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Message from the President
Maryanne Daly-Doran, Digital Services Reference Librarian, UConn School of Law

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. As we complete the second challenging year of the pandemic, we all hold out hope we are beginning the emerge from the shadow of COVID-19. The situation still seems to be in a state of flux with many schools starting Spring semester temporarily online and we continue to adapt to the seemingly everyday changes in numbers and predictions. As SNELLA President, I am excited to share with you that SNELLA continues to work hard to provide resources that are accessible and relevant during these challenging times.

In 2022, we hope to continue to provide opportunities for our membership to get together and we will see what the spring brings in terms of opportunities, with safety being a top consideration.

I am excited to announce that we have created virtual events titled “SNELLA Speaker Series”. This is the first of hopefully many virtual presentations that feature topics specific to southern New England and highlight the uniqueness of our region and the practice of law librarianship.

Our first SNELLA Speaker Series will be held online on February 18th @ 1:00 p.m. and is titled “Preserving the Connecticut Spark to MLK’s Dream”. This program will discuss Martin Luther King Jr’s summers spent in Simsbury, CT working on a tobacco farm and the fight to save the site of a little-known chapter in civil rights history. Mark your calendars as more information will be forthcoming.

I want to thank Past President Jessica de Perio Wittman for her leadership and hard work, especially through the Pandemic last year, particularly with her work on the LLNE & SNELLA Fall 2020 Virtual Conference. Fortunately, she is still our Past President, so here’s to another great year for SNELLA!

This year, we welcome Vice President / President-Elect Mary Ann Krivicky (Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries) to her new board position as Vice President/President Elect, Yuksel Serindag (Yale Law Library) as Secretary/Treasurer, and Karen Coghlan (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) and Adam Mackie (UConn Law Library) as Members-at-Large.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our first SNELLA Speaker Series on February 18th – mark your calendars!

All the Best,
Maryanne Daly-Doran, SNELLA President 2021-22

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THE MEANING OF LIFE IS TO FIND YOUR GIFT. THE PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO GIVE IT AWAY.

-Pablo Picasso
SAVE THE DATE!
JOIN US ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH 2022 FOR
SNELLA SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS
“PRESERVING THE CONNECTICUT SPARK TO MLK’S DREAM”
FEATURING CATHERINE LABADIA, STAFF ARCHAEOLOGIST AND DEPUTY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER
Martin Luther King’s summers spent in Simsbury, CT, working on a tobacco farm in the 1940s opened a teenage Martin Luther King Jr. to a world beyond the Jim Crow South. Learn about how a forgotten folder sparked the fight to save the site of a little-known chapter in civil rights history.

Friday, February 18th
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Presentation will be held on Zoom
Retirement: Ann Doherty

After 26 years of dedicated service to the Connecticut Judicial Branch, Ann Doherty, Deputy Director of Law Library Services, is setting her sights on a well-deserved retirement and spending more time with her husband, Fran Doherty, and their family.

Ann began her career with the Judicial Branch in 1996 at Bridgeport Law Library. In 1999 Ann moved to New Haven Law Library before becoming a Supervising Law Librarian in 2003. In 2012 Ann became Deputy Director of Law Library Services in Hartford where she is finishing her career in March.

The entire law library community benefitted from Ann’s leadership and passion for providing everyone with access to the law. Ann made it a priority to give generously of her time and experience. Her steadying influence during the challenging times of the past two years is much appreciated.
Save the Date!
Join us on
Friday, February 18, 2022
SNELLA Speaker Series
Presents
“Preserving the Connecticut Spark to MLK’s Dream”
Featuring
Catherine Labadia
Staff Archaeologist and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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New Additions

**Anna Dauphinee** – was recently hired by the Connecticut Judicial Branch as a Law Librarian I for the Bridgeport Law Library. Anna works with Mary Ann Krivicky. Anna’s supervisor is Claudia Jalowka. Anna received her masters from Simmons University and comes to Judicial after working in the North Kingstown Free Library from North Kingstown RI.

**Ryan Barber** – Technical Services Librarian. UConn Law Library. Ryan works primarily within acquisitions and serials, by ordering and receiving new and continuing resources in a variety of formats, resolving and providing record maintenance and database integrity, and assisting with catalog maintenance and electronic resource management.

**Danielle Bean** – was recently hired by the Connecticut Judicial Branch as a Law Librarian I for the New Haven Law Library. Danielle works with Astoria Ridley and Michael Beetham. Danielle’s supervisor is Jeff Dowd. Danielle received her masters from San Jose State University and comes to Judicial after working at Bridgeport Public Library.

**Jennine Kottwitz** - Library Assistant. UConn Law Library. Jennine is responsible for updating patron accounts and managing the microfiche collection and interactive materials.

**Sue Ludington** - was recently hired by the Connecticut Judicial Branch as a Law Librarian I for the Stamford Law Library. Sue works with Pamela Kaufman. Sue’s supervisor is Jeff Dowd. Sue received her masters from the University of Washington and comes to Judicial after working as a law librarian at the Lane County Law Library in Eugene, Oregon.

Please consider sending me news happening at your law library, articles, photos, or things you would like to share with our SNELLA community.

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Hands-on Legal Reference for Public Librarians

Tuesday, February 8, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
https://cslib.libcal.com/event/8698257

Does the thought of handling a patron’s legal question cause you to feel uneasy? Wouldn’t it be great to have someone coaching you on what to do? Then sign up for this interactive class with law librarian Chris Roy (Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries), law librarian Anne Rajotte (UConn Law Library), and Cheryl Halford (Connecticut Judicial Branch).

In this small class, you will gain confidence and insight by actively researching legal problems with partners or small groups using free legal resources on the Internet. Along the way you will get great tips from experienced law librarians that will get you on track to providing legal information and help you avoid giving legal advice.

There are no prerequisites for this session, but since this is a small group workshop, participants will need a computer with a camera and microphone so that they can research questions provided to them, share their results, and ask questions throughout the class.

Objectives:

- Gain confidence in handling questions about the law.
- Conduct a legal reference interview efficiently.
- Identify what is a request for legal information and what is a request for legal advice.
- Know where to refer questions that are beyond your expertise or the resources available to you.

For other workshops, please visit the CE calendar at: https://cslib.libcal.com/
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