

## David Brian Holt

**Title:** Branch Librarian

**Organization:** Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals – Library and Research Services

**City:** San Jose, CA

**Years Employed:** Less than one year (started in May 2016).

**Education:**

- Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR  
BA in English (2000)
- San Jose State University, San Jose, CA  
MLIS (2006)
- Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA  
JD (2013)

**Previous Employment:**

**Organization:** Santa Clara University – School of Law

**Title:** Emerging Technologies Reference Law Librarian

**Years Employed:** Over 10 years

**Candidate Statement**

I am very excited to be nominated as NOCALL's Vice-President/President-Elect. Most of you know me already as I have been a familiar face in NOCALL for nearly 12 years.

To be blunt, our profession is in crisis. We are constantly fighting increasingly uphill battles to defend our budgets, our staff, and our mission goals. Large numbers of people, both inside the legal profession and out, continue to believe that information technology and the movement towards electronic resources has replaced much of the work we do as librarians. And yet, we have reasons to be optimistic and energized about the future.

To start, the need for information literacy instruction has never been as pressing, nor as consequential, as it is now. We have all witnessed the impact "fake news" and reliance on untrustworthy information sources have had on our public policy, discourse, and civic engagement. This phenomenon is true even among highly skilled legal professionals.

Second, in an age of "big data" our role as librarians to curate and navigate information is critically needed. The patrons we serve are falling behind in how they manage the information sources upon which they rely. Increasingly, legal professionals and the public find themselves overwhelmed with information sources and lack the necessary information literacy skills to make informed decisions about which sources are authoritative and relevant to their information needs.

To respond to the rapid changes in our profession, we need professional organizations that are both nimble and relevant to our needs. NOCALL serves an important function in providing networking and job opportunities but perhaps more critically it serves to educate our membership on how to confront misconceptions about our work and effectively communicate our value to those we serve.

I look forward to continuing this work together.

#### **NOCALL Committees, Offices and Activities**

- Member at Large, 2013/14
- Technology Columnist, 2009-2013
- Technology Committee Chair, 2014-Present

#### **Other Professional Activities**

- AALL SR-SIS Chair, 2012-2013
- AALL SR-SIS Co-Chair, 2011-2012
- AALL SR-SIS Webmaster, 2007-Present
- Harrington Park Press, Advisory Board for Library and Information Resources, 2015-Present

## **Jodi L. Collova**

**Title:** Research Librarian and Adjunct Professor

**Organization:** University of San Francisco School of Law

**City:** San Francisco

**Years Employed:** 1.5

### **Education:**

- JD, University of Minnesota Law School
- MLIS, San Jose State University
- BA, Carleton College

### **Previous Employment:**

**Organization:** Golden Gate University School of Law

**Title:** Reference Librarian and Adjunct Professor

**Years Employed:** 3

### **Candidate Statement**

I like NOCALL because it is a wonderful group of smart, dedicated, service-oriented people. I appreciate the exchange of ideas between librarians from academic, court, government, and private law libraries. I have strong organizational and communication skills, which will allow me to serve our organization well as Secretary. I look forward to being a part of this group's leadership team.

### **NOCALL Committees, Offices and Activities**

- Academic Relations Chair, 2016-present
- Education Committee Chair, 2013-2014
- Grant Recipient to attend AALL, 2014

### **Other Professional Activities**

- Research and Scholarship Committee, AALL Academic Law Libraries – Special Interest Section, 2016-present
- Programs Committee, AALL Academic Law Libraries – Special Interest Section, 2013-2015
- Boulder Conference Fellow, 2015

# Sarah E. M. Lin

**Title:** Library Systems Librarian

**Organization:** Reed Smith LLP

**City:** San Francisco

**Years Employed:** 2007-present

**Education:**

- MSLIS, University of Illinois 2006
- BA with Honors, University of Chicago 2003

**Previous Employment:**

**Organization:** Illinois College of Optometry

**Title:** Serials/Indexing Librarian

**Years Employed:** 2006-2007

**Candidate Statement**

I've been a NOCALL member since I moved to the Bay Area in 2014, having transferred from Reed Smith's Chicago office. I've been with Reed Smith for 9 years as a technical services librarian. I presented at the 2016 NOCALL conference at SCU on RS's use of Google Analytics, a revised version of the program I did at AALL in 2015 for which I was a NOCALL grant recipient. I was just given approval to start a TS interest group within NOCALL and I hope that group grows over the coming years. Within the profession I have been active within AALL's TS-SIS and AMPC, as well as having moderated 3 AALL webinars (with a 4th scheduled for late January 2017) and written a number of articles over the years (mostly recently in the July issue of Spectrum). I'm particularly interested in the needs of private librarians and technical services librarians, and feel my experience as a technical services librarian would bring a different perspective to the NOCALL Board. I look forward to serving NOCALL and its members during this term as Member-at-Large.

**NOCALL Committees, Offices and Activities**

- Speaker, Google Analytics, 2016 Spring Institute
- 2015 Grant recipient

**Other Professional Activities**

AALL

- 2016-2018 *Technical Services Law Librarian* Board Member
- 2016-2017 AMPC member
- 2016 Emerging Leader Award

- 2015-2016 AMPC member
- 2015-2016 OBS-SIS Nominating Committee member
- 2015-2016 TS-SIS Membership Committee Chair
- 2014-2016 *Technical Services Law Librarian* Private Law Libraries co-columnist
- 2014-2015 TS-SIS Membership Committee member
- 2014-2015 OBS-SIS Education Committee member
- 2009 Leadership Academy Fellow

## Cindy Beck Weller

**Title:** Law Library Manager

**Organization:** Cooper White & Cooper LLP

**City:** San Francisco, CA

**Years Employed:** 18

**Education:**

- MLS San Jose State University, 1981
- San Francisco State Paralegal Extension Course – Legal Research, 1984
- BA History, California State University, Fresno, 1980

**Previous Employment:**

**Organization:** Pillsbury Madison & Sutro LLP (now Pillsbury Winthrop)

**Title:** Information Specialist III

**Years Employed:** 12

**Candidate Statement:**

I am very excited to be nominated for the NOCALL Member at Large board position. In my 30-plus years in law librarianship, I have been a member of a team of information specialists at a very busy global firm, a mid-size firm library manager, and now, a solo librarian. Throughout my career in law librarianship, I have tried to bring creativity and energy to my positions from my early years to the present. I have seen considerable change in the world of information use and management. Yet one thing remains true – the need for information, no matter what the format, and someone to help navigate that information. I have attended many NOCALL and AALL educational events and always acquire something innovative to bring back to incorporate into my research and management knowledgebase. Many of these new ideas I've also merged into my personal world: board positions in high school band boosters, parent organizations, and other nonprofits. It is a great joy to have these skills that easily transition from my professional life to my personal life. Having had the privilege of wonderful mentors and colleagues in my professional life, I hope to follow this leadership tradition with NOCALL.

**NOCALL Committees, Offices and Activities:**

- NOCALL AALL Conference Grant Recipient, 1995
- NOCALL Spring Institute Program Committee, 1996
- NOCALL, Member, 1985-present

**Other Professional Activities:**

- AALL, Member, 1985- present

- West Library Relations National Library Week Acclaimed Performance – 2007
- AALL Honorable Mention and Exhibitor for Best Campaign-National Library Week-*Life's a Beach @ your Library*
- SLA, Member, 1986 - present
- ALA, Member, 1982 – present
- SF Library Managers Group
- SF Mid-Size Law Firm Librarians Group