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## **Navigating the Seven Cs with NOCALL**

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If you feel like you are being drowned in the wet weather this winter, the Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL) can help. NOCALL will host its Spring Institute at the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway on Friday and Saturday, March 19-20, 2004. The theme this year is "Navigating the Seven Cs: Continuing Education, Contract Negotiation, CACI, Consortia, Career Development, Cinema, California." As the theme suggests, the Institute will include a number of programs with topics of interest to law librarians and others.

There are a number of reasons to attend.

Networking with colleagues is an important reason. Law librarians are a dynamic and intelligent group, not to mention fun. Networking is a great way to get benchmarking information, find a mentor, or make a connection that can ultimately benefit your career and your institution.

Meeting with vendors to learn about new services and discuss products is yet another reason to attend. There will be several opportunities to visit the exhibits, and we are extremely grateful to the vendors who not only provide us with excellent products, but support our continuing education programs by exhibiting at the Institute.

Continuing education is always on the list of reasons to attend. I hope that every person who attends this year's Institute learns at least one new thing that they can incorporate into their legal information-filled day.

Here are some details about the programs at this year's Institute.

Lexis is sponsoring a pre-conference program: Advanced Management for All Law Libraries. This program will focus on leadership skills for librarians in all types of law libraries.

Representatives from the Califa Group will speak about library consortia. In light of recent funding cuts to the Library of California, the Califa Group was formed to fill a void.

Justice Carol Corrigan will speak about the new "plain English" jury instructions, aka CACI.

Marlis Bruns will address a very timely topic: career development in uncertain economic times.

Becky Troutman, Esq., an attorney with Thelen Reid & Priest, will give us insight into the ins and outs of contract negotiation.

Terry Diggs, Adjunct Professor at UC Hastings, will give us a snapshot version of her course on cinema and the law.

Jenny Kanji will present a shorter version of a classic: 30 Sites in 30 Minutes.

Other featured speakers are: Bob Berring, Interim Dean of Boalt Hall School of Law and Janis Johnston, president of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL).

Did I mention the location? The Holiday Inn Golden Gateway is located in San Francisco just steps away from the historic California Cable Car turnaround at Van Ness and California Streets. The rooms have recently been renovated, and most have great views of the city.

The opening reception will be held at Lehr's Greenhouse. If the winter weather is really getting to you, come join us for dinner in a lush greenhouse. You may purchase tickets to the opening reception even if you are not able to attend the rest of the conference.

More details about the Institute, including registration forms, are available at the NOCALL web site (<http://www.nocall.org>), in the NOCALL News, and on the NOCALL listserv. If you have questions about any of the details, please contact Tina Dumas at: [tdumas@nixonpeabody.com](mailto:tdumas@nixonpeabody.com).

Finally, I want to say that many volunteers have put a lot of time and effort into planning this Institute, and I would like to thank all of them for their hard work and dedication.

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