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From the Director

Gary Alexander

Hello, and welcome to the University of Denver College of Law, and the Westminster Law Library! For those of you who are unfamiliar with the history of the naming of our library, please note the placard on the wall to your right as you enter the library.

An interesting historical aside is that for years the library's budget was augmented with income earned from an endowment established in part from a trust created with the proceeds from the sale of the real property of the Westminster Law School following the merger in 1957. The greater part of the Westminster Law School's library collection was sold, but about 1000 volumes were placed in our library. Several years later in 1968, a Westminster Law Library Fund drive was launched to raise funds for our library.

Speaking of endowments, I recently had the pleasure of attending the installation ceremony for a colleague at that other law school just up the road. In his remarks, the dean of that other law school referred to his law library as the best law library in 'these parts.'

That struck me as rather curious, given that our library is generally regarded as the best law library between hither and yon, but I politely refrained from asking the good dean to expound on this statement or to define with greater clarity just what area constituted 'these parts.' If I had asked, I'm confident that the ensuing colloquy would have continued to a mutually-agreeable conclusion, and we would have concurred that in fact, his law library **was** the best law library - within a twenty-mile radius of say, that institution's football stadium.

Now, to be the best law library within 1200 square miles is no mean feat. But by my calculations, that 20-mile radius would have extended just to the corner of Montview and Oneida.

All kidding aside, that we both consider our respective libraries to be "the best," got me to thinking about whether being "the best" necessarily connotes exclusivity and just what does it mean to be "the best."

As to the first question, I realized that if the "the" is eliminated, the two questions conflate into one. But it is not necessary to engage in a metaphysical inquiry to surmise what that

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one question is; namely, whether a given library is meeting the information needs of that library's faculty, students, and to the extent practicable, other constituencies of the parent institution, eg, alumni.

There are various means of assessing how well a library is doing in meeting the information needs of its patrons. Perhaps the simplest method would be simply to ask the users of a particular library. In reality, there is always someone higher up on the funding food chain who needs the assurance that only statistical data, from **another** library, can provide.

One measure used to compare libraries is library spending per library user. Although not wholly lacking in merit, this method can sometimes lead to results that are patently fallacious, as illustrated by the following example.

According to the data from the most-recent ABA Annual Questionnaire, our law school is among the top twenty of all ABA-approved law schools in terms of our total JD enrollment. That other law school up the road ("tolsutr") has a much smaller enrollment. The materials budgets for both schools are nearly identical. Thus, our \$ spent per FTE is less than half that of "tolsutr." I doubt anyone would say, that based on this measure alone, "tolsutr's" library is better than our's.

For the record, our spending for library materials per student is among the lowest of all ABA-approved law schools, but given the size of our student body, even large increases in our acquisitions budget would not have a significant effect on this derived number.

In my opinion, a more telling measure of the performance of a library such as ours is based on total library spending as a percentage of total law school expenditures. Using this measure, our library, with spending comprising less than 9% of the law school's monies spent, is realizing extraordinary levels of service, with only a modicum of resources.

To put this in another perspective, total library spending represents about a dime of each tuition dollar. We consider this is to be an exceptional 'bargain,' and we hope you agree. We look forward to your comments, suggestions, etc, for how we can improve on the service we deliver. Again, welcome to the College of Law and your law library. 📖

New Library Personnel

Goldie Burton

Reference Librarian

Please welcome Cindy Rankin to the College of Law! She came from the Ford Foundation Library and Archives in New York City to take the position of Law Library Assistant III in the Circulation and Technical Services departments at Westminster Law Library in August, 2002.

Before returning to Denver to be near her family, Cindy was finishing her coursework for her Master's in Philosophy and Ethics at the Graduate School of the City University of New York (CUNY). Cindy lived in New York for 10 years. She took her Bachelor's in Biology from Fordham and worked in the Fordham Law School Library for 4 years. She has also worked in the Gladys Marcus Library at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, and in various New York bookstores.

Cindy grew up as an army brat, moving between El Paso and Korea, where her mother is from, until her family came to Denver in 1986. Cindy is beginning her Master's in Library Science at DU this Fall. She is interested in social issues and human rights. Cindy likes to cook and to knit and enjoys music that is not susceptible to labels. She has a 12 year-old toy poodle who terrorizes her household. 📖

Photo of tower in new law building, taken on 8/19/2002.

Additional floor plans and web cam photos available via the Library's webpage at <http://www.law.du.edu/library/move/default.htm>.



Educational Technology Department Launches Website Carrie Mahan Groce Web Services Manager, College of Law

The recently created Department of Educational Technology has a new web site thanks primarily to the efforts of Wayne Rust, Media Specialist. The site is at <http://www.law.du.edu/edtech/> and can be accessed via a link from the College of Law home page.

The mission of the Ed Tech department is to use technologies that enhance the educational process and increase the opportunities for student learning. In support of that mission, we have created a web site that acts as a gateway to the student learning experience on the web. The site includes links to course materials, course platforms, CALI exercises and legal research sites. It is one stop shopping for the student who wants to use the web to help get the most out of their law school experience.

In addition to student materials the site includes information about the functions of the Educational Technology department and includes links to the Helpdesk and Audio/Visual services pages. In the future we hope to continue to add links and faculty created online tutorials to help students get through the first weeks of law school. Please come visit us (<http://www.law.du.edu/edtech/>) and let us know what you think. 📖

Database Changes

• Proxy Server Change

Connecting to databases from off campus just got easier! Users no longer need to configure their browser to use our proxy service. The database links have been changed to automatically route users through the proxy service. If the database is only available to registered library users, they will be prompted for their name and barcode number. Barcode numbers are either a social security number or a Banner ID number, depending on when you registered with the Circulation Desk.

• New Business Databases

The Library now subscribes to *Business Source Premier* (full-text coverage of approximately 2800 scholarly business journals); *Business Wire News* (full-text newswire service) and *STAT-USA* (over 18,000 market research reports on foreign countries). These databases can all be found in the Electronic Databases section of the Library's homepage at http://www.law.du.edu/library/electronic_databases.htm.

PASCAL: Off-Site Storage Theresa Baker Web / Systems Librarian

As many of you know, the library in our new building will be smaller than our current space. So, what are we doing with all the books that won't fit in the new building? One answer is PASCAL. PASCAL stands for Preservation And Storage Center for Academic Libraries. It is a joint venture between the University of Denver and the University of Colorado, and is managed by the CU Health Sciences Center. The PASCAL warehouse is a climate-controlled facility where books are shelved based on size. The existing building will hold 1.25 million volumes, and land is available to add four adjoining buildings.

Our Technical Services staff has been busy selecting materials, processing for storage, and shipping to PASCAL. Items selected for PASCAL are those that have historic value, or are not frequently used but still important to the collection. Materials sent to PASCAL are still searchable in the library's online catalog and Prospector. The location will display as "Pascal Off-Site". To request an item, click on the location. You will then be presented with a screen describing PASCAL. From here you can choose to fill out a PASCAL Request Form. The item will then be sent to the library within 2-3 days and you will be notified. Another option for retrieval is to visit PASCAL. It is located four miles east of the library on the University of Colorado Health Sciences Fitzsimmons Campus. The facility has a reading room with a copy machine and is open Monday through Friday, 8:00-5:00.

If you would like more information about our use of PASCAL, or would like help requesting items, please contact the Reference Desk at x16206.

Proctors Needed for LSAT & MPRE Exams

Tests offered throughout the year. For information on dates and to put your name on the list to be a proctor, contact Goldie Burton, Reference Librarian at 303-871-6386 or gburton@law.du.edu.

Note - for security reasons you cannot proctor the MPRE if you are planning to take it, but have not already done so.

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Or What We Do Outside the Library

Diane Burkhardt

Faculty Liaison

Goldie Burton attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries in Orlando in July. She took advantage of the trip to Florida to catch up with friends and family in Tallahassee. Goldie also presented a workshop on Colorado Practice Materials to summer law clerks as part of the Colorado Association of Law Libraries' "Bridge the Gap" program, which was held in June at Holland & Hart. Goldie and her two dogs, Hester and Prudence, frolicked at the Bark at the Park in City Park in the spring. Goldie reports that paw painting was an especially big hit with her girls!

Kay Kissell's daughter, Norah, played on the Junior Team Tennis League at Gates Tennis Center this summer. Norah and her teammate were undefeated for the entire summer season in both singles and doubles. They qualified for the State playoffs in August, where they lost only one game, and they went on to win the State championship in team tennis for the Junior 14 Intermediate B Division. Kay, of course, drove Norah to all the matches! Way to go Kay and Norah!

Theresa Baker attended a Load Profile Training Workshop at Innovative Interface's headquarters in Emeryville, California and a Cascading Style Sheets workshop at the Bibliographic Center for Research in Aurora. Keep checking the Library's web page and catalog to see what Theresa has been learning at these programs. Theresa also participated in the AIDS Walk on August 25.

Sergio Stone, his wife, Amelia, and his daughter, Olivia, welcomed Diego Stone to the world on July 22. Congratulations and best wishes for some sleep!

Sheila Green traveled to northern Italy in June, visiting Venice, Murano Island, Florence, Fiesole, Pisa, Padua, and Vincenza. Sheila had a chance to use her newly-acquired skills in Italian on this trip. She also attended a family reunion in Pittsburgh in July and did some genealogical research while she was there. The day after she returned from Pittsburgh, Sheila presented "Researching Legal Documents on the Internet" to the Colorado chapter of the Association for Professional Researchers for Advancement. Sheila participated in the AIDS Walk on August 25.

Gary Alexander vacationed in Oregon in May and attended the annual CALI (Computer Assisted Legal Instruction) conference at Chicago-Kent Law School in June.

New Services for Alumni:

Loislaw & Shepard's Online

Patty Wellinger

Reference Services Coordinator

The Law Library now provides alumni free on-site access to LOISLAW! This is a full-text legal research database that covers Colorado, federal and other laws from other states. Alumni access is available at the public access terminals next to the Reference Desk. Current students, faculty and staff can register for a free password at <http://www.law.du.edu/library/elecdb/loislaw.htm>. One nice aspect of LOISLAW is that it is available all year, not just while you are currently registered for classes.

The Law Library has recently purchased a database called Shepard's Online. This database will provide an online means to Shepardize legal material for patrons that do not have access to Lexis (Shepard's) or Westlaw (KeyCite). It will be of particular use to alumni and main campus students using the Library since they do not have access to Lexis & Westlaw. Many of our print Shepard's titles have been cancelled in order to save space and money. Look for Shepard's Online to be available soon.



LIBRARY NEWS

- We have expanded and updated the Internet legal research links available on the Library's homepage at http://www.law.du.edu/library/research_links/research_links.htm. Check out this new and improved resource.
- The Reference Librarians taught 115 legal research classes last year.
- Need a legal research review? Watch a video! Legal Research for the 21st Century, Reserve KF240.B47 includes five videos which cover the basics of legal research. The Advanced series covers foreign, international, environmental and intellectual property law, Reserve K85.B47.
- Faculty exams are available on the library's homepage at http://www.law.du.edu/library/class_material/exam_toc.htm.

Hein Online: New Periodical Database

Available in the Library!

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Acquisitions / Special Projects

Hein Online (<http://0-heinonline.org.pacman.law.du.edu/HeinOnline/start.pl>) provides online, full-text access to law reviews and journals, focusing on legal periodical scholarship. Hein Online's ultimate goal is to expand its coverage to include all indexed legal periodicals from their first issue to the present.

Hein Online provides access to the complete contents of a legal periodical, including articles, essays, book reviews and all other materials that appeared in print. Each legal periodical page is represented in both high quality image and OCR text formats. As a cost saving measure, Hein Online does not review the OCR scanned text for errors.

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Accessing

Our subscription to Hein Online limits access to the DU Law community. Access is controlled by the IP address not by username and password. In other words, you must be connected to the internet via the DU Law network. If you connect to the internet through private internet service providers, such as AOL, AT&T, EarthLink, MSN, Verizon, etc., you will not be able to connect to Hein Online.

Browsing

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Author: displays an alphabetical index by author's last name of all articles available on Hein Online; the index includes an article's title and citation in Blue Book format; click an article's citation to view the article.

Article title: displays an alphabetical index by article title of

all articles available. The index is in strict alphabetical order and includes the author's name and the article's Blue Book citation. Click an article's citation to view the article.

Viewing

Once you have selected a volume or article on Hein Online, a context-sensitive navigation toolbar is displayed in the top frame. The volume title, volume number, year and page number are displayed along with several navigation commands.

Printing

Articles may be printed in two formats: web page or *PDF* file. You may print the entire article or just the current page. The formatted material is displayed in a new browser window. Hein Online adds citation information to the footer of each page.

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In Defiance of the Law

By Marisa Anne Pagnattaro
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This book analyzes works in American literature to ponder the tension between the desire for social control - as evidenced by the law - and the effect on individuals - as depicted in art. This idea of "justice" is brought into consideration when female characters act according to their own special code, which is at odds with civil law.

In *Defiance of the Law* examines Anne Hutchinson and the trials against two American Indian women in Catharine Maria Sedgwick's *Hope Leslie*. Massachusetts Bay Colony, makes its own laws that were determined on an as-needed basis to hinder political controversy and to reduce the increasing threat of the Pequot Indians. Additionally, federal and state laws were used to fix slavery and to deny African Americans those rights enjoyed by other American citizens.

The effects of legal processes like these are looked at in connection with slave women who violated laws in historically important works like Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, Harriet Jacobs's *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*, and Toni Morrison's *Beloved*. In each, women behaved in accordance with a core sense of beliefs and values, despite man-made rules of law. Their acts of civil disobedience make a strong statement about the importance of defying those laws they considered prejudiced and should remind us of the social and legal changes that have occurred in the past as well as the need to critically review current law.

SILENT JUSTICE: The Clarence Thomas Story

By John Greeva
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(Released on the 10th anniversary of his confirmation hearings.)

December 8th, 2000: Clarence Thomas was once again pushed back into the fore front of the American political spotlight —this time his opinion would definitely count! It was one that would elect the next President of the USA.

Silent Justice is the classic biography of Clarence Thomas, the somewhat mystifying figure that has been called both a

"goateed radical" and, more recently, referred to as an "Uncle Tom Conservative." His attitude toward women became the focus of a whirlwind of debate ten years ago when he was nominated for his seat on the nation's highest court.

Silent Justice describes his growing up poor in Pin Point, GA, and his conservative Catholic upbringing. The book portrays the conflicts regarding race discrimination that he faced at an early age, shaping his personal and civic philosophy forever. While tracing his political career, this book has extensive research to share on his education and experiences prior to his nomination. It shows how his struggle to be "as good as white" ostracized him from the black liberal community, while racism, to all appearances, has often left him alienated from whites. This conflict has always been central to and it continues to affect his opinions -- evidenced by his stance against affirmative action.

Additional new titles are posted on the Library's webpage at <http://www.law.du.edu/library/newacq/Default.htm> and are on display on the shelf just inside the entrance to the Library.

FOR MORE INFORMATION :

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<http://www.csustan.edu/english/reuben/pal/chap1/hutchinson.html>



Clarence Thomas
<http://supct.law.cornell.edu/supct/justices/thomas.bio.html>

