

Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library Annual Report 2023–24



FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

Summary of the Law Library Strategic Plan

Changes and challenges brought about by the pandemic, new colleagues and reorganization of library processes and structures provided a unique opportunity to think broadly and creatively about the future of the law library. We want to be more valuable at the Law School and in our various communities as well as expand our efforts to develop leaders in the profession.

Already striding towards our Vision, we endeavor to increase our impact for all those we serve and support. Our Mission commits us to this ambitious trajectory. The Guiding Principles ensure we are conscientious, centering our values in each step of our growth. The Summary of Goals condenses our plan to active, digestible portions.

The full strategic plan can be found on the law library website: lawlibrary.arizona.edu/about/strategic-plan.

Vision

Proactively support and empower our diverse law library community, augment partnerships for social change, catalyze legal education innovation, and cultivate library leaders.

Mission

The law library's mission is to:

- Develop innovative services and cultivate resources that benefit the current and future needs of our diverse law library community.
- Promote intellectual engagement.
- Train ethical, competent, and service-minded lawyers.
- ▶ Build inclusive community relationships to advance systemic equity and social justice.
- Invest in the professional growth of law library personnel.

Guiding Principles

- Embrace diversity, encourage equity, and ensure inclusivity.
- Put the stakeholders at the center of law library services and support.
- Demonstrate environmentally conscious and sustainable stewardship.
- Practice fiscal responsibility.
- Fulfill our responsibilities as a land grant, Hispanic-serving, and Native- and Alaska-Native-serving institution.
- Foster and develop librarians of the future.

Summary of Goals

Empower Communities

Actively seek opportunities to elevate diverse voices and resources. Center inclusivity, equity, and sustainability in our work. Foster diverse, empathetic, safe, anti-racist spaces and culture.

Augment Partnerships

Increase engagement with local, national, and global community of the University of Arizona. Bolster collaborative relationships that support students, faculty, alumni, and public patrons.

Catalyze Innovation

Advance library services and space to foster creative learning, explorative pedagogy, and community impact. Broaden support to proactively serve as an essential partner in discoverability, dissemination, and promotion.

Cultivate Leaders

Stimulate creativity and encourage scholarly output for the betterment of the law librarian profession. Reforge the Law Library Fellowship to include non-traditional opportunities, formal mentorship, continued career guidance, and enhanced connection to fellowship alumni.

From the Director



Teresa Miguel-Stearns (MLIS '06), Associate Dean, Legal Information Innovation; Director, Law Library & Professor of Law.

Welcome to the 2023–24 Annual Report!

What an exciting and innovative year at the Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library. Our vision is to "Proactively support and empower our diverse Law Library community, augment partnerships for social change, catalyze legal education innovation, and cultivate library leaders." As you peruse this Annual Report, I think you'll agree that we continue to make progress in each of these areas through our many outreach efforts to our students, faculty and various communities, dedication to the educational mission of our college and university, partnerships with organizations around the state and country, and many opportunities for our team members to grow, innovate and lead.

Not surprisingly, generative artificial intelligence is causing quite a buzz within our College of Law community and among law librarians around the world. Gen Al promises to change the way we do legal research, write and work. Indeed, it already does!

A recent article in the ABA Journal quoted an attorney who said, "Al will not replace lawyers, but lawyers who use Al will probably replace lawyers who do not." This quip rings true to me, and I believe it applies to law librarianship as well. As a result, the team is sharing information and taking a leading role in integrating generative Al tools into our teaching, research and work.

In fact, we kicked-off the 2023-24 year with a summer series of generative AI tutorials for our community. **Cas Laskowski** (PhD expected '28, MLIS '17), the library's Empirical Research Librarian and Head of Research, Data & Instruction, offered two sessions for our faculty and staff about how generative AI operates and behaves, and how it is relevant to our work.

At the national level, after months of planning, Cas and I, with significant assistance from the library's office manager **Niki Carpenter** (BA '20), embarked on a series of six regional roundtables on Artificial Intelligence & the Future of Law Libraries.

With support from **Riea and Steve Lainoff** ('77), Cas and I traveled to the University of Arizona's Center for Outreach & Engagement in Washington DC to host the first roundtable in October. **Dean Marc Miller** and **Professor Tara Sklar** joined us and 25 legal information professionals hailing from New York to Ohio to Virginia, and everywhere in between, for the day-long event. Each of the four library Fellows joined one of the other roundtables, too, thanks to support from **Roberta Shaffer**, retired Law Librarian of Congress and full-time Tucsonan.

You can read more about this continuing project, the Mid-Atlantic Roundtable Report, and our forthcoming white paper in this Annual Report and on our **project website**.

From the Director (continued)



Teresa and Cas were joined by Professor Tara Sklar and Dean Marc Miller for the first regional roundtable on Artificial Intelligence & the Future of Law Libraries.

In this report, you will also find exciting updates about the progress **Jessica Ugstad** (MLS expected '26, MA '22, MLIS '16) and the team have made on the Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources Library Preservation Project (NNDWRLPP). Our collaboration with the Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources, Agnese Nelms Haury Program in Environment and Social Justice, and Law Library Microform Consortium, together with Jessica's determination, has resulted in the recent award of a \$300,000 grant from the Council on Library & Information Resources, Digitizing Hidden Collections: Amplifying Unheard Voices program. The NNDWRLPP was one of 18 awardees from over 130 applications nationally. The award will allow us to digitize a significant portion of the NNDWR Library.

The University of Arizona Land Grant Project: Tracking the History of Land-Grant Enrichment at the University of Arizona, is also evolving. The team continues to research historical and current land and financial data detailing how our university benefits from our land-grant designation. This project, which was highlighted in last year's Annual Report, has received local and national recognition. The team has given several presentations about the project including, most recently, the keynote at the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension conference over the summer.

In this report, you will also read about the impactful work and contributions of our library Fellows – **Sam Ginsburg** (MLIS '24), **Shania Kee** (JD '24, MLIS expected '25), **Sophia Kingsley** (MLIS '24), and **Kristin Wolek** (JD '23, MLIS expected '24) – from supporting our librarian-instructors in

the classroom, to giving faculty and student legal research support, and much more. Last year we shared news of the \$367,000 award from the Institute of Museum & Library Services to expand the reach of the Fellows program nationally. Program manager, **Jennifer Bedier** (JD '00, MLIS '21), and I have been promoting and publicizing the expansion at every opportunity, working with our fabulous College of Law Marketing & Communications team to create informational materials and share our plans at national conferences. Jen has been leading the logistical development of this program, working with units throughout the university and with law library directors nationally to launch the National Library Fellows Program next year.

Jen and I have also been collaborating with our registrar, colleagues in the BA in Law and MLS programs, the School of Information (now College of Information Science (InfoSci)) team, and deans Marc Miller and Catherine

Brooks (InfoSci) to develop dual degree and accelerated programs. To date, we have launched a dual degree JD/MLIS and a BA in Law accelerated MLIS, and we have submitted final documentation for a dual degree Master of Legal Studies/MLIS. These efforts are intended to expand pathways to the legal information profession and provide additional opportunities for those with legal training. Shania is our first dual degree JD/MLIS!

In this Annual Report, you will find that our archivist, **Jaime Valenzuela** (MLIS '14, BA '10), with support from **Kristen Keck** (MLIS '18) and in collaboration with other members of the library team, continues to create attractive and informative exhibits. Kristen's rotating new books displays are captivating and the subject of many library blog posts.



Sam and Kristen install the UA Land-Grant Project exhibit.

Further, you will learn about the library's outreach efforts, led by **Marcelo Rodríguez** (PhD expected '28), to bring students into our virtual and physical library spaces. Marcelo oversees the library blog (among many other activities) whose posts are regularly re-published in national outlets

The law library continues to thrive and innovate in each of our core areas of work and service including teaching a plethora of classes, providing research support to our faculty and students, and acquiring and managing the library's print and electronic resources.

Our team of librarian-instructors, overseen by **Shaun Esposito**, teach a variety of classes and mentor law students throughout their three years with us.

Our resource acquisitions and collections team, overseen by **Travis Spence** (MLS '08) and executed by Jessica, Kristen, and **Lindsay Kriebel** (MLIS '19), ensure that all the books and databases selected by our team are purchased, received, processed, and made accessible to the community.

Our Faculty & Access Services team, led by **Cynthia Condit** (JD '09, MLIS '10, BA '05) with support from **Hannah Plotkin** (MLIS '24, BA '16) and a team of student workers, ensures that our students and faculty have the resources they need to be productive and comfortable in our spaces. **Sarah Gotschall** led the biennial Student Satisfaction Survey which informs much of the library's efforts to engage and serve our law students. Our faculty services strategy includes a faculty-librarian liaison program so that every member of our faculty has a librarian-liaison to whom they can go directly for research, instruction and materials support.

Our Administrative Services unit, which was reconstituted in November 2023 with Niki and me, works collaboratively with constituents throughout the College of Law and University to streamline, align and autonomize the administrative needs of the law library team. Niki, who acts as both the Office Manager and Administrative Assistant, handles the day-to-day operations of the law library, offers superb administrative support to me, and oversees the Continuing Status & Promotion processes for the librarians. Niki also coordinates and helps facilitate the Faculty Book Talk Series, Library Advisory Council, new student Orientation, and professional development workshops. Niki also oversees the Continuing Status & Promotion processes for the librarians

while representing our team of University Staff in the **University of Arizona Staff Council**. Niki wears many hats and provides invaluable service to the entire library team.

To complement the library's Strategic Plan, the library engaged in a day-long workshop in September 2023 to, among other team building activities, identify the law library's values. Niki organized the workshop in collaboration with me and with our facilitator, **Karen Williams**, former Dean of Libraries and retired Vice President for Information Strategy & University Libraries at the University of Arizona. The entire library team participated in these engaging and thoughtful activities.

The six values identified by the team at the workshop are: Service, Acceptance, Community, Accessibility, Collaboration, Compassion & Care. These values complement those recognized in the Law Library Strategic Plan (2022-2027), including diversity, equity, inclusion and allyship. Additional activities gave each member of the team an opportunity to anonymously share what employees need from our organization to be successful, and for what the library staff can count on each from each other.

It was a day of introspection and retrospection, and a renewed commitment to our library, units and each other. The law library's values, together with the original lists of what individuals need from the organization and what they can contribute, hang in the library's conference room alongside the strategic plan as a reminder of the commitment to each other and the larger mission of our institution.

What a fascinating and exciting time to be in the legal information profession and at University of Arizona Law, where Dean Marc Miller, our faculty, and our students share in our curiosity about the future, and in our excitement about the role of the library in the intellectual life of the College of Law. We continue to be inspired to greatness by our vision, by our colleagues and communities, and by each other.

I hope you enjoy this year's Annual Report!

Al and the Future of Law Libraries

REGIONAL ROUNDTABLES ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

This year **Cas Laskowski** and **Teresa Miguel-Stearns** co-founded the **Future of Law Libraries initiative**, a national effort to strategize about potential collaborations, projects and efforts that will ensure law libraries stay impactful and innovative in the evolving legal information landscape.

The first outcome of this initiative was a series of *Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Law Libraries* regional roundtables, which brought together legal informatics leaders, allies, and other stakeholders to discuss the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on law librarianship. This project was prompted by the far-reaching impacts—known and still unknown—of AI on the legal information infrastructure and landscape.



Cas and Teresa hosted the first regional roundtable at the University of Arizona's DC Center for Outreach & Engagement.

An advisory panel of legal informatics leaders at academic law libraries collaborated, hosted and funded roundtables in their respective regions. Enthusiastic partners at Suffolk (Boston), Georgia State University (Atlanta), Stanford (Stanford), Northwestern (Chicago), and the University of Oklahoma (hosted in Dallas) came together in support of the roundtables.

By engaging in scenario-building exercises, an innovation methodology for future planning used by the United Nations, roundtable participants identified potential obstacles and opportunities, helping to shape the future of law librarianship. To facilitate meaningful conversations and sharing of ideas, the group was intentionally small, about 30 people, all of whom committed to spending the entire day in dialogue with one another about the opportunities and challenges libraries and librarians face with the infusion of artificial intelligence into the legal information infrastructure.



Cas Laskowski leads the Mid-Atlantic Roundtable attendees using scenario-building methodology to explore artificial intelligence and the future of libraries.

Funding from the **Reia & Steve Lainoff** ('77) travel fund supported the first roundtable hosted by the University of Arizona at the Washington DC Center for Outreach & Engagement. Cas traveled to each of the remaining roundtables, facilitating the scenario-building methodology sessions at all but one. Thanks to financial support from **Roberta Shaffer**, retired Law Librarian of Congress and full-time Tucsonan, each of the library's four fellows attended one of the roundtables.

Over 150 people participated in regional roundtables, including leaders in federal government, law school deans and faculty, information science deans and faculty, and law librarians across sectors. Each host team drafted a report summarizing the findings that emerged from their event. Those summaries are available on **the law library's project website**. A summative white paper with suggested next steps for the legal information community will follow. The white paper will be a roadmap for law libraries and for law library science educators nationally, helping plan strategically for the future.

The AI & Futures team was invited to present their work at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries in July 2024 in Chicago. They have also started preparations to hold additional conversations and create opportunities to advance and leverage the smart and hard work done by all in this first year of the initiative.

Book Talks

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA LAW FACULTY BOOK TALK SERIES

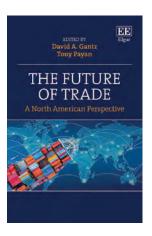
Law Library Administration hosted three faculty book talks this year with authors from the James E. Rogers College of Law, Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy, and The Ohio State University Mortiz College of Law.

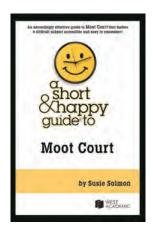
This year's book talks covered the topics of trade policy, moot court and appellate practice, and the United States electoral system. A member of the College of Law faculty served as interlocutor for each book talk.

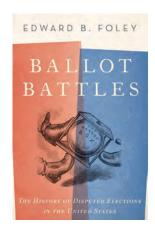
The recording for each Book Talk in the series is available on the Cracchiolo Law Library YouTube Channel.

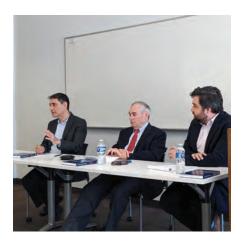
Books featured in this year's book talk series were:

- David Gantz and Anthony Payan (Rice University Baker Institute of Public Policy). *The Future of Trade: A North American Perspective*. Commentary by Andrew Shepard ('17). February 14, 2024.
- Susie Salmon. A Short and Happy Guide to Moot Court. Commentary by Bryan Schwartz. February 26, 2024.
- ▶ Edward B. Foley (Ohio State University Mortiz College of Law and Distinguished Visitor at University of Arizona Law). Common Ground Democracy: Constitutional Principles and Election Procedures and Ballot Battles: A History of Disputed Elections in the United States (2nd ed). Commentary by Andrew Coan. March 25, 2024.









Tony Payan, David Gantz and Andrew Shepard in conversation



Susie Salmon, Director of Legal Writing; Clinical Professor of Law & Distinguished Public Service Scholar.



Ned Foley, Visiting professor from Ohio State University Mortiz College of Law.

NNDWRLPP Update

NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES LIBRARY PRESERVATION PROJECT

University of Arizona Team

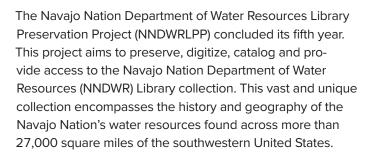
- Jessica Ugstad, Collection Management Librarian, Law Library; Project Manager
- ▶ Teresa Miguel-Stearns, Associate Dean and Director, Law Library; Professor of Law
- Toni Massaro, Regents Professor and Dean Emerita, College of Law; Executive Director, Agnese Nelms Haury Program in Environment and Social Justice
- Nancy Peterson, Assistant Director, Agnese Nelms Haury Program in Environment and Social Justice

Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources Team

- Maurice Upshaw (Diné), GIS Supervisor, Water Management Branch, Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources; Team Project Manager
- Dr. Crystal Tulley-Cordova (Diné), Principal Hydrologist for the Water Management Branch, Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources
- ▶ Staff of the Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources

Law Library Microform Consortium Team

- Patrick Butler, Executive Director, LLMC
- Joseph Hinger, Director of Global Legal Content Initiatives, LLMC
- Richard Amelung, Professor of Legal Research, Vincent C. Immel Law Library, Saint Louis University School of Law



Until the COVID-19 pandemic, this collection was an active, living and growing library, regularly utilized by: NNDWR staff in their daily work; Navajo Nation members and Tribal officials in governance; government agencies to subsidize their studies and reports; and academic researchers, water scientists, hydrologists, and high school and college students who were given permission to access the collection.

The library contains 8,250 print resources of which 7,525 resources have been designated by NNDWR as unrestricted and publicly accessible.

NNDWRLPP represents authentic partnerships that have been formed among the NNDWR and the University of Arizona's Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library, Agnese Nelms Haury Program in Environment and Social Justice, James E. Rogers College of Law, and Law Library Microform Consortium (LLMC).



Jessica Ugstad, Project Manager.

In response to the Navajo Nation's formal directive and priorities for their NNDWR Library, these dedicated partners collaborate to ensure that the rich history and vibrant stories of the Navajo Nation are preserved and made available to current and future generations of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, communities, groups, educational institutions, agencies and organizations.

Protecting the Indigenous information and data sovereignty of the Navajo Nation serves as the foundation of the NNDWRLPP's mission. Every decision made on this project and all access to the collection now and once digitized remains under the control of NNDWR and the Navajo Nation.



Updates

- As of August 2023, the entire collection was inventoried and processed in preparation for segmented shipments to LLMC.
- As of December 2023, the entire NNDWR collection was relocated to a new, secured and publicly inaccessible location within the library.
- On January 8, 2024, Patrick Butler became the Executive Director of LLMC.
- As of summer 2024, 219 resources have been digitized and cataloged, with 138 of those resources now publicly available, many for the very first time, on **LLMC's Open**Access database.



Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources Library. Photo credit: Maurice Upshaw (Diné).

Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources Library Preservation Project Progress

Portion of Project	Total Number of Items Processed	Percent Processing Complete	Number at LLMC for Digitization	Number Scanned	Number Available on LLMC Digital	Percent Digitization Complete
General	5368	100%	136	219	138	3.9%
Maps	2157	100%	0	0		
Confidential	297	100%	0	0		
Copyright	428	100%	0	0		

Grant

Council on Library & Information Resources' (CLIR) Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives: Amplifying Unheard Voices Grant application - \$300,000 grant

- First round On October 26, 2023, the team submitted their application for a \$300,000 grant.
- Second Round On February 22, 2024, the project was selected to move to submit a final application.
- Awarded On July 30, 2024, the project was awarded \$300,000. The NNDWRLPP Project was one of only 18 applications recommended for funding from 133 original submissions.

This project is supported by a Digitizing Hidden Collections grant from the **Council on Library and Information Resources** (CLIR). The grant program is made possible by funding from the Mellon Foundation.



Outreach & Engagement

WELCOMING, ENGAGING & PREPARING STUDENTS

The Outreach and Engagement Committee is dedicated to integrating the library into students' law school experience. The committee's goal is to provide the resources, collections and services that will ensure that students graduate with the necessary research knowledge and skills to succeed as modern lawyers. This year the committee worked towards those objectives by introducing new students to the library through orientation events, weekly library email tips and blog posts, organizing programs on research and library resources and services, and conducting a biennial survey to gather feedback from students for future library improvements.

Law School Orientation

Every August, the library team eagerly greets students for orientation to introduce them to library resources and services. In fall 2023, new student orientation began with a welcome from law library director **Teresa Miguel-Stearns**, followed by small group tours of the library where the library team provided students with information about the library's layout and various services and collections. Students were introduced to the library's online collections, research guides and tools, circulation and reference support services and research courses taught by librarians. **Marcelo Rodríguez** gave a separate, tailored orientation to international students.

Coordination with Students

In October, the library coordinated with the Foreign Lawyers Student Association (FLSA) to create a world map display in the library lobby, encouraging students to pin their home locations and get to know each other better. The breadth of our students' home countries is truly impressive!

As in years past, the library worked with the Latine Law Students Association (LLSA) to host an ofrenda in our lobby for Día de los Muertos, honoring the holiday and its cultural significance. The library also helped organize a Diwali celebration in partnership with the Asian Pacific American Law

Students' Association (APALSA), providing an opportunity for the entire law school community to learn about and commemorate this important Indian festival.

To further enhance student engagement, the library continued its popular morning coffee and donuts event, where law library fellows interact with students, sharing information about research classes and library resources in a casual, welcoming setting.

Fun and Relaxation

The law library also provides students with opportunities for fun and relaxation to support their well-being during their legal studies. The library has a ping pong table to roll out to the courtyard to provide a fun way for students to unwind and socialize. Additionally, the library offers a variety of puzzles students can work on for amusement and relaxation. Finally, the law library continues to enhance the Reflection Room on the lower level, creating a calming space that the entire community can use to meditate, relax and re-center.

These and other events and spaces demonstrate the library's commitment to supporting our students' academic success and personal well-being throughout their law school journey.



Law Library Fellows Kristin Wolek, Sophia Kingsley, Samantha Ginsburg and Shania Kee offer students refreshments and research advice at one of the regular coffee events.

Library Advisory Council

STUDENTS SHAPING LIBRARY SPACE, RESOURCES & SERVICES

Library Advisory Council (LAC) is a volunteer student group that directly advises **Teresa Miguel-Stearns** and the entire library team on matters affecting student use of the law library. LAC students hail from each JD class and graduate programs. LAC meets once or twice each semester during which the library seeks input on potential changes to the library's physical plant, collections, services, courses and technology. Students are also asked to bring concerns and ideas to enhance the library to LAC meetings, Teresa or any member of the library team.



Cas Laskowski and Kristin Wolek give a demonstration of the library's collaborative workspace which was built for students with advice from LAC.

The law library implemented the following enhancements this year in response to ideas and suggestions from LAC:

- Upgraded public use and student-only computers
- Added desk lamps with USB charging capability and 3 brightness levels to all study rooms and for tables that don't have integrated lighting
- Obtained additional mobile standing desks
- Made earplugs available on the library's lower level
- Updated signage for the library's student collaboration workspace
- Refreshed signage about quiet study spaces on the lower level
- Included a handout at new student Orientation with information about where to purchase textbooks, how to make study room reservations, where to find additional study spaces on campus, and how to obtain culture passes (for museums and more) from the Pima County Public Library

In years past, following suggestions from LAC, the library has:

- Installed a CatCard accessible book cabinet for 24/7 access to course reserves
- Obtained a high-quality overhead scanner and two flatbed scanners
- Placed computer monitors around the library for students to plug into, and made portable monitors available for check-out from the circulation desk
- Worked with College of Law administration to install a Costa Coffee machine just outside the library
- Converted a small office in the library into a Reflection Room for the entire community
- Revised and enhanced safety protocols including posting bright yellow Emergency Exit signs in appropriate places and including emergency exits on our library tours
- Painted the group study rooms more soothing colors conducive to long hours of study
- Purchased light therapy lamps available for check-out
- Obtained extra power cords for laptops and phones, also available for check-out from the 24/7 book cabinet
- Placed suggestion boxes around the library for yearround student feedback

The library strives to be a welcoming, comfortable and productive space for all who enter. The Library Advisory Council is a crucial component that enables responsive and continual improvements to library spaces, collections and services.

Cynthia Condit and the Access Services team implemented nearly all of these enhancements to the library, and they continue to look for ways to make our space and services even better!

Law Library Instruction

EXPANSIVE COURSE OFFERINGS FOR STUDENTS

In addition to supporting faculty research and teaching, Research, Data & Instruction (RDI) team members, Cynthia Condit, Shaun Esposito, Cas Laskowski, Marcelo Rodríguez and Sarah Gotschall, play a vital role in teaching University of Arizona Law students necessary legal research skills. Under the leadership of Shaun Esposito, and in close collaboration with the College's legal writing team, they instruct first-year students in the introductory legal research and writing courses offered during the fall and spring semesters.



Shaun Esposito

Furthermore, the law librarians have expansive course offerings for upper-level law students, Honors BA in law students, and MA in library science students.

Shaun and Sarah taught two advanced legal research courses each semester: Advanced Legal Research

and Administrative Law Research. These courses allow students to refine their research skills. **Jen Bedier** taught two sections of Introduction to U.S. Legal Systems, for our international students, in the fall semester and one section in the spring semester. Cas taught Law Practice in the Age of Al & Big Data in the fall, and Law Practice Technology in the spring semester.

Marcelo taught a class in Foreign, Comparative, and International Law (FCIL) research in both the spring and fall semesters. In the spring semester he taught an undergraduate honors FCIL class and he joined **Teresa Miguel-Stearns** as the lead instructor in their collaboration teaching the Mexican Public Law & Policy course. At the completion of this year-long, 8-unit course, students receive a *diplomado* from the Universidad Autónoma de Mexico. In addition to being the lead instructor in the Mexican *diplomado* program in the fall, Teresa taught Law Library Practice & Administration in the spring semester.

In addition to these many course offerings, the law librarians frequently supervise independent studies and student notes. They liaise and work closely with each of the student journals, make guest appearances in doctrinal and clinic classes to provide legal research instruction, and provide internship opportunities for the MA in library science students on campus.

Altogether the law librarians are fully integrated, engaged and dedicated to the teaching missions of the College of Law and the University of Arizona.



Marcelo's students created visual renditions of the legal research process.

Archives and Special Collections

INTERNSHIPS IN LAW LIBRARY ARCHIVES & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Over the past year, Archivist and Scholarly Communications Lead, Jaime Valenzuela, served as a site-supervisor for five student internships. Each student, now graduated from the University of Arizona School of Information, designed internship projects collaboratively with Jaime, striking a balance among factors such as their interests, learning outcomes and deliverables that would better serve the library and the greater College of Law community. Project work included disseminating faculty scholarship to the Social Sciences Research Network (SSRN), building digital collections, processing college archival material and curating digital and physical exhibits.

Beginning in summer 2023, Library Services Assistant

Hannah Plotkin began digitizing numerous photographs including the Arizona Law Review (ALR) Editorial Board Photo Collection and the University of Arizona Law Class of Photos Collection. Following digitization, Hannah uploaded these photographs to the library's Digital Collections website. Hannah detailed some of her experience in a November 2023 library blog post, and she curated the digital exhibit titled "Photographs: Selections from the Raúl H. Castro Collection. 1964-2015."



David Barnard organizes unprocessed archival material in Special Collections Reading Room.

In August 2023, student worker **David Barnard** (MLIS '24) and Knowledge River Scholar **Kristen Suagee-Beauduy** (MLIS '24) began their internships. David helped us gain greater intellectual control on College of Law student group records such as the Arizona chapter of the Student Bar Association, Pride Law and the Latine Law Students Association. David also curated the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award Winners exhibit in celebration of alumni **Richard Davis** ('72), **Ann Kirkpatrick** ('79)

and **Gordon Waterfall** ('65) posthumously. Kristen focused on processing student files from the University of Arizona Law Registrar's Office Student Files Collection which includes thousands of individual pieces of paper spanning over 70 linear feet.



Emily DeAngelis examines contents of the Special Collections Vault.

Student worker **Emily DeAngelis** (MLIS '24) started her internship in Archives and Special Collections in January 2024. In addition to processing law school archival material, Emily worked with the Alumni and Development Office to curate material for the inaugural LawCat Legends Breakfast held during the 2024 Law Alumni Weekend. Meanwhile, law library fellow **Samantha Ginsburg** began her internship working with faculty scholarship. She uploaded over 20 original works produced by faculty to the SSRN Arizona Legal Studies Discussion Paper Series. Samantha also helped obtain the full digital archive of the ALR dating back to 1959. The full ALR archive will be made available in the coming year in collaboration with the University of Arizona Libraries.



Samantha Ginsburg uploads a faculty paper to SSRN.

Foreign, Comparative & International Law

BUILDING ON THE PAST & EDUCATING FOR THE FUTURE

The Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library continues to excel in Foreign, Comparative and International Law (FCIL) through three key areas: research, teaching and collection development. These components are essential in helping the James E. Rogers College of Law community grasp the global challenges, transnational crises and international disruptions that increasingly affect all legal fields. As a result, there is a growing imperative to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate these critical areas.

Research

Situated at a strategic geographical crossroads, Tucson embodies a blend of cultures, challenges and opportunities, which is reflected in the research conducted by our faculty and students. **Marcelo Rodríguez**, our FCIL Librarian, plays a crucial role in fostering, supporting and guiding in-depth research on topics such as international Indigenous peoples, international trade, arbitration, human rights, Mexican law, and broader Latin American issues, as well as other transnational and comparative subjects.

To advance research in these and other areas, Marcelo collaborates closely with faculty and students to develop robust research strategies and methodologies, utilizing both print and electronic FCIL resources. Unlike U.S. and other advanced legal research, FCIL research often involves



Marcelo shares information about the law library's foreign, comparative and international law collections and classes during orientation.

additional complexities that may initially seem challenging. However, Marcelo's interpersonal skills and effective communication enable him to guide researchers through critical steps, such as navigating sources in multiple languages, understanding diverse legal systems, conducting interdisciplinary work and evaluating sources from around the world. Students leave with invaluable new skills and renewed confidence in their research abilities.

Instruction

Marcelo continues to offer his Foreign, Comparative and International Legal Research course twice per academic year, including in a virtual asynchronous format. Over 40 students have completed the course in the last three years. This diverse group of JD, LLM and MLS students has shown interest in the course for various reasons, including writing for the Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law (AJICL) and other law journals, pursuing a concentration in related fields or simply a desire to learn more about international, comparative and interdisciplinary research methodologies.

Marcelo recognizes that there is an increasing need to educate students to understand and navigate our evolving global challenges, transnational emergencies and international upheavals that impact all areas of the law. Through his connections with student groups, teaching first-year research classes and providing reference services at the library, Marcelo has successfully attracted students to the course, regardless of their initial interest in comparative and international law.

Students who take Marcelo's course realize that in our interconnected society and global economy, many areas of U.S. law are significantly influenced by international, multilateral and bilateral agreements, treaties and customary international law. In the end, students who take this course are better equipped to consider the interconnectedness of the world around them.

Collections

A strong library collection, including essential primary and secondary sources from various foreign jurisdictions and works from leading comparative and international legal scholars, is crucial to supporting active scholarship and research. Marcelo continues to expand the library's collection by adding new titles on important and emerging issues such as health law, environmental law, migration, data privacy, trade and arbitration.

As a result of the library's current and past commitment in this area, the library has effectively served the community by providing a compelling FCIL collection that spans both historical and contemporary materials. Marcelo is dedicated to building on this strong foundation by integrating complementary and essential electronic FCIL resources and databases.



Marcelo prepares to share highlights of the law library's foreign, comparative and international law collections.

Collaborations

Collaboration is vital to the success of FCIL work.

Therefore, through his participation in university committees, workshops and projects, Marcelo has established and maintains relationships with the Center for Latin American Studies, School of Government and Public Policy, Center for Global Studies, W.A. Franke Honors College, School of Journalism and other departments and colleges at the University of Arizona involved in foreign and international topics.

Additionally, through participation in professional organizations such as the Canadian Association of Law Libraries, American Association of Law Libraries, American Society of International Law, Association of Caribbean University, Research, and Institutional Libraries, International Association of Law Libraries and Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials, the library strives to engage with key international networks and stay informed on the latest developments and trends.

Thanks to a variety of outside funding sources, Marcelo attended international conferences and book fairs in Geneva, Switzerland; Guadalajara, México; New York, USA; Bogotá, Colombia; Georgetown, Guyana; and Montréal, Canada.

International conferences have given Marcelo the chance to present his work and network with global legal information professionals. Book fairs in Latin America equip Marcelo with information about legal publishers, titles and vendors, which he brings back to the law library and employs to augment and enhance the library's Latin American collections.



Marcelo and Devan Orr (MLIS '21), former law library fellow, reunite at the International Association of Law Librarians conference in Geneva, Switzerland.

Law Library Fellows Program

EDUCATION & SKILL-BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

The Law Library Fellows Program is committed to training future law library leaders and involving them in meaningful opportunities during their time in the program. The ability to succeed at this mission was bolstered this year by a generous gift from **Roberta Shaffer**, retired Law Librarian of Congress and full-time Tucson resident. Thanks to this gift, each fellow was able to attend one of the Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Law Libraries regional roundtables, contributing their perspective and assisting with logistics. This gift will allow continued support for fellows' involvement in other engaging projects and impactful events.

Law Library Fellows 2023–24



Sam Ginsburg (MLIS '24)



Sophia Kingsley (MLIS '24)

Samantha Ginsburg continued her work on the University of Arizona Land-Grant Project, beginning the complex work of tracking the financial records to understand the full scope of the University's enrichment. She presented this work, together with Cas Laskowski and Teresa Miguel-Stearns, at the 2024 University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Conference. The project won two awards this year from the American Association of Law Libraries: AALL Excellence in Community Engagement Award and AALL Public Access to Government Information Award.

The fellows were awarded multiple grants and awards this year. **Sophia Kingsley** was awarded the Outstanding Master's Student Award by the College of Information Science, and both Sophia and Samantha were on the College of Information Science's Dean's List of Distinguished Scholars. **Shania Kee** was awarded the Joseph M. Livermore Service Award, which recognizes the law student "who has provided the greatest service to the College [of Law]." **Kristin Wolek** received the AALL Annual Meeting grant from the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries.

Fellows have been presenting and publishing work all year. Kristin's article, Adjusting the Legal Profession's Privacy Responsibilities to Keep Up with Technological Changes, was published in the *Arizona Law Journal of Emerging Technologies*. Samantha's essay, GIS and Land



Kristin Wolek (JD '23, MLIS '25 expected)



Shania Kee (JD '24, MLIS '25 expected)

Grant Research: The Evolving Role of Technology in Law Librarianship, was published in the **TechScans Blog**. Each of the fellows also published book reviews, which they wrote for Teresa's class, in *Law Library Journal*, the flagship journal of the American Association of Law Libraries. Classmates **Tanya Furlong** (MLS/MLIS expected '27), **Sasha Minton** (MLIS expected '26), who joins the Law Library Fellows team in July 2024, and **Matthew Clemens** (MLIS '24), who also completed an internship with Cas, published their book reviews as well.

Shania presented a poster on researching Navajo law at the International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums, for which she also received a registration scholarship. Sophia and Kristin, in collaboration with other members of the law library, contributed to the text and presented a poster on our Fellows Program at the 2023 and 2024 AALL annual meetings.

Samantha's, Shania's and Sophia's incredible accomplishments manifested into stellar job offers and placements. Samantha is a Faculty Services Librarian at Georgetown University Law Library. Sophia is a Research Analyst for the global law firm, Sidley Austin, in their Los Angeles office. After taking the Arizona bar exam in July, Shania is clerking for Chief Judge David Gass, Arizona Court of Appeals.

Law Library Fellows Program Expansion

LEADING THE FIELD THROUGH CREATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Since 2000, the Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law has been training leaders in law librarianship through its Law Library Fellows Program. The program is a graduate assistantship that provides fellows with a salaried position in the library for 20 hours per week, tuition remission towards a master's degree in library and information science, and fringe benefits. Fellows obtain training in all aspects of law librarianship including rotating through the reference, collections, and access services units, assisting with faculty research projects, serving as teaching assistants for law courses, and receiving mentorship and professional development.

Despite the many advantages of this rewarding career, law librarianship is not growing quickly enough to meet the legal field's information needs, and it is not diversifying as quickly as allied fields. The library realized it could help ameliorate this problem by sharing the expertise it has gained from conducting its long-standing and well-respected Fellows Program. Therefore, the library applied for and received a three-year, \$367,000 grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which will allow the library to partner nationally with other law libraries and expand the Fellows Program.

This expansion is an innovative plan where a potential Fellow would enroll in the University of Arizona's online MLIS program and, after acceptance into the Fellows Program, be placed to work in-person at a pre-arranged host law library anywhere in the U.S. Any type of law library (firm, government or academic) may qualify as a host. The Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library will provide host libraries with comprehensive support and infrastructure including personalized consultations with the Fellows Director and many training materials including a fellowship handbook and rotation schedule.

Through the National Law Library Fellows Program, host law libraries will reduce financial barriers for students entering the legal information profession, participate in the education of future law librarians, and benefit from graduate student workers who are locally available, skilled and eager to contribute to the host library's mission. Fellows will discover the variety of pathways and careers in the legal information profession, develop professionally without leaving their community and become part of a nationwide cohort with nationwide connections.



Jen Bedier shares information about the National Fellows Program at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries in July 2024.

The program expansion is overseen by law library Director Teresa Miguel-Stearns and implemented by two former fellows, Law Library Fellows Program Manager Jennifer Bedier and Fellows Program Director Cas Laskowski.

Travis Spence provides grant administration support. The Fellows Program, more generally, has received unwavering support from College of Law Dean Marc Miller and the entire College of Law community.

The library is thrilled to work towards expanding and diversifying the field of law librarianship and looks forward to seeing the positive results of this program!

This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Grant #254857-OLS-23



The National Law Library Fellows Program is part of the team's larger effort to introduce law librarianship as a career to a broader audience while reducing the barriers to entry into the profession. Additional efforts include the creation of dual degrees, such as the JD/MLIS and proposed MLS (Master of Legal Studies)/MLIS, and accelerated degree opportunities, such as the BA in Law AMP (accelerated masters program) MLIS.

SELA and SELA Bibliotecarios

SELA AT THE GATEWAY TO LATIN AMERICA: FORGING NEW PATHS

In June 2024, University of Arizona Law faculty once again participated in *Seminario en Latinoamérica de Teoria Política y Constitucional* (SELA), founded at Yale Law School in 1995. In addition to Yale and University of Arizona Law, the University of Miami and over 30 Latin American law schools participate in SELA each June. This year's delegation from Arizona Law included professors **Sylvia Lett** and **Teresa Miguel-Stearns**.



Professors Sylvia Lett and Teresa Miguel-Stearns at SELA.

Held in Miami, Florida in June, the bilingual SELA conference featured papers on aspects of democracy, constitutional law and political theory from scholars in the United States, Canada and Latin America. The conference featured former Chilean President Michele Bachelet whose moving keynote address featured insights on Chile's recent attempts at constitutional reform as well as commentary on democratic crises across the globe.



Former President of Chile Michele Bachelet.

Since 2017, Teresa has been leading a parallel conference of Latin American law librarians. SELA Bibliotecarios shares information and best practices while developing a regional network of colleagues in the Americas. SELA Bibliotecarios, which operates 100% in Spanish, gathers a day prior to SELA in order to visit libraries in the host city.

During last year's meeting, SELA Bibliotecarios resolved to create a diplomado (certificate) course in basic Latin American law for Latin American librarians and others who are not trained in the law (derecho para bibliotecarios y no abogados). The team worked tirelessly over this last year to develop this course. It will launch out of the Universidad de Chile in spring 2025. The James E. Rogers College of Law is a partner in this course, as is the Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá) and the Interamerican Court of Human Rights, based in San José, Costa Rica. Marcelo Rodríguez will teach the legal research components.

This diplomado in law for non-lawyers aligns with the overarching goals of SELA Bibliotecarios, which includes enhancing the training of Latin American law librarians and increasing their abilities to substantively support law faculty in the region, while elevating their position and status as legal information professionals.



Hortensia Lagunas Flores (Universidad de Chile), Gloria Orrego Hoyos (Universidad San Andrés, Argentina and Georgetown University), Professor Owen Fiss (SELA Founder, Yale Law School), Teresa Miguel-Stearns, Mariangeli Lugo Zayas (Universidad de Puerto Rico), Elaine Tornes Blanco (University of Miami) and Ana Rita Ramirez (Interamerican Court of Human Rights) enjoy a moment together at the SELA conference.

Since Teresa founded SELA Bibliotecarios in 2017, the group has met in Quito (Ecuador, 2017), San Juan (Puerto Rico, 2018), Buenos Aires (Argentina, 2019), Santiago (Chile, 2022), Bogota (Colombia, 2023), and Miami (USA, 2024). SELA will meet in Mexico City in 2025. SELA Bibliotecarios has a listsery, hosted by Teresa and the University of Arizona, which has proven to be a great resource for the librarians to communicate trends and best practices, and to help locate obscure resources.

Professional Activities, Scholarship, Awards

Jennifer Bedier - Jennifer helped create two new degrees offered by the University of Arizona, a BA in Law accelerated master's in library and information science (MLIS) and a dual degree JD/MLIS. She presented a session on academic library collection development policies and co-facilitated a roundtable about inclusive library spaces at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). She presented a session on alternative librarianship at the annual orientation for Knowledge River Scholars. Jen serves on the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Allyship and Sovereignty (IDEAS) Committee at the Cracchiolo Law Library and on the Education Committee of AALL's Legal Information Services to the Public (LISP) Special Interest Section (SIS).

Niki Carpenter - Niki serves on the University of Arizona Staff Council, whose goal is to enhance the quality of career life for Classified and University Staff by providing advocacy, information and resources. Niki also served a second year on the law library's IDEAS Committee. Niki completed her first year in her Master's in WWII Studies Program through Arizona State University (ASU), having participated in the Global International Experience, Never Forget: Exploring Holocaust Memories and Memorials, which took place in Berlin, Germany and Kraków, Poland in May 2024. Niki has been accepted into ASU's master's in history and Holocaust and Genocide Studies Graduate Certificate program.

Cynthia Condit - Cynthia was active on many committees this year. For AALL, she served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Social Responsibilities (RIPS) SIS and as a member of the Research, Instruction, and Patron Services SIS and the LISP-SIS. She was also appointed to a two-year term on The State of the Profession Report Committee. Locally, she began the second year of a three-year appointment to the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure and began serving on the University General Petitions Committee. For the College of Law, she served as a member of the Assessment & Learning Outcomes and Clinics & Externships Committees. Within the law library, she participated in the Outreach & Engagement, Peer Review, and Promotion & Review committees.

Scholarship:

- CRIV Blog, editor and contributor
- From the Chair, 45 The CRIV Sheet, no. 3 (June 2023)

Shaun Esposito - Shaun served on the AALL Academic Law Library SIS Grant and Award Jury. He also continued service on the CALI Legal Research Community Authoring Project, reviewing proposed CALI legal research lessons. Locally, he continued service on the University Faculty Committee on Academic Freedom and Climate.

Sarah Gotschall – Sarah is an active contributor to the RIPS-SIS blog and the AI Law Librarians blog. Her research guide on generative artificial intelligence has received thousands of visits.

Kristen Keck - Kristen co-curated the exhibit "University of Arizona Land-Grant Project," which shed light on how resources from Indigenous lands came to support the Arizona university system. She also curated several books displays on special topics such as, Human Trafficking Prevention Month, Arab American Heritage Month, Missing or Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People, and Caribbean American Heritage Month.

Scholarship:

University of Arizona Land-Grant History: Tracking the History of Land-Grant Enrichment at the University of Arizona, available on the law library website, with Teresa Miguel-Stearns, Cas Laskowski and Sam Ginsburg

Lindsay Kriebel - Lindsay was chair of the IDEAS Committee, contributing to an updated Employee Handbook. She participated in the Collection Development Committee, helping create the Building Towards the Future: Turning Challenges into Opportunities guide with the NELLCO Acquisitions & Collection Development Interest Group.



Judge Samuel Thumma, Professor Chris Griffin and Cas participate in a panel on artificial intelligence and access to justice at the Arizona Summit on Artificial Intelligence, Law and the Courts.

Cas Laskowski - Cas co-founded with Teresa Miguel-Stearns the Future of Law Libraries initiative, an effort to bring thought leaders together to strategize about law library futures. This year they organized, and Cas facilitated, six regional roundtables attended by over 150 leaders in legal information, education and practice. She served as President of the Southwest Association of Law Libraries (SWALL). She also co-led the Society team for the University's Al^2 Working group. She presented on artificial intelligence at several conferences, including the Arizona Judicial Conference and the Arizona Summit on Artificial Intelligence, Law and the Courts, where she

co-presented with Judge Thumma and Professor Griffin on AI & A2J. She also served on the Law School Bar Success Committee, which successfully proposed bylaws to improve student academic support structures.

Scholarship:

- Artificial Intelligence and Access to Justice, Arizona Summit on Artificial Intelligence Law and the Courts Reports, White Paper, (Dec 2023), with Christopher L. Griffin, Jr. and Samuel A. Thumma [White Paper]
- Big Data: Societal Datafication & Libraries, in Encyclopedia of Libraries, Librarianship, and Information Science (2024)
- Democratizing Law Librarianship: Reducing Barriers to Entry through Alternative Pathways to the Profession and Increased Support to Students: A Call to Action, in Legal Reference Services Quarterly (2024), with Teresa Miguel-Stearns
- Democratizing Law Librarianship: Reducing Barriers to Entry through Alternative Pathways to the Profession and Increased Support to Students, in Academic Law Librarianship: Historical Reflections, Present Challenges, and Future Opportunities in Legal Education, (eds. Jessica De Perio Wittman and Raquel J. Gabriel) with Teresa Miguel-Stearns (forthcoming 2025)
- Enhancing Access to Justice Through Generative AI: A Preliminary Agenda, 108 Judicature 41 (2024), with Christopher L. Griffin, Jr. and Samuel A. Thumma
- Machine Learning Fundamentals, 28 AALL Spectrum 7 (November/December 2023)
- University of Arizona Land-Grant History: Tracking the History of Land-Grant Enrichment at the University of Arizona, available on the law library website, with Teresa Miguel-Stearns, Kristen Keck, and Sam Ginsburg
- Mid-Atlantic Roundtable Report, from Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Law Libraries Regional Roundtables, part of the Future of Law Libraries: Artificial Intelligence, Opportunities, and Advancement project (2024), with Teresa Miguel-Stearns, et al

Teresa Miguel-Stearns - Teresa co-founded with Cas Laskowski a multi-year project, Future of Law Libraries: Artificial Intelligence, Opportunities, and Advancement. Teresa leads a collaborative group of Latin American law librarians that meets virtually throughout the year and in-person each June in conjunction with SELA. Teresa is active in the American Association of Law Libraries, chairing the Intel Committee of the GenNext Caucus. She gave several presentations on educating and diversifying the next generation of law librarians this year including at the annual meeting of the Association of Library & Information Science Educators, with College of Information Science professor and former Law Library Fellow Jennifer Rochelle (MLIS '21). Teresa chairs the College of Law's Continuing Status & Promotion Committee and is a member of the Dean's Senior Leadership Team. She is an active member of the Knowledge River Steering Committee and the master's Advisory Committee at the

University of Arizona College of Information Science. She was a member of the University of Arizona Sustainability & Climate Action Plan. She worked with colleagues at the College of Law and College of Information Science to launch two new academic programs this year: the dual degree JD/ MLIS and the B.A. in Law accelerated MLIS. She gave the keynote address at the College of Information Science's convocation in May 2024.

Scholarship:

- Democratizing Law Librarianship: Reducing Barriers to Entry through Alternative Pathways to the Profession and Increased Support to Students: A Call to Action, in Legal Reference Services Quarterly (2024), with Cas Laskowski
- Democratizing Law Librarianship: Reducing Barriers to Entry through Alternative Pathways to the Profession and Increased Support to Students, in Academic Law Librarianship: Historical Reflections, Present Challenges, and Future Opportunities in Legal Education, (eds. Jessica De Perio Wittman and Raquel J. Gabriel) with Cas Laskowski (forthcoming 2025)
- The Vital Role of the FCIL Law Librarian, 27 AALL Spectrum 38 (July/August 2023)
- University of Arizona Land-Grant History: Tracking the History of Land-Grant Enrichment at the University of Arizona, available on the law library website, with Cas Laskowski, Kristen Keck, and Sam Ginsburg
- Mid-Atlantic Roundtable Report, from Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Law Libraries Regional Roundtables, part of the Future of Law Libraries: Artificial Intelligence, Opportunities, and Advancement project (2024), with Cas Laskowski, et al



Marcelo received the AALL Emerging Leader Award in 2024.

Marcelo Rodríguez - Marcelo served on two College of Law committees, Judicial Clerkships and Global Programs. Campuswide, Marcelo also teaches at the W.A. Franke Honors College as well as remaining active in the University of Arizona's Hispanic Service Institution programs. He is the founder and editor of the popular Notes Between Us blog. Marcelo is also a columnist in Canada's online legal magazine, Slaw, and a member of the Editorial Board of Legal Reference Services Quarterly, a prominent legal information journal. He was selected as one of the Council on Foreign Relations inaugural Higher Education Ambassadors – the only law librarian in the group. Marcelo continues to be active in several professional organizations such as the American Society of International Law, Canadian Association of Law Libraries and Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries.

Awards:

▶ AALL Emerging Leader Award

Scholarship:

- Bibliotecas de los Tribunales Federales de EU Frente al COVID-19: Un Estudio de Caso Real (U.S. Federal Courthouse Libraries Facing COVID-19; a Lived Case Study), in Esquemas de Trabajo Híbrido y Nuevos Escenarios Internacionales en las Bibliotecas Jurídicas (Hybrid Work Schemes and New International Scenarios in Legal Libraries), (eds. Federico Hernández, National Autonomous University of Mexico, 2023)
- Access to Legal and Government Information on US and Canadian Territories, (Hein 2024, Forthcoming)
- The Elevator of Comparative Legal Research 32 Austl. L. Libr. 36 (2024)
- Notes Between Us Blog, Columnist and Editor
- ▶ Slaw, Canada's Online Legal Magazine, Columnist
- University of Arizona Law Library Blog, Columnist and Editor

Travis Spence - After several years on the University General Petitions Committee, Travis was named co-chair. As co-chair, he represents the committee on the Undergraduate Council. Travis also served on the AALL Technical Services (TS) SIS Awards Committee. For the library, Travis served as co-chair of the Professional Development Committee.

Scholarship:

- Emergency Response and Recovery Guide, William S. Hein
 & Co. (forthcoming 2024)
- Technical Services Law Librarian (TSLL) TechScans Blog, Contributing Editor

Jessica Ugstad - Jessica is pursuing her Master of Legal Studies from the College of Law and expects to graduate in 2025. She was promoted to Associate Librarian with Continuing Status. She serves as the Chair of the library's Display Space Standing Committee, and as a member of University of Arizona Libraries Data Privacy & Library Vendor Surveillance Discussion Group and the Collection Management Group. Jessica also participates in AALL's Neurodiversity Caucus, and the TS-SIS Resource Management Standing Committee. She is a member of NELLCO's Acquisitions & Collection Development Interest Group, the Symposium Planning Committee, and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Survey Task Force. Jessica served as a member of the College of Law's Bylaws Committee and on AALL's Excellence in Community Engagement Jury, the TS-SIS Membership Committee and the TS-SIS Awards Committee.

Scholarship:

- Antiracist & Social Justice Resources, Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library, James E. Rogers College of Law, The University of Arizona (2020-Present), with Jaime Valenzuela
- Arizona's Missing and Murdered Women, Girls & Two-Spirit Peoples Resources, Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library, James E. Rogers College of Law, The University of Arizona (2022-Present)
- Collection Development and Acquiring with a Conscience in Exploring Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Academic Law Librarianship: Historical Reflections, Present Challenges, and Future Opportunities in Legal Education, with Ajaye Bloomstone, Anna Lawless-Collins, Dawn Smith, and Elisabeth Umpleby (eds. Jessica de Perio Wittman and Raquel J. Gabriel) (Hein, forthcoming 2025)
- University of Arizona Law Library Blog, Contributor

Jaime Valenzuela - Jaime served as the Chair of the College of Law Advisory Committee for Publications and as a member of the College's Diversity Committee. He is a council member for the Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists (CIMA) and served on the group's Conference Program Committee for the 2024 CIMA Annual Conference in Reno, NV. He is a memberat-large for the Legal Information Preservation Alliance (LIPA) and is a certified archivist through the Academy of Certified Archivists (2023-28). He continues to serve as a member of the University of Arizona College of InfoSci Master of Arts in Library and Information Science Advisory Board. Within the library, he is a member of the Outreach and Engagement Committee. In the spring, Jaime was admitted to the "Why Black Bibliography Matters" course offered by the Rare Book School at the University of Virginia, where he is an Andrew W. Mellon Cultural Heritage Fellow.

Scholarship:

- Demonstrating Inclusion and Allyship: Amplifying an Indigenous Voice Through Physical and Digital Exhibition in Creating an Inclusive Library: Approaches for Increasing Outreach, Engagement, and Use with BIPOC Students (eds. Yen Tren, Michael Aguilar, and Adriana Poo) (ACRL Press 2024)
- Legal Information Preservation Alliance Blog, Contributor
- Notes Between Us Blog, Contributor (2024)

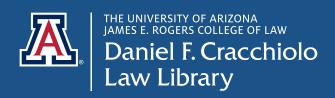
Team Grants and Awards

- AALL's Excellence in Community Engagement Award, Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library, University of Arizona Land-Grant Project: Tracking the History of Land-Grant Enrichment at the University of Arizona. Sam Ginsburg, Kristen Keck, Cas Laskowski, and Teresa Miguel-Stearns.
- AALL's Public Access to Government Information Award, Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library, University of Arizona Land-Grant Project: Tracking the History of Land-Grant Enrichment at the University of Arizona. Sam Ginsburg, Kristen Keck, Cas Laskowski and Teresa Miguel-Stearns.
- International Dark-Sky Association. The law library has completed its final year of a three-year grant to create a database of legal information pertaining to light pollution around the world, in collaboration with I.D.A., the Law Library Fellows program and the College of Agriculture, Life & Environmental Sciences. This collaboration will continue on a year-to-year basis. Cas Laskowski, Cynthia Condit and Teresa Miguel-Stearns.

- National Endowment for the Humanities. Under the leadership of Cas Laskowski, the law library's proposal for a Center for Legal Informatics Futures was selected by the university as its institutional submission. (Not awarded.)
- ▶ U.S. Institute of Museum & Library Services, \$367,301. In July 2023, the law library was awarded a highly competitive federal grant for a three-year project to expand the Law Library Fellows Program with the goals of encouraging more students to enter the legal information field, recruiting law libraries around the country to host Fellows, and promoting law librarianship to students from historically underrepresented backgrounds. Teresa Miguel-Stearns, Cas Laskowski, Travis Spence and Jen Bedier.
- Council on Library & Information Resources, Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives: Amplifying Unheard Voices, \$300,000. In July 2024, the law library and project partners were awarded this grant to digitize and preserve the Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources Library. Jessica Ugstad, et al.



Kristen Keck, Cas Laskowski, Sam Ginsburg and Teresa Miguel-Stearns with their AALL Public Access to Government Information Award for the Land-Grant Project.



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OUR PEOPLE

10 Librarians

4 Professionals

Law Library Fellowship graduate assistants

OUR COLLECTIONS

118,845 Physical books

177 Research databases

727

Items available in public digital collections

OUR SERVICES

5,939



Books checked out

1,905



Reference questions answered; in-person, online, and over the phone

565



Items loaned to other libraries

172



Librarian led classes & presentations to 715 students and visitors

OUR FACILITIES

490 seats for student use, including:

- ▶ 40 large, illuminated study tables
- **26** private carrels
- 12 portable standing desks
- I 9 bookable study rooms for individual or group use

Special use rooms, including a collaborative work lab, a lactation room, and a quiet reflection room

OUR PARTNERS

International Dark Sky Association

Collaborators on an open-access database of legal materials related to light pollution

Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources

Partners in a project to digitize and preserve water resource records

Internet Archive

Accepts our withdrawn materials for preservation and controlled digital lending

We respectfully acknowledge the University of Arizona is on the land and territories of Indigenous peoples. Today, Arizona is home to 22 federally recognized tribes, with Tucson being home to the O'odham and the Yaqui. Committed to diversity and inclusion, the University strives to build sustainable relationships with sovereign Native Nations and Indigenous communities through education offerings, partnerships, and community service.



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