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September 2002

People in the News

Kerry Fitz-Gerald was hired as the library's newest reference librarian. Kerry has an A.B. with Distinction in Philosophy from Duke University, a Masters in Chinese Philosophy from University of Hawai'i at Manoa, a J.D. cum laude from University of Wisconsin and most recently, an M.L.I.S. with certification in law librarianship from University of Washington. She has been working as a reference librarian at King County Law Library since 1999. She has also worked as an associate at the LaFollette Godfrey Kahn Law Firm in Wisconsin, interned at the Wisconsin Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Wisconsin Center for Public Representation, and clerked for Justice Bablitch at the Wisconsin State Supreme Court. Kerry starts Wednesday, September 4th and will be located in Room 202, near the reference desk on the second floor of the law library. Please welcome Kerry.

Kristin Cheney, Executive Law Librarian, was named the new Chair of the Association of Jesuit and Catholic Universities (AJCU) Conference of Law Librarians for 2002-2003, while at the American Association of Law Librarians (AALL) annual conference in Orlando, Fl. Additionally, Ms. Cheney recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from Curtis Senior High School, University Place School District, for partnering with teachers to provide students with information and inspiration to become involved with community service.

Ada DiSpaltro, our Acquisition's Specialist retired on July 31st after twenty years of service to the law library and law school. For those of you who were unable to attend Ada's going away part, she was overwhelmed with the gifts (a Mariner's jacket, gift certificates for Mariner's tickets and to Michaels, as well as a scrapbook). When asked to say something, Ada actually said she was "speechless"! Congratulations to Ada on her twenty years of service and best wishes on her retirement! **Charlotte Parsons**, our former Circulation Assistant, has been hired to fill Ada's position as the library's Acquisition's Specialist. Charlotte is now located in Ada's former workstation. Congratulations to Charlotte.

Kelly Kunsch co-authored "A State Supreme Court in Transition" with Professor Bond. The article was published at 25 Seattle University Law Review 545. The authors studied the Washington Supreme Court justices' voting patterns and analyzed the trends for possible shifts in the balance due to changes the court's makeup. Kelly also authored "The Way We Were and What We 'B'" published at 21 Legal Reference Services Quarterly 97. The article is a retrospective on the past 20 years of legal reference, and the movement toward immediacy, ubiquity, and universality. Kelly concludes that the job is more difficult now than 20 years ago because of one factor: increased patron expectations.

Kent Milunovich, the library's Systems/Technical Services Librarian, has published an article in the Law Library Journal titled "Designing and Maintaining Law Library Web Sites: Some Practical Considerations" (Vol. 94, no. 3, Summer 2002, pp. 487-508). The article describes a number of general law library Web site design principles and identifies elements that are typically included in such sites.

Brendan Starkey Update. July 12th marked Brendan Starkey's last day as a SU reference librarian. On July 13th Brendan began making the transition to his new role of University of Southern California first-year law student! Yes, when Brendan left he was leaning towards accepting Georgetown's offer, but his home state of California eventually got the nod.

New and Notable Library Materials



Library Roundup

Research Materials of Leonard Schroeter

Leonard Schroeter, a local attorney with a national reputation for outstanding public interest service, has generously donated his collection of research materials to the library. The collection encompasses many areas of social justice advocacy, and reflects the thinking and scholarship of a highly successful activist lawyer. The collection also includes unique materials for public interest law scholarship, and complements Seattle University School of Law's commitment to social justice.

Leonard Schroeter has received numerous awards for his distinguished career as an access to justice activist. Mr. Schroeter's advocacy has not been limited to the court room; he has also contributed to progressive legal scholarship with numerous articles on constitutional law.

The library will begin processing the collection this Fall. Once established, the collection will provide a valuable resource of unique research sources for scholars and practicioners. Eventually, certain parts of the collection will be digitized, allowing access to the collection by researchers in the greater public interest community.

Updated Faculty Services Guide



Distribution of our "new and improved" FACULTY SERVICES GUIDE is currently underway. This updated print guide not only describes the many library services that are available to law school faculty, but also provides the reader with assorted library and law school-related maps, directories, calendars, etc. The GUIDE's looseleaf format will facilitate adding and updating materials as the library expands and refines its faculty services. A complete overview of faculty services is also available online.

New Faculty Research Assistants Program

Full-time and visiting faculty members who have short-term research projects (approx. 20 hours) that do not require the continued employment of a student research assistant are invited to use the services of the Faculty Research Assistants Program. This service will provide research support from a pool of students hired, trained, and supervised by the Reference Librarians. Its purpose is to deliver timely information for episodic projects. To initiate a request, contact your law library liaison.

7th Annual Bridge The Gap

Seattle University Law School, Sullivan Hall, hosted the 7th Annual Bridge the Legal Research Gap program on Tuesday, June 25. A joint production by law librarians from Seattle University Law Library and University of Washington Gallagher Law Library, Bridge the Gap is a free program designed to give students a refresher course on key research skills needed for summer legal employment. The 179 registrants included law students from schools around the country working at 61 local law firms, companies, not-for-profit organizations, and government agencies. Presenters from Seattle University included Law Librarians Kelly Kunsch, Bob Menanteaux, Kara Phillips, Brendan Starkey, and Stephanie Wilson, and Law School Career Services Director Erika Lim. Many of the research guides and power point presentations are available online.

Blackwell Table of Contents Service

The library has worked with Blackwell's Book Services to add tables of contents for 1,700 titles dating back to 1992. Representative publishers of these titles include Aspen, Kluwer, Oryx, and various university presses and smaller publishers. The tables of contents are prominently displayed in our online catalog. To view examples, access our online catalog and search for the titles Sexual Harassment: Women Speak Out (which includes author hyperlinks) and Free Speech in an Open Society (which shows book jacket notes). We will continue to work with Blackwell as they add tables of contents and book jacket notes to new titles that we receive.

Westlaw KeyCite

Law school students, faculty and staff have long had the advantage of accessing KeyCite, Westlaw's citation checking software, for academic purposes via Westlaw. Now, the law library is offering Westlaw KeyCite to all patrons (alumni, main campus, and walk-in patrons) for use within the law library. KeyCite can be used to determine whether a case or statute is good law and to retrieve citing references. It covers the West's National Reporter System (federal and state appellate cases), selected unpublished cases, ALR Annotations, USCA, CFR and statutes from all 50 states. Additionally, KeyCite provides references from secondary sources such as law reviews and AmJur. KeyCite is easy to use with a graphical web interface and colored symbols to alert the reader to important status information. KeyCite results may be sent to a patron's personal e-mail address. Patrons may call Seattle University Law Library at 206-398-4225 or stop by the Reference Desk for more information. We are pleased to expand the availability of this premiere cite checking service!

New Display on Islamic Law



A new display has been installed in the fourth-floor display case. The display highlights the law of Islam and the library's materials on this increasingly important subject. Pictorial materials, newspaper articles and explanatory text are also included to provide a brief overview of the sources and current impact of Islamic law.

Comments and questions about the materials displayed are

welcome.

Construction Update

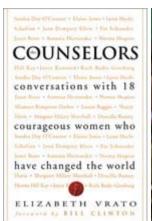
This fall while construction proceeds on the new faculty office space, legal writing faculty will occupy three library study rooms on the 3rd floor. Rooms 302, 303 & 304 will not be available. The remaining study rooms on the 3rd floor and all the 4th floor rooms can still be reserved at the circulation desk for group study. Be aware that construction might affect access to study rooms throughout the semester. Check with staff at circulation or reference for construction updates.

Newsletter written by law library staff.

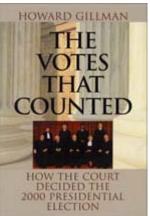
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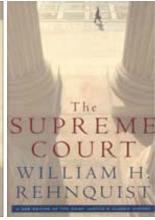
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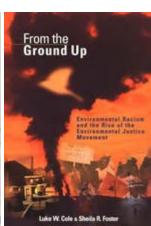
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foreword by BILL CLINTON

The Counselors. Elizabeth Vrato. Philadephia: Running Press, 2002. KF299.W6V73 2002

From the publisher: Meet the women of the revolution. The women of The Counselors have faced overwhelming opposition with astounding determination and integrity. Each believe in helping other women, and each of them has a host of experiences and advice from which younger women may learn valuable lessons of courage and strength. These are the women who have pav ed the way for the success of future generations.

Author Elizabeth Vrato asked recipients of the prestigious Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award what they would like to share with young women just beginning their careers. The result of these conversations is a profound look at women's struggle for recognition and success what will captivate a reader of any age or gender.

About the author: Elizabeth Vrato is an attorney practicing with the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund.



The Pinochet Case. A Film by Patricio Guzman. New York: First Run / Icarus Films, 2001. Videos VC P008

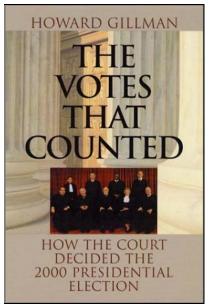
From the Studio:

Grand Prize Winner: 2001 Fiction du Reel (Marseille) Semaine de la Critique: 2001 Cannes Film Festival

2002 Seattle International Film Festival

Augusto Pinochet, the general who overthrew President Salvador Allende of Chile in 1973, was the first dictator in Latin America - or the world - to be humbled by the international justice system since the Nuremburg trials.

This new film by Patricio Guzman investigates the legal origins of the case in Spain - where it began two years before Pinochet's arrest by London police in 1998. With the film's protagonists, among them the prosecutor Carlos Castressana who filed the charges, and Judge Baltasar Garzon, who upheld them and issued the arrest warrant, The Pinochet Case explores how a small group of people in Madrid laid the groundwork for this incredible feat - catching a dictator 25 years after his rise to power.



The Votes That Counted: How the Court Decided the 20000 Presidential Election. Howard Gillman. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2001. KF5074.2.G55 2001

From the publisher: The dramatic struggle over the outcome of the 2000 presidential election presented judges with an extraordinary political challenge as well as a historic political temptation. In The Votes Counted, Howard Gillman offers a comprehensive yet critical assessment of how courts coped with the competing expectations for impartial justice and favorable results.

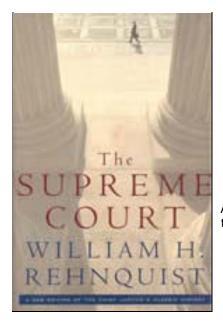
Lively and authoritative, the book documents how the participants, the press, the academic community, and the public responded during these tension-filled thirty-six days. Gillman also provides serious yet accessible overview of the legal strategies and debates - from briefs and oral arguments to final decisions. However, in explaining the behaviors of courts, he moves beyond an analysis of law to also take into account the influences of partisanship, judicial ideology, and broader political and historical contexts.

About the author: Howard Gillman is associate professor of political science at the University of Southern California. He is the author of The Constitution Besieged, the winner of the Pritchett Award for best book on public law, and the editor (with Cornell Clayton) of Supreme Court Decision-Making, also published by the University of Chicago Press.

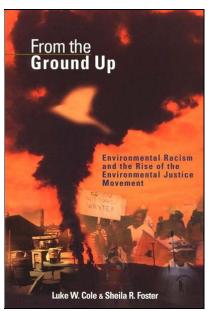
The Supreme Court. William H. Rehnquist. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2001. KF8742.R47 2001

Fifteen years after he became the first sitting Chief Justice to write a book about the United States Supreme Court, William H. Rehnquist has added new chapters and substantially revised his classic work.

The Supreme Court begins with the personal story of William Rehnquist's introduction to the Court as a law clerk to Justice Robert Jackson in 1952. From there it describes the Court's early evolution and function in our small, young democracy. The author shows us how, as our country has grown and our politics have changed, the Court has moved in tandem with the executive and legislative branches to become the diverse and complex body we see in the present.



About the author: William H. Rehnquist succeeded Warren Burger in September 1986 as the sixteenth Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.



From the Ground Up: Environmental Racism and the Rise of the Environmental Justice Movement. Luke W. Cole and Sheila R. Foster. New York: New York University Press, 2001. GE 180.C65 2001

From the publisher: From the Ground Up critically examines one of the fastest growing social movements in the United States, the movement for environmental justice. Tracing the movement's roots and illustrating the historical and contemporary causes of environmental racism, Luke Cole and Sheila Foster combine original analysis with powerful storytelling to help us understand the gripping struggles of communities across the United States - towns like Kettleman City, California, Chester, Pennsylvania; and Dilkon, Arizona - and their transformative effects on individuals, communities, and environmental policy.

About the authors: Luke W. Cole is Director of the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation's Center on Race, Poverty, and the Environment. Sheila R. Foster is a professor at Rutgers University School of Law, Camden.