



# Scuttle Newsletter

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- Lots of Congratulations!
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- 2010 LAC!

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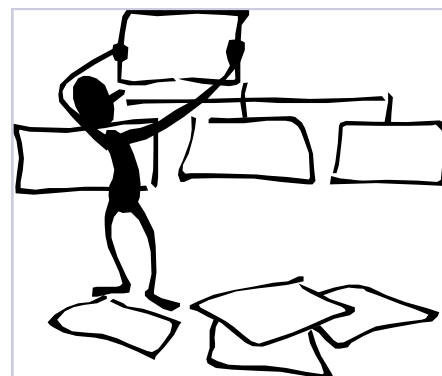
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## CoALL President's Message—January 2009

Happy New Year! This year has already brought some big changes for CoALL. For one thing, I am writing this president's letter instead of our former president, Martha Campos, who moved to California and became Manager of Library Services at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in December. Martha helped us make law libraries more visible by working with the Colorado Bar Association to put together a Constitution Day program, serving on the Spotlight committee, representing CoALL at the Association of Legal Administrators conference, helping us reach out to firm administrators through the Professional Legal Management Week activities, and much, much more. We will all miss her.

We also have a new vice president, Rachel Kuipers. Rachel, who is a librarian at Faegre and Benson, has an amazing level of energy and a willingness to jump in and get things done, so I am sure she will do wonderful things with that position.

And still more change... Even though Rachel's energy level is amazing, it might be a bit much to ask her to serve as CoALL's vice president and an active member of the AALL Local Arrangements committee and continue her work as the CoALL public relations committee chair, so we have a new person in that position, too. Meg Martin, who works at the Wyoming State Law Library, is now the chair of our public relations committee. She will be assisted in this role by Angie Lepre, a library student at the University of Denver. The fact that Meg and Angie both stepped up for this makes me think that CoALL really is the "little chapter that could," as Martha likes to call it.



Speaking of being the "little chapter that could" ... Holly Pinto and Patty Wellinger are still looking for volunteers for the Local Arrangements Committee for the [2010 AALL Annual Meeting](#) here in Denver. There is a lot of work involved in hosting an annual meeting, and we are a small chapter, so I hope that each of you will find at least one thing you can do to contribute to this project. Please contact Holly or Patty to let them know how you would like to be involved.

We actually started kicking the changes into high gear in December, when we combined our [annual visit from an AALL board member](#) with our [annual party](#) and a visit from members of the Local Arrangements committee into one very intense day. Mariann Storck did a wonderful job of coordinating the visit of Catherine Lemann,

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## President's Message, cont.

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Vice President of AALL and State Law Librarian of Alaska. Tamara Phalen did a wonderful job at arranging the very lively and festive holiday party, and Holly Pinto and Patty Wellinger handled the Local Arrangements Committee Activities.

Continuing with the theme of change, this year's [Spotlight](#) committee is busy putting together a program that addresses a quickly-changing area of technology, networking and interactive technology. Registration is now open, and I hope to see many of you there.

The [BRAG](#) committee is also working hard and considering some big changes in how that program will be presented in the future. Stay tuned for further developments on that one!

Change is in the air, and we as a chapter are in a good position to handle it, with so many smart, hardworking, and dedicated members. I am really looking forward to the rest of 2009!

**Tracy Leming**  
**CoALL President**



Anne Lucke and Rachel Kuipers at the 2008  
CoALL Holiday Party  
Photograph by Robert Linz

## CoALL Members Celebrate the Holidays

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*by Tamara Phalen, Catalog Librarian at Brownstein Hyatt  
Farber Schreck, Denver, Colorado*

Approximately 35 CoALL members got together on Thursday, December 11th, 2008 for a holiday party at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck. An austere meeting room was transformed into a winter wonderland with the help of Sonya and Cadence Rogers, CoALL President Tracy Leming's twin daughters. Sonya and Cadence created numerous kirigami (cut and folded origami) snowflakes from iridescent paper. Hung from the ceiling, the snowflakes created the illusion that you were standing in the middle of a gentle snowstorm. Some music, lace tablecloths, holiday lights, and foil-wrapped boxes on the buffet added to the festive atmosphere. [AALL Vice President/President-Elect Catherine Lemann attended the party as part of her chapter visit to Denver.](#) Tracy Leming also welcomed several new CoALL members during a short program.



Kirigami Snowflake by Sonya & Cadence Rogers  
Photograph by Robert Linz

## CoALL Happy Hours Continue in 2009

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*by Tamara Phalen, Catalog Librarian at Brownstein Hyatt  
Farber Schreck, Denver, Colorado*

Since starting in October, 2008, the monthly happy hour for CoALL members has been a success. Each month we select a restaurant in either Denver or Boulder to meet, socialize, network, share stories, and of course, have some food and the beverage of our choice. At last month's get-together at Enoteca we had some very good wine while discussing whether "Wall-E" should be considered a children's movie as well as the benefits of Wii yoga.

I hope you will join us at a upcoming event. If you have a favorite restaurant or bar that you think your CoALL colleagues would enjoy, send me an e-mail at [tphalen@bhfs.com](mailto:tphalen@bhfs.com) and I will put it on the list of future happy hour locations.



Martha Campos, Tammy Phelan and Karen Selden at the October 28, 2008 CoALL Happy Hour  
Photograph by Robert Linz

## CoALL Library School Scholarship Winner

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*from Patty Wellinger, Reference Services Coordinator at the  
Univ. of Denver Law Library in Denver, Colorado*

The CoALL Executive Board has awarded a library school scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to Amy DelPo. Amy is an Emporia student. Please join me in congratulating her and wishing her well in her studies!

## CoALL Receives AALL/BNA Continuing Education Grant

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*from December 2008 AALL E-Newsletter*

We are pleased to announce the latest AALL/BNA Continuing Education Grants Program award recipients. Congratulations to the following AALL chapters.

Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL) for its upcoming program, Using CI to Stay Ahead of the Curvework. The program will cover the unique aspects of gathering competitive intelligence information and using the data to identify and spot future trends and upcoming legal issues.

**Colorado Association of Law Libraries (CoALL)** for its program, Spotlight on Your Career: Building Your Professional Network. The program will focus on using Web 2.0 tools, most notably social networking Web sites and blogs, to help build business relationships and establish and promote one's professional image.

## New AALL Annual Meeting/Workshop Grant

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*from Patty Wellinger, Reference Services Coordinator at the Univ. of Denver Law Library in Denver, Colorado*

If you are planning to attend the [AALL Annual Meeting in Washington D.C.](#) (and I hope you are so that you can volunteer at the Denver local arrangements booth!), don't lose out on your chance to apply for a registration grant.

For the first time, two categories of registration grants are available:

- one for experienced members (5 or more years) who have a proven record of professional accomplishment and service to AALL and
- the other for Students/New Members (less than 5 years of professional experience) who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession.

Previously, newer members and students were given a scoring advantage, but the committee feels that experienced members are also in need of assistance to attend AALL Annual Meetings or Workshops and the new structure was approved for 2009.

The application deadline is Wednesday, April 1, 2009. For more information, see the Grants Committee website: [http://www.aallnet.org/committee/grants/grant\\_application.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/committee/grants/grant_application.asp)

The pre-conference Workshops being offered this year are:

W1: Cool Tools: The Workshop

W2: Conducting Empirical Legal Research

W3: Managing from the Middle: Techniques for Success in Technical Services

W4: The Academic Law Library of 2015: Predicting the Future and Making It Happen



## AALL 2010 Local Arrangements Committee

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*from Patty Wellinger, Reference Services Coordinator at the  
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### Email to the CoALL list from Catherine Lemann, Alaska State Law Librarian & AALL Vice- President

Just a note to say I'll be interested in hearing thoughts about 2010. ... If you prefer, you can email me with ideas. And, of course, you have your local arrangements co-chairs, Holly and Patty.

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I'm tentatively planning that one of my presidential initiatives will be to take a critical look at the annual meeting. But, that most likely means that any changes would not be implemented until after 2010. And, if we want to do anything different for 2010, we would need to plan early.

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## AALL 2010 Local Arrangements Committee, cont.

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## Take the Lead: Apply for the 2009 AALL Leadership Academy

Law librarians in the early stages of their careers can get ahead in the profession by attending the 2009 **AALL Leadership Academy, October 16-17**, at the Hyatt Lodge in Oak Brook, Illinois.

Train for leadership roles by acquiring both the self-awareness and strategies you need to emerge as a leader within your organization and the profession. Academy participants will use self assessment tools, group exercises, case studies, and skill practice to develop key signatures of leadership. Selected fellows will participate in pre-engagement exercises, be matched with a mentor, and receive ongoing leadership development opportunities.

**Applications will be accepted May 1-June 30.** For more information, visit [www.aallnet.org/prodev/event\\_leadershipacademy.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/prodev/event_leadershipacademy.asp).

## Mark Estes Tribute—Delivered October 28, 2008

by Karen Selden, Catalog Librarian at the University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, Colorado



Mark Estes  
CoALL Happy Hour, October 28, 2008  
Photograph by Robert Linz

Welcome to CoALL's first monthly Happy Hour event. Tonight's event is bittersweet because while we're starting a new tradition for CoALL, we're also bidding farewell to one of our founding members as he embarks on new challenges in the law library field.

As we all know, Mark Estes will be leaving the Denver area soon to become the Director of the Alameda County Law Library in California. We're all happy that this will bring him geographically closer to his daughter, son-in-law, and new granddaughter, and that he'll be able to tackle the new challenges associated with running a public law library.

But while we're sad that we won't see him as often as we're used to, it's nice to know that he'll only be an e-mail or phone call away. Or in this Web 2.0 world, perhaps only a Tweet or an IM away...

Tonight I'd like to say a few words in tribute to Mark and his contributions to CoALL. I'll also invite others who'd like to make any brief comments to step forward before I present Mark with a token of appreciation from CoALL. And, of course, I'll also invite Mark to say a few words himself.

First, for those of you who are newer CoALL members, I'll give a very brief overview of Mark's long history in Colorado's law library community. He got both his JD & MLS at DU in 1977, and was a reference librarian at DU from 1977 to 1978. He spent 2 years, from 1978 to 1980, working at the University of LaVerne Law School in southern California, before returning to Denver in 1980 to begin his career at Holme, Roberts and Owen.

When I was asked to speak tonight, I immediately realized there are so many accomplishments that I could highlight from Mark's long & illustrious career. Indeed, Mark's profile on AALLnet yields a list of service and accomplishments that is literally a page long.

Even without this evidence, though, I think we all know Mark is devoted to the law library profession. For example, I think we all know he's one of the few CoALL members to serve as President of AALL. His term was from 1992 to 1993, and I hear he was the first law firm librarian to hold that position. [when I looked to Mark for confirmation, he explained he was actually the third law firm librarian to hold this position, which is still impressive considering AALL's long history]

But tonight, I want to highlight Mark's service to the CoALL community; the services that don't necessarily come with titles or glory, but that have made Mark such a vital and valuable part of our CoALL community for over 30 years.

First, Mark is one of the founding members of CoALL, and served as the first Secretary and Treasurer in 1977. Over the years, he served in every CoALL Board position except for President. He was the Vice-President of CoALL in 1981-82 [before the Vice-President automatically ascended to the position of President] and a Member at Large in 2002-2003. I was the other Member at Large during that time period, and I admit to learning a lot from Mark's good questions and good advice during those Board Meetings.

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## AALL Chapter Visit from Catherine Lemann

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*by Mariann Storck, Library Manager at the U. S. Attorneys  
Office in Denver, Colorado*

It's safe to say that our chapter visit with Catherine Lemann on December 11, 2008 kept her busy and entertained for a full day. Catherine started her day by breakfasting with Tracy Leming and myself, then, headed off to Denver University. By noon, she was back downtown at Dixons and enjoying lunch with several CoALL members. Her afternoon included visits to the US Attorneys Office, Sherman & Howard and Colorado Supreme Court library.

While we may think Catherine's day was full at that point, she next sat in on a CoALL board meeting and enjoyed refreshments at the [CoALL holiday party](#), both events at Brownstein. But we still did not let her rest! The remainder of her evening was spent at an AALL headquarters dinner held in Denver. This final event of the day allowed AALL to get a preview of what Denver has to offer for the 2010 AALL conference.

One might wonder what Catherine thought of such a busy day. She wrote, "I very much enjoyed my visit to a variety of law libraries. Without other law librarians in Anchorage, I appreciated the opportunity to discuss library issues. It was important to meet the people who will be doing the work on local arrangements for 2010. It was gratifying to see so many younger members who are very active as that's the future of CoALL and AALL. I'm sure that CoAll members will do a fabulous job of showcasing Denver. I look forward to working with everyone."

I think that anyone having an opportunity to visit with Catherine enjoyed her visit as much as she did.



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Jane Thompson, Catherine Lemann, and  
Tammy Phelan at the 2008 CoALL Holiday  
Party  
Photograph by Robert Linz

## CoALL Membership Benefits Update

*from Tom Duggan, Librarian Relations Manager at West*

This is a quick reminder about a couple of the benefits of your CoALL membership! Other than the great networking, programs and newsletters, which are no doubt apparent, you also have access to a couple of great resources of which you may not be aware.



### First

[The] listserv! It is only open to CoALL members and is a great tool for resource and knowledge sharing, job opportunities, interlibrary loans, announcements, AALL information and other great items. You are automatically signed up for the listserv as soon as you become a CoALL member. To send a message to the list, use the address [coall@aallnet.org](mailto:coall@aallnet.org).

### Second

Complimentary access to the [Colorado Bar Association website](#), including the gated areas such as Casemaker, and the COBARLink, which is their weekly newsletter service. For those of you who have been CoALL members for more than a year or so, you have automatic access to the site via a previously assigned member

number and password. If you've recently joined CoALL or if you're unsure of your login, CoALL members can find out their CBA member number and password by calling the main CBA telephone number, 303-860-1115, and asking the receptionist to look up the information for them. ... HOWEVER, BEFORE CALLING, please go to the bar association website first. You may already have automatic login based on your tenure as a CoALL member and there will be no need to contact them. A box in the bottom right of the screen indicates whether you are logged in (i.e. "You are logged in as Tom Duggan").

[Editor's note: Contact [Tom Duggan](#) or [Theresa Baker](#) (CoALL Webmaster) for the username and password to access the [CoALL webpage](#) Members Only information.]

Please contact me if you have any questions!  
Tom Duggan, CoALL Membership and Placement Chair



## Ubuntu: Alternative Computing, Part I

By Robert M. Linz, Associate Director and Head of Public Services  
at the University of Colorado Law Library, Boulder, Colorado



### Introduction

Over a year ago, I purchased a Lenovo notebook computer for personal use. I had read about users' frustrations with the sluggishness of Microsoft Windows Vista and the suggestions to improve its speed. So, I custom-ordered a PC built for speed: a generous amount of memory (2 GB), a large, fast hard drive and dedicated, discrete video memory (128 MB). And over the course of a year, the system got slower and slower. I researched and fought back. I turned off the really cool graphical features of Vista. I defragmented the hard drive. I checked for viruses, spyware, malware, bloatware, trojan horses etc. I put stricter controls on when my anti-virus program scanned files and then replaced it altogether with a new program. I launched Task Manager and watched the running services closely. I researched and then killed resource-consuming processes. I updated my notebook with the latest hardware and software updates. I scoured user groups for any clues on how to speed up what should have been a fairly fast PC. And the computer was still so slow. It finally occurred to me that the majority of the computer's resources were used to maintain the operating system, not run the productivity applications to do any actual work. It was at this point that I finally gave up on Vista.

But what were my options? If I had the media, I could downgrade to XP. If I had the money, I could purchase an Apple. But alas, I had neither. The only other option was to migrate to Linux. Linux is the other operating system; a version of UNIX designed to run on Intel microprocessors. An open-source, freeware operating system, Linux comes in several variants, or distributions. Popular distributions include Red Hat, Debian and Slackware. For a variety of reasons, commercial hardware and software vendors support Linux and will even include it on their computers. For example, Dell will bundle Ubuntu Linux with their computers. And in fact, on Dell's recommendation, I decided to explore the Ubuntu variant of Linux.

According to the Ubuntu developer's web site ([www.ubuntu.com](http://www.ubuntu.com)), Ubuntu is an African word meaning 'Humanity to others', or 'I am what I am because of who we all are'. In this spirit, Ubuntu is a community-developed, open-source Linux operating system based on the Debian distribution. There are both desktop and server versions and both are completely free - not even infested with adware. I chose the desktop version for my notebook computer.

### Installation

The last time I used Linux, I was in library school. As a class project, I installed a version on my IBM PS/ValuePoint computer, an Intel 486DX-33 computer with 8 MB RAM. I can't recall if I could install it from a CD or needed to switch out countless floppy disks. Either way, the installation was not for the faint of heart. But I succeeded and it was cool and soon after graduation it was gone. While I appreciated the case for Linux, as a law school technology manager with a small and overworked staff, responsible for ensuring the productivity of a building of computers, servers and users, the Microsoft Windows solutions just made more sense. So, I

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by [pave\\_m](#)

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approached the Ubuntu installation with some concern.

Happily, the concern was unwarranted. I downloaded the software and copied it to my own bootable CD. After backing up my data files, I rebooted the computer with the Ubuntu disk in the CD drive. To my surprise, I was able to run the operating system from the CD, thereby enabling me to test it out before committing to it. When I did opt to install it to my hard drive, the installation wizard provided screen prompts to install the operating system on the hard drive's existing free space and then to create a boot manager so that I could boot either into Linux or my Vista. I opted to reformat the hard drive and make Linux the sole operating system on the computer. Although it was time-consuming the installation was uneventful and successful; in fact, dull, as I was only required to answer a few prompts. The operating system even recognized my attached external hard drive, card reader and webcam, although it missed the fingerprint reader. Importantly, it recognized both the wired and wireless network interfaces. While my computer has fairly robust hardware resources, Ubuntu can run well on a much less powerful computer.

### Connecting Peripherals

As mentioned, Ubuntu recognized my wired and wireless network interfaces during installation. It also recognized my USB hard drive, thumb drives and card reader. I also had no problems with Ubuntu identifying my HP OfficeJet 6310 printer and its fax feature, even though the printer is connected through the network. However, I could not use the software package that came bundled with the printer as HP only included a Windows and MacOS version of the package. Consequently, for scanning, I have used the bundled scanner application which though adequate is much less user-friendly.

## Brown Bag Lunches

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The Colorado Association of Law Libraries hosts a series of brown bag lunches. Most of the brown bags are hosted by downtown law firms, and most are in a go-round format, which means that each attendee will have an opportunity to comment on the topic of the day. Topics will include libraries and environmental sustainability, copyright in law firms, customized delivery of news, bookmarking and pathfinders, ILS systems and more. The brown bags will generally be scheduled for noon on the second Wednesday of each month, but some exceptions will be made to that schedule. For more information, contact [Beth Mescall](#), 303-892-7451.

*This is lunch!*



Date	Time	Host Name	Host Firm	Topic or Speaker
Feb. 18, 2009	12:00—1:00	Margie Heinen	Sherman & Howard	Copyright in Law Firms
March 18, 2009	12:00—1:00	Terry Gould	EPA Library	Libraries and Environmental Sustainability
April 15, 2009	12:00—1:00	Sarah Rankin	Sherman & Howard	Summer Associates
May 20, 2009	12:00—1:00	Dan Cordova	Colorado Supreme Court Library	ILS Systems
June 17, 2009	12:00—1:00	Tracy Leming	Brownstein Hyatt	Bookmarking, Pathfinders, and Intranets

## New Member Focus

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### Angelina Lepre

So, you want to know about me? Well, there is not much to tell. My name is Angelina Lepre and I live in Denver, Colorado. I graduated in 2005 with a degree in law. I currently do not work in the field of law as of yet but I am thinking I might. My hobbies are yoga, incense and candle crafting, and spiritual healing. In my downtime I love to read and write. I have 2 pet rats, who I adore.

My graduate degree means the world to me along with my career... and [I] look forward to the day when my career and education will complete me.

Editor's Note: Angelina has recently joined Meg Martin on the CoALL Public Relations committee.

## Welcome to New CoALL Members

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### Mary Arnold

Reference Librarian  
Holme Roberts & Owen  
Denver

### Kelly Fanning

Reference Librarian  
Holme Roberts & Owen  
Denver

## Spotlight on Your Career 2009—Building Your Professional Network

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*from Maura McGrath, Administrative Assistant at the  
Colorado State Library, Denver, Colorado*

Please join us for Spotlight on Your Career 2009: Building Your Professional Network on Saturday, February 28, 2009 8:30am-1:00pm at the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law.

This year's event promises to be exciting and unique as we learn more about social networking and how it can benefit your professional life. Keynote speaker, Liz Ryan will present "Social Networking: Business Relationships Built Here". Then we will explore what we just learned through tech demos.

- Pre-Registration is \$30 (payment received by Feb 21st)
- Late Registration is \$35 (payment received after Feb 21st)

Registration includes parking pass, breakfast and lunch.

To register please print the [registration form](#) and mail registration form with a check payable to RMSLA to:

Lori Dubois, RMSLA  
PO Box 4742  
Greenwood Village, CO 80155

For more information contact Lori Dubois at [loridubois1@yahoo.com](mailto:loridubois1@yahoo.com).



Liz Ryan

## BRAG for Legal Support Staff

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*from Andrea Hamilton, Research Librarian at Faegre & Benson, Boulder, Colorado*

On December 17, 2008, the Colorado Bar Association CLE and the Colorado Association of Law Libraries co-sponsored a BRAG program geared specifically to legal support staff. Attendees learned: to recognize the new communication skills needed in the legal workplace; how to use Casemaker, the Colorado Bar Association's legal research tool; those Colorado-specific materials often used during the legal research process; about free legal resources and research tips; the steps necessary to research the legislative history of a Colorado law; when to stop researching; and, to be aware of one's internet footprint.



Presenters included: Mariann Storck (Legal Information Specialist, U.S. Attorneys Office, Denver), Margi Heinen (Manager of Library Services, Sherman & Howard LLC), Wanda McDavid (President, Access/Information, Inc.), Alan Pannell (Head of Reference, University of Colorado Law Library), Alicia Brillon (Reference Librarian, University of Colorado Law Library), Stacey Bowers (Access Services/Outreach Librarian, Westminster Law Library, University of Denver), Andrea Hamilton (Research Librarian, Faegre &

Benson LLP), Esti Shay (Reference Librarian, Westminster Law Library, University of Denver), and Holly Pinto (Director of Library Services, Holland & Hart LLP).

## BRAG 2009

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*from Andrea Hamilton, Research Librarian at Faegre & Benson, Boulder, Colorado*

Stacey Bowers, Outreach & Access Services Librarian at the Westminster Law Library, University of Denver - Sturm College of Law is the new chair of CoALL's Bridge the Research and Analysis Gap committee. BRAG 2009 will be held Wednesday, June 3rd, at the Colorado Bar Association. If you are interested in serving on the committee and/or presenting at this year's event, please contact Stacey directly: 303-871-6079 or [sbowers@law.du.edu](mailto:sbowers@law.du.edu).

## Errata

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We previously published, on p. 6 of our Spring 2006 issue, a photograph of the St. Louis Gateway Arch by Allen Zentgraf. Mr. Zentgraf owns the copyright for that photograph, for which we neglected to obtain authorization. The *Scuttle* regrets the error.

## Library Technical Services: LAMP

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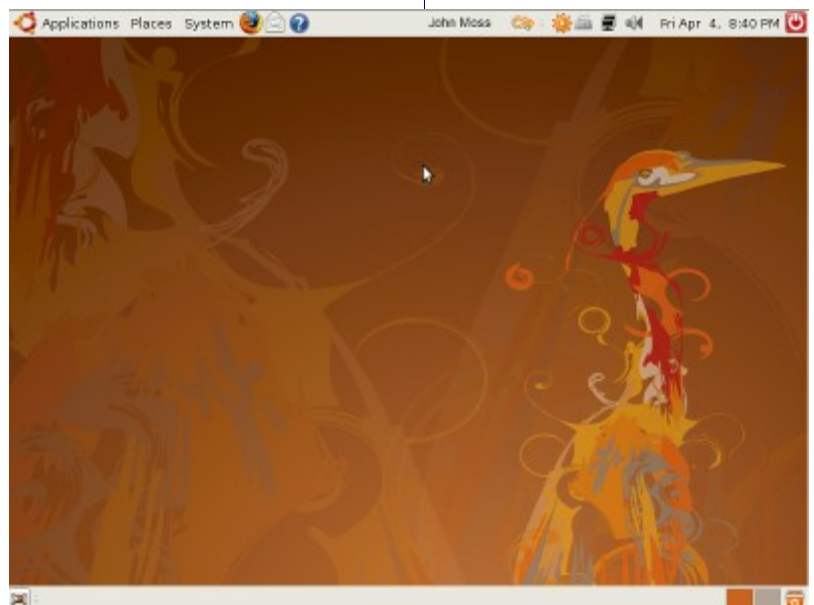
by John S. Moss, Library Technical Services at Holme Roberts  
& Owen LLP Law Library, Denver, Colorado

In the [Spring 2008 Library Technical Services](#) column I listed several Open Source ILS alternatives. Most of these run on some variation of the Linux operating system. They also require what is commonly referred to as a LAMP Stack. LAMP is an acronym for Linux, Apache, MySQL, and PHP. The Linux operating system is available in many distributions, or distros, as they are commonly called. These distros include Red Hat, Debian, Mandriva, openSUSE, Ubuntu, and Fedora. Apache, <http://httpd.apache.org>, is the most widely utilized web server in the world. MySQL, <http://www.mysql.com>, is the world's most popular open source database. PHP, <http://www.php.net>, is a widely-used general-purpose scripting language that is especially suited for Web development and can be embedded into HTML. PHP is a recursive acronym meaning PHP Hypertext Preprocessor. The P in LAMP can also be PERL or Python, 2 other widely used scripting languages. For the purposes of this column, we will use PHP.

In this column I will attempt to explain, in a step-by-step format, how to install a LAMP stack for use with the aforementioned open source ILSs. I have selected Ubuntu 8.04, <http://www.ubuntu.com>, to use for this and future columns. I will also explain how to setup a dual-boot system on a Windows XP Professional PC, since most of us do not have the resources to acquire another computer for experimentation. Most of these steps require you to use a Linux application called the Terminal. This is just a Command Line interface similar to the Command Prompt in Windows/DOS. Do not be intimidated. You are in control.

I am taking the LAMP route instead of the WAMP method. WAMP is a installation of Apache, MySQL, and PHP on a Windows operating system. There are several problems with that method that I did not resolve. If I solve those problems I will devote a future column to that method.

Continue reading this article at <http://www.drupalinlibraries.info/docs/LAMP.htm>.



Screenshot of Ubuntu desktop  
by John Moss

<http://www.drupalinlibraries.info/docs/LAMP.htm>

## Bob Oakley Memorial Symposium: The Future of Today's Scholarship

*submitted by Matthew Braun, Co-Chair, Council of Newsletter Editors*

**The Georgetown Law Library will be holding a symposium on the topic of preserving the research value of blogs on July 25, 2009.**



We believe that blogs have become part of the canon of legal scholarship and that future legal researchers will turn to blogs as sources for their scholarship. This conclusion, however, presents great challenges for future researchers of material currently populating the blogosphere. How will these future researchers of today's blog scholarship find valuable, historic blogs? How will they be assured of perpetual access to this scholarship? How can any researcher be confident that documents posted to blogs are reliable?

This symposium will bring together academic bloggers, librarians, and experts in preservation to brainstorm and debate these topics and to develop best practices to ensure that the value of blog scholarship is not easily lost.

Our first panel will lay the groundwork for these discussions by presenting librarians' and legal scholars' views on the future research value of today's blogs. Will future legal scholars turn to legal blogs as reputable and reliable sources of information? In this panel, experts on legal research will analyze the much-debated issue of whether future legal scholars will be interested in the analysis found in blogs or the documents posted to blogs. In addition, the panel will also address the rise of legal blogs and blogging as a phenomenon.

Our second panel will assemble a group of national experts and leaders from a variety of backgrounds to share their perspectives, experiences and visions with respect to the problem of blog preservation. Specifically, this panel will discuss who is responsible for blog preservation; how will we begin the process of prioritizing and collecting legal blogs; and what are the current standards, as well as the technological, economic, and social considerations that must be addressed, in Web harvesting and digital preservation.

Our third panel will be devoted to examining the issue of the reliability of legal documents uploaded to blogs. From *Newsweek's* posting of the "Torture Memos" to Scotus-Blog's postings of Supreme Court briefs, news agencies and bloggers regularly upload legal documents to support their stories. Although these web sites and blogs are often the only sources for these documents, few electronic documents have any verifiable proof of reliability. Future researchers wanting to rely on these documents must be aware of this issue and must be able to confirm that the posted document is complete and unaltered from the version authorized for publication by the author. This panel will discuss this issue and the current standards for proving the authenticity of a document in order to foster a system for preserving the value of blogs and documents found on blogs for future researchers.

The symposium will conclude with a working group break out session to create a uniform standard for preservation of blogs for bloggers and librarians.

Our late director, Bob Oakley, firmly believed that librarians have an obligation to ensure access to information and was committed to meeting the challenges posed by information in a digital form. In this spirit, we dedicate this symposium to him.

Details about the symposium can be found at <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/ftls/>.



## Minutes, CoALL Board Meeting, December 11, 2008

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# Colorado Association of Law Libraries

## Board Meeting

December 11, 2008, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schrek, LLP, Denver, Colorado

In Attendance: Tracy Leming (President), Robert Linz (Treasurer), Megan Jens (Secretary), Holly Pinto (Bylaws), Esti Shay (Member-at-Large), Sarah Rankin (Member-at-Large), Madeline Kriescher (Government Relations Chair), Rachel Kuipers (Public Relations Chair), Patty Wellinger (Grants and Scholarships), Tom Seward (Program Coordinator), Catherine Lemann.

**I.** President Tracy Lemming called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The September 2008 Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

### **II. Officer Reports**

Treasurer: Robert reported that CoALL currently has a checking account balance of \$4,162.37 and two CDs for \$5000 plus interest for a net worth of \$14,292.10. A detailed report is attached.

President: Tracy reported on Martha Campos' resignation from the CoALL Presidency. According to the association bylaws, Tracy automatically became President with no need for ratification. Tracy proposed Rachel Kuipers as a replacement for Vice President. Karen seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to appoint Rachel to the Vice Presidency for the remainder of the 2008-2009 term.

Tracy requested a discussion on the issue of continuing to maintain the CoALL calendar. The decision was made to maintain the calendar; Rachel agreed to take over responsibility for its upkeep.

Tracey requested that the settlement proposal letter and payment offer to Mr. Zentgraf regarding his copyright infringement claim against CoALL be approved. Karen seconded the request. The board voted unanimously to approve the settlement offer to Mr. Zentgraf. It was suggested that guidelines be developed to avoid future copyright issues. The discussion is tabled until the February meeting.

### **III. Committee Reports**

AALL Library School/Recruitment Liason: No report submitted.

Bylaws: Holly presented examples of other AALL Chapters bylaws concerning the electronic ballot issue. The following language concerning the CoALL election was suggested "The nominating committee shall provide ballots to all paid active members by April 1. Completed ballots must be returned to the nominating committee by April 15". Holly made a motion to adopt the above changes and send out paper ballots to members once AALL approves the language. Karen seconds the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Government Relations: Madeline reported on the increase in support for libraries and librarians in the government with the newly elected congress. Madeline will be

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## Minutes, cont.

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attending the SWALL conference and will present on forming a government relations committee.

Long Range Planning (Archives): No report submitted.

Membership & Placement: Tom Duggan submitted a report by email (see attached). New members will be recognized with a small gift at the Holiday party; those new members not attending will receive their gift through the mail.

Newsletter: No report submitted.

Nominations: Discussion tabled until February.

Program Coordinator: Rachel Kuipers will replace Tom Seward.

Public Relations: Rachel reported that the CoALL business cards have arrived. Rachel also provided pictures from CoALL to CAL and DPL for their booth on library associations.

It was suggested that the board appoint a new Public Relations chair now that Rachel has assumed the role of Vice President. Karen suggested requesting volunteers from CoALL members. Tracy will post a request for volunteers on the listserv.

Webmaster/Listserv: No report submitted.

### **IV: Unfinished Business**

### **V: New Business**

Spotlight: Robert Linz will be taking over for Martha Campos. The Spotlight program will take place in February. Liz Ryan has been asked to speak regarding social networking tools. The Spotlight program received a \$2000 grant from AALL to help offset costs. The money not used will be sent back.

Local Arrangements: The search is ongoing for a public relations person.

Grants and Scholarships: There will be no grants/scholarships given out until the Spring.

Wiki Handbook: Tracy suggested creating a Wiki and including the bylaws and information about programs such as BRAG and Spotlight. Further discussion will be held after changes to the bylaws are completed.

### **VI: Announcements**

The next board meeting will be February 12, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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## Treasurer's Report, CoALL Executive Board Meeting, Dec. 11, 2008

### Balances

#### Checking Account

Previous Balance	\$10,650.01 (As of Sept. 18)
Deposits	\$212.61
Withdrawals	\$1700.25
Transfer (to new CD)	\$5,000.00
Current Balance	\$4,162.37

#### Certificate of Deposit (First)

Amount	\$5,129.73
Term	13 months
Maturity Date	7/29/2009
Int. Rate (APY)	3.19%



#### Certificate of Deposit (Second)

Amount	\$5,000.00
Term	13 months
Maturity Date	12/18/2009
Int. Rate (APY)	3.19%

**Net Worth: \$14,292.10**

### Details

#### Programs and Scholarships

1. BRAG -- Lexis donation of \$100 received
2. Spotlight – Paid \$425.00 as our part of speaker reservation fee
3. Scholarship awarded to Amy Delpo (\$1,000)

#### Chapter Business

1. Liability Insurance from AALL (\$82 Paid on Oct. 3)
2. Renewed Post Office Box (\$42 Annual Fee)
3. Tax Form 990-N (e-Postcard) – filed
4. Second CD opened (\$12.61 earned interest)
5. Account Authorization with US Bank
6. Reimbursements Paid: \$151.25

## Membership and Placement Committee Report, Dec. 11, 2008

During the 2008-2009 membership renewal, CoALL gained 12 new members, including 2 student members, 4 associate members, 3 individual members and 3 institutional members. As of December 1, 2008, CoALL has 97 members overall. New members attending the CoALL Holiday Party will be recognized in person, and those new members not attending will receive a welcome package in the mail.

During the last quarter of 2008, 3 local job opportunities were posted on the CoALL website. 2 positions remain there and have not yet been filled.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Duggan  
CoALL Membership Chair

## \$50 AALL Member Appreciation Discount for 2009 Annual Meeting & Conference

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AALL wants to help during these tough economic times. Members who **register by March 31** will receive an additional **\$50 Member Appreciation Discount** off the already reduced early registration rate (deadline: June 1). [Registration](#) opens February 26. Register by March 31 and save up to \$150!



### Tools for Success in Today's Economy

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In response to the U.S. recession and its impact on law libraries, AALL has created a wiki of [Tools for Success in Today's Economy](#). On the wiki you will find:

- Tips for operating your law library with a tight budget
- Advice on negotiating contracts with vendors
- How to interview effectively for your next job
- Resources for professional development
- And much more

Any AALL member can add material to the wiki, so we encourage you to use the tools and share more resources that will help our friends and colleagues in AALL.

### March AALL Webinar: Guided Tour of Your AALL Membership

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So you've joined AALL (or are thinking about joining)—now what? Your Association has many membership benefits, services, and opportunities for you to explore. This **free Webinar** will help you navigate the landscape, learn how to make the most out of your membership, and introduce you to new members like yourself. Get a jump start and join us on a guided tour of your membership.

**Date:** March 17, 12-1 p.m. EST

**Cost:** Free!



### Super Size Your AALL Annual Meeting & Conference Registration

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This year when you register for the AALL Conference, you can pre-order the complete set of all 66 educational program recordings and the keynote speaker address in downloadable MP3 format for just \$99 (members) or \$149 (non-members). MP3 CDs will also be available for \$199 (members) or \$299 (non-members). This collection of educational content is valued at nearly \$800! **The special discounted price will not be available after the Annual Meeting**, so be sure to [pre-order with your registration](#).

## Mark Estes Tribute, cont.

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This leads me to another service Mark has performed so very well over the years:

Mark is a wonderful mentor.

Mark has taken on that role, both formally and informally, for many people. Indeed, I know there are many people in this room, myself included, who have looked to Mark as a role model and a mentor. Mark is generous with his time and expertise with students, newly minted law librarians, and seasoned colleagues alike. He is an especially enthusiastic supporter of students by offering internships; by speaking to classes at the DU and CU law programs, as well as at the DU library program; and by just chatting and networking with them at social events. For example, one of my favorite memories from the 2008 Spotlight program was seeing Mark enthusiastically interacting with a group of students at his table during lunch. He could have easily chosen to sit with colleagues he'd known for years, but he purposefully sought out new faces and engaged them in conversation about their studies, their current jobs, and their plans for the future. I know this because my assistant [at the University of Colorado Law Library] was among the people at Mark's table that day, and she was very impressed by Mark and his genuine interest in all of the students he talked to.

In addition to being a wonderful mentor, Mark is also a scholar, and he promotes scholarship among his peers and colleagues. Mark writes articles, serves as an editor, and encourages others to write as well. Mark is currently the editor of AALL's *Spectrum*, and he was the editor of *Trends in Law Library Management* from 1994 – 2001. While Mark was editing that publication in the mid-1990s, he saw a post to Law-Lib from a solo law librarian at a small firm in Concord, NH. That law librarian had conducted a survey in his own firm about an issue, and wondered if other firm librarians had studied the issue as well. Mark immediately e-mailed this solo librarian and offered to publish an article on the topic if the librarian would be willing to write it.

While that solo law firm librarian in NH never did end up writing that article, [my husband] David [Selden] and I were extremely impressed that a former AALL President and editor of a respected law library publication would give David – a solo firm librarian without a publication track record – a chance to publish in his journal.

Mark Estes & Holly Pinto  
CoALL Happy Hour, October 28, 2008  
Photograph by Robert Linz



That David and I would get to meet and work with Mark through CoALL just a few years later was even more impressive to us. But after meeting Mark, we now know that offering a person who was unknown in the national law library field a chance to publish an article was certainly characteristic of his generosity and his encouraging spirit

I want to thank Mark for the many ways he's contributed to CoALL and its members over the years, both in official capacities, and by being such a wonderful men-

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David Selden & Mark Estes  
CoALL Happy Hour, October 28, 2008  
Photograph by Robert Linz

## Congratulations!

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**Robert Linz** is the Associate Director and Head of Public Services (as of December 1, 2008) at the University of Colorado William A. Wise Law Library.

**Matthew Elisha** is the new Director of Library Services at Holme Roberts & Owen.

**Esti Shay** of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law authored the December 2008 Legal Research Corner article for *The Colorado Lawyer*, "Ask a Librarian — We're at Your Service." It appears in the December 2008 issue (v.37, n. 12, page 59) and has been posted on the CoALL Web site: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/lrc/lrc1208.pdf>.

**Georgia Briscoe** and **Karen Selden** of the University of Colorado College of Law for their inclusion in the Fall 2008 issue (v. 100, n. 4) of the *Law Library Journal* SIS Recommended Reading Lists for OBS-SIS and TS-SIS: [http://www.aallnet.org/products/pub\\_llj\\_v100n04/2008-35-42.pdf](http://www.aallnet.org/products/pub_llj_v100n04/2008-35-42.pdf).

**Madeline Kriescher** of the U.S. Courts Library for the Tenth Circuit authored the February 2009 Legal Research Corner article for *The Colorado Lawyer*, "Professional Benefits of Online Social Networking." It appears in the February 2009 issue (v.38, n.2, page 61) and has been posted to the CoALL Web site: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/lrc/lrc0209.pdf>.

**Robert Linz** of the University of Colorado Wise Law Library authored an article in the February 2009 *AALL Spectrum* (v. 13, n. 4). "[The Traveling Librarian: Extending Library Services to a Statewide Judiciary](#)" is accompanied by spectacular photographs of Colorado landscapes. One of his photos was also chosen for the *Spectrum* cover.

**Holly Pinto** of Holland & Hart co-authored an article in the February 2009 *AALL Spectrum* (v. 13, n. 4). "[Getting Personal: Understand Personality Types for Better Communication](#)" — what type are you?

## Mark Estes Tribute, cont.

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tor, colleague, and scholar. But I know that my examples only begin to scratch the surface of the many ways Mark has contributed to CoALL and its members, so now I'd like to open the floor to others to make comments or share thoughts or memories.

Speaking Notes of:

Karen Selden  
Catalog Librarian  
University of Colorado Law Library

## Lawyer Boy

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*Book review by Alicia Brillon, Reference Librarian at the University of Colorado Law Library in Boulder, Colorado*

**By Rick Lax**

*Lawyer Boy* is an amusing look at the first year of law school, told by an aspiring magician who has turned to the law because, well, almost everyone in his extended family is a lawyer. Rick Lax's story takes the reader from the stress of studying for the LSAT to the horrors of the first year.



Besides relaying his law school experience, Lax also delves into short explanations of various areas of the law. What constitutes negligence, the difference between an intentional vs. unintentional tort, accomplice liability, etc. He also summarizes famous first year cases such as *Tanner v. United States*, *Vokes v. Arthur Murray*, and *International Shoe* in just a few sentences or paragraphs. The writing about the legal issues and concepts is both accessible and entertaining.

I will note that Lax makes liberal use of footnotes (142 to be exact), which I personally found to be quite annoying. Some of them were quite long - see page 188 for an example. About one-half were explanations of legal terms or concepts, which I don't disagree with providing. Readers who are non-lawyers would no doubt find

them helpful, and even lawyers would likely need a refresher for many of the terms. However, the other half of the footnotes I found to be too parenthetical to the actual text of the story being related, such that they simply irritated me as a reader. I skipped the majority of them.

*Lawyer Boy* would be of interest to those who have already been to law school (reminisce about the old days), those who are thinking of going to law school (to see what fun you are in for) and those who have no desire whatsoever to attend law school (to get a chuckle out of a path not taken). A bonus is in store if you are interested in magic, as Lax compares the professions of magician and lawyer, and thoughts on magic are interspersed throughout.

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*Rick Lax's story takes the reader from the stress of studying for the LSAT to the horrors of the first year.*

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by [hartboy](#)



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*CoALL is a member of the [American Association of Law Libraries](#).*

**CoALL memberships include complimentary access to the Colorado Bar Association website, including the gated areas such as Casemaker, and the COBARLink.**



**Watch the Colorado Bar Association website, newsletters, and the Colorado Lawyer for announcements about Casemaker training sessions.**

**Call the Colorado Bar Association, 303-860-1115, for your member number and password.**

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*See the 2008-2009  
[Calendar of Events](#) for  
more library  
happenings:*

<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/CoALLCalendar.doc>

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## Events

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**Brown Bag Lunches**

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**Happy Hour**

March 2009, TBA

**Spotlight On Your Career**

February 28, 2009

**BRAG**

June 3, 2009

**2009 AALL in Washington, DC**

July 25-28, 2009

