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Remembering Morris Cohen

By David Warrington Librarian for Special Collections Harvard Law School Library

It is with great sadness that we report that Professor Morris Cohen, former director of the Yale, Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, and SUNY-Buffalo law libraries, passed away on Saturday, December 18, 2010, at his home in New Haven

at the age of eighty-three. Mr. Cohen had a career that spanned more than fifty years, and was, at the time of his death, a Yale Law School Professor Emeritus and Librarian Emeritus.

"The library should be an educational force in the school, rather than a passive place," he told the *Harvard Law Record* shortly after he arrived in Cam-

bridge in 1971; "my orientation is toward a personal sort of librarianship." The characterization was certainly apt as countless students, researchers, and colleagues have discovered for themselves. No one delighted more in sharing an encyclopedic knowledge of all aspects of legal research than Morris, nor was more enthusiastic in teaching the techniques of discovering legal information. He was as indefatigable in expanding library collections and services as he was in conducting his own research and writing; someone once remarked that

Morris was the energizer bunny before there was an Energizer Bunny.

During his decade at the Harvard Law Library, Morris worked to build an organization that held its research and teaching responsibilities to the same high standard as it did its curatorial ones. He designed and implemented the Law Library's first program in the teaching of legal research,

and introduced computers into the Library for LEXIS and for computerized legal instruction. Under his watch the Law Library's book collection increased 30% to 1.4 million volumes. To protect its unmatched collections of rare books and manuscripts, he oversaw the conversion of the Langdell South Middle classroom into a state-of-the-art special collections storage facility with compact stacks

and excellent temperature and humidity control. Above all, he hired and mentored a new generation of law librarians whose subsequent accomplishments have shaped modern law librarianship.

At the beginning of his career Morris developed a passion for learning everything he could about the books and manuscripts that make up the raw materials of legal history. An interview in the *Harvard Law Bulletin* (Spring 1981) reported that "in 1963 he became interested in the bibliographic accomplishments of Eldon James [a former HLS Profes-



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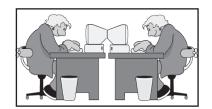
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Editors' Note

Happy end of winter (thankfully) and welcome to another addition of the LLNE Newsletter! We have some great articles to offer this issue. Our newest member of the LLNE News is Meg Kribble, Research Librarian and Outreach Coordinator at the Harvard Law School Library. Many of us know Meg as a talented librarian who specializes in emerging technologies in libraries. She has great new series for our newsletter called "Thinking about Technology." Welcome Meg!

This issue of the newsletter also continues our regular favorites such as Miss. Nomer, Access Points, This Issue in History and a continuation of the series "Agents for the Books" – now in glorious Technicolor!

Also, make sure to look out for the LLNE Story-Corps at this upcoming LLNE meeting at Yale Law School Library. The LLNE Story Corp will be recording your answers to questions like "What's your favorite memory of an LLNE event?" and "What does LLNE do for you?"

As always, we encourage members to submit ideas for articles, series, stories, and news!

See you at the Spring Meeting



President's Message

Greetings from Maine, where the law school is in full swing, winter may start to be behind us and the vendor holiday cookies have run out! I wanted to say that last fall's LLNE meeting, hosted by Northeastern University School of Law was an excellent program filled with great ideas for improving workplace morale! A hearty thank you to Sue Zago and the rest of the Northeastern University Law Library staff who put together a GREAT meeting!

I never cease to be impressed by the high quality work the members of LLNE produce. This is a member driven organization, filled with many talented people. When I joined LLNE I couldn't wait to get involved and work with these talented people. I am so glad I volunteered. Through my involvement in this organization I have continued to grow as a librarian; but more importantly, I have made some lasting friendships. This is a great group to work with. I hope that those of you who have been thinking about volunteering for an LLNE committee will do just that. Join us! This is not the first call to action you have gotten from me and it won't be the last. The Executive Board will be meeting this winter to create plans for increasing membership participation in our organization. I can't imagine what LLNE could accomplish with a more widespread, diverse group of law librarians involved. Take a moment to explore the LLNE website (http://www. aallnet.org/chapter/llne/) and learn more about the committees that make up this organization. If one sparks an interest, join!

One project that is in need of more volunteers is the AALL initiative to create a national inventory of primary materials available on the internet. It is AALL's belief that the public should have no-fee, permanent public access to authentic online legal information. To that end, many members of LLNE are involved in completing their state's inventory of online primary legal materials. This is a huge project and volunteers are needed. If you would like to become involved in this effort please do not hesitate to contact me. I can put you in touch with your state's working group. In addition, the Government Relations Office for AALL has compiled a list of all volunteers involved in this project if you would like to see who is involved in your state. It can be found online at http://www.aallnet.org/aallwash/stateworkinggroupvolunteers.pdf.

As such, I am already beginning to look forward to Spring. First, Carl Crawford will be in a Red Sox uniform! Second, the Spring LLNE meeting is a few weeks away at Yale Law School on March 18, 2011. Keep the date open to join us in New Haven for another great LLNE meeting. Finally, I am looking forward to the spring in hopes that by then many of you will have joined one of LLNE's hard working committees to continue the great work of this organization.

Thank You.
Christine Hepler



Announcing the LLNE

LEGAL RESEARCH INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Five weeks of hands-on instruction in the basic skills and materials of legal research, taught by experienced law librarians from the membership of the Law Librarians of New England (LLNE).

Days: Five Wednesday Evenings

Dates: March 16, 2011 to April 13, 2011

Times: 5:45 p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Place:

Harvard Law School Library Langdell Hall 1545 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, MA 02138-2903

Topics covered include:

What is Law? – What is Legal Research?

Basic Legal Research Finding Aids and other Secondary Sources

The Importance of Cases, Court Structure, and West Digests

Statutes & Legislative History

Administrative Law

Strategy or Putting it all Together

Hands-on Research Exercises

Course fee: \$150

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sor and Librarian] who had published A List of Legal Treatises Printed in the British Colonies and American States Before 1801" and with his friend and former colleague Balfour Halevy "resolved to collaborate on a comprehensive bibliography of American law during its early development." The endeavor required nearly four decades of inspecting multiple copies of books pertaining to U. S. law to 1860 and compiling accurate bibliographic descriptions of them, a herculean task almost entirely accomplished in the days before word processors. The result is the magisterial multi-volume

Bibliography of Early American Law (1998). Morris realized that law schools need more than just an outstanding collection of legal materials; they also needed effective programs and dedicated staff to facilitate the interpretation of those resources

In his honor the Harvard Law Library established in 2009 the *Morris L. Cohen Fellowship in American Legal Bibliography and History*; full details are available at http://www.law.harvard.edu/library/special/cohenfellowship.html

The Yale Law Library has set up an obituary page in honor of Morris Cohen. It provides links to various eulogies, and it also provides a place where those who wish may post their own tributes.

The address is:

http://library.law.yale.edu/morris-l-cohen-obituary

Thinking about Technology

Killing the Buddha

Meg Kribble, Harvard Law School Library

Our esteemed newsletter editor Kyle Courtney has asked me to write a column about technology and law libraries, and I am delighted to do so. However, before I talk about any specific tech tools, I want to talk about experts. Authorities. Gurus. You know: know-it-alls.

For the librarian contemplating or beginning to use a new technology or social media tool, there are many sources of information on effective use, best practices, and dos and don'ts. A quick Google search will turn up titles like 5 Tips for Better Social Networking, 12 Ways to Use Facebook Professionally, 17 (17?) Ways You Can Use Twitter. Lucky for us, there are many librarians using these services professionally, so adding library to that search will turn up even more targeted advice.

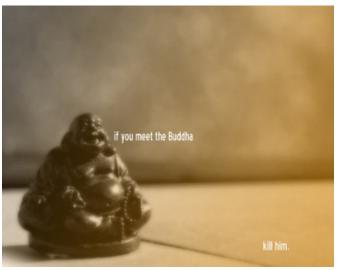
Mixed in with these results, most of which provide great inspiration and ideas for jumping into using something new as well as useful warnings about potential pitfalls, are some more questionable pronouncements. Self-proclaimed social media experts and wannabe gurus asserting that you MUST use Twitter THIS EXACT WAY or else, in lolspeak, "ur doin it wrong." I've even seen some librarians getting in on this act proclaiming that if you don't use tool X, you're no longer relevant.

Wrong.

By all means, read all the advice you can stand. Check out how other libraries and even businesses are using the tool you're considering. But also investigate whether your community is likely to be interested. Talk to other librarians in our field. (There is a good-sized contingent of law librarians involved in the major social networks.) And then come to your own conclusions about how to best use that technology in your library.

Here's an example: last year I was at a presentation for librarians by a full-time communications professional who stated that if you can't be on Twitter 24/7, then you shouldn't use it at all. Unfortunately, that advice caused a librarian who had just started playing with Twitter to abandon her experiment before she even had a chance to see if it might be a useful communication tool for her library. The 24/7 rule may be true for representatives of major corporations, but that doesn't mean it's true for law libraries. I look at replies to our library Twitter account about once a day and check the email address where the new follower notifications go to about once a week, and that works for me. We're building an audience slowly, and in the meantime I'm fairly confident that no one who needs to reach us urgently is going to attempt to do so via Twitter.

The person who knows your patrons and your library best is you. If you meet an expert in the road who tells you that she knows the best way to reach your community...well, you probably shouldn't kill her, but you should definitely take her advice with a grain of salt. That goes for anything I might happen to write here too.



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FROM THE ARCHIVES

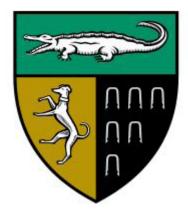
BY Mike Hughes, Associate Director of the Law Library, Quinnipiac University

Northeastern University School of Law Library certainly boosted our morale at the LLNE Fall 2010 Meeting with their program on Improve Your Workplace Health! Inoculate Against Bad Morale. In the past, Northeastern also brought us topics on Contemporary Church State Relationships; Management Skills Training; and the remarkable "As You Learn It or The Librarians' Lesson in Two Acts" program on librarians as teachers and trainers.



The Yale Law School Lillian Goldman Library has hosted meetings on the Experiences of Foreign Law Students in United States and Yale's World Community; the School Busing Controversy and Presidential Libraries; New England's Legal Heritage; Legal Education: Past & Future and Collection Management: Past, Present & Future; and Government Documents and Administrative Regulations. The Spring 2011 meeting will be on presentation skills.

There was a time when LLNE Meetings took place not only on Fridays but from Thursday evening through Saturday as well.



Here is an example from the Fall 1982 program hosted by Yale:

LAW LIBRARIANS OF NEW ENGLAND

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND LAW LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION

JOINT FALL MEETING

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS & ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Thursday Evening, October 28

Wine and cheese reception for early arrivals, Room 209, Holiday Inn, beginning at 7:30 P.M.

Archives...cont. from prev. page.

Friday, October 29				
9:00 - 9:30 A.M.	Registration and Coffee			
9:30 - 11:30 A.M.	Hon. Raymond M. Taylor, Superintendent of Documents. Talk on: A New Day - A New Challenge			
	Followed by Comments and Questions (Yale Law School, Room 127)			
Noon - 1:45 P.M.	Lunch - on your own - See list of eating places enclosed.			
2:00 - 4:30 P.M.	Panel on Access to Federal Administrative Regulations (Yale Law School, Room 127)			
	Moderator: Morris L. Cohen, Librarian, Yale Law School			
	Speakers: Fred Emery, Esq., former Director of the Federal Register; now private consultant on federal regulations.			
	Michael Gehringer, Esq., Federal Document Retrieval, Inc. and F.D.R. On-line, Inc. (formerly Reference Librarian, U.S. Supreme Court Library).			
	Catherine Porter, Mead Data Central; Law School Manager, LEXIS (formerly Law Librarian, Bank of America).			
	Terry Swanlund, Reference Librarian, Harvard Law School Library.			
6:00 P.M.	Reception, Presidents' Room Woolsey Hall			
7:00 P.M.	Dinner, Presidents' Room Woolsey Hall			
	With Greetings and Remarks from Professor Leah Chanin, Librarian, Mercer University School of Law; President, American Association of Law Libraries.			

Saturday, October 30		
9:00 - 10:00 A.M.	Business Meeting, Law Librarians of New England (Yale Law School, Room 127)	
10:00 - 11:30 A.M.	Panel on Administrative Regulations in the New England States (Yale Law School, Room 127)	
	Moderator: Wes Daniels, Associate Librarian, Yale Law School Library	
	Speakers:	
	Connecticut: Maureen Well, Director, Law Library System, Connecticut State Library	
	Maine, New Hampshire, & Vermont: Professor W. Leslie Peat, Librarian, Vermont Law School	
	Massachusetts: Leo McAuliffe, Head of Public Services Social Law Library, Boston	
	Rhode Island: Sondra L. Giles, Assistant Law Librarian, Rhode Island State Law Library	
12 Noon - 2 P.M.	Luncheon Presidents' Room Woolsey Hall	
Afternoon:	Tours, Visits & Local Attractions	

Agents for the Books by Warren Yee



This Issue in Connecticut History

December 15, 1814 - Delegations from New England gathered at the Hartford Convention to discuss secession from the United States, due to their opposition to the War of 1812.

January 5, 1815 - The Hartford Convention's final report proposed several amendments to the U.S. Constitution. These amendments attempted to combat the policies of the Republican party by: 1) Prohibiting any trade embargo lasting over 60 days; 2) Requiring a two-thirds Congressional majority for declaration of war, admission of a new state, or interdiction of foreign commerce; 3) Removing the three-fifths representation advantage of the South; 4) Limiting future Presidents to one term; and 5) Requiring each President to be from a different state than his predecessor.

January 7, 1925 - Hiram Bingham, elected Governor of Connecticut, serves one day in office, before moving to his position in the United States Senate. (Bingham is also known for his re-discovery of the forgotten Incan city of Machu Picchu).

January 14, 1639 – The Fundamental Orders, the basic law of the Connecticut colony from 1639 to 1662, is formally adopted by representatives from the towns of Hartford, Wethersfield, and Windsor.

March 1, 1781 - Samuel Huntington (later a Governor of Connecticut) becomes the first "President of the United States in Congress Assembled," when he oversees the ratification of the Articles of Confederation.

March 4, 1925 - J. Agnes Burns, the first graduate admitted to the Connecticut Bar, is the first woman to plead before the Connecticut Supreme Court of Errors.

April 19, 1939 – The Bill of Rights proposed on September 25, 1789, is finally ratified by Connecticut.

May 1, 1637 – The first Government of the Connecticut Colony is formed with the guidance of Thomas Hooker, John Haynes, and Roger Ludlow.

May 16, 1637 - Leaders of Connecticut Colony's river towns met in Hartford, raised a militia, and placed John Mason in command to fight in the Pequot War.

June 1633 – The Dutch buy a strip of land on the Connecticut River (called Quinni-tukq-ut or Quoneh-ta-cut, meaning long tidal river) for "one piece of duffel (cloth) twenty-seven ells long, six axes, six kettles, eighteen knives, one sword-blade, one pair of shears, some toys and a musket." This purchase was for what is now the city of Hartford, CT.

June 1633 – Thomas Hooker, the minister of Cambridge, MA, leads one hundred members of his church to new homes in Connecticut.

June 1, 1842 - Wadsworth Atheneum, the oldest public art museum in the United States, is incorporated in Hartford, CT.

July 1925 - The Connecticut General Assembly granted the College of Law a special charter under Special Act, 1925, Senate Bill No. 190-292 as a private educational institution.



Dear Miss Nomer:

Is there a "future" in "my studying law librarianship"? I am in college and would like to know how to go forward with my life?

A History Education Major

Dear АНЕМ:

Don't "quote" me but Miss Nomer does not see a "future" in "my studying law librarianship." She sees a "u" but only one "u" as in "you" and that depends on what "you" would like to do. There is a "t" but that is just a tease. There is no "f, r, or e," which could leave "you" "free" to pursue other interests. Miss Nomer added the second "e" to "ease" where you go with what you decide to do. Miss Nomer has long "past" thinking about her own "future" as Miss Nomer will always be in demand. She will never sell out to the "tipping point" of the moment. For more on Miss Nomer's thoughts on where "law librarianship" is headed, see the article on "Miss Nomer Acquired by Comcast for 55 Billion Dollars" in today's The New Library Times.

Sincerely, Miss. Nomer

Dear Miss Nomer:

I heard that the library where you work has a great collection in my area of interest. May I use your facilities?

Need to Go In Miss Issippi

Dear Needy:

Er, I suppose, I mean, if you want to, if you need to, that is, Miss Nomer is very delicate in these matters, well, um, they're right down the hall, next to the elevators, try not to miss them



LLNE Spring 2011 Meeting

Law Librarians Overcoming Barriers to Information Sharing

There are many potential roadblocks to information sharing. Regulatory barriers, privatization and cross cultural communication are just a few. Join us at Yale Law School's Lillian Goldman Law Library as we discuss net neutrality and other barriers to information sharing.

Nicholas Bramble (bio/twitter), Lecturer in Law and MacArthur Fellow in Law at the Information Society Project at Yale Law School, will introduce net neutrality and tell us why librarians should care about information and communications policy.

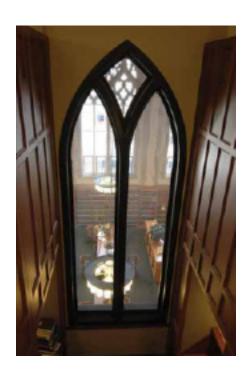
A panel of speakers including Ed Walters (twitter), CEO of Fastcase, Lisa Junghahn, Research Librarian and Business and Corporate Law Specialist, Harvard Law School Library, and others will discuss regulatory barriers to access to information.

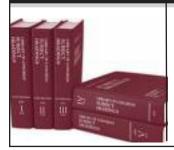
After lunch, Agata Gluszek (bio), founder Parlez Consulting will be giving a workshop on cross-cultural communication in libraries, dealing specifically with issues of accent, language, and culture as they relate to non-native, native speakers (of English) interactions.

Given the international orientation of many libraries, library staff often have experience interacting with individuals from various cultural backgrounds, but not science-based knowledge of intercultural communication. A mastery of intercultural communication skills is often not intuitive (this is because we do not have innate systems developed to interact successfully with people from other groups). Even people with experience often struggle with knowing what works and what does not.

This awareness-raising presentation will focus on presenting the foundation knowledge and its specific applications. For example, the speaker will present a short background of the science behind accents (e.g., that people acclimate to them quickly when they are not nervous) and practical applications (e.g., what to do when you have problems understanding someone with a non-native accent). The presentation will be structured to help both native and non-native English speakers and focus on communicating with patrons from various cultural backgrounds.

The end of the day will conclude with optional tours of the Yale Law Library. Tours will include a visit to the rare books room, where librarian Mike Widener will share some of the library's treasures.





Introducing a new column with a cataloger's point of view...

ACCESS POINTS

New Genre/Form Terms for Law Materials

by Stephanie Hudner and Laura Hartnett Northeastern University School of Law Library

Genre/form headings, those headings that describe what a work *is* rather than what it is *about*, have been in place for moving images for a few years. Now, legal materials have their own genre/form headings. In November 2010, the Library of Congress authorized approximately 80 genre/form headings for law materials, which will begin appearing in their catalog in early 2011.¹

New genre/form headings include broad terms such as **Law materials** and **Legal instruments**, as well as narrower terms like **Bar journals**, **Casebooks**, **Hornbooks** (**Law**), **Law digests** and **Loose-leaf services**. AALL's *Genre/Form Terms for Law Materials*² contains the complete list of headings. Examples include:

Casebooks

Scope note: This heading is used as a genre/form heading for law school textbooks containing leading court decisions in a particular field, together with commentary and other material useful for classroom discussion.

BT Law materials

Citators

<u>Scope note</u>: This heading is used as a genre/form heading for compiled lists of cases, statutes, and other legal sources showing the subsequent history and current precedential value of those sources.

Examples:

- 1. Shepard's United States citations
- 2. Halsbury's statutory instruments citator
- UF Citators, Legal
- UF Legal citators
- UF Noter-ups
- BT Law materials

Model acts

<u>Scope note</u>: This heading is used as a genre/form heading for draft acts that are rarely uniformly adopted in their entirety by state legislatures but are proposed as guideline legislation for the states.

BT Law materials

RT Uniform laws

Excerpts from: American Association of Law Libraries, Classification and Subject Cataloging Policy Advisory Working Group. (2010). Genre/form terms for law materials: Incorporated into the Library of Congress genre/form terms for library and archival materials. Retrieved from http://www.aallnet.org/sis/tssis/committees/cataloging/classification/genreterms/lawgenreformterms2010final.pdf

Local cataloging practices vary. If you have questions about how genre/form headings are implemented at your library, check with your cataloger.

^{1 &}lt;a href="http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/genrelaw.html">http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/genrelaw.html

² http://www.aallnet.org/sis/tssis/committees/cataloging\classification/genreterms/lawgenreformterms2010final.pdf

Harvard Law School Library hosts Faculty Services Showcase Showdown

by Lisa Junghahn, Research Librarian & Business & Corporate Law Specialist, Harvard Law Library

On the morning of Thursday, January 27, over 30 academic law librarians braved snowy conditions to gather at Harvard Law School (HLS) to discuss innovative ways to deliver faculty services.

Based on the theme of the *Price is Right* television program, the free event was titled: Faculty Services Showcase Showdown (FSSS), and was hosted by the HLS Library Faculty Services Team.

FSSS was relaxed and collaborative, and librarians took the opportunity to share successes and frustrations. Librarians came from all parts of New England and as far away as North Carolina, Washington, D.C., and New York. A few even participated via Skype from the Chicago-Kent School of Law.

FSSS started with coffee and pastries. HLS Library Director John Palfrey offered a few introductory remarks, and then joined the first of two roundtable discussions.

Roundtable discussion topics included:

- Intersection of Collection Development & Faculty Research Services
- Academic Technology Services and Support for Faculty – Present & Future
- Creating Great Relationships with Faculty

At the Creating Great Relationships with Faculty table, which may have also been called, Managing Faculty Expectations, librarians from Georgetown, UNC, Columbia, Boston University, and Harvard discussed various models for serving faculty. Everyone seemed to agree that creating the right level of expectation and service could be a challenge. Librarians discussed whether libraries should actively promote service (potentially diluting overall service) or work reactively to faculty requests. There was also discussion on the inter-generational differences among faculty expectations and work styles.

After the roundtable discussions, librarians were invited to provide "showcase talks" or lightning talks. Seven librarians (and one empiricist) showcased their work.

The Chicago-Kent crew spoke first (by Skype) about a project to design a dynamic website to promote and supplement a faculty publication: http://supplements.kentlaw.edu/energylawcasebook/

Next, Yale presented on its efforts to support faculty scholarship from start to finish, including hosting book talks, and developing dynamic websites to help promote book publications: http://documents.law.yale.edu/representing-justice

Examples of other talks include: Western New England College School of Law talking about how it used an annual holiday party as a faculty outreach opportunity, and UNC and Harvard talking about upside and challenges of offering empirical research services to faculty.

Throughout the day, raffles were held to keep folks energized and entertained. A few lucky attendees even left with a fun prizes, like Starbucks Gift Cards and brand new cars (miniature ones, that is).

The day concluded at 12:30 pm, when folks went out for lunch around Harvard Square, and a few even enjoyed a tour of the HLS Library and Special Collections.

Special thanks to all who traveled to HLS in over six inches of snow to make it a lively and exciting gathering. This librarian picked up a few "best practices" from colleagues far and wide, and met some really great people.





LLNE StoryCorps

Share YOUR Story









Inspire the Membership & Aspiring Law Librarians

What's your favorite memory of an LLNE event?

What prompted you to get involved in LLNE?

What does LLNE do for you?

Follow the signs at the LLNE Spring Meeting on March 18, 2011 to give us your answer(s) during a 1-2 minute video.

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