Position Announcement: Law Library Faculty – Digital Services & Repository Librarian

The Dee J. Kelly Law Library at Texas A&M University School of Law seeks to expand our team of law library faculty by hiring a Digital Services & Repository Librarian. This position will be a long-term contract faculty position (non-tenure track). The law library’s mission is to be an active and responsive force in support of the law school as it fulfills its mission of providing excellence in legal education, emphasizing foremost meeting the educational, teaching, scholarship, research, and service needs of the faculty, students, and staff of the law school.

We seek to recruit an experienced, dynamic, and innovative law librarian who can successfully advance library initiatives as a Digital Services & Repository Librarian. The Digital Services & Repository Librarian is responsible for supporting all aspects of scholarly communication, including existing collections on Texas A&M Law Scholarship, the law school’s institutional repository; planning and implementing new collections on the repository; and providing vision and direction for all aspects of the law library’s website.

Required Qualifications:

- American Library Association (ALA)-accredited Master’s degree.
- Demonstrated knowledge of institutional repositories management.
- Knowledge of emerging trends in scholarly communications, library technologies, and digitization activities.
- Knowledge of metadata standards, such as EAD, MODS, METS, and Dublin Core and practical experience with XML.
- Demonstrated knowledge of web design, social networking, and graphic design programs.
- Experience with blogs, wikis, RSS, and other Web 2.0 applications.
- Strong service orientation.
- Ability and desire to interact effectively with faculty, students, administrators, and staff in an academic environment.
- Willingness to take initiative in devising innovative and creative solutions.
- Ability to manage multiple priorities and meet deadlines.
- Excellent communication skills both written and oral.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Strong sense of collegiality and commitment to librarianship.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience with bepress Digital Commons.
- Academic library experience.
- Knowledge of academic library issues and trends.
- Experience programming in a scripting language such as PHP, Python, and JavaScript.

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• Knowledge of MySQL/Solr databases.
• Excellent organizational and time-management skills
• An ability to adapt to evolving work environments

Salary/Benefits/Rank:

Faculty rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience; the position will be hired as long-term contract and the annual salary range is $65,000-$72,000. Excellent benefits include a health plan and paid life insurance; several retirement plans including TIAA; paid holidays and vacation; no state or local income tax. Funding is available for professional travel and development activities.

ENVIRONMENT:

The University:

Founded in 1876 as a land-grant institution, Texas A&M University is the sixth largest university in the nation. The signature Aggie Spirit captures and embodies the university’s traditions and core values: Excellence, Integrity, Leadership, Loyalty, Respect, and Selfless Service. The university has an enrollment of more than 55,000 students and 2,800 instructional faculty. Based on Vision 2020, the institution’s goal is to become a premier, tier-one research university and to be ranked among the top 10 public universities nationwide by 2020.

The Law School:

As part of its commitment to continue building on its tradition of excellence in scholarship, teaching, and public service, Texas A&M acquired the law school from Texas Wesleyan University in August of 2013. Since that time, the law school has embarked on a program of investment that increased its entering class credentials and financial aid budgets, while shrinking the class size; hired nineteen new faculty members, including thirteen prominent lateral hires; improved its physical facility; and substantially increased its career services, admissions, and student services staff.

The Law Library:

The law library is located on the lower level of the law school building and holds over a quarter of a million volumes and volume equivalents which are accessible through the online catalog. During its regular schedule, the law library is open over 110 hours per week, with a professional librarian available for over 50 of those hours. The law library faculty is comprised of six professional librarians, all of whom have a master’s degree in Library Science and four of whom also hold juris doctorates.

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The Community:

Texas A&M School of Law is located in the heart of downtown Fort Worth, one of the largest and fastest growing cities in the country. The Fort Worth/Dallas area, with a total population in excess of six million people, offers a low cost of living, a strong economy, and access to world-class museums, restaurants, entertainment, and outdoor activities.

Applications:

Applications received by March 1, 2017 will be given first consideration. The letter of application should address the responsibilities, qualifications, and experiences listed for the position. Please submit an application letter, vita, and the names, email addresses and telephone numbers of three professional references. References will not be contacted without contacting the candidate first and verifying permission. Send nominations and applications via email to Professor Wayne Barnes, Chair of the Law Library Search Committee at libappointments@law.tamu.edu or mail to Professor Wayne Barnes at Texas A&M University School of Law, 1515 Commerce Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-6509.

As an Equal Opportunity Employer, Texas A&M is committed to employing quality faculty who will enhance the rich diversity of our academic community. In that regard, we are particularly interested in receiving applications from a broad spectrum of qualified individuals who will enhance the rich diversity of the university’s academic community and who are representative of the state’s diversity.