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Faculty Appointment

J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

Paul T. and Everette E. Schooley Director of the Howard W. Hunter Law Library (2023 to present)

Deputy Director, Howard W. Hunter Law Library (2014-2023)

Head of Reference and Research Instruction (2013-2014), Head of Reference Services (2010-2013), Research Librarian (2006-2010)

Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Illinois
Master of Library and Information Science, 2006

J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah
Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, 2005
Order of the Coif
Brigham Young University Law Review
Dean's Fellow, Academic Success Program

Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah
Bachelor of Arts, International Studies, 2002
Minors in Latin American Studies and History

Courses Taught

Introduction to Legal Research and Writing (2007-present)

Introduction to Advocacy (2007-present)

Advanced Legal Research (2014-present)

Publications

The History of the United States Code (work in progress)

The Treatise and the Code, in NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE LEGAL TREATISE (2025).

The Shadow Code: Statutory Notes in the United States Code, 112 LAW LIBR. J. 213 (2020) (with Julie Graves Krishnaswami) (winner of the Law Library Journal Article of the Year Award).

A Closer Look at the Caselaw Access Project, 24 AALL SPECTRUM 20 (May/June 2020) (with Tina S. Ching & Jason Eiseman).

A Golden Opportunity: Legal Research Simulation Courses, 20 AALL SPECTRUM 18 (2016) (with Leslie A. Street).

Assessment in Legal Research Education, in THE BOULDER STATEMENTS ON LEGAL RESEARCH EDUCATION: THE INTERSECTION OF INTELLECTUAL AND PRACTICAL SKILLS 81 (Susan Nevelow Mart ed., 2014).

Taming Legal Information Overload, 42 STUDENT LAW. 18 (Apr. 2014).

Local Ordinances: The Often Overlooked Laws, 42 STUDENT LAW. 17 (Feb. 2014).

Susan Nevelow Mart et. al., A STUDY OF ATTORNEYS' LEGAL RESEARCH PRACTICES AND OPINIONS OF NEW ASSOCIATES RESEARCH SKILLS (2013).

Restatements: An Influential Secondary Source, 42 STUDENT LAW. 19 (Oct. 2013).

The Importance of Legal Research, 41 STUDENT LAW. 19 (Apr. 2013).

Transactional Law Research, 41 STUDENT LAW. 18 (Feb. 2013).

Becoming a Cost-effective Researcher, 41 STUDENT LAW. 18 (Dec. 2012).

Litigation Practice Materials, 41 STUDENT LAW. 15 (Sept. 2012).

Getting to Know Lexis Advance, 40 STUDENT LAW. 18 (Apr. 2012).

Becoming a Better Online Researcher, 40 STUDENT LAW. 17 (Feb. 2012).

The Practitioners' Council: Connecting Legal Research Instruction and Current Legal Research Practice, 103 LAW LIBR. J. 575 (2011) (with David L. Armond) (winner of the 2011 AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers, Open Division).

Getting to Know Administrative Decisions, 40 STUDENT LAW. 21 (Dec. 2011).

Don't Underestimate the Importance of Statutes, 40 STUDENT LAW. 18 (Oct. 2011).

Observations for Summer Research Success, 39 STUDENT LAW. 22 (Apr. 2011).

Legislative History: The Search for Legislative Intent, 39 STUDENT LAW. 18 (Feb. 2011).

WestlawNext: Westlaw's Next Generation Research System, 39 STUDENT LAW. 12 (Dec. 2010).

Legal Encyclopedias: Research “Well Begun,” 39 STUDENT LAW. 12 (Oct. 2010).

Free and Low-Cost Research Resources for Any Budget, 38 STUDENT LAW. 8 (Apr. 2010).

Citators: The Power Tools of Legal Research, 38 STUDENT LAW. 8 (Feb. 2010).

Smart Researchers Save Time by Starting with Legal Treatises, 38 STUDENT LAW. 8 (Dec. 2009).

Thorough Academic Legal Research Will Improve Your Papers, 38 STUDENT LAW. 8 (Oct. 2009).

Legal Research Readings to Inspire and Inform Students, 17 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 6 (2008).

Review of Practicing Reference: Thoughts for Librarians and Legal Researchers, in *Keeping Up with New Legal Titles,* 100 LAW LIBR. J. 755, 770 (2008).

Candy, Points, and Highlighters: Why Librarians, Not Vendors, Should Teach CALR to First-Year Students, 99 LAW LIBR. J. 757 (2007) (winner of the 2007 AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers, New Member Division).

Promote Your Electronic Resources: How to Get More Bang for Your E-Resource Buck, 11 AALL SPECTRUM 4 (Apr. 2007).

Review of Reflections on Constitutional Law, in *Keeping Up with New Legal Titles,* 99 LAW LIBR. J. 829, 831 (2007).

Presentations

Presenter, *Code Meets Code: Benchmarking Statutory Research by AI,* WestPac Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, October 11, 2025.

Presenter, *The Treatise and the Code,* Legal Information Symposium, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, March 24, 2023.

Presenter, *The Shadow Code,* University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, Philadelphia, PA, November 2, 2022.

Coordinator and Moderator, *A Peek Behind the Curtain of the United States Code,* Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Washington D.C., July 21, 2022

Coordinator and Presenter, *Deciphering Statutory Codes: When is the Law Not the Law and Other Statutory Riddles,* AALL Annual Meeting, Denver, Co., July 17, 2022

Presenter, *Reflective Teaching,* Teaching the Teachers Conference, Portland, OR, May 12, 2022.

Coordinator and Moderator, *A Peek Behind the Curtain of the U.S. Code,* AALL Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., July 15, 2019.

Presenter, *Improving Your Teaching*, Teaching the Teachers Conference, Atlanta, GA, May 31, 2019.

Presenter, *Powered by AI, Built in the Law Library*, AALL Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, July 15, 2018.

Presenter, *Data Mining for Meaning: The Law and Corpus Linguistics Project*, AALL Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, July 16, 2018.

Presenter, *Attorney Research Skills: Continuing the Conversation Between Law Firm and Academic Law Librarians*, AALL Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, July 18, 2016.

Presenter, *Attorney Research Skills: Join the Conversation Between Law Firm and Academic Law Librarians*, AALL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 21, 2015.

Presenter, *Improving Your Teaching*, Legal Research Teaching Academy, AALL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 18, 2015.

Coordinator and Presenter, *Legal Research Practices of Attorneys*, Westpac Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, October 10, 2014.

Presenter, *Success in the Classroom: Measuring Student and Teacher Performance*, AALL Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, July 16, 2013.

Presenter, *Meeting the Needs of Students and Their Future Employers: Discussion on Legal Research Instruction and Student Services Inspired by Practitioner Feedback*, AALL Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, July 16, 2013.

Coordinator, Moderator, and Presenter, *Making the Grade: Assessing Legal Research Skills in the Classroom and Firm*, AALL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 26, 2011.

Presenter, *AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Award Recipient*, AALL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 25, 2011.

Coordinator and Presenter, *Beyond the Ivory Tower: Reaching Out to Practicing Attorneys and Law Firm Librarians to Improve Legal Research Instruction*, ALL-SIS sponsored AALL Program, Washington D.C., July 27, 2009.

Presenter, *Getting Past Google: Tips for Teaching Electronic Legal Research*, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, March 21, 2008.

Presenter, *Humble Lawyers: Can They Exist? Do They Exist? And How to Become One*, Spirit in the Law, Provo, Utah, March 12, 2008.

Presenter, *Just Do It: Newer Law Librarians Have Much to Contribute to Professional Scholarship*, AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Program, New Orleans, Louisiana, July 17, 2007.

Committees and Service

J. Reuben Clark Law School Representative to the A. Sherman Christensen Inn of Court I, American Inns of Court (2010-present)

Law Library Journal Committee, American Association of Law Libraries (2023-2025)

Professional Rank and Status Council, Brigham Young University (2020-22) (Vice-Chair, 2021-22)

Annual Meeting Program Committee, American Association of Law Libraries (2021-22)

Dean Search Committee, J. Reuben Clark Law School (2015-16)

AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee, American Association of Law Libraries (2011-2015) (Chair, 2014-15; Vice-Chair, 2013-14)

Task Force on Identifying Skills and Knowledge for Legal Practice, Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (2011-2015) (Vice-Chair)

ABA Accreditation Committee, J. Reuben Clark Law School (2011-12)

Legal Research Teach-In Kit Committee, Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section (2008-2015) (Chair, 2014-15)

Professional Development Committee, Utah Academic Library Consortium (2008-2015) (Chair, 2010-11)

Research and Publications Committee, American Association of Law Libraries (2009-2011)

Legal Research and Sourcebook Committee, Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (2008-2009)

Awards, Accomplishments, and Memberships

Inaugural speaker, Law Library Speaker Series, Biddle Law Library, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School (2022)

Law Library Journal Article of the Year Award, with Julie Graves Krishnaswami (2020)

Promotion to Senior Law Librarian (2017)

Columnist, *Student Lawyer Magazine*, Legal Research Column (2009-2014)

Continuing Faculty Status granted (2012)

AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Open Division Winner, with David L. Armond (2011)

WestPac AALL Annual Meeting Grant Recipient (2009)

AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers New Member Division Winner (2007)

Member of the Utah State Bar

Member of the American Association of Law Libraries

West Excellence in Law Librarianship Scholarship Recipient (2006)

LexisNexis/John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Recipient (2005)

Faculty Award for Meritorious Achievement and Distinguished Service (2005)