

Oral History of Law Librarianship Profile

Profile of Susan E. Tulis 1953–

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Professional Positions

Instructor and Assistant Documents Librarian, University of Virginia, 1978–81
Assistant Professor and Documents Librarian, Arthur J. Morris Law Library, University of Virginia, 1982–87
Associate Professor and Documents Librarian, Arthur J. Morris Law Library, University of Virginia, 1987–93, 1994–97
Assistant Washington Affairs Representative, American Association of Law Libraries, 1993–94
Government Information Consultant, Carbondale, Illinois, 1998–2001
Associate Professor and Government Information Librarian, Morris Library, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2001–03
Associate Professor and Interim Associate Dean for Public and Collection Development Services, Morris Library, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2001–02
Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Information Services, Morris Library, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2002–present

Education

B.A., University of Connecticut, 1975
M.S.L.S., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1977

Significant Service Within AALL and Law Librarianship

Secretary/Treasurer, American Association of Law Libraries, Government Documents Special Interest Section, 1988–89
Assistant AALL Washington Affairs Representative, 1992–94
Special Committee to Advance Electronic Interchange of Legal Information, 1994–96
Member, Special Committee on the History of Law Librarianship, 1994–96
Chair, AALL Government Relations Committee, 1996–97
Member, Special Committee on Funding Advocacy Initiatives, 2003–04

Selected Professional Activities & Achievements Outside Law Librarianship

Coordinator, Public Documents Forum, Virginia Library Association, 1982–83

Member, Depository Library Council, 1984–87; 1990–93; 2004–07 [Secretary, 1986–87, 1992–93]
Executive Editor, Legal Information, *Journal of Government Information* (formerly *Government Publications Review*), 1987–2010
Chair, Government Documents Round Table, American Library Association, 1989–90 [Secretary, 1985–86]
Member, U.S. Congressional Serial Set Committee, Joint Committee on Printing, 1989–98
Member, Bernan Press, Advisory Board for the *Internet Connection*, 1996–99
Member, Illinois State Library Government Depository Coordinating Council, 2001–09
Member, LexisNexis, Inc., Advisory Board for *U.S. Serial Set Digital Collection*, 2003–06
Chair, CARLI Public Services Working Group, 2010–11
Member, Illinois Heartland Library Board, 2011–14
Member, Carbondale Public Library Board, 2011–present

Professional Honors and Awards

United States Government Printing Office Certificate of Appreciation, April 1987
United States Government Printing Office Certificate of Appreciation, January 1993
United States Government Printing Office Certificate of Appreciation, May 1993
CIS/Government Documents Round Table/ALA Documents to the People Award, 1993
[presented for outstanding leadership as an advocate of effective public access to government information]
United States Government Printing Office Special Award for Exemplary Public Service, 1997
Outstanding Faculty Award, Library Affairs, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2002 & 2013

Selected Publications by the Subject

"Virginia Administrative Regulations," *Law Library Lights* (March/April 1986): 5–6.
"An Interview with James B. Adler and Esthy Adler, Founders, Congressional Information Service, Inc.," *Government Publications Review* 15 (1988): 411–19 (with Sandra Peterson).
"Depository Library Council: An Overview," *North Carolina Libraries* 48 (Summer 1990): 115–17.
"Duplicative Dissemination and U.S. Depositories: A Viewpoint," *Government Publications Review* 19 (1992): 239–41.
"New Challenges: An Interview with U.S. Superintendent of Documents Wayne P. Kelley, Jr., U.S. Government Printing Office," *Government Publications Review* 19 (1992): 321–31 (with John V. Richardson and Steven D. Zink).
"Problems and Issues Affecting the U.S. Depository Library Program and the GPO: The Librarians Manifesto," *Government Publications Review* 20 (1993): 121–40 (1993) (with others).
"Circulation." In *Management of Government Information Resources in Libraries*, edited by Diane H. Smith. Englewood, CO: Libraries Unlimited, 1993.
"This is an Exciting Place! An Interview with Don Johnson, Director, U.S. National Technical Information Service, Department of Commerce," *Journal of Government Information* 21 (1994): 195–213 (with Steven D. Zink).
"Queen for a Day (March 10, 1997)," *Law Library Journal* 89(1997): 224–26.
"Behind 'Closed' Doors—Or, a Member's View of an AALL Executive Board Meeting," *AALL Spectrum* 1 (June 1997): 23.
"The Solutions Are Apparent, An Interview with Eric Peterson, Staff Director, U.S. Congress, Joint Committee on Printing," *Journal of Government Information* 25 (January/February 1998): 11–30 (with Debora Cheney and Steven D. Zink).
"Meet the Superintendent of Documents: Francis J. Buckley, Jr.," *AALL Spectrum* 2 (March 1998):

12–13.

“What Are They Really After: Control of Information is Very Important, An Interview with Wayne P. Kelley, Former U.S. Superintendent of Documents,” *Journal of Government Information* 26 (May/June 1999): 259–69 (with Debora Cheney and Sandra Peterson).

Directory of Government Document Collections & Librarians, 8th ed., editor. Bethesda, MD: LexisNexis, 2003 (with Daniel C. Barkley).

“Virginia.” In *State-by-State Report on Permanent Public Access to Electronic Government Information*. Chicago: American Association of Law Libraries, 2003.

Selected Publications about the Subject

Susan Tulis Interview. In *An Oral History of Law Librarianship*, interviewed by Frank G. Houdek, Sept. 19, 2012, videorecording. Spinelli’s Law Library Reference Shelf, HeinOnline.