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Alexander Campbell King Law Library

David Rutland: Collection Services Manager

What have you been doing since you left the Law Library in 2011?

In 2011 I moved to Atlanta and worked for a friend at his gardening business. If he could have offered me insurance, I might very well have stayed with gardening because I really like being outdoors and learned a lot. Fortunately, though, the Law Library at Georgia State knew I was in town, and I was lucky enough to get hired. I managed all interlibrary loans and stacks maintenance which primarily means that I made sure there was enough room on the shelves for the book collection to grow. I lived in Little Five Points for most of those years and would walk to the Variety Playhouse for shows. I biked so much to GSU, Ponce City Market, and Piedmont Park on the Beltline that I hardly needed a car.

How is your new position of Collection Services Manager different from work you have done before?

Now I have much less direct interaction with law students and I miss that. But I'm learning so much about cataloging and how it all works that it makes up for it. It's a lot more computer-based than stacks or even ILL so I'm at my desk more. But I'm enjoying the new work a lot and I'm really happy to be back here in the UGA Law Library. It was kind of like coming back home.

What is your educational background?

I received my Bachelor's degree from Mercer University with a major in German and am a UGA alumnus with a Master's degree in German linguistics. I also completed my Ph.D. studies (all but dissertation) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

What languages do you know?

This is a dicey question because language is such a complex mix of cultural references and specialized vocabularies besides the usual grammar and vocabulary you get in a classroom. An area as commonplace as card playing can literally leave you speechless. I had studied German for over ten years, and while visiting friends one time, their kids asked me to play a card game with them. I was helpless. I had no idea which words they use to express "to shuffle" the cards, "to draw" a card, or even "Jack". Turns out it's "to mix", "to pull", and "boy/lad", respectively. That said, the languages I know best are German, Modern Greek, Afrikaans, and Dutch, and I've studied a bunch of others.

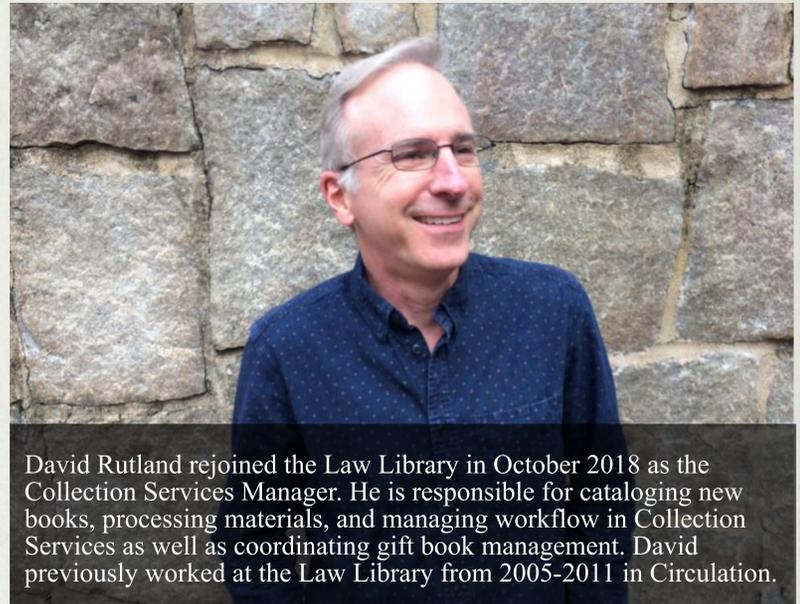
What do you like to do in your free time?

I play and sing bluegrass songs from the 50's, 60's, 70's by Bill Monroe, Jimmy Martin, The Stanley Brothers, Red Allen, Reno & Smiley, Jim & Jesse, The Osborne Brothers, and others. I started learning mandolin when I was thirteen and banjo at fifteen and play some almost every day.

Good book you have recently read?

How To Change Your Mind by Michael Pollan. It's about the history of and current medical research into psychedelics as well as his personal experiences trying some.

By Wendy Moore



David Rutland rejoined the Law Library in October 2018 as the Collection Services Manager. He is responsible for cataloging new books, processing materials, and managing workflow in Collection Services as well as coordinating gift book management. David previously worked at the Law Library from 2005-2011 in Circulation.



Law Dawg of the Month: Mia

By Anne Burnett

The first Law Dawg for 2019 is **Mia**. She's is a 7-month old Great Pyrenees rescue and is now much, much larger than she appears in this picture. Mia enjoys barking at inanimate objects, treats, and playing with her human, **3L Erin Munger**.

All members of the Law School Community (students, faculty and staff) are invited to submit a photo for possible selection as the Law Dawg. The featured entry for each issue will be selected at random from all entries received. Please note that honorary Law Dawgs (i.e. those of the feline, equine, porcine, avian, reptilian, etc. persuasion) are eligible as well. Please send your Law Dawg photo(s) w/ a brief description to aburnett@uga.edu.

Westlaw Edge: New Look

By TJ Striepe

As you might have noticed, Westlaw has transitioned to Westlaw Edge starting in 2019. All of the same Westlaw content is still available but the new platform will utilize more AI technology in its search functions. The biggest change that you will see is that the home screen will be blue but the functionality will remain the same. Some new features that you may be interested in include:

- Ability to compare revisions in statutes/regulation over time
- Enhanced litigation analytics
- Overruling risk in Keycite

