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From the Director

Gary Alexander

On behalf of the staff of your law library, I extend a hearty welcome to one and all, to our returning students and to our new students. By now, hopefully you're comfortably settled in.

I'm often asked, "so what's new in the library?" I usually answer something to the effect of "not much." But there really is much that's new, and in this issue of Hearsay, you will read about new members of our staff, and about new information resources and technologies.

Sergio Stone has succeeded Martha Keister, who has retired, as our Foreign, Comparative and International Law Librarian; and Catharine Cott, a 1981 alumna of the College of Law, will succeed Sergio as a Reference Librarian. And a new Reference Librarian will be joining the staff later this year, as a replacement for Goldie Burton, who has accepted the position of Assistant Librarian for the Colorado Supreme Court Library. And there's more: Daniella Correa has joined the Access Services Department, who is headed up by Dan Speidel, who joined the staff on August 15th.

Since May, we have added almost 600 print titles to the collection. The library has purchased the Making of Modern Law, which provides digital images of every page of over 22,000 legal treatises on US and British law published from 1800 through 1926. The full-text searching capability provides researchers access to more than 10 million pages. And we have also subscribed to *BNA-ALL*, an electronic service with over 100 selected databases, including US Law Week. Because of our new subscription to BNA-ALL, these databases are now included in the options available to DU Law faculty, staff and students via Westlaw and Lexis.

That's all for now, but stay tuned!

## Resources for Your Job Hunt

Goldie Burton

Reference Librarian

If you're a law school student, recent grad or alum looking for an internship, part-time job or permanent position, the Career Services Office at the DU Sturm College of Law subscribes to a number of databases with job listings, resume services and articles on subjects relating to legal careers. <http://www.law.du.edu/career/job%20postings/>.

These databases are password-protected and available in full only to paying subscribers, including you, as members of the COL community. One of these is LawCrossing, the "largest collection of active legal jobs in the world." <http://www.lawcrossing.com/>. LawCrossing also contains legal news and articles relating to the legal job-seeking climate, salaries and working conditions in large firms, for example. It also allows you to post your resume on its site and send it electronically to selected employers.

The Career Services Office also offers web sites available through consortia with other schools and organizations. <http://www.law.du.edu/career/lawonly/resources.htm>. \* The BYU Law Job Bank provides an excellent example. Many law schools from around the country make their listings mutually available through this web site. Vault On-line Career Guide provides detailed advice on careers in particular areas of law, such as tax, as well as the process of searching for a job, generally. Remember, Career Services also has special web sites devoted to judicial clerkships and internships, as well as particular areas of legal practice.

In addition, the Westminster Law Library has collected helpful web sites for job searches, including those focused on careers in public service, environmental law, international law and for agencies of a state or the federal government. <http://www.law.du.edu/library/weblinks/legaljobs.cfm>

\* Note: if access is denied using the passwords given, please call 303.871.6124 to acquire current login information.

## Study Room Reservations

Joanna Patrick

Operations Manager

In case you missed it the College of Law has gone to an online study room reservation system. Students, faculty, and staff can now reserve study rooms from the convenience of their home computers, laptop computers, etc. On the library's homepage (<http://www.law.du.edu/library/default.cfm>), you will find the link to "Study Rooms" under the Library Services heading. From this webpage, you can start the process for reserving a room. There are also links to the guidelines and instructions for the procedure on this page.

After logging in by entering your banner ID number and last name, you can reserve a room, view reservations you have already made, view the schedule of a room for a particular date, and cancel a reservation you have already made. After reserving a room, you are advised to print the room reservation confirmation information in case there is a discrepancy. This can serve as a backup if the system goes down. If you are having trouble making an online reservation, you can call the library's Circulation Desk at 303-871-6188 for help.

The rules for study room use will stay the same: study rooms may only be reserved for groups of 3 or more; only students, faculty and staff of the College of Law and its affiliated programs may reserve the study rooms; there remains a three hour limit for room use for student groups; and students may reserve rooms up to 2 weeks in advance. Wheelchair users have priority for the use of study rooms #146, 245, 372, and 410. Study rooms within the library must be vacated when the library closes. Additional guidelines are posted on the library's website at:

<http://www.law.du.edu/library/studyrooms/policy.cfm>

The library worked with the SBA, Student Affairs, and Administration to develop a system we believe works. Our Systems Librarian, Theresa Baker, deserves the credit for making our ideas a reality. We don't expect that it will be perfect – we've already made one change after students discovered a problem. Please let us know if you find glitches – we know we have a work in progress here.

# Library Equipment Essentials

Dan Speidel

Access Services Coordinator

As this is my first chance to write a column for Hearsay, I want to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Dan Speidel and I am the new Access Services Librarian for the Westminster Law Library. I have arrived here in Denver from New Hampshire, where I was working at an academic library as the circulation coordinator. I am enjoying working here at the library and look forward to helping patrons access the materials and services they need in an efficient, helpful, and friendly manner.

As the new academic year begins, I will take the opportunity to share some general information about how the library works. Please feel free to ask questions at the Circulation Desk or by contacting me directly by using the contact information provided below.

Patrons may check out and return books, reserve items, and other materials at the Circulation Desk on Level 2 of the library. Circulation staff workers are available at the desk to answer general questions or point patrons in the right direction for other answers.

Level 2 has 27 computers available for student use, including 11 PCs and 16 iMacs. Students may login on these machines using their assigned user name and designated password. These computers allow students access to the Internet and the use of word processing programs.

Other than printing from Westlaw or Lexis, printing is normally routed to the default printer of the student's choice, located on any of the three levels of the law library. Westlaw and Lexis printers are located on Levels 1 & 3. Printers on Levels 1 & 3 are located in the Copier/Printer Rooms, to your left and around the corner just off the stairwell. Printers on Level 2 are located on the west wall of the main room. Students are provided with a printing allowance of \$50, or 500 pages, per semester. Additional print credit can be purchased and added at the Circulation Desk, located on Level 2 of the law library. A color printer and a resume printer are also available on Level 2. Patrons must supply paper for both printers. The cost for the color printer is \$1 per page, and for the resume printer it is the normal \$.10 per page.

Public Access Catalog stations (PACs) are located on Levels 1 & 3 of the law library. These computers only allow access to the law library catalog, Internet, and databases to which we subscribe. Access to these computers is given to any patron allowed in the law library, with no login required. Six PAC stations are located on Level 3; two are located on Level 1.

Printing from PACs is controlled by the UniPrint System. A Pioneer Copy Card or Pioneer ID card with available funds is required to print from these computers. UniPrint stations complete with a touch screen, printer, and detailed instructions for use are located on Levels 1 & 3 of the library.

Library staff are only able to provide a limited amount of trouble-shooting assistance for the computers located on Level 2. For more involved problems involving software issues, network connections, establishing a connection between your laptop and a library printer, or trouble logging in, please contact the Computer Help Desk at (303)871-6464. Their office is located in the northeast corner of Level 2, outside of the library.

A fax machine available for public use is located on Level 2 on the west wall, next to the copiers and printers. The number for the fax machine is (303) 871-6020 and it is available for student use. Local faxes are free. Long distance faxes require a calling card.

The library contains four copiers. The one on Level 2 is on the west wall next to the printers. The copiers on Levels 1 & 3 are located in the Copier/Printer Rooms, to your left and around the corner just off the stairwell. One copier at each level will accept cash and coins for payment, at a charge of \$.15 per page, but all copiers will accept Pioneer Copy Cards at a charge of \$.10 a page.

Pioneer Copy Cards can be purchased from the VTS (Value Transfer Station) on Level 2, located on the west wall to the left of the copier. The VTS accepts cash only, and there is an additional \$.50 charge for the card itself. You may use your Pioneer ID card in place of a Copy Card by adding funds to it at the VTS. Funds can also be added to either a Pioneer Copy Card or a Pioneer ID Card by contacting the Pioneer Card Office at (303) 871-4545, by visiting their office on the lower level of

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Driscoll Hall South, or on the web at  
<https://web3.onlinecardoffice.com/udenver/>

The library is unable to refund monies lost in photocopiers or the VTS. For problems, questions, or further information, please contact David Dudra, Manager of Reprographic Services, at (303) 871-6233, or the Pioneer Card Office at (303) 871-4545.

The Hughes Room, which is located to your left as you enter the library on Level 2 is a “technology free zone.” We request that you do not use your laptop computer, PDA, and cell phone in this room, so that patrons may enjoy this beautiful room as a tranquil place to read and study.

I look forward to meeting students, faculty, and staff as the opportunities arise. If you have any questions or comments about the library, please feel encouraged to contact me. I am often at the Circulation Desk or you can find me in my office, which is also located on Level 2, just beyond the printers and copier. My e-mail address is [dspeidel@law.du.edu](mailto:dspeidel@law.du.edu). I hope that you all have a successful semester.

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## Loislaw

All students can register for a password for access year-round to Loislaw at <http://www.law.du.edu/library/loislaw.cfm>. The library subscribes to this full-text legal database that covers federal cases, statutes & regulations as well as Colorado cases, statutes, regulations and jury instructions.

There are no usage restrictions for students using Loislaw, so students may use this database in situations where they are barred from using Westlaw & Lexis—for example, while clerking or during the summer when they are not enrolled in classes.

Alumni can continue to use Loislaw for free at any of the pc’s on Level 1 & Level 3 of the library, so keep that in mind if you plan to open a solo practice.

## Library Fines Aid Disaster

### Relief Efforts

Patty Wellinger

Reference Services Coordinator

The Westminster Law Library is sponsoring a “Fines for Funds” event to raise money to help rebuild school, public and academic libraries in Mississippi and Louisiana that were severely damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

All library fines for overdue or missing books that are collected during the month of October will be donated to the Louisiana Library Disaster Relief Fund and the Rebuild Mississippi Libraries Fund which have been organized by their state library associations.

In addition, checks will be accepted at the Circulation Desk that are made out to either of these organizations if you want to make a donation, but don’t have missing or overdue material.

Donations may also be made directly to these organizations at:

Louisiana Library Disaster Relief Fund - The Louisiana Library Association is accepting FINANCIAL DONATIONS ONLY at this time. Please make checks payable to LLA-Disaster Relief, and mail to:

LLA  
421 S. 4th Street  
Eunice, LA 70535  
<http://www.laonline.org>

Mississippi Library Association - Friends of Mississippi Libraries, working with the Library Commission and MLA, has established a fund for donations to rebuild those MS libraries severely damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Tax-deductible donations can be made by sending your contributions to:

Rebuild Mississippi Libraries Fund  
c/o AmSouth Bank  
210 E. Capitol Street  
Jackson, MS 39201  
<http://www.misslib.org/index.php>

So clear out your closets and clean up your circulation records for a good cause!

## Library Staff Changes

Caryl Shipley

Community Services Liaison

Congratulations to **Sergio Stone** who is the new Foreign, Comparative and International Law Librarian! Sergio joined the library team in 1998 as the Acquisitions Assistant in the Technical Services area, then as a Reference Librarian, and now is our FCIL specialist.

Sergio holds a BA in Political Science from Carleton College, a JD from New York University, and a Masters of Library Science from DU. Sergio was born in Santiago, Chile and is fluent in Spanish. Stop by his garden level office for international reference assistance.

Welcome to **Dan Speidel** our new Access Services Coordinator! Dan hails from Manchester, NH. He recently served as Circulation Coordinator at Rivier College in Nashua, New Hampshire. Dan has an extensive background in social work and customer service which made him an ideal candidate for handling library public relations.

Dan has a Master of Library and Information Science degree from Simmons College in Boston, MA, a MSW from Boston University and a BSW from UNH-Durham. He and his wife and young son are very excited about living in Denver and enjoying their favorite pastimes of hiking, biking and snowshoeing. Please say hello when you're at the Circulation Desk.

Welcome back to **Catharine Cott** who has joined our staff as a Reference Librarian. She is a recent MLS graduate of the Emporia State University School of Library and Information Science where she also received a Legal Information Management Certificate. Catharine holds her JD from the University of Denver College of Law.

Most recently, Catharine had been working part-time at the Colorado Supreme Court Law Library, but some of you may remember her from a few semesters ago. Catharine completed her MLS internship requirement here with us and we so enjoyed working with her and her level of expertise that we invited her back full time. Please welcome her back when you visit the Reference Desk.

## College of Law History Exhibit

The Westminster Law Library's digital history exhibit celebrates the continuing legacy of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. The website encourages an exploration of the history of the College of Law through a variety of resources:

- 1) Archival and current photographs
- 2) Alumni Magazines from 1985 to current
- 3) Lawyers From Denver - a book celebrating the 100th anniversary of the College of Law
- 4) Audiotapes and written memories of the College of Law
- 5) Timeline of the College of Law's history
- 6) Selected video footage

This project provides a virtual scrapbook of the law school since 1892. We invite you to browse our website and enjoy this glimpse into the past and present of the College of Law. Are you an alumni, staff member or student? Be a part of this exciting project by sharing your memories with us or submitting ideas and photos.

<http://www.law.du.edu/library/colhistory/>

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## Lexis & Westlaw Student Reps

The Lexis & Westlaw student reps are available to answer your online research questions. Fall semester office hours are held in the Library, Study Room 330R at the following times:

Monday:

LEXIS - 9:00am-10:30am; 12-6:00pm

WESTLAW - 9:00am-3:00pm; 4:00pm-5:30pm

Tuesday:

LEXIS - 8:30am-11:30am

WESTLAW - 10:00am-5:30pm; 7:00pm-7:30pm

Wednesday:

LEXIS - 9:00am-10:30am; 12:00-6:00pm

WESTLAW - 9:30am-12:45pm; 4:00pm-5:30pm

Thursday:

LEXIS - 8:30am-11:30am

WESTLAW - 9:00am-12:30pm; 2:00am-5:00am

Friday:

LEXIS - 8:30am-10:30am

Additional help is available via phone or live chat:

LEXIS 1-800-45LEXIS

WESTLAW 1-800-WESTLAW

ETC.:

## Or What We Do Outside the Library

Diane Burkhardt

Faculty Services Liaison

The Library was well represented at various library meetings this past summer. **JoAnna Patrick** attended the June meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago. **Barbara Allen, Carol Perkins, Patty Wellinger, Sergio Stone, and Goldie Burton** sweated through the American Association of Law Libraries' meeting in San Antonio in July. **Theresa Baker** participated in the Innovative Users Group conference in San Francisco.

**Theresa** also spent time this summer creating a terrific website for her neighborhood association. Check it out at <http://www.WhittierNeighborhood.org>. She managed to squeeze in a two-week trip to England and Ireland, too.

**Carol Perkins** traveled to Ireland in June. She started her trip in Dublin, where she especially enjoyed visiting Trinity College, home of the Book of Kells, and the Kilmainham Jail and Museum. From Dublin, she traveled south by car (on the left side of the road), visiting Mount Usher Gardens in Wicklow and the Rock of Cashel in Tipperary. She toured and shopped at the Waterford Crystal Factory before moving on to the Cobh Heritage Center, site of the port from which over 2.5 million people immigrated from Ireland. Carol spent several days in Kinsale, a resort city in County Cork, and then enjoyed the Dingle Peninsula on Ireland's spectacular west coast. She traveled by ferry to Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands, before turning inland to visit the Famine Museum in Roscommon. Her journey ended back on the east coast in the Boyne Valley, where she saw New Grange, a stone age passage tomb, and the High Crosses of Monasterboice. Carol reports that Ireland is not only one of the most beautiful countries she has visited but also one of the most tourist-friendly!

Back in Denver, **Marianne Brown** has been indulging in murder mysteries (books, that is). She reports that *Eleven on Top*, the latest Janet Evanovich installment of the adventures of Stephanie Plum, bounty hunter, was "rip snortin' the whole way with confrontations between Grandma Mazur and Grandma Bella Morelli at Stiva's funeral home and a gun battle between Lula and Mama

Macaroni over Lula's dry cleaning." She challenges intrepid readers to find out what happens to Mama Macaroni's big hairy mole. (I don't make up this news; I just report it.)

**Sheila Green** presented a workshop on researching Colorado legislative history to 63 summer associates in June as part of the Colorado Association of Law Libraries' annual program, Bridge the Research and Analysis Gap. (**Sergio Stone** and **Goldie Burton** also participated in the program.) Sheila rode to DU on Bike-to-Work Day from her home in southern Lakewood and even trained for the event with friends on the Clear Creek, Bear Creek and South Platte River bicycle trails. She also raised money and participated in the AIDS Walk Colorado in August.

**Martha Keister** began her retirement in earnest this past summer with trips to Yellowstone National Park and the Pacific Northwest.

**JoAnna Patrick** has officially enrolled in DU's Master's program in Library and Information Science.

If **Diane Burkhardt** looks particularly frazzled some days, it may be because her 16-year-old son, Ben, is learning to drive. Despite her JD, Diane spent three days on a jury in Denver District Court in July. Judge Robert McGahey, an adjunct professor at the Sturm College of Law, presided over the criminal trial, ably assisted by his two bailiff interns from the College of Law, Reagan Roane and Erik Dullea. Probably because of her JD, Diane was appointed the jury foreperson. The jury convicted the defendant on counts of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

**Barb Allen** and her Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Pippin, earned their first obedience title, Rally Novice, at Fort Collins on August 14th. Five days later, at the Corgi specialty show in Greeley, they snagged a blue first-place ribbon and a green qualifying ribbon, the second leg toward a Companion Dog title. Barb and Pippin have been working toward these awards for several years. Way to go! Pippin was apparently not impressed by the ribbons, but he loved his reward of boiled chicken.

## What's New in the World of News?

Gary Alexander

Assistant Dean of Library Services and  
Library Director

### RSS

#### RSS Feeds College Students' Diet for Research (USA Today)

Short for Really Simple Syndication, RSS is a way to receive constant updates from news sites, online catalogs and blogs without the laborious process of visiting individual sites, wading through outdated content and managing annoying pop-up ads. Read the full story at [http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/2005-08-01-rss-research\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/2005-08-01-rss-research_x.htm)

Some Websites use RSS to deliver articles and article previews to readers who are simply too busy to browse to their favorite sites and dig up the content they are interested in. Other sites use RSS to alert users of new products or upcoming events. RSS is the smart way to keep up with your favorite blogs and news sources. You can set up your own RSS feeds that broadcast your favorite news websites or for sharing information with others.

Here's some tips on how to do this:

Use a News Aggregator: an RSS "newsreader" or "aggregator" will fetch and organize recent content and provide simple ways to read it. [BlogLines](#) is an aggregator for PCs, Macs, or Linux and any browser.

Grab the RSS Feeds: On most browsers you can right-click the link and select "copy shortcut" or "copy target address" or something similar. And again, some RSS readers will "auto discover" the RSS feeds on sites you browse, so no cutting and pasting is necessary.

#### What RSS Can Do for Lawyers

If you're not using RSS yet, you're missing out on the single best way to get news and updated information via the Internet, says attorney Robert Ambrogi. Among the many benefits of RSS feeds is that they can deliver content directly to lawyers' desktops. New RSS feeds are created virtually every day. Ambrogi offers a cross-section to get you started. <http://www.law.com/jsp/ltn/pubArticleLTN.jsp?id=1122627913641>

You may have noticed that the library subscribes to JURIST'S Paper Chase (you can click on the link in the bottom of the library news box on the library's

homepage or here's the direct link [jurist.law.pitt.edu/paperchase/](http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/paperchase/)). I personally subscribe to several RSS feeds, including [Law.com](#), a daily legal newswire offering the latest legal news and analysis, and **beSpacific**, which offers weekday coverage of current issues focused on law and technology news.

<http://www.bespacific.com>

And for those of you who prefer to read your newspaper electronically, check out this link to SIDEWALK/theory, which maintains a continually updated [guide](#) to the RSS feeds provided by national and local newspapers; an alphabetical list of titles is available at <http://www.sidewalktheory.com/newspapers/>

### Blogs

Many of you are no doubt aware of blogs, but did you know that there are legal blogs? One example is Law.com's **free** Legal Blog Watch newsletter, which delivers commentary straight to your inbox each weekday. Their email summaries of top legal blogs not only keeps you informed about legal trends, but provides you with insights into important legal developments and the latest buzz in the legal community. You can register at Law.com's [Legal Blog Watch](#). <https://store.law.com/registration/register.asp?SubscribeTo=lbw&w=lbw>

There's even a pathfinder to these law-related blogs, or blawgs. "The purpose of this pathfinder...is to provide a starting point for law students and law faculty interested in identifying blogs they wish to monitor or to provide basic information for those interested in starting their own weblog." <http://www.uakron.edu/law/library/blawg.php>

The library staff has also compiled a listing of selected blawgs; there's a link under Internet Research Links on the library's webpage. Here's a thought: wouldn't it be neat if [the Writ](#) was 'published' as a blog?

### Podcasts

For those of you who prefer to receive information aurally, there are podcasts, which are web site "audiocasts" to which folks can subscribe. Podcasts are audio files that are automatically delivered to a desktop computer, and can then be transferred to an iPod or other portable audio MP3 player. American University Washington College of Law has just announced that they have launched podcasting. According to their press release, users can subscribe to as many podcasts as they wish, and the audio will update and be delivered automatically. To check it out, go to: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/mcourtpodcast/> or to <http://wcl.american.edu/podcast/>

## DU's Green Building Earns Kudos

Sheila Green

Reference Librarian

The University of Denver's Frank H. Ricketson, Jr., Law Building is the nation's first law school building to be recognized by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) <http://www.law.du.edu/secondcenturycampaign/green.html>. Click USGBC links for information about this nonprofit trade association and its promotion of green building policies, programs, and technologies. USGBC award criteria include specific environmental categories in architecture and design, site management, transportation, water, energy, materials, recycling, and air quality.

### United States Green Building Council (USGBC):

Chapters: <http://www.usgbc.org/Chapters/ViewAll.aspx?CMSPageID=190&CategoryID=24&>

Events:

<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CategoryID=22>.

Facts:

<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=226>.

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System: <http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=222&>.

Members:

<http://www.usgbc.org/AboutUs/MemberList.aspx?CMSPageID=91&>.

Membership FAQ:

<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=58>.

News:

<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CategoryID=21>.

Programs:

<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=40>.

### Related Green Building Links:

Colorado Governor's Office of Energy Management & Conservation.

Links: <http://www.state.co.us/oemc/links/index.htm>.

Massachusetts Technology Collaborative. Glossary: Energy Efficiency/Green Buildings:

<http://www.mtpc.org/cleanenergy/energy/glossaryefficiency.htm>.

Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI). Buildings and Land.

Green Development Services: <http://www.rmi.org/sitepages/pid168.php>.

United States. Department of Energy. Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

Energy Information Portal: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/>.

Smart Communities Network: Green Buildings—Other Resources: <http://www.sustainable.doe.gov/buildings/gbothtoc.shtml>

United States. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Green Buildings: <http://www.epa.gov/greenbuilding/index.htm>.

World Green Building Council: <http://www.worldgbc.org/>