

## Pre-Conference Session – Biographies

### Eric Kennedy

Eric Kennedy is currently the Reference and Administrative Services Librarian at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School's Brennan Law Library in Lansing, Michigan. Before returning back to Cooley where he once worked as a cataloging assistant while attending library school, Eric worked in Detroit as the Access Services Librarian at the Wayne State University Arthur Neef Law Library. Prior to working at Wayne, his first job as a librarian was at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP, a corporate law firm. Eric received a BA in Telecommunications from Michigan State University and an M.L.I.S. from Wayne State University. He is a member of AALL, MichALL, and GODORT of Michigan.

### Clare Membiela

Ms. Membiela received her B.A. degree from Nazareth College of Rochester in N.Y, an M.L.S. degree from Southern Connecticut State University, and a J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law in FL. During her over twenty years of law library experience, she has worked in both law firm and academic law libraries. She was the director of the Miami office library of a large national law firm, and served as Head of Reference Services at the University of Miami law Library. She has taught numerous legal research courses to law students, paralegal students, practicing attorneys, and law faculty. She is currently the Associate Director for Library and Instructional Support at the Thomas M Cooley Law Libraries, where she continues to conduct a variety of instructional sessions for law faculty and law students. Ms. Membiela is the 2009/2010 President of the Michigan Association of Law Libraries, and a member of the American Library Association, and the American Association of Law Libraries.