KEITH ALLEN BUCKLEY

Keith Buckley retired from the Jerome Hall Law Library on October 31, 2019. He devoted his career to the law school, developing the law library's massive collections in American law, providing legal research instruction and reference services to the law faculty, and teaching the law librarianship course for the School of Library and Information Science. His impact can be felt throughout the law school, and he will be dearly missed.

Keith grew up in Iowa City, Iowa, with his parents and two sisters. His father took a job as a medical illustrator for the IU medical school, prompting his family to move to Indianapolis when Keith was 17. After high school, Keith attended Indiana University, where he pursued a double major in Theatre and Religious Studies, earning his B.A. in 1977.

You could say Keith's career in the sciences began before he ventured into Library Science. After graduating early from high school, Keith began working as an assistant clerk in the IU Medical Center's bacteriology lab in Indianapolis. He continued to work there every summer and winter break during college, and upon graduation from IU, Keith was promoted to assistant lab technician. As might be expected, the bacteriology lab offers a number of great work anecdotes. One of the most colorful from Keith's brief stint in bacteriology stems from the time he was drafted to handle a specimen from a patient suspected of having been exposed to bubonic plague. Keith's qualifications? He was single.

After a year working for the bacteriology lab, Keith began studies at IU's School of Library and Information Science (now the Department of Information and Library Science within the School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering). He began at the law library as a student worker in technical services in the fall of 1978, where he was responsible for filing catalog cards and processing new books. On holiday breaks, Keith also assisted with conducting the law library's first inventories of our collections. He completed his master's degree in December 1979 and was appointed to a temporary cataloging support staff position, where he worked on retrospective conversion of the law library's catalog records.

In 1980, Keith was appointed reference librarian. During the early years of his career, while working full-time at the

law library, he attended law school part-time, graduating with his J.D. in 1989. As reference librarian, Keith provided legal research assistance to law faculty and students, as well as to members of the public. Faculty and alumni today still recall his devotion to service and the assistance he provided them in their research decades ago.

In 1999, he was named collection development librarian. In this capacity, he helped shape the law library's print and electronic collections in American law. The law library has long held a reputation for our vast research collections; this reputation is due in large part to Keith's decades of hard work. Colleagues have come to rely upon his institutional memory of the collection. While he spent much of his career expanding the law library's robust collections, perhaps more importantly, colleagues relied on him during harder times. When the law library faced tremendous budget cuts, we relied on Keith's expertise to assess what we could afford to lose and what we could not. Likewise, Keith saw the law library through several physical moves and construction projects during his tenure, and was again instrumental in evaluating the most critical pieces of the collection to maintain.

In 2012, Keith was appointed assistant director for public services. In addition to managing the reference and circulation departments, Keith was tasked with developing a 3-credit advanced legal research course for the law school, which he co-taught from 2013 to 2017. This wasn't Keith's first experience with

teaching; throughout his career, he taught legal research guest lectures for numerous courses in the law school, including the first-year legal research and writing program. With Linda Fariss, Keith co-taught a course in law librarianship through IU's School of Library and Information Science for a number of years, mentoring dozens of students into successful careers in law librarianship.

Keith was appointed interim director in January 2017 upon the retirement of Linda Fariss, and was named director and senior lecturer that December. As director, Keith ushered in a new position in the reference department, faculty services librarian, to build upon the law library's historically close relationship with the law school faculty.

In addition to his work in collection development, teaching, and reference, Keith is known around the law school for his incredible sense of humor. Most memorably, he wrote an annual April Fool's edition of the law library's newsletter, with clever quips about the law library, faculty, and staff.

Over the years, Keith conducted significant research on the history of the Maurer School of Law and the university. With Linda Fariss, he co-wrote *Indiana University Maurer School of Law: The First 175 Years*, published by IU Press in November 2019. He also collaborated on *Trustees and Officers of Indiana University, Volume III: 1982–2018*, which also came out in 2019.

With his retirement, Keith looks forward to continuing his research on the treatment of women and families under the Civil War pension statutes during the early 20th century and renewing his study of 19th-century gravestone carvings. He also looks forward to more opportunities to travel and to bringing a new puppy into the house.

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