

Introductions to New Members of Georgia Law



James M. Donovan joined the staff of the Alexander Campbell King Law Library in July 2003 as reference/public services librarian. He is responsible for supervising the circulation office, which includes training staff; ensuring the reserve collection is properly kept; maintaining records and statistics; and guaranteeing the circulation desk is adequately staffed.

Before coming to UGA, Donovan was a member of the library team at the Tulane University Law School for 11 years. He also taught as an adjunct professor and instructor at Tulane's law school and University College. In addition, he is the coauthor of *Anthropology & Law* and has had his work published in a number of law reviews and other journals.

A holder of five degrees, Donovan received his first, a Bachelor of Arts, in 1981 from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He earned both his Master in Library Information Science and Master of Arts from Louisiana State University. At Tulane, he obtained a Ph.D. in anthropology and, in the spring of 2003, Donovan graduated from Loyola University with a Juris Doctor.



Sharon Bradley is another recent addition to the staff of Georgia Law's library. She currently serves as the reference/faculty services librarian. In this role, Bradley advises library

patrons seeking help in referencing resources, maintains the faculty publications collection and alerts faculty of new research and materials available in their area of expertise, publishes the library's online newsletter and serves as the school's primary liaison with Westlaw and Lexis/Nexis.

Bradley, who has nearly 20 years of legal

experience, joins UGA after working at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, MI. Her previous employment includes adjunct instructor at Wayne State University; attorney in private practice in Tallahassee, FL; and assistant public defender in Florida's Second Judicial Circuit.

She earned her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Valdosta State College, her Juris Doctor from the University of Montana and her Master of Library and Information Studies from Florida State University. During law school, Bradley served for two years as a member of the *Montana Law Review*.

Darryl K. Brown, an associate professor and alumni faculty fellow from Washington and Lee University, is one of six visiting professors at Georgia Law for the 2003-04 academic year. He taught Criminal Law and Evidence during the fall semester.

Brown earned a bachelor's degree from East Carolina University, a master's from the College of William and Mary, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and *Virginia Law Review*. He served as a law clerk for Judge Dolores K. Sloviter of the Third Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals and worked at Georgia Law's Legal Aid and Defender Clinic prior to the start of his teaching career. He has also taught at Mercer, Rutgers and Dayton universities.

James P. Nehf, the Cleon H. Foust fellow at Indiana University School of Law, will lead classes in contracts, commercial paper and consumer law for the 2003-04 academic year.

Nehf obtained his bachelor's degree from Knox College and his Juris Doctor from the University of North Carolina, where he graduated first in his class and served as editor-in-chief of the *North Carolina Law Review*. He clerked for Judge Phyllis A. Kravitch of the 11th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals before entering private practice. He joined the faculty at Indiana-Indianapolis in 1989 and currently serves as a correspondent for the *Consumer Law Journal*.

Mary F. Radford, professor of law at Georgia State University, instructed in the upper-level areas of estate and gift taxation in the fall of 2003.

Radford earned her bachelor's degree, *summa cum laude*, at Tulane University and her law degree, with distinction, from Emory University, where she also was a member of the Order of the Coif and the *Emory Law Journal*. She practiced law for three years at the Atlanta law firm of Hansell and Post before serving as a judicial fellow for the U.S. Supreme Court from 1990 to 1991. Although she has been on Georgia State's faculty since 1984, Radford has taught at the universities of Tennessee and Emory as well.

David T. Smith, the author of Florida's *Probate Code Manual* and *Estates Practice Guide*, will teach Trusts and Estates in the spring.

Visiting from the University of Florida, Smith earned his undergraduate degree from Yale University and his law degree from Boston College, where he was a member of the *Boston College Law Review* and the Order of the Coif. While he has been on Florida's faculty since 1968, he has also taught at Case Western Reserve, Duquesne and Indiana-Bloomington universities in the U.S. as well as Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Germany.

Richard B. Bilder, the Foley & Lardner-Bascom emeritus professor at the University of Wisconsin and Fulbright Scholar, will instruct in the area of international law during the spring semester.

Bilder received his undergraduate degree from Williams College and his Juris Doctor from Harvard University. He served as an attorney in the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Legal Adviser for nine years. A member of the Wisconsin faculty since 1965, he has also taught at the universities of North Carolina, Michigan, Virginia, Florida State, and Washington and Lee. He is the author of *Managing the Risks of International Agreement*.

Attorney **Elizabeth A. Weeks** (J.D.'99) will teach health law as a visiting assistant professor during the 2003-04 academic year.

Weeks obtained her bachelor's degree at Columbia University prior to coming to Georgia Law to earn her Juris Doctor. She graduated law school *summa cum laude* and was editor-in-chief of the *Georgia Law Review*. Weeks clerked for Judge Jacques Wiener of the Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals and Justice Thomas R. Phillips of the Texas Supreme Court. For the past two years, she has been an associate in the health industry group of the Vinson & Elkins law firm in Houston, TX.

Three at Georgia Law Earn New Titles

Earlier this year, Georgia Law named former Dean David E. Shipley the Thomas R.R. Cobb professor of law, long-time employee Jill Coveny Birch the executive director of development and alumni programs, and administrator Anthony (Tony) E. Waller (J.D.'93) the associate director of legal career services.

Law school Interim Dean Rebecca H. White said she these title changes recognize the service, commitment and dedication these individuals have shown to the institution over the years.



After serving as the UGA law school dean for five years, Shipley decided to step down from his administrative post to resume teaching full time. Under his

deanship, Georgia Law underwent a \$3.2 million dollar renovation and technology upgrade, steadily improved incoming student credentials, established a Land Use Clinic and created a director of advocacy position.

White said Shipley's appointment to the Cobb professorship is a testament to his many accomplishments during his deanship. "He helped to raise the law school to its present state of success and will undoubtedly continue to contribute to the

school both in and out of the classroom."



A member of the law school's administrative team for over 25 years, Birch will once again apply her experience in the fund-raising arena. Formerly the director of

alumni programs, Birch will now add the oversight of the development office to her list of responsibilities as executive director of development and alumni programs.

"For many years now, Jill has been a tremendous asset to the institution," White said. "She is largely responsible for maintaining and enriching the important bonds between the law school and its graduates. There is really very little separation between alumni relations and fund raising so the extension of her duties to also cover development makes sense. This will allow the school to proceed with a more coordinated and effective approach as we move forward in the school's capital campaign."



No stranger to Georgia Law, Waller is a 1993 graduate of the institution and, in 2000, he joined the school's staff as the assistant director of legal career services.

In his new role as associate director, he will continue to work with legal employers seeking to hire fellow UGA graduates.

"Tony's promotion recognizes the excellent job he has done in career services," White said. "He brings to this position a unique perspective as he was once a law student seeking employment and a practicing lawyer. Students and employers both benefit from this experience."

Students Enjoy Interviewing Early

In an effort to help students better balance the many pressures of the second year of legal study, Georgia Law piloted an early interview week this past August.

Responding to requests from students, interviews were held the week prior to the start of law school courses. Over 130 students enjoyed the opportunity to interview without the pressures of class, journal, moot court, mock trial and other organization responsibilities. Alumni who returned to Athens to interview reported enjoying their visits to campus during the less-crowded summer season. And, scheduling interviews when classes were not in session enabled many more employers, nearly 50, to be accommodated during the one-week period.



Some of Georgia Law's Locks of Love participants: (l. to r.) third-year student Allison Brooksher, third-year student Jennifer Nelson, Development and Alumni Programs Executive Director Jill Birch, third-year student Anjula Singh and Professor Anne Dupre (J.D.'88).

Legal Women Donate Their Locks

A new philanthropic trend has hit the halls of Georgia Law. Several females are growing their hair only to cut it off for a good cause – a donation to the Locks of Love program. Locks of Love is a charity that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under the age of 18 who have suffered hair loss due to a medical condition.

Several students and one professor, Anne P. Dupre (J.D.'88), have already donated their locks to this worthwhile cause, while Executive Director of Development and Alumni Programs Jill C. Birch is still in the process of growing hers to the necessary length. Moreover, third-year student Allison M. Brooksher went the extra mile and has had her hair trimmed a second time for the charity during her time here at Georgia Law. ■