J. 125–34 (2014)
- [*Thanking and Being Thanked*](#), 105 LAW LIBR. J. 561–66 (2013)
- [*Some Guidance About Federal Agencies and Guidance*](#), 105 LAW LIBR. J. 385–94 (2013)
- [*Other Uses of Legislative History*](#), 105 LAW LIBR. J. 243–54 (2013)
- [*Bitten by the Reading Bug*](#), 105 LAW LIBR. J. 113–22 (2013)
- [*Books on My Desk*](#), 104 LAW LIBR. J. 597–606 (2012)
- [*Negotiating Weaknesses*](#), 104 LAW LIBR. J. 455–59 (2012)
- [*Fifty More Constitutions*](#), 104 LAW LIBR. J. 331–39 (2012)
- [*“That Most Congenial Lawyer/Bibliographer”*](#), 104 LAW LIBR. J. 135–47 (2012)
- [*Writing Buddies*](#), 103 LAW LIBR. J. 677–83 (2011)
- [*Everyday Research*](#), 103 LAW LIBR. J. 491–95 (2011)
- [*Relevance, Choices, and the Goldilocks Problem*](#), 103 LAW LIBR. J. 307–11 (2011)
- [*Work Crunch*](#), 103 LAW LIBR. J. 147–51 (2011)
- [*The Rewards of Tedium*](#), 102 LAW LIBR. J. 657–63 (2010)
- [*Enact Locally*](#), 102 LAW LIBR. J. 497–506 (2010)
 - reprinted in THE GREEN BAG ALMANAC & READER 2011 at 679-89
- [*Learning from Reference Experience*](#), 102 LAW LIBR. J. 309–14 (2010)
- [*Change and Continuity \(Rip Van Winkle’s Reference Office\)*](#), 102 LAW LIBR. J. 141–45 (2010)
- [*The United States Code, Prima Facie Evidence, and Positive Law*](#), 101 LAW LIBR. J. 545–56 (2009)
- [*Getting Facts Straight \(and Writing Well, Too\)*](#), 101 LAW LIBR. J. 399–407 (2009)
- [*Mattress Tags and Pillow Cases*](#), 101 LAW LIBR. J. 235–47 (2009)
- [*Learning New Applications*](#), 101 LAW LIBR. J. 115–20 (2009)

- [*Seeking Inspiration*](#), 100 LAW LIBR. J. 773–77 (2008)
- [*Unanswerable Questions*](#), 100 LAW LIBR. J. 581–86 (2008)
- [*The Dreaded Bluebook*](#), 100 LAW LIBR. J. 393–99 (2008)
- [*Law Librarian, J.D. or Not J.D.?*](#), 100 LAW LIBR. J. 185–90 (2008)
- [*The Pajama Way of Research*](#), 99 LAW LIBR. J. 847–50 (2007)
- [*Just Looking*](#), 99 LAW LIBR. J. 663–67 (2007)
- [*On Fun*](#), 99 LAW LIBR. J. 447–49 (2007)
- [*A Manual "To Inform Every Citizen"*](#), 99 LAW LIBR. J. 159–65 (2007)
- [*How Do You Know When Research Is Good?*](#), 98 LAW LIBR. J. 721–25 (2006)
- [*A Blog's Life*](#), 98 LAW LIBR. J. 559–67 (2006)
- [*Little Biographies*](#), 98 LAW LIBR. J. 427–31 (2006)
- [*Cool Web Sites*](#), 97 LAW LIBR. J. 721–28 (2005)
- [*Learning a Little About the World: Foreign and International Research and the Nonspecialist*](#), 97 LAW LIBR. J. 595–604 (2005)
- [*On Not Doing Research*](#), 97 LAW LIBR. J. 391–97 (2005)
- [*What's in a Statute Name?*](#), 97 LAW LIBR. J. 169–83 (2005)
- [*Alphabetical Order and Other "Simple" Systems*](#), 96 LAW LIBR. J. 757–63 (2004)
- [*When Judges Scold Lawyers*](#), 96 LAW LIBR. J. 557–70 (2004)
- [*Story Time in the Law Library*](#), 96 LAW LIBR. J. 371–80 (2004)
- [*The Sensory Law Library*](#), 96 LAW LIBR. J. 185–92 (2004)
- [*Re: Memos*](#), 95 LAW LIBR. J. 601–08 (2003)
- [*Researching Outside the Box*](#), 95 LAW LIBR. J. 467–73 (2003)
- [*Learning from Library Science*](#), 95 LAW LIBR. J. 295–301 (2003)
- [*These Are a Few of My Favorite Books*](#), 95 LAW LIBR. J. 129–37 (2003)
- [*What Do You Do All Day?*](#), 94 LAW LIBR. J. 661–66 (2002)
- [*On Having a Bad Day*](#), 94 LAW LIBR. J. 335–42 (2002)
- [*Teaching the Art of the Reference Interview*](#), 94 LAW LIBR. J. 161–66 (2002)
- [*Finding Out What They Want to Know*](#), 93 LAW LIBR. J. 727–32 (2001)
- [*"Good Reads" in the Law Library?*](#), 93 LAW LIBR. J. 517–523 (2001)
- [*Encounters with Sources*](#), 93 LAW LIBR. J. 355–61 (2001)
- [*The Trouble with Utopia*](#), 93 LAW LIBR. J. 203–08 (2001)
- [*Reference Librarians Do Not Work in Steel*](#), 92 LAW LIBR. J. 601–03 (2000)
- [*On Asking for Help*](#), 92 LAW LIBR. J. 377–80 (2000)
- [*Keeping Up Is Hard to Do*](#), 92 LAW LIBR. J. 225–30 (2000)
- [*Bouvier's, Black's, and Tinkerbell*](#), 92 LAW LIBR. J. 99–106 (2000)
- [*Celebrating the Virtues of Saying "I Don't Know"*](#), 91 LAW LIBR. J. 861–64 (1999)
- [*Researching in an Imperfect World*](#), 91 LAW LIBR. J. 637–39 (1999)
- [*Golf Buddy Reference Questions*](#), 91 LAW LIBR. J. 413–16 (1999)

ARTICLES AND BOOK REVIEWS (NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS, PRINT AND ELECTRONIC)

Mary Whisner, [2021 Update to Choosing Law Librarianship: Thoughts for People Contemplating a Career Move](#), LLRX (Aug. 31, 2021), [<https://perma.cc/DL3V-HNR2>]

Mary Whisner, [On Bungling](#), RIPS LAW LIBRARIAN BLOG (Dec. 9, 2020) (guest blog post)

Mary Whisner, [Douglas Hires a Woman to Clerk](#), 2020 GREEN BAG ALMANAC AND READER 297–310 (2020)

Mary Whisner, *Another Day in My Thirty-Year Law Library Life*, 111 LAW LIBR. J. 101-03 (part of Scott Frey, comp., [“A Day in My Law Library Life,” Circa 2018](#), 111 LAW LIBR. J. 71-103 (2019))

Mary Whisner, *Women Who Left Their Separate Spheres to Become Lawyers*, 13 J. GILDED AGE & PROGRESSIVE ERA 451-54 (2014) (reviewing JILL NORGRÉN, *REBELS AT THE BAR: THE FASCINATING, FORGOTTEN STORIES OF AMERICA’S FIRST WOMEN LAWYERS* (2013))

Mary Whisner, *Louis Brandeis—Lawyer, Reformer, Justice*, 13 J. GILDED AGE & PROGRESSIVE ERA 128-31 (2014) (reviewing MELVIN I. UROFSKY, *LOUIS D. BRANDEIS: A LIFE* (2012)).

Mary Whisner, [Bluebook Technologies](#), LLRX, Sept. 18, 2012.

Harvard Journal of Law & Gender Online Companion

- [35th Birthday Stories: Mary Whisner](#) (March 31, 2012).
- [Unsex Mothering? Or Change Parenting?](#) (Feb. 6, 2012) (response to Darren Rosenblum’s *Unsex Mothering: Toward a Culture of New Parenting*)

Mary Whisner, [Harvesting Relevant Cases on Lexis and Westlaw: Comparing Results](#), 20 PERSP.: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 31 (2011)

Mary Whisner, [Update to Choosing Law Librarianship: Thoughts for People Contemplating a Career Move](#), LLRX.com (April 4, 2008)

Mary Whisner, [Eight Reasons Solo Lawyers Should Use Law Libraries](#), guest post on MyShingle, (April 26, 2006)

- [reprinted on LLRX.com](#) (June 6, 2006).
- *reprinted in* CAROLYN ELEFANT, *SOLO BY CHOICE: HOW TO BE THE LAWYER YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO BE* at 269-70 (2008).
- *reprinted in* NON-SEQUITUR (newsletter of the Stanislaus County Bar Association), Aug. 2006, at 4-6.

Mary A. Hotchkiss & Mary Whisner, [Law for the Non-J.D.](#), AALL SPECTRUM, Dec. 2003, at 4-5, 27.

Mary Whisner, [Dictionaries Make Strange Bedfellows](#), in *LANGUAGE AND THE LAW: PROCEEDINGS OF A CONFERENCE* at 93-108 (Marlyn Robinson ed. 2003).

Mary Whisner, [Managing a Research Assignment](#), 9 PERSP.: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 9-13 (2001).

Mary Whisner, [*Choosing Law Librarianship: Thoughts for People Contemplating a Career Move*](#), LLRX.com (Aug. 2, 1999).

Mary Whisner, *Good Happens*, AALL SPECTRUM, Feb. 1999, at 20-21.

Mary Whisner, Book Review, LEGAL INFORMATION ALERT, March 1998, at 6 (reviewing NICHOLAS KASTER, *A GUIDE TO SIMPLE PLANS* (1997)).

Peggy Roebuck Jarrett & Mary Whisner, "*Here There Be Dragons*": *How to Do Research in an Area You Know Nothing About*, 6 PERSP.: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 74-76 (1998)

- reprinted in *BEST OF PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING* 86-88 (2001).

Mary Whisner, *It's the Variety*, 89 LAW LIBR. J. 231-34 (part of Frank G. Houdek, comp., "*A Day in My Law Library Life*," *Circa 1997*, 89 LAW LIBR. J. 157-237 (1997)).

Mary Whisner & Lea Vaughn, *Teaching Legal Research and Writing in Upper-Division Courses: A Retrospective from Two Perspectives*, 4 PERSP.: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 72-77 (1996)

- reprinted in *BEST OF PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING* 17-22 (2001).

Penny A. Hazelton, Peggy Roebuck Jarrett, Nancy McMurrer & Mary Whisner, [*Develop the Habit: Note-Taking in Legal Research*](#), 4 PERSP.: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 48-52 (1996),

- reprinted in *BEST OF PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING* 66-70 (2001).
- List of tips reprinted in Penny A. Hazelton, Peggy Roebuck Jarrett, Nancy McMurrer & Mary Whisner, *Top 10 Tips for Better Note-Taking in Legal Research*, PROFILE (UW School of Law alumni magazine), Summer 1996, at 14-15

Mary Whisner, Book Review, LEGAL INFORMATION ALERT, Nov./Dec. 1995, at 14-15 (reviewing COURT TV CRADLE-TO-GRAVE LEGAL SURVIVAL GUIDE: A COMPLETE RESOURCE FOR ANY QUESTION YOU MIGHT HAVE ABOUT THE LAW (1995)).

Contributor, *Legal Reference Books Review* (compiled by Molly McCluer), 85 LAW LIBR. J. 113-34 (1993) (reviews of three books, at 116-17, 125-30).

Mary Whisner, Note, [*Gender-Specific Clothing Regulation: A Study in Patriarchy*](#), 5 HARV. WOMEN'S L.J. 73-119 (1982).

BLOGS

Gallagher Blogs, <http://gallagherlawlibrary.blogspot.com> (October 2008-present)

Legal Scholarship Blog, <http://legalscholarshipblog.com> (August 2007-present)

Trial Ad (and other) Notes, <http://trialadnotes.blogspot.com> (January 2005-2015)

Contributor to UW Law Career Planning Blog, <http://uwlawcareerplanning.blogspot.com> (October 2008-2011)

Contributor to Shlep: Self-Help Law Express, <http://blogs.law.harvard.edu/shlep> (October 2006–February 2007).

Contributor to AALL Second Line Blog, <http://aallsecondline.blogspot.com> (January–July 2007).

PIECES IN ALUMNI MAGAZINE, CHAPTER AND SECTION NEWSLETTERS, LOCAL LEGAL NEWSPAPER

Mary Whisner, *Supporting Innovation the Gallagher Way*, UW LAW, Fall 2012, at 38.

Mary Whisner, *Bringing Washington Constitutional Research to Your Computer*, UW LAW, Spring 2012, at 34–35.

Ann Hemmens & Mary Whisner, *How Do You Write? A Panel on Legal Scholarship*, ALL-SIS NEWSLETTER, Spring 2006, at 28–30.

Mary Whisner, *Innocence Project*, SR-SIS NEWSLETTER, Winter 2003.

Mary Whisner, *University of Washington Law Library: A Valuable State Resource*, WASH. J., March 15, 1999, at 11 (LLOPS column).

Mary Whisner, *Time-Saving Tips for Familiar Sources*, WASH. J., Aug. 17, 1998, at 10 (LLOPS column).

Mary Whisner, *Overview of LLOPS Spring Professional Development Program: History Forum*, LLOPSCITED, Summer 1998, at 7-10.

Mary Whisner, *Using the Internet for Reference*, LLOPSCITED, March 1997, at 1.

Mary Whisner, Nancy McMurrer & Peggy Roebuck Jarrett, *Foreign Law Research at the Gallagher Law Library*, LLOPSCITED, Fall 1995, at 1, reprinted in WESTPAC NEWS, May 1996, at 7).

Mary Whisner, *Time Gain – Net Profit: LLOPS Spring Professional Development Seminar*, LLOPSCITED, Summer 1995, at 10-11.

Mary Whisner, *Surviving the E-Mail Explosion*, ALL-SIS NEWSLETTER, Spring 1994, at 8.

CARTOONS

Comic strips and individual cartoons in *Beantown Beacon* (1993), *Seattle Soundings* (1994), *Pittsburgh Point* (1995), *Capital Crossroads* (1999), and *The Hub* (2012), *Sound Off* (2013) (daily newspapers for AALL annual meetings).

Other law library cartoons have appeared in *AALL Newsletter*, *AALL Spectrum*, and University of Washington School of Law *Profile*.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP

Member, Board of Advisers, *The Green Bag Almanac and Reader* (2006–14).

Member, Panel of Academic Contributors for *Black's Law Dictionary*

- 8th ed., 2004

- 9th ed., 2009

MISCELLANEOUS

Profiled in Kristina J. Alayan, [Gallagher Award Celebrates Outstanding Achievement in Law Librarianship](#), Spectrum, July/Aug. 2021, at 38, 40.

Interviewed by Patrick Kehoe in *An Oral History of Law Librarianship* (May 7, 2013), videorecording available in Spinelli's Law Library Reference Shelf on HeinOnline and on HeinOnline's YouTube channel (<https://youtu.be/2mrEMxXYCZ8>).

Profiled (based on email "interview") in LAURA TOWNSEND KANE, STRAIGHT FROM THE STACKS: A FIRSTHAND GUIDE TO CAREERS IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE (ALA Editions 2003).

Quoted (based on email "interview") in Maya Norris, *The Accidental Profession: Work Experience, Education Prove Vital in Training Law Librarians*, AALL SPECTRUM, March 2002, at 26.

PRESENTATIONS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

Speaker (with Prof. Hugh Spitzer), "Accessing the Washington State Constitution's History (and Why It Matters)," Academic Law Library SIS Directors' Breakfast, AALL Annual Meeting, Seattle, July 15, 2013.

Panelist, "The Librarian as Author: AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers," AALL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, July 25, 2011.

Moderator, "The TOC Market Report: Undervalued TOCs Yield Huge Dividends" (OBS-SIS self-sponsored program), AALL Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, July 28, 2009.

Panelist, "Interns = Opportunity!" AALL Annual Meeting, St. Louis, July 9, 2006.

Coordinator and faculty, AALL Workshop, Law for the Non-JD, Seattle, July 10-11, 2003. Presentations:

- "Principles of Legal Analysis and Legal Writing"
- "Torts and Criminal Law"
- "Administrative Law"
- "Lifelong Learning"

Panelist, "Not Your Mother's Law Professor: Re-Thinking Information Services for Academics," AALL Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, July 18, 2001. Handout is included in program materials book (Wed. volume) at 76-81.

Faculty, AALL Workshop, Law for the Non-JD, Minneapolis, July 12-13, 2001. Presentations:

- "Principles of Legal Analysis and Legal Writing"

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- "Alternative Dispute Resolution"
- "Administrative Law"

Panelist, "From Nutshells to Netscape: Covering the Basics through Research Instruction Programs," AALL Annual Meeting, Baltimore, July 21, 1997. Handout is included in program materials book at 15-18.

Co-Director and Faculty, AALL Summer Institute, Introduction to American Law: Law for the Non-JD, Washington, DC, July 15-18, 1997. Presentations:

- "Labor and Employment Law"
- "Continuing to Learn about Law"

Panelist, "Solving Foreign and International Requests with Sources in Your Library," AALL Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, July 23, 1996. Handout is included in program materials book, at 131-35.

Panelist, "Preparing New Law Librarians for the Information Age (Part 2): Training and Education for Reference Work," AALL Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, July 18, 1995. Handout is included in program materials book, at 241-45.

Faculty, Presenter, AALL Summer Institute, Basic Legal Reference Services, Portland, Oregon, July 5-8, 1994. Presentations: "Nonlegal Reference Sources" and "Internet Applications." Handouts are included in program materials book.

LAW LIBRARIANS OF PUGET SOUND

Presenter, "Current Awareness Service," LLOPS Meeting, Seattle, February 28, 2018.

Moderator, LLOPS Spring Professional Development Workshop, Librarians Mean Business: Lessons from the Boardroom, Seattle, May 14, 2008. Panel on legal blogging.

Presenter, LLOPS Spring Professional Development Workshop, What's Law Got to Do with It?, Seattle, May 12, 2004. Topics: "Torts and Criminal Law" and "Lifelong Learning."

Moderator, "So Many Formats, So Little Time!" LLOPS Spring Professional Development Workshop, Seattle, April 14, 2000 (included panel discussion of AALL Satellite Videoconference, "Books and Bytes: Balancing Formats in Today's Libraries").

Presenter, "Labor and Employment Law Research," LLOPS "Spring Training" professional development workshop, Seattle, March 1994.

Panelist, "Care and Feeding of Your Summer Associates," LLOPS, Seattle, April 1991.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

Presenter (with James E. Duggan), Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians, San Antonio, June 10, 2001. Full-day program sponsored by West Group and SLA Legal Division. Spiral bound course materials include text, interactive exercises, and suggestions for further reading.

Presenter (with James E. Duggan), Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians, Philadelphia, June 15, 2000. Full-day program sponsored by West Group and SLA Legal Division. Spiral bound course materials include text, interactive exercises, and suggestions for further reading.

Presenter (with James E. Duggan), Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians, Eagan, MN, June 6, 1999. Full-day program sponsored by West Group and SLA Legal Division. Spiral bound course materials include text, interactive exercises, and suggestions for further reading.

Panelist, "Using Electronic Media in International Legal Research," International Law Roundtable, Special Libraries Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, June 9, 1997. Handout was posted on Oceana's website after the presentation.

OTHER

Panelist, "Show Me the Money: How to Fund Your Idea," SALT Trina Grillo Social Justice Retreat, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA, March 23, 2013. Also served as discussion group facilitator.

Panelist, "Connecting and Collaborating Across the Law School," Northwest Clinical Law Teachers Conference, Leavenworth, WA, October 10, 2010.

Panelist, "Show Me the Jobs: Creative Strategies for New Lawyers in Tough Economic Times," Washington State Bar Association Access to Justice Conference, Wenatchee, WA, June 5, 2010.

Panelist, "Social Media and Blogging: Ethical Concerns and Practical Advice," King County Bar Association, Solo/Small Firms Section, Seattle, WA, April 8, 2009.

Speaker, "Summer Reading for Lawyers - Books on the Law and Lawyers," Washington State Bar Association, Corporate Counsel Section dinner, Seattle, WA, July 8, 2008.

Panelist, "Research Explorations," University of Washington Libraries staff development, Seattle, WA, May 2, 2005.

Panelist, "Remembering 1978: Coming Out at HLS," The First Reunion: Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Founding of the Committee on Gay and Lesbian Legal Issues (COGLLI) at Harvard Law School, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, Sept. 20, 2003.

Presenter, "Dictionaries Make Strange Bedfellows," Language & the Law Conference, sponsored by the Jamail Center for Legal Research at the University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX, December 6-8, 2001.

Presenter (with Penny A. Hazelton and Nancy McMurrer), Effective Legal Research, program for legal secretaries and paralegals, Institute for Continuing Education, Seattle, WA, October 26, 1995.

Presenter (with other librarians) for Continuing Legal Education seminars, including all-day programs on Computer-Assisted Legal Research (1990, 1991, 1992) and Washington Legal Research (1992).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

COMMITTEES

Member, Special Committee on Benefits for AALL Members, 2001–2002

Moderator for Professional Development Listserv, "Managing the Reference Inquiry as It Comes in from All Directions," February 24–March 10, 1999

Local Arrangements, 1994 meeting

- Member, Transportation, Banquet, and Publicity committees
- volunteer, Information and Hospitality

Public Relations Advisory Committee, 1992–1993

- Coordinator and moderator for program at 1993 Annual Meeting

Special Committee on Public Relations, 1990–1992

AALL INSTITUTES AND WORKSHOPS

Faculty:

Coordinator and faculty, Workshop, Law for the Non-JD, Seattle, 2003

Faculty, Workshop, Law for the Non-JD, Minneapolis, 2001

Co-director and speaker, Institute, Introduction to American Law: Law for the Non-JD, Washington, DC, 1997

Faculty, Institute on Basic Legal Reference Services, Portland, Oregon, 1994

Participant:

Workshop on Public International Law: The Nuts and Bolts of Research, San Francisco, 1992

Workshop on Making the Transition to Middle Management, New Orleans, 1991

Institute on Teaching Legal Research in the Law Firm and Academic Environments, Sacramento, 1989

Institute on Basic Legal Reference Services, Madison, 1987

LAW LIBRARIANS OF PUGET SOUND

Professional Development Committee

- Member, 2006–2009
 - LLOPS received 2009 AALL Professional Development Award for the 2008 workshop, “Librarians Mean Business: Lessons from the Boardroom.”
- Chair, 1999–2000
- Member, 1997–1999
- Chair, 1994–1995

Program Committee

- Member, 1996–1997
- Chair, 1995–1996

Membership Committee

- Member, 2001–2002
- Chair, 1990–1991

Organizing Committee, Member, 1989–1990

LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS

Northwest Women's Law Center

Sexual Harassment Committee, Member, 1988–1991

American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana

Board member, 1986–1987

MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Law Libraries, 1986–present

Law Librarians of Puget Sound, 1990–present

Western Pacific Chapter of AALL, 1988–present

American Library Association, 1986–present

New Orleans Association of Law Libraries, 1986–1987

Washington State Bar Association, 1983–present (inactive status since 2005)

HONORS AND AWARDS

American Association of Law Libraries, Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, 2021

Roy M. Mersky Spirit of Law Librarianship Award, recognizing work with the Youth Tutoring Program, 2014

University of Washington School of Law, Leaders for the Global Common Good Faculty Scholarship Award, recognizing the Reference Librarian Team “for overall contribution to scholarly excellence,” 2014

University of Washington School of Law Dean’s Medal (Staff), 2011

University of Washington Distinguished Librarian Award, 2009

AALL Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award (with co-authors of Washington Legal Researcher's Deskbook, 2d), 1997

LLOPS President's Excellence Award, 1997

Beta Phi Mu, 1988

American Association of Law Libraries scholarship, 1986–87

Louisiana State University School of Library and Information Science scholarship, 1986–87

Louisiana Library Association scholarship, 1986–87

Phi Beta Kappa, 1978

Academic scholarship to college (Carman Scholarship), 1974–77

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Youth Tutoring Program

- Tutor (2004–present)
- Tutor Advisory Council (2005–08)

Ballard Sedentary Sousa Band (1993–present)