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From the Director  
Gary Alexander

All summer long, that old saying, "something old, something new, ..." kept popping into my head. Why, I didn't know, but I did know that we were about to get a new Dean.

At the end of July, as I watched the demolition of the old fraternity houses that had stood in front of the law school, "something old, something new," again started running through my mind. So I finally decided to Google it. Seems that this is part of an old wedding custom, with "something old" symbolizing continuity with the past, and "something new" reflecting optimism and hope for what lies ahead.

Okay, but what was up with this wedding thing and was there a possible connection with the naming of a new Dean?

An article in the August 14<sup>th</sup> issue of the Rocky Mountain News with "back-to-school" in the tag line jogged my memory a bit. The article began, "[I]f life was a lot simpler when my parents prepared me to go back to school. Cheaper, too, [for we were buying] \$5-a-pair bluejeans (not that I can actually remember ever being young, but I do remember those \$5 Levis)."

Hmmm, now we had a wedding theme, a new Dean, and back to school, but I couldn't discern a meaning. So I turned to the next line of that old saying. "Something borrowed" is a reminder that friends and family can be counted on for their support.

That was all well and good, but it took the Dean's comments to the incoming class to finally bring it all home for me: we are family.

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## Library Essentials

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This is my first time writing for Hearsay as I just recently joined the Westminster Law Library staff in June 2006. I am the new Access Services Librarian and recently graduated with my Master's in Library and Information Science from the University of Denver. My J.D. is also from the University of Denver and so I've used the law library quite a bit, both as it existed on the old Park Hill campus and here in this wonderful new facility. I look forward to meeting all of you at some point and helping you as the need arises. Welcome aboard to all the new first year law students and welcome back to all the continuing law students.

I would like to share some general information about the Westminster Law Library and encourage you to ask questions at the Circulation Desk or by contacting me in person, by phone or by e-mail.

The law library is open Monday-Thursday from 7:30am - 12:00 am, Friday from 7:30am - 10:00pm, Saturday from 8:00am - 8:00 pm and Sunday from 8:00am - 12:00am. During reading period and finals, the library will open extended hours and will post those hours as the end of the semester approaches. Additionally, any special holiday hours will be posted on the website and on signs throughout the library.

The law library consists of three floors with the entrance located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level. Keep in mind that each floor has its own feel and rhythm. The 2<sup>nd</sup> level houses the Circulation Desk, many computers, printers, copiers and the microform readers. As a result, this floor is not as quiet as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> levels of the library. Please keep that in mind when you are looking for that quiet place to study.

The Circulation Desk is located as you walk through the entrance on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the library and is staffed during all hours that the library is open. Patrons may check-out and return books, reserve items and other materials at the Circulation Desk.

Our staff workers at the desk can answer general questions or point patrons in the right direction. The second floor of the library has a total of 19 computers, 12 PCs and 7 iMacs. 13 computers are available for student only use and require students to login using their assigned user name and designated password. These computers allow students to access the Internet and word processing programs and normally route to the default printer of the student's choice on any of the three levels of the library. 6 PCs are available for public use and are open to anyone utilizing the library. These computers allow everyone to access the Internet and are located on the front (north side) of the computer bank. The 6 public use computers print to the DU-Net printers located on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> levels and require a copy card or Pioneer ID card in order to print a job. Don't forget, that many of the tables and study carrels allow you to plug in and use your own laptop.

Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) stations are located on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> levels of the library (two on level 1 and six on level 3). The OPACs only allow access to the law library catalog, Internet and subscription databases. Any patron in the library can utilize the OPACs and no login is required.

Westlaw and Lexis printers are located on levels 1, 2 and 3. The printers on levels 1 and 3 are located in the Copier/Printer Rooms, to your left and around the corner just off the stairwell. Students are provided with a printing allowance of \$50 (500 pages) per semester. Additional print credit can be added to your Pioneer ID card online, at the VTS machine on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level or at the Pioneer Card Office in Driscoll Hall South. A color printer is also available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level for student's use. A fax machine is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level and is available for public use. Local faxes are free, but long distance faxes require a calling card. The fax number is 303/871-6020.

The library houses four copiers with one on the 1<sup>st</sup> level, one on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level and two on the 3<sup>rd</sup> level. The copiers on levels 2 and 3 are located in the copier rooms,

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to your left and around the corner from the stairwell. One copier on each level accepts cash & coins for a charge of \$0.15 per page.

All copiers accept Pioneer ID cards or VTS copy cards at a charge of \$0.10 per page. Copy cards can be purchased from the VTS machine on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the library. The VTS machine only accepts cash and charges a fee of \$0.50 for the card itself. The library is unable to refund monies lost in the copiers or VTS machine. For problems or questions regarding the copiers contact David Dudra, Manager of Photographic Services, at 303/871-6233. For problems or questions regarding the VTS machine contact the Pioneer Card Office at 303/871-4545.

The library staff can only provide a limited amount of trouble-shooting for the computers located in the library. For more involved problems concerning software issues, network connections or login issues, please contact the Computer Help Desk at 303/871-6464 or visit their office located in the northeast corner of the law school on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Don't forget about the Gerald H. Hughes Rare Book Room, which is also located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the library. It is a "technology free zone" and we request that you do not use your laptop computer, cell phone or PDA in this room. This allows our patrons to enjoy a quiet place to read, study and relax.

I look forward to getting to know the students, faculty and staff. If you have any questions or concerns about the library, please don't hesitate to contact me. My office is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the library - Room 230D, my phone number is 303/871-6079 and my e-mail is [sbowers@law.du.edu](mailto:sbowers@law.du.edu).

Have a wonderful fall semester!



The Sturm College of Law is rich in tradition and has a proud history. From your first day here, you became a part of that history and a part of our future. Welcome to the Sturm College of Law and welcome to the family!

Postscript: maybe you don't remember the 1979 song, "We are family," when it was first released, but you might remember it from the 1996 movie, "The Birdcage," starring Robin Williams. The following excerpt from the lyrics seems particularly apropos at this time in your lives:

*Living life is fun and we've just begun  
To get our share of the world's delights  
(HIGH!) high hopes we have for the future  
And our goal's in sight  
(WE!) no we don't get depressed  
Here's what we call our golden rule  
Have faith in you and the things you do  
You won't go wrong*

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## Library Website Redesigned

Theresa Baker  
Information Technology Librarian

You probably have noticed by now the Library has a new website. The previous site went live in August 2003, coinciding with the move to our new home on main campus. Three years is a long time on the web, and there have been a lot of improvements in web technologies. So, I decided it was time for a redesign. Having three years of website usage statistics allowed me to identify the most frequently used information and highlight it on our home page. For example, you can search for database and e-journal titles directly from the home page. Also, I made moving around the site easier by adding breadcrumb links to the top of every page, and a navigation bar with links to the main sections. Changing to a larger font size can also be done easily from any page. Style sheets are used to control the presentation of the content, whether it's on screen or paper, so your print outs will look better. And you can keep up with Library news by adding our RSS feed to your news reader. We hope you enjoy the new look of the website, and find it easier to use. Please send a message to [tbaker@law.du.edu](mailto:tbaker@law.du.edu) if you have any comments or questions about the site.

## Asian Law Institute

Sergio Stone

International & Comparative Law

Librarian

I recently had the good fortune to attend the 3rd Annual Asian Law Institute (ASLI) Conference in Shanghai, China where I presented a paper on images of justice on East Asian Internet sites. Professors, students, politicians and librarians from over thirty countries attended the conference devoted to the theme: "Development of Law in Asia: Convergence versus Divergence." Program sessions covered the following topics from an Asian perspective: corporate governance, human rights, intellectual property, Islamic law, jurisprudence, environmental law, natural resources and taxation.

In addition to the academic sessions, there were numerous opportunities to network with attendees, including an evening cruise on the Hunagpo River, which featured the dazzling and ever-expanding Shanghai skyline.

I took advantage of my stay in Shanghai to visit academic law libraries at East China University of Law & Politics and East China Normal University. The former is exclusively devoted to legal and political science studies. Its library consists primarily of soft cover monographs, law reviews and a few online legal databases. They did own a few U.S. and European case reporters, legal encyclopedias, practice materials and loose-leaf sets; however very few were kept current. As one would expect in China, the bulk of the print collection, although the least used, was devoted to treatises on Marxism and Mao Zedong thought. The East China Normal University library had a smaller law collection, but contained more historical legal texts. The Chinese law students I encountered were eager to share their library experiences, both positive and negative, and introduced me to many online Chinese legal resources.

I would encourage all students interested in Asian law to consider submitting a paper proposal for next year's conference in May, 2007. The ASLI

gatherings are an excellent opportunity to learn about the latest developments in Asian law and to make personal connections with scholars and law students from dozens of Asian countries.

Additional information about the Asian Law Institute can be found at their Web site: <http://law.nus.edu.sg/asli/>

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## New Library Staffer

Caryl Shipley

Community Services Liaison

Welcome to **Stacey Bowers** who has joined our team as Access Services Librarian. Professionally, Stacey comes to us from PSA Holding, Inc. where she served as General Counsel, but she's a veteran of the University of Denver community. She received her JD here in 1992 and recently completed the requirements for her Master of Library and Information Science degree. She will begin her PhD program in Curriculum and Instruction this fall in the College of Education.

Stacey is the go-to person for all your library concerns, needs, questions, and of course any positive suggestions as to how we can make your road in life just a little smoother. She plans to extend the library's outreach by tapping into the DU community, alumni, etc. to let them know about our library and what it has to offer them.

In their spare time, Stacey and her husband James enjoy their favorite pastimes of hiking, biking and snowshoeing in the great Colorado outdoors as well as taking delight in the company of their two cats, who are like children to them. Stacey also loves traveling, going to movies, reading (Fool on a Hill by Matt Ruff is one of her favorites!), boxing and gardening at her xeric landscaped home.

Please say hello when you're in the Library!

## Lexis & Westlaw Office Hours

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. Hours & contact information for the individual reps is posted on the door and by the printers on each floor.

### Monday:

LEXIS - noon-2:00pm; 3:00pm-5:00pm  
WESTLAW - 11:00am-1:00pm; 3:30pm -5:30pm

### Tuesday:

LEXIS -2:15pm-5:00pm; 7:30pm-9:00pm  
WESTLAW - 8:00am-10:00am; 11:00am-4:00pm

### Wednesday:

LEXIS - noon-2:00pm; 3:00pm-5:00pm  
WESTLAW - 10:30am-1:00pm; 4:00pm—7:45pm

### Thursday:

LEXIS - 2:15pm - 5:00pm; 7:30pm-9:00pm  
WESTLAW -8:00am-10am; 11:00am-1:00pm;  
2:30pm- 4:15pm

### Friday:

LEXIS -11:00am - 1:00pm  
WESTLAW - 10:00am - 2:00pm

### Saturday:

LEXIS -11:30am-4:30pm

### Sunday:

LEXIS - 1:30pm - 3:30pm

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## Career Development Center

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Career Consultant

Whether you're a returning student or a new one, don't make the mistake of thinking you can put off starting your job search until you are a 3L or after the bar exam. The Career Development Center ("CDC," formerly known as the Career Services Office) offers numerous paths to help you discover your career direction. Our mission is to teach law students the nuts and bolts of finding a meaningful, satisfying job, as most certainly your first job will not be your last. In addition to workshops on resume and cover letter writing, developing effective interview strategies, navigating the judicial clerkship process, the complex federal government system, exploring alternative careers or launching a second career, our staff of 5 professional career consultants are available to assist you in attaining your goals.

You will discover that learning in law school will manifest itself in 3 general, but important, areas:

1. **Academic learning**, which will be done in the classroom, library, study groups
2. **Self-Assessment**, which you can do privately or with the help of the CDC staff. Time devoted to reflecting about your career and personal goals will help you steer the direction of your career.
3. **Recognize** that there is much to learn! Keep a beginner's mind. Attend CDC programs, learn about the vast number of ways you can use your law degree. Don't make quick assumptions about your career path.

#1 Grades are important. Continue to focus on your academic coursework. If your grades were not as high as you wanted them to be during your 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year(s) of law school, actively explore ways to improve them. Employers are interested in candidates who show improvement in their academic performance - so if you didn't perform as you had expected in previous semesters, focus on how you might enhance your current academic standing.

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## Or What We Do Outside the Library

Diane Burkhardt

Faculty Services Liaison

Wedding bells are ringing for **Carol Perkins**, who married Rick Wunderli on Bastille Day, July 14. Although they did not honeymoon in Paris, they did spend a week in Canada, sightseeing in Montreal, exploring the beautiful Gaspé Peninsula (for more information, see <http://www.great-adventures.com/destinations/canada/gaspe.html>), and touring Québec City, the only fortified city north of Mexico City and the previous home of the Denver's hockey team, the Avalanche. Congratulations Carol and Rick!

In other family news, **Elena Kelty** became a grandmother for the first time in June. Her granddaughter, Alesia, was born on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Elena's daughter, Janet, begins college soon at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

**Barb Allen** has a new addition to her family: Tori, a Pembroke Welsh Corgi. Tori joins Pippin, Barb's distinguished Corgi who recently received his third title, Rally Advanced, at the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of the Rockies' annual Specialty show in Greeley. Rally is a performance event in which the dog and his handler demonstrate mastery of a set of skills on a course designed by the Rally judges. For more information about Rally, see <http://www.akc.org/events/rally/index.cfm>.

**Sergio Stone** and his daughter will be taking a dissection class this fall at the Museum of Nature and Science.

**Patty Wellinger** is cruising the city in a new blue Honda Civic. She attended the annual American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) conference in St. Louis in July, where she moderated a session for the Call for Papers Committee, which she chairs. Patty will be cruising (on a boat) in Alaska in September.

**Catharine Cott** also attended the AALL conference and enjoyed six child-free days and nights. She also had 2<sup>nd</sup>-row seats for the Olympic and Worlds figure skating championships at the Pepsi Center recently. She is enjoying her first free summer since graduating from the MLS program at Emporia State University. August 31 marks her first anniversary at the law library. She reports that she has had a great year!

**JoAnna Patrick** and her partner, Jane Rolason, are participating in an advertising campaign for a motorcycle dealer in Cheyenne. The best part is that they are riding two customized bikes free of charge for an indefinite time. JoAnna's bike is a Yamaha Roadliner 1854cc called the Cheyenne Gambler. It has a custom paint job and aftermarket accessories. Jane rides a Yamaha 1100V-Star she calls Cheyenne Autumn.

**Diane Burkhardt** vacationed in Evanston, Illinois with her family during the midwest's heat wave in late July. She sampled many of Evanston's restaurants, visited the Art Institute of Chicago and the Shedd Aquarium, shopped on Chicago's Michigan Avenue with her power-shopper daughter Claire, and ran every morning along Lake Michigan's beautiful shoreline. She also watched eight plays in five days, all of which were performed by students in Northwestern University's National High School Institute, where her son Ben studied for five weeks this summer.

**Theresa Baker** attended a digitization conference at the annual meeting of the Special Libraries Association in Baltimore recently. She also squeezed in a visit to Washington, D.C. In June, she visited family and friends in Indiana and Michigan.

**Gary Alexander** and his wife, Betty, traveled to Deadwood, South Dakota for the annual Hickock (as in "Wild Bill") Days. Gary's favorite event there is the Cowboy Fast Draw World Championship.



You may need to readjust old college study habits, talk to faculty and your peers to learn effective study tips.

#2 The CDC offers workshops ranging from the fundamentally important resume and cover letter, to showcasing different venues to practice in (government, private, public interest, business) to spotlighting areas of practice ranging from advocacy to wills and estates. Come listen to the practicing attorneys speak about their careers - and seek them out for further discussion - to see if what they describe "feels right" to you. Question yourself about your desired work environment, type of office culture, colleagues and work schedule.

#3 Last year, the CDC sponsored approximately 40 workshops each semester. These included informal small group discussions with local attorneys practicing in specialties such as litigation, international law, trust & estates, title industry, real estate, commercial, labor and employment, sports and entertainment, settings such as in-firm, in-house, solo practice, and contract work. Attorneys from the offices of the Colorado Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Colorado Public Defender, District Attorneys' offices, FBI, Securities and Exchange Commission, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Presidential Management Fellowship Program have come to campus to talk about their respective employment opportunities. All of the attorneys who participate in our programs or our job fairs are "student-friendly." They have carved out significant portions of their day to come to the law school to contribute to your education. Take advantage of their presence. Additionally, the Sturm College of Law Alumni Volunteer Network, a database of approximately 400 DU alumni and friends of DU has proved to be an invaluable resource to students/recent graduates who are exploring prospective practice areas and geographic locations. Schedule an individual meeting with a Career Consultant to learn more about utilizing the Alumni Volunteer Network.

Entering 1L students are unable to access our one-on-one career consultation services until November 1, in compliance with the regulations of the National Association of Legal Placement (NALP). After that time, pull yourself out of the library and immediately schedule a career consultation with one of our professional staff members!

Prior to November 1, we strongly encourage all students (including entering 1L's) to attend the plethora of career panels and programs that we offer and meet the legal community, regardless of whether or not you intend to practice in the area. Our outreach efforts in the Front Range have produced several avenues for you to access future employers. You can meet practicing attorneys through on-site meetings and receptions with specialty bar associations such as the Colorado Women's Bar and Trial Lawyers Association, numerous Inns of Court, Colorado Defense Lawyers Association and various sections of the Colorado Bar Association including the Solo Practitioner/Small Firm Section, criminal law, international law, health law and business law sections.

We look forward to working closely with you throughout the 2006-06 academic year. Visit our website at [www.law.du.edu/career](http://www.law.du.edu/career). Our office is located in Suite 223. Phone: 303.871.6124. E-mail [careerdevelopmentcenter@law.du.edu](mailto:careerdevelopmentcenter@law.du.edu).

