# Hirsch Hall Highlights

#### Introductions



Kristen D. A.
Carpenter joined the faculty of the University of Georgia School of Law as a visiting assistant professor in August 2002. From Stetson University, her expertise

is in the areas of general commercial litigation and arbitration, product liability, medical products litigation, medical and psychiatric malpractice defense, intellectual property and real estate litigation. Prior to joining Stetson's law faculty, Carpenter practiced for four years in Atlanta, first with Alston & Bird LLP and later with Altman, Kritzer & Levick, P.C.

Carpenter graduated from Emory School of Law with honors in 1995 and earned her Masters of Law from Yale University in 2000. While at Emory, she was a managing editor of the *Emory Law Journal*. She received her bachelor's degree *cum laude* from Rice University in 1992.

She is a member of both Phi Beta Kappa and the Order of the Coif. During the 2002-03 academic year, Carpenter will teach contracts, evidence and a jurisprudence seminar.



Ronald David Hill is

Georgia Law's new director of development. In this role, he will establish and maintain relationships with individuals, corporations and foundations to assist the law

school in achieving its strategic goals.

Hill comes to the university with 14 years of fund-raising experience. Most recently, he was the director of development and alumni affairs for Georgia Southwestern State University. While at Florida State University, he worked in the areas of development and career placement in addition to serving as assistant dean of students for four years. He has also worked at Texas Christian and Iowa State universities in an advisory capacity to social fraternities.

Hill earned his master's in higher education at Iowa State University and obtained his undergraduate degree from Washington State.



Pennie Peck joined the law school as a legal research and writing instructor in the fall of 2002. She comes to the university with seven years of experience as a lawyer, specializing in

labor and employment law. Most recently from the firm of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker, LLP, in Atlanta, Peck has also practiced with Jackson Walker, L.L.P., and Baker Botts, L.L.P., both located in Dallas, TX.

While obtaining her Juris Doctor *cum laude* from Southern Methodist University, she served as the leading articles editor of *The International Lawyer*, spent a summer studying at SMU Law in Oxford, England, and became a member of the Order of the Coif. She also earned a Master of Business Administration from SMU. Peck obtained her undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University.



Travis M. Trimble

became a part of the school's top-notch team of legal research and writing instructors in August. He has 10 years of experience as an attorney at Anderson,

Walker & Reichert in Macon. His specialty areas include environmental law and commercial and insurance defense litigation. In addition, he has taught environmental law to undergraduates at Mercer University and served as a presenter of two Institute of Continuing Legal Education courses.

In 1993, he earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia. He obtained his master's degree from the University of North Carolina in 1988 and his bachelor's *magna cum laude* from Mercer University in 1986.

### School Establishes Land Use Clinic

This fall, in partnership with the College of Environment and Design, the School of Law started a new "smart growth clinic" which will assist law students in gaining real-life experience in planning and zoning law as they work with specific clients to protect natural resources and address other pressing growth and development issues. In addition, students will research unresolved legal issues surrounding growth management and draft legislative policies to promote quality growth in the state of Georgia.



The Land Use Clinic's managing attorney will be **Jamie Baker Roskie** (J.D.'01). Prior to joining the university, Roskie worked as a land use associate at the law firm of Shaw Pittman

LLP in Washington, D.C. Other related experience includes her externship while studying law, when she worked at the university's Institute of Ecology assisting with the development of land use policy and researching transferable development rights and affordable housing issues.

Roskie obtained her undergraduate degree from Lewis and Clark College in 1989. In 2001, she earned her law degree from UGA, where she was inducted into the Order of the Coif.

# Promotions for Professors and Librarian

Two of the law school's assistant professors have been promoted to associate professors of law with tenure.



Peter Appel joined the law school faculty in the fall of 1997. His primary teaching load includes property, environmental and natural resources law. From 1999-2001, Appel

served as a Lilly Teaching Fellow at the university. This campus-wide program offers

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support and discussion to a select few young UGA professors who show strong promise in both teaching and scholarship. Lilly Fellows also receive funds to develop new instructional programs over their two-year fellowship. Appel clerked for Chief Judge Gilbert S. Merritt of the Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. He earned his bachelor's and law degrees from Yale University.



Randy Beck also joined the law school faculty in the fall of 1997. His primary teaching areas are property, trusts and estates, and constitutional law. For three consecutive years, Beck has been

honored by the law school's graduating class as the recipient of the John C. O'Byrne Memorial Faculty Award for Significant Contributions Furthering Student-Faculty Relations. Beck is a former law clerk for Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge Patrick E. Higginbotham of the Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. He graduated first in his class at Southern Methodist University School of Law and earned his undergraduate degree from Baker University.



Anne Burnett (J.D.'90) was promoted from Law Librarian II to Law Librarian III. She currently serves as the foreign and international law librarian for the Alexander Campbell

King Law Library and provides legal reference services using electronic and print resources; acts as the primary provider of reference services for the international, foreign and comparative law collections; conducts bibliographic instruction; and maintains the law library's foreign and international Web sites. Burnett earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia School of Law and her bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada in Reno. In 1994, Burnett completed her Master in Library and Information Science at the University of Texas in Austin.



Dean David Shipley (l.), General Eugene Phillips and Director of the Law Library Ann Puckett pause for a photo during Phillips' recent visit to donate the rare items.

# Law Library Receives Donation of Rare Items

Retired U.S. Army General Eugene Phillips has donated a very rare film documenting the trial of those who attempted to assassinate Nazi leader Adolph Hitler in July 1944 and the book *Nuremberg: The Reckoning* by William F. Buckley Jr. to the Alexander Campbell King Law Library.

Phillips has donated rare items to Georgia Law in the past. Included in prior donations is a copy of the Nuremberg International Military Tribunal proceedings. The law library is one of six U.S. depositories for this information. Also included in this elite group are Harvard and Columbia universities.

Phillips was the director of public information for the U.S. Army during the Nuremberg trials. A 1939 UGA graduate, he joined the U.S. Calvary while a student at the university.

#### New Joint Degrees on Offer

Georgia Law has expanded its joint degree offerings by partnering with the College of Education and the School of Public and International Affairs. These new degree programs will allow students to earn both the Juris Doctor and the other graduate degree in four academic years rather than the five it would take to pursue them individually. The new degrees on offer are the J.D./Master of Public Administration and the J.D./Master of Education in Sports Studies.

#### 9/11 Events Repercussions Discussed

On September 11, three Georgia Law professors were joined by other law experts to discuss the repercussions of the events of the dreadful attack on our nation one year ago.

Executive Director of the Dean Rusk Center and Kirbo Chair in International Law Gabriel Wilner, Hosch Professor Thomas Eaton and Woodruff Chair in International Law Daniel Bodansky were joined by Adjunct Professor of Law Colonel Stephen Shi and Georgia State law professor Ellen Podgor for the forum. They each discussed the legal impact 9/11 had on our country, covering such issues as the USA Patriot Act, the victims' compensation fund and civil suits against the terrorists. Afterwards, the five-member panel fielded questions from an audience of nearly 80.

The forum was organized by the Georgia Society for International and Comparative Law.



Hosch Professor Tom Eaton discusses the finer points of the lawsuit filed by the September 11 victims' families. GSU professor and international criminal law expert Ellen Podgor is sitting to Eaton's left.

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#### Law Library Stalwart Retires

ne of the Alexander Campbell King Law Library's most familiar faces is no longer present as Sally Curtis AsKew (J.D.'87) retired in June 2002. Her presence in the library as well as the School of Law will be missed by many. Associate Dean and Hosch Professor Paul Kurtz so aptly said, "She has become what seems to be an inextricable part of life at the law school and, to many alums, Sally IS the law library."

In looking back at her association with the school, one can see the long history she has had with Georgia Law. Her involvement with the school started nearly 20 years ago.

In 1984, AsKew enrolled as a non-traditional student at the law school to earn a Juris Doctor after teaching in Georgia's public schools for several years. It was then that Carter Professor Perry Sentell told her she was an academic at heart and should think about teaching in a law school, AsKew recalled. "I knew I did not want that part did I have the grades required for that but I was in love with let



Sally Curtis AsKew performs one of her most treasured duties at the law library – assisting others at the reference desk.

not want that nor did I have the grades required for that but I was in love with legal research from the very first of law school," she said.

During her last two years of legal study, she worked as a student assistant in the law library. It was then her deep dedication to the library took hold. Every weekday she came in at 7:00 a.m. and opened the library at 7:30. Until 8:00 a.m., she was often the only staff person in the library. She would also come back between classes and work if she was needed.

Upon graduation in 1987, she began her professional legal career at the law school as assistant public services librarian. AsKew said the law library was the perfect place for her to be involved with legal research, both in doing it and in teaching it to some extent. "It was the right match," she said. "The job in the law library also offered enough annual leave for me to continue my work as a lay volunteer with the United Methodist Church."



Sally Curtis AsKew (center), her husband Albert (right) and family members enjoy her retirement party held in the Larry Walker Room of Dean Rusk Hall on June 20, 2002.

Her title at the library has changed several times over the years but she has always worked in the public services area of the facility. Law library Director Ann Puckett said the public services department is a very complex department with a high profile. "Sally is often the public face people associate with the library," Puckett said. One of AsKew's highlights while working at the library was seeing the growth of the public services area and the establishment of a reference desk that is now staffed on a regular basis.

Other changes seen by AsKew during her time at the library include the expansion in staff from six librarians and nine non-librarian workers to 10 librarians and 11 non-librarian workers plus 4 full time computer services staff to assist the law school community; the increase in Westlaw and Lexis-Nexis terminals from one to the provision of access from all library staff computers, lab computers and faculty computers; the growth from one computer lab with four computers, which had double floppy disk

drives and some very rudimentary software, to 3 computer labs with 40 computers and 7 public access terminals all equipped with the latest software; the installation of an integrated library system including GAVEL (the library's computerized catalog), the development of a wireless Internet system; and preparations for installation of an online circulation system during the summer of 2002.

While AsKew will be missed by many at the law school, Kurtz summed up her departure the best. "As a student, as an alumna and as a staff member, Sally has made invaluable contributions to the law school community. She has assisted numerous students, faculty and staff members during her time at the school. Her warmth, her enthusiasm and her thoroughness are things that will be difficult to replace. It is hard to imagine the law school without her."

In discussing her departure AsKew acknowledged her deep affection for Georgia Law. "My years here have been filled with new learning, for which I am very grateful. There have been times of great frustration as we wrestled with lack of space and money, but never has working here been boring or lacking in challenges. There have been interesting students and staff along the way. I shall always be glad that I had these years of association with the law school and the library as well as the opportunity to continue to learn new things every day," she said.

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