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E-Reference

Do you ever have a question from home or during non-library hours? Fire off an e-mail to a reference librarian and look for an answer the next day.

Expanded Alumni Service

The Law Library is expanding service to our alumni with a new membership plan. The plan entitles the holder to one year of borrowing privileges at the library for an annual fee of $25. Our previous policy allowed alumni unlimited in-house access to the library but no material could be checked out. Now alumni can check out five circulating items at a time, with a thirty-day loan period. The library is interested in responding to alumni needs and research interests, and welcomes any suggestions that will improve our continuing relationship. A membership form is available on the law library Web site.

Library Launches Virtual Tour

We are proud to announce that our new virtual tour is up and running. This new tour is the result of extensive collaboration between the Library and Technology. Librarians provided the tour’s content and structure, while Technology staff directed the development and implementation. Using the latest in Macromedia Flash technology, the tour allows you to view the library from all directions, navigate throughout the collection, and click on areas for additional information.
People in the News

Greg Soejima and his wife, Lucy, are the proud parents of a baby boy born at 3:00 a.m., January 29, 2003. Nathaniel Roy ("Nate") weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and measured 20 1/2". Big sister, Chloe, is delighted with her baby brother. Best wishes to the Soejima family!

Conference Attendance

Modern Archives Institute in Washington D.C.

At the end of January, Stephanie Wilson attended the Modern Archives Institute in Washington D.C. The Institute--a two week program administered by the National Archives and Records Administration--taught participants about all aspects of archival management, including material selection and arrangement, public access and research issues, and preservation and conservation. Ms. Wilson attended the Institute to learn the proper processes for arranging and managing materials recently donated by Leonard Schroeter. Last summer, Mr. Schroeter donated his research materials and personal papers to the library. Mr. Schroeter is a local public interest attorney with a national reputation as an advocate and legal scholar, and his materials will provide a valuable resource of unique research sources for scholars and practitioners. In addition to the recent Schroeter donation, the library anticipates that it will collect more rare and archival material in the future.

Seattle University Strategic Leadership Program

Susan Kezele participated in the first Seattle University Strategic Leadership Program, Feb. 3-6, 2003. The intensive 4-day workshop was a comprehensive management and leadership education program designed to provide knowledge, skills, and the tools necessary to succeed as a leader at Seattle University. Four managers and associate directors from Gonzaga University joined ten Seattle University supervisors in attendance. The Human Resources department hopes to implement the training program campuswide.

New Online Database - LawTRIO

LawTRIO online is a comprehensive directory of law-related titles published in looseleaf, newsletter and on CD-ROM. It contains over 7,500 entries from three useful print directories: Legal Looseleaves in Print, Legal Newsletters in Print and the Directory of Law-Related CD-ROMs. Search by keyword, and limit by title, subject and publisher. For example, if you wanted to know what IP looseleaves, newsletters and CD-ROMs are currently published, type in the key word Intellectual Property and you will retrieve 61 hits. Click on any of the titles to find out information about the product. For more information or assistance, contact the library reference desk (x4225) or your library liaison.
Staff Millennium Training

On January 28-30, the library conducted staff training for the Millennium acquisitions and cataloging modules as well as Web OPAC features. Millennium is Windows- and Java-based client software created by Innovative Interfaces. Law libraries have been switching to Millennium after using a character-based version of the same software for many years. Millennium offers upgraded versions of its four modules: acquisitions, cataloging, circulation and serials. As an integrated library system, Millennium will facilitate greater functionality, flexibility, ease of use and navigation for both patrons and staff.

Current Awareness Tools

Having trouble keeping up on new law review articles or working papers? Would you like announcements delivered directly to you via e-mail? If so, the library subscribes to two services that may meet your needs.

Current Index to Legal Periodicals (SmartCILP)

To receive e-mail notifications about newly published law review articles, law faculty may wish to access SmartCILP. SmartCILP provides automated e-mail delivery of pre-selected topics or journals indexed in the Current Index to Legal Periodicals. After setting up a SmartCILP profile, subscribers receive an e-mail message (clearly marked as “SmartCILP”) each week containing article citations pertaining to the topics and journals they selected.

For example, a faculty member who is interested in law review articles on Indian Law, Banking Law and Environmental Law may set up a profile to track newly published articles in those fields. In addition, the faculty member may choose to see the tables of contents for specific journals of interest such as the American Indian Law Review, the Environmental Lawyer and the Annual Review of Banking Law. Additionally, when available, there are links to the full text of the articles on Westlaw and Lexis. SmartCILP profiles can be modified each week to accommodate changes in research emphasis.

You may obtain the authorization code for Seattle University Law Library by contacting the reference desk (x4225) or your library liaison.

Legal Scholarship Network

To access electronic abstracts of working papers, law faculty may want to sign up for a subscription to journals of interest published by the Legal Scholarship Network (part of the Social Science Research Network). Each journal issue, delivered via e-mail, contains abstracts of recent papers in a particular area of legal scholarship. Journals are edited by a law professor with expertise in the field covered by the journal. Each abstract is accompanied by an e-mail address for the author, whom you can contact to obtain a full copy of any paper, and often a Web site address from which most papers can be downloaded free of charge. (Some papers like the NBER working papers incur a charge.)
Librarians Have Class

Law librarians have invaded the classroom this semester. Last semester, Kristin Cheney taught Advanced Legal Research. This semester, Kelly Kunsch and Stephanie Wilson are co-teaching a section of the popular class. In addition, Bob Menanteaux is teaching International & Foreign Law Research. At the same time, Kerry Fitz-Gerald has lectured for both Advanced Professional Responsibility and Legal Writing II. Other members of the law library staff will help stem the tide of reference requests throughout this semester.

Faculty Research Assistants Program

The Faculty Research Assistants program is off to a flying start. Teaching staff with short-term research needs have tapped the program to work on a variety of questions. Our two student researchers come well-equipped to meet their needs. Stephen Leptich, second year student, has a background in science with interests in intellectual property and environmental law. His law review experience will serve him well with future assignments. Page Scott brings strong credentials in state legislative research as a former Senate intern and a Transportation Planner in Eastern Washington. Her experience with the Jessup competition has helped her work on several tasks involving international and foreign law.

If you need research assistance but don’t feel that your project warrants hiring your own student, contact your law library liaison.

Law Library Joins the New England Law Library Consortium – NELLCO!

Wondering why a law library in Washington state would join a consortium of law libraries in New England? The New England Law Library Consortium (NELLCO), established in 1983 as a vehicle for resource sharing among non-profit law libraries in New England, has invited law libraries outside their region to become affiliate members. Affiliate members may participate in coordinated trials of electronic resources, consortium pricing and licensing of electronic resources and centralized billing and renewal for these resources. NELLCO members receive discounts from 10% to 60% on databases.

When possible, Seattle University Law Library utilizes the combined purchasing power of consortia to purchase products and databases at a discount; however,
existing consortia target academic and public libraries rather than law libraries, and the licensed databases do not always meet our patron needs. We are very excited about joining NELLCO because it handles databases specifically targeted to law libraries and their patrons.

Seattle University Law Library subscribes to approximately 20 electronic databases and journals. Subscriptions to most of these products entailed comprehensive product evaluations, and lengthy negotiations with various legal publishers on price, license terms and access, as well as educating publishers about the specialized concerns of an academic law library. Library staff spent countless hours making these resources available to our patrons. As a member of NELLCO, we anticipate streamlining some of these processes.

Looking toward the future, as more law libraries join NELLCO through its affiliate program, we hope that the collective strength of the NELLCO consortium will give it a very powerful voice in database negotiations with legal publishers. This is particularly important for law libraries facing loss of purchasing power due to the recent consolidation of the legal publishing industry and the rescission of the Federal Trade Commission Guides for the Law Book Industry in January 2000.

New and Notable

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Newsletter written by law library staff.

From the Publisher: This collection of eleven essays by one of the most fascinating moral philosophers currently writing explores a perspective that is at once sympathetic towards and critical of liberal political philosophy. The essays address the capacity of liberal thought, and of the moral traditions on which it draws, to accommodate a variety of challenges posed by the changing circumstances of the modern world. They also consider how, in an era of rapid globalization, when social arrangements and institutions of ever-increasing size, complexity, and scope structure our lives, we can best conceive of the responsibilities of individual agents and the normative significance of our diverse commitments and allegiances. Linked by common themes, the volume examines the responsibilities we have in virtue of belonging to a community, the compatibility of such obligations with equality, the demands of distributive justice in general, and liberalism's relationship to liberty, community, and equality.

About the author: Samuel Scheffler is a professor of philosophy and law at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.


From the Publisher: Media and Sovereignty focuses on emerging foreign policies that govern media in a world where war has information as well as military fronts. The author asks how the state, in the face of institutional and technological change, controls the forms of information reaching its citizens. The author also provides a framework for analyzing the
techniques used by states to influence populations in other states by drawing on examples of regulation of media for political ends, including "self regulation," media regulation in conflict zones, the control of harmful and illegal content, and the use of foreign aid to alter media in target societies.

About the author: Professor Price is co-director of Oxford University's Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy and Joseph and Sadie Danciger Professor of Law and Director of the Howard M. Squadron Program in Law, Media, and Society at the Benjamin N, Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University.


From the Publisher: There's a common belief that cyberspace cannot be regulated – that it is, in its very essence, immune from the government's (or anyone else's) control. Code argues that this belief is wrong. It is not in the nature of cyberspace to be unregulable; cyberspace has no "nature." It only has code – the software and hardware that make cyberspace what it is. That code can create a place of freedom – as the original architecture of the Net did – or it can be a place of exquisitely oppressive control. If we miss this point, then we will miss how cyberspace is changing. Under the influence of commerce, cyberspace is becoming a highly regulable space, where our behavior is much more tightly controlled than in real space. But that's not inevitable either. We can, and should, choose what kind of cyberspace we want and what freedoms we will guarantee. These choices are all about architecture: about what kind of code will govern cyberspace, and who will control it. In this realm, code is the most significant form of law, and it is up to lawyers, policymakers, and especially citizens to decide what values that code embodies.

About the author: Lawrence Lessig is a professor at Stanford Law School and founder of the Stanford Center for Internet and Society


From the Publisher: Great opportunities exist for law students and practicing lawyers outside the traditional practice of law. This user-friendly guidebook explains when and how to choose a nonlegal career; the specialized skills legal training provides; and how to plan and conduct a job search. Readers will find information on careers in business and industry, government and public service, associations and institutions, and entrepreneurial ventures. A resource section provides surveys and listings of nonlegal careers in several categories, and a listing of publishers and suggesting readings on nonlegal careers.
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