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What's new in the Law Library . .

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People in the News



Charity Braceros was recently hired as the new library circulation desk monitor. Charity earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Puget Sound and most recently worked as an interlibrary loan/circulation specialist at UPS Collins Memorial Library. Charity brings a wealth of public service experience to her new job. We are glad to have her! Charity works until 8pm, Sunday through Thursday. Welcome Charity to the library.

Look for two new faces at the reference desk: **Kara Phillips**, the library's Collection Development Librarian, and **Kent Milunovich**, the library's Systems/Technical Services Librarian. Both stepped in at the reference desk during the increased teaching responsibilities of the other librarians. This new reference desk rotation has been so successful that it will continue throughout the semester.





The reference librarians, in conjunction with the Legal Writing program, taught legal research to the entire first year class between October 10th and 24th. Kerry Fitz-Gerald, Kelly Kunsch, and **Stephanie Wilson** taught 20 sessions on secondary sources, statutes, cases, cite-checking, computer-assisted legal research, and planning the research process. Aiding the team effort were Kent Milunovich and Kara Phillips who covered shifts at the reference desk along with regularly scheduled law-student/librarian Cynthia Burress.

Realizing that many librarians are either currently involved in or will soon be part of a building project, the Law Librarians of Puget Sound (LLOPS) selected library design and space planning as their September meeting topic. Panelists **Kristin Cheney (Seattle University)**, Andrea Vanecko (Callison Architecture, Inc.), Katie Drake (Graham & Dunn), and Jean Holcomb (King County Law Library) discussed the many and varied design considerations and how these considerations influenced their own building projects.

Conference Attendance

In September, **Kristin Cheney** and **Stephanie Wilson** went to Anchorage to attend the annual meeting of the Western Pacific Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. Programs included sessions about Alaska's judicial system, teaching electronic legal research, and the impact of technology on the learning styles of today's law students. Kristin and Stephanie also met with Alaska State Law Librarian Cynthia Fellows to discuss library resources for students attending the law school's upcoming Summer in Anchorage program. Ms. Fellows expressed enthusiasm about the law school program, and said the Alaska State Court Law Library's resources and facilities would be available for students enrolled in the program. Kristin had the opportunity to tour the library, the only public law library in Anchorage.

Susan Kezele attended the 1st Northwest Interlibrary Loan/Resource Sharing Conference in Portland, Oregon in September. The conference provided the opportunity to discuss issues and solutions concerning the future of resource sharing and ILL with colleagues from the Northwest and beyond. Practical information on resource sharing operations and processes was disseminated and demonstrations were provided on the latest tools of the trade. Interest in the conference was high and registration reached capacity quickly. In a climate of increasing patron expectations and declining library budgets, the subject of "sharing" among libraries is taking on increased significance.

The 8th Annual Northwest Innovative Users Group (NWIUG) conference was held on Oct. 14-15, in Portland, Oregon. Nancy Minton, Jane Grossman, Charlotte Parsons and Susan Kezele attended. The conference provides training and development opportunities for libraries using Innovative Interfaces as their circulation, serials, and cataloging database. Programs included URL/link checking, authorities processing, the WebOpac, web access management, e-

journal and electronic resource management. Since the law library upgraded to Millennium, the web-based database, in early August, the conference provided the opportunity to see how other libraries use Millennium, to explore the capabilities of the system, and to preview upcoming enhancements.

Nancy Minton attended OLAC 2002, "Electronic And Media Cataloging For The 21st Century" in St. Paul, Minnesota, September 27-29. The annual On-Line Audiovisual Catalogers Conference provides training on cataloging and annotating sound, digital, maps, graphs, and electronic materials. Given our library's recent expanded acquisitions of instructional videos for faculty courses, OLAC's video cataloging workshop was especially beneficial. Nancy also attended the O.C.L.C Western annual meeting at the University of Washington on September 18th.

Library Donation Programs

Ethiopia - The law library recently sent 70 law books (older casebooks, study aids and reference books) to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In October, a Rotary delegation of approximately 70 individuals traveled to Addis Ababa to assist with polio vaccination efforts. Mr. David Spicer, a Rotarian and attorney, suggested that each of the 70 individuals carry a few law books in their luggage. On a prior trip to Addis Ababa, Mr. Spicer had met with attorneys, judges and law faculty. He noted a "real shortage of any legal materials for the courts and the law school and most of their materials are 30-40 years old. They have no computers in the court system and the law school I believe has very few resources as well." Mr. Spicer asked Seattle University Law Library to donate relatively recent books and treatises on major substantive areas of law. We were more than happy to help out and also suggested that he get in touch with Law Librarians of Puget Sound (LLOPS), the local organization of law librarians, including librarians from academic, firm, county, government and special libraries. A call went out to LLOPS members for books and Mr. Spicer received many donations in addition to those from Seattle University Law Library.

Vladivostok - In conjunction with Dean Hasl and Associate Dean Burnett's trip to Far Eastern National University in Vladivostok, the library worked with a faculty member at Far Eastern on selecting recent case books and treatises on various legal topics of current interest to Far Eastern faculty and students. Dean Hasl and Associate Dean Burnett presented the previously selected books to the law school during their trip. Associate Dean Burnett has indicated that Far Eastern National University is interested in expanding their legal collection so the library will be gearing up for future donations.

St. Petersburg - In the fall, Professor Lorenz took about 40 books to St. Petersburg Law School and the law library is currently setting aside materials for future visits.

New Databases

Foreign Law Guide - Provides information on primary and secondary sources of foreign law, covering 200 jurisdictions, with a focus on references to English translations of full text legislation. If you are used to using the print version, Foreign Law: current sources of codes and basic legislation in jurisdictions of the world by Thomas H. Reynolds and Arturo A. Flores, you will like the enhanced online version!

Journals of Legal Scholarship from Berkeley Electronic Press - Our subscription includes access to two distinct electronic journals:

Bepress: Issues in Legal Scholarship - Publishes online symposia on issues of current and continuing interest.

Bepress: Theoretical Inquiries in Law - Specializes in legal applications of insights developed in other disciplines such as moral political theory, epistemology, social sciences, economics, game theory, probability theory and cognitive psychology.

Faculty Bibliography

The library regularly updates a bibliography of scholarly publications of law school career faculty. We ask that each faculty member regularly notify the library of his or her published works, particularly chapters in texts, non-legal works or other formally-published items not usually indexed in standard sources. Faculty may send complete, bibliographic information about their publications to Kerry Fitz-Gerald. New publications are added to the faculty publications display cabinets at the second floor entrance to the law library. Some recent additions to the display cabinet include:

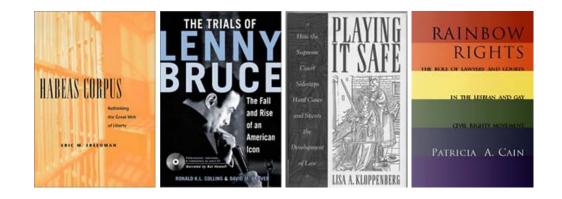
The trials of Lenny Bruce: the fall and rise of an American icon by David M. Skover & Ronald K.L. Collins.

Internet Commerce: the emerging legal framework by Gregory M. Silverman, Margaret Jane Radin, and John A. Rothchild

The legal writing handbook: practice book by Laurel Currie Oates and Anne Enquist

We very much appreciate donations of faculty scholarship so that we may not only enhance the collection, but also feature them on display. Law library personnel work very hard to support the faculty in their scholarship and we certainly appreciate the acknowledgments for exceptional library service in faculty publications.

New and Notable

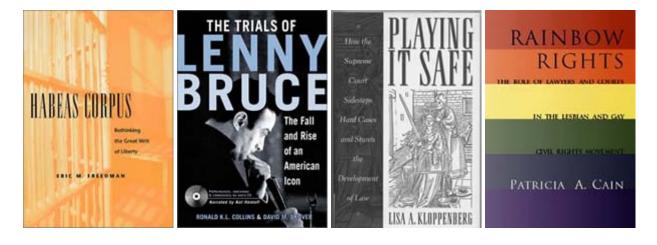


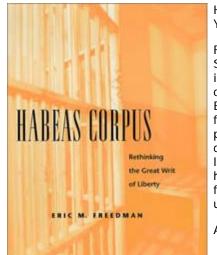
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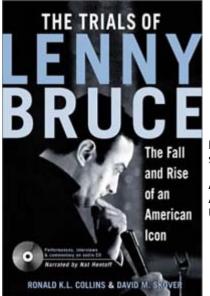
Habeas Corpus : Rethinking the Great Writ of Liberty. Eric M. Freedman. New York: New York University Press, 2001. KF9011.F74 2001

From the publisher: In this timely volume, Eric M. Freedman reexamines four of the Supreme Court's most important habeas corpus rulings: one by Chief Justice John Marshall in 1807 concerning Aaron Burr's conspiracy, two arising from the traumatic national events of the 1915 Leo Frank case and the 1923 cases growing out of murderous race riots in Elaine County, Arkansas, and one case from 1953 that dramatized some of the ugliest features of Southern Justice of the period. In each instance, Freedman uncovers new primary sources and tells the stories of the cases through such documents as the Justices' draft opinions and the memos of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist from when he was a law clerk on the court. Building on these results, Freedman challenges legalistic limits on habeas corpus and demonstrates how a vigorous writ is central to implementing the fundamental conceptions of individual liberty and constrained government power that underlie the Constitution.

About the author: Eric M. Freedman is Professor of Law, Hofstra University School of Law.

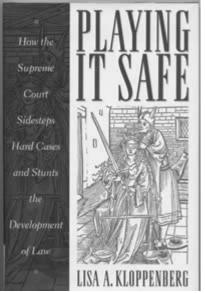
The Trials of Lenny Bruce : The Fall and Rise of an American Icon. Ronald K.L. Collins and David M. Skover. Naperville, IL: Sourcebooks MediaFusion, 2002. KF224.B78C65 2002

From the publisher: Lenny Bruce's words had the power to provoke laughter and debate as well as shock and outrage. It was the force of his voice that would place him on the wrong side of the law in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago and New York. Lenny's battles were fought on stage and in the courtroom - against cops in San Francisco and L.A. who took notes at his performances, against judges in Chicago and against a prosecutor in New York with a zeal to bring the comedian down. The first carefully documented account of



Lenny Bruce's career and free speech struggles, The Trials of Lenny Bruce paints a vivid, shocking, hilarious and tragic portrait of a man too honest for his time.

About the authors: Ronald K.L. Collins is currently scholar-in-residence at the First Amendment Center in Arlington, Virginia. David M. Skover is professor of law at Seattle University School of Law.



Playing It Safe : How the Supreme Court Sidesteps Hard Cases and Stunts the Development of Law. Lisa A. Kloppenberg. New York: New York University Press, 2001. KF 8748.K58 2001

From the Publisher: It is one of the unspoken truths of the American judicial system that courts go out of their way to avoid having to decide important and controversial issues. Even the Supreme Court - from which the entire nation seeks guidance - frequently engages in transparent tactics to avoid difficult, politically sensitive cases.

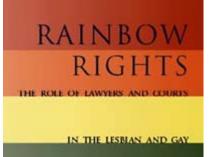
By sharing the stories of litigants who struggled unsuccessfully to raise before the Supreme Court constitutional matters of the utmost importance from the 1970s to the 1990s, Playing It Safe argues that judges who fail to exercise their power in hard cases in effect abdicate their constitutional responsibility when it is needed most, and in so doing betray their commitment to neutrality. Lisa Kloppenberg demonstrates how the Court often avoids socially sensitive cases, such as those involving racial and ethnic discrimination, gender inequalities, abortion restrictions, sexual orientation discrimination, and environmental abuses.

About the author: Lisa A. Kloppenberg is Dean of the University of Dayton School of Law.

Rainbow Rights : The Role of Lawyers and Courts in the Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Movement. Patricia A. Cain. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2000. KF4754.5.C35 2000

From the publisher: Rainbow Rights describes the substantive state of lesbian and gay rights law. Among other topics, Prof. Cain examines the way that early gay organizations (the earliest beginning in 1924), although different from today's gay rights groups, provided important contributions to the modern fight for lesbian and gay legal rights. She also looks at how the most important cases of the 1950s and 1960s - the political battles over keeping gay and lesbian bars open and the fight by government employees to keep their jobs during the governmental purge of suspected homosexuals along with suspected communists during the McCarthy era - have helped to shape the state of the law today.

About the author: Patricia Cain is Professor of Law at the University of Iowa College of Law.



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