

# Hearsay

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## From the Director

Gary Alexander

So, how's your new year? I thought mine was going reasonably well - until I happened across a recent article predicting "What's Out and What's In" for the next twelve months. Imagine my chagrin on reading that 'Library Stacks' are "out," and "in" are 'Collaboratories, eJournals, Wikipedia, and Google.'

Having never heard of a "collaboratory," I googled it (38,800 hits in 0.17 seconds), and as I should have expected, Wikipedia provided the answer (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collaboratory>).

That article had gone on to say something about 'ubiquitous learning, anytime, anywhere,' and it closed with "'What's Out' is business as usual." Based on what I had just experienced, the article's author may as well have closed with, 'I rest my case.'

Somewhat daunted but not yet ready to fold the library's tent, I decided to follow some of the links in the wikipedia entry for "Collaboratory." A **Collaboratory**, as defined by [William Wulf](#), is a "center without walls, in which ... researchers can perform their research without regard to physical location, ... [and access] information in [digital libraries](#)" (Wulf, 1989).

Cheered on by the mere mention of "digital libraries," and knowing that librarians have been talking about "libraries without walls" for years, I thought I'd see what would turn up from googling that phrase.

In his talk given at the 2006 Readex Digital Institute (<http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/dspace/bitstream/1957/3134/1/The+library+without+walls.ppt#257,1>, The library without walls), entitled "The library without walls," Terry Reese alluded to the current reality confronting libraries; namely, that while libraries have always been about meeting their users' information needs, libraries today also have to meet their users' expectations.

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# Career Information Fair

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Over 40 prospective employers ranging from in-state and out-of-state government agencies, mid-to large private law firms, State Court offices and non-profits will be on hand January 30, 2008 to meet you and answer questions you may have about their offices.

## At Career Fairs, Participants Can:

- Learn about career opportunities and research prospective employers
- Identify and/or create employment opportunities (intern, summer, full-time positions)
- Hone job-hunting skills
- Network & meet hiring managers

## Attracting Attention at Career Information Fairs: Improving Your Odds

### 1. Know Your Job Interests and Your Qualifications

- Express your qualifications...strengths, academic preparation, related experiences (clerkships, internships, clinical experiences, etc.) and skills: i.e.: communication, technical, leadership
- Prepare a 30 second commercial...your sales campaign...highlight what you can do, not what the prospective employer can do for you!

### 2. Have a Well Written Resume

- Bring numerous copies of your resume to the Fair
- Consider having your own Business Card to include your degree/date of graduation, e-mail, address and areas of interest

### 3. Research Employers in Advance of the Fair.

- Your research on participating employers will show recruiters you are hard-working, eager, dedicated and goal-oriented. You can also better manage your time by prioritizing those you wish to visit.
- Review the list of participating employers by visiting the Career Development homepage: <http://law.du.edu/career/>.

### 4. Allow Enough Time & Plan Ahead

- Start early.
- Plan your time and try to avoid long lines

### 5. Business Casual Dress...Appearance Counts

- Demonstrate confidence: eye contact, hand shake, smile!
- Visit the Student Registration booth to obtain a name tag

### 6. Ask Questions and Listen

- Find out what you can do to: be considered; get more information; and arrange an interview or secure an on- Reveal information in a give and take fashion...this is an opportunity to identify employers' needs and the match of your skills

### 7. Record Information in Your Notebook/Portfolio

- Make notes as you leave on the information you gain, especially their follow-up plans
- Pick up business cards and firm literature

### 8. Follow-up With a Thank-you Letter and ask to meet for further information (meet with a career development counselor to discuss in more detail).

## Career Information Fair

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

4 - 6pm, The Forum in the Law Building

See [www.law.du.edu/career/careerfair](http://www.law.du.edu/career/careerfair) for more information on the Career Fair!

## Database News

The Law Library has purchased a comprehensive tax research database called Checkpoint from the Research Institute of America (RIA). See the database/index list on the library's homepage for access.

Interested in the Spanish for Lawyers program or learning a language before going abroad for a semester? Foreign language training is available through the Rosetta Stone database from Penrose Library. Using your banner id and myweb password, you can download the software to your laptop. See their website for more details: <http://library.du.edu/findit/EResources/rosettastone.cfm>

## IMPROVE YOUR LIBRARY RESEARCH SKILLS AT WESTMINSTER LAW LIBRARY!



The following research sessions feature subject overview and hands-on exercises. All registered participants are to meet at Level 2 tables near the Circulation Desk and reference librarians will escort them to the sessions. Please register at

<http://www.law.du.edu/library/forms/researchsessions.cfm> or see link on the library's homepage.

Wednesday, February 20, 12:15pm to 12:45pm or 4:45pm to 5:15pm:

**FEDERAL DIGESTS & REPORTERS.** Review case reporters in the federal jurisdictions and how to locate cases on point in West's Federal Practice Digest, 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thursday, February 21, 12:15pm to 12:45pm or 4:45pm to 5:15pm:

**SHORTCUTS FOR SMART RESEARCHERS, a.k.a., COLORADO PRACTICE MATERIALS.** Save valuable time and improve your research performance! This session focuses on Colorado resources which can be used for any research assignment. Materials covered include loose-leaf services, form books, CLE materials, specialized treatises, and practice sets.

Tuesday, February 26, 12:15pm to 12:45pm or 4:45pm to 5:15pm:

**FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE HISTORY.** Refresh your memory on the details of finding federal legislative history materials. This session will provide a guide to federal legislative history resources and include exercises to familiarize students with the more challenging document organization systems.

Thursday, February 28, 12:15pm to 12:45pm or 4:45pm to 5:15pm:

**INTERNET LEGAL RESEARCH.** What happens without West? Bring your laptop to this Internet legal research introduction and learn where legal information appears online for free.

Thursday, March 13, 12:15pm to 12:45pm or 4:45pm to 5:15pm:

**ISSUES AND RESOURCES IN FAMILY LAW.** Explore publications on uniform acts, dissolution of marriage, maintenance, child support, parenting time, adoption, minors' rights, interstate laws, personal injury, education, dependency and neglect, termination of parental rights, and more.

## From the Director

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According to the responses we received on the brief survey we conducted late last year (and we sincerely thank all of you who took the few minutes to complete that survey), we're doing an okay job. But the nature of that survey was not exactly what should inform any serious planning. We have discussed undertaking another survey this spring, a survey whose results would form the basis for a five-year plan that the Dean has charged the library with preparing.

One final note, this may well be the swansong for Hearsay. In our first issue, Winter 1995, we noted that one of our goals for the newsletter was to "initiate a dialogue in which you will share with us your hopes and fears, your trials ... and tribulations, your frustrations and your expectations." In today's information environment, a semi-annual newsletter may not be an effective means of continuing this dialogue. But please, stay in touch, and may your '08 be great.

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### **Hearsay 2.0—now a blog!**

[www.law.du.edu/library/hearsay/blog](http://www.law.du.edu/library/hearsay/blog)

Find updates on research tips, new resources, legal news and library announcements.

Win LexisNexis or Westlaw points by participating in our scavenger hunt! Answer the questions posted on the blog and submit to [hearsay@law.du.edu](mailto:hearsay@law.du.edu) by Feb 8th.



## THE FINE ART OF SMALL TALK

### **DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU NEED A JOB TO START NETWORKING!**

Tongue-tied at career fairs and large events with attorneys? Want to increase your confidence to strike up a conversation at networking receptions and conferences? Don't miss the opportunity to hear **Debra Fine** and **The Fine Art of Small Talk** on:

**Tuesday, January 29, 2008**

**12:00 noon - 1:00 pm**

**In the Law Forum**

Debra's fast paced, informative and entertaining presentation on **The Fine Art of Small Talk** will demystify the art of talking to strangers. Laugh, learn and leave with insightful and informative conversation tips and techniques on how to strike up conversations and keep them going. Avoid conversation "killers", develop business relationships and come across as composed and self-assured when talking to alumni, potential employers and interacting with people at networking opportunities and other business related gatherings. Learn how to turn every conversation, interview, association event, conference, and business social occasion into an opportunity for success.

**Debra Fine** developed **The Fine Art of Small Talk** to teach technically oriented professionals conversational skills and techniques. A former engineer herself, Debra is now nationally recognized as a keynote speaker, trainer and author. She conducts her programs regularly for Fortune 500 firms as well as financial, legal, health care, real estate, government, engineering and entrepreneurial organizations. Her best selling book "*The Fine Art of Small Talk*" was published to excellent reviews in the Library Journal and USA Today and feature stories in Entrepreneur Magazine and The Chicago Tribune. Her recent media appearances include the Today Show, the Early Show, NPR and CNN. More information about Debra and The Fine Art of Small Talk can be viewed at [www.DebraFine.com](http://www.DebraFine.com).

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## Lexis & Westlaw Office Hours

The Lexis & Westlaw student reps are available at tables outside the library entrance to answer your online research questions. Spring semester office hours are listed below. Changes & additional information may be posted on the vendor websites.

### Monday:

LEXIS - 9am-1pm; 2:30-4:30pm  
WESTLAW - 10:30am-1pm; 2:30pm-4pm; 5:30pm-7pm

### Tuesday:

LEXIS - 9am-11am; noon-2pm; 3:30pm-5:30pm  
WESTLAW - 2pm-4pm

### Wednesday:

LEXIS - 9am-1pm; 2:30-4:30pm  
WESTLAW - 10:30am-1pm; 2:30pm-4pm; 5:30pm-6:30pm

### Thursday:

LEXIS - 9am-11am; noon-1pm; 2:30pm-5:30pm  
WESTLAW - noon-4pm

### Friday:

WESTLAW - 10am-2pm

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## Technology Changes

Theresa Baker

Information Technology Librarian

The spring semester is bringing a couple of technology related changes to the Sturm College of Law. First of all, we have joined the rest of campus in using the DUnet printer system. This system utilizes print release stations next to the printers. You swipe your Pioneer Card, select your print job(s), and they print immediately. Print jobs not printed after two hours are automatically deleted. The DUnet printers also have the capability to print double-sided, which is more cost effective, and helps save trees! To add the new printers to your laptop, download and install the software located at <http://dunet.du.edu/uts/DUnet/DUnetLA.html>. At the start of each semester, all law students will have \$35 added to the print account on their Pioneer Cards. Black and white printing is 7 cents per page. Double-sided printing is 5 cents per side. Color printing is 70 cents per page.

Another change is the move away from "H: Drives". All students were given the opportunity to pick up a free USB flash drive from the law school. The flash drives can be used to store files and transfer them to other computers. The drives come bundled with U3 Smart Technology software on them. When you pop the drive into a USB port on your laptop, the U3 Launchpad will automatically open. The Launchpad comes with some mini software programs. Avast! Antivirus helps keep your drive from getting infected with viruses. SignupShield Passwords helps you keep track of website passwords. Clicking on "Enable Security" allows you to password protect your flash drive. Some may find this software useful, and some may not. If not, go into Settings and remove the Launchpad from your drive. This will give you another 100 MB of space for your files. When using flash drives, it's a good idea to "turn off" the drive before pulling it out of the USB port. On Windows PC's, click on the "Safely Remove Hardware" icon in the task tray. Select the flash drive and click on "Stop". Windows will then tell you it is safe to remove the flash drive.

If you have questions about these changes, or need help installing printers, please call the Help Desk at 303-871-6464.

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## Or What We Do Outside the Library

Diane Burkhardt

Faculty Services Liaison

Our peripatetic International, Foreign and Comparative Law Librarian, **Sergio Stone**, traveled to Mumbai, India, in December for the International Association of Law Libraries' Annual Course in International Law Librarianship. (The Fall 2007 edition of Etc. noted his trip to Malaysia in May.) He returned with sweets and treats for the library staff. On the home front, Sergio will be coaching his son's soccer team this spring.

**Theresa Baker** has also been traveling. She enjoyed a fabulous Mexican Riviera cruise in October and then spent Thanksgiving in Kansas City with family. In December, she went to Phoenix for her brother-in-law's swearing-in as an Arizona Superior Court judge. All of this traveling is probably why she stayed in Denver during the recent winter break and relaxed at home. Theresa served on the Local Arrangements Subcommittee for the Library and Information Technology Association's (LITA) recent National Forum, which was held in Denver for the first time. She reports that many Colorado librarians who are interested in technology were able to attend the conference.

**Sheila Green** made her annual trip to visit family in Florida, and **Catharine Cott** spent some of the winter break in Savannah, Georgia with family.

**Diane Burkhardt** became addicted to yoga over the winter break, thanks to a Christmas gift certificate from her daughter for yoga classes. On a recent Saturday afternoon, she stretched and sweated with three distinguished professors from the Sturm College of Law. Diane has also seen a lot of movies lately. She recommends "Ten Questions for the Dalai Lama," "Michael Clayton," "Into the Wild," "The Darjeeling Limited," "Juno," "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly," and "The Lives of Others."

**Patty Wellinger** and **Barbara Allen** continue to participate in American Kennel Club events with their dogs, Pippin and Tory (Barb's Welsh Corgis) and Jessie (Patty's Bernese Mountain Dog). At a recent Greeley show, Tory & Barb were awarded a special rosette for passing their third "leg" and completing the requirements for a Rally Novice title from the AKC. Patty & Jessie passed their second "leg" and hope to finish their title in the upcoming year.

And, **Stacey Bowers** is excited to have tickets for rounds one and two of the men's NCAA tournament, which are being held in Denver this year.

## Non-Law Reference Questions

Esti Shay

Reference Librarian

The reference desk staff is here to help you with legal research and so naturally we mostly hear law-related questions, but did you know there are other subjects we can answer questions about?

**Patty** can help you with social science research and answer questions about dog training.

**Sergio**, our Foreign, Comparative & International Law librarian, can help with queries about Latin American history and culture. You can also ask him about his recent trips to Mumbai and Malaysia.

**Sheila**, our federal tax expert, can also answer questions about Colorado mountaineering and acoustic guitars.

**Esti** knows where to find swing and blues dancing classes locally and around the country. If you're curious about Web 2.0, she can answer some questions about the basic technologies and applications.

**Catharine** knows about Colorado practice materials and she can help you find answers to knitting questions.

When you have a question, please stop by the reference desk. We're here to help!