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What's new in the  
Seattle University Law Library

November 2005

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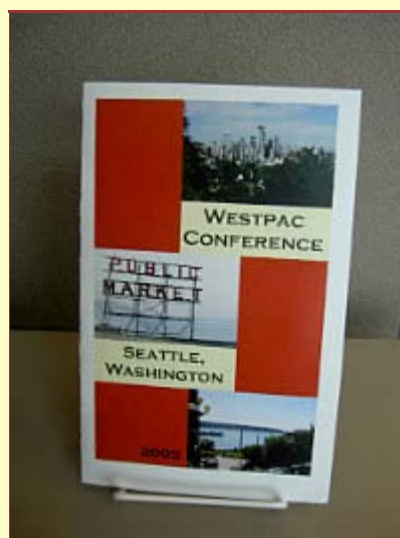
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## WestPac

The Western Pacific Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries held its annual meeting in Seattle on October 13-15.

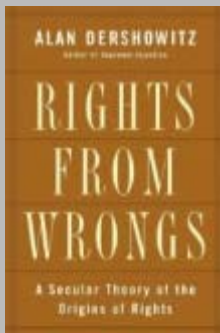
This meeting brought together approximately 80 sensibly dressed law librarians from California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming, and Washington. Kristin Cheney was a panelist on the session titled, "Moving, Remodeling, Building: The Experts Speak."



The 2005 WestPac Conference program brochure was designed by Jane Draney with photos courtesy of Seattle University School of Law Technology.



Kerry Fitz-Gerald and Stephanie Wilson presented a session titled, "Repackaging Traditional Exhibits = Great Outreach Effort," in which they discussed various library exhibits and websites.



Stephanie Wilson also moderated a session about archives and preservation issues.



The Library hosted a reception for meeting attendees, which included Kelly Kunsch's infamous behind-the-scenes library tour.



Librarians who attended the meeting were very impressed by our presentations and facilities. To quote one attendee, "Wow, this seems like a fun place to work!" And another, "Great presentation! Can't wait to steal it!"

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## **New Databases**

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### **Loislaw Secondary Law Collection**

The Library is pleased to announce that we now subscribe to the online Loislaw Secondary Law Collection. This extensive collection of treatise materials covers a variety of legal topics including antitrust, bankruptcy, business practice, construction, corporate governance, corporate law, drunk driving, elder law, employment law, estate planning, evidence, family law, litigation, insurance, Internet, personal injury, product liability, real estate, securities, and more. Follow the directions on our database by title page for accessing this collection. (Please note that this collection cannot be accessed through our LoislawSchool.com subscription).

### **Muslim World Journal of Human Rights**

In response to the increased interest in the intersection of human rights and Islamic Law, the Library recently added a subscription to the Muslim World Journal of Human Rights, a new electronic publication from Bepress. This title covers human rights as viewed through an Islamic prism. The emphasis is not solely limited to jurisprudential facets but encompasses the interaction of these rights with the greater Muslim society. This is a peer-reviewed publication with a stellar editorial board of leading scholars in both Middle Eastern studies as well as human rights. You can easily sign up for e-mail notification for new issues using the link you will find on the journal site. The Muslim World Journal of Human Rights joins several other important serial titles that are held by the library: UCLA Journal of Islamic & Near Eastern Law, Islamic Law & Society, and the Yearbook of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law.

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### **"A Day in the Life of the Law Library Community" Photo Contest Winners**

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During National Library Week 2005 (April 10-16), members of the

**Photo submission categories included:**

Librarians as Information Evaluators, Librarians as Information Managers, Librarians as Expert Researchers, Librarians as Teachers, Librarians as Trainers, and Librarians as Mentors. Out of all the AALL law libraries that participated, Seattle University Law Library placed first in the category of Librarians as Expert Researchers, second in the category of Librarians as Mentors, and third in the category of Librarians as Trainers. AALL will feature the contest winners and more photos in the December 2005 issue of AALL Spectrum and will additionally use these photos in future AALL publications and brochures. All photos submitted by the Seattle University Law Library were taken by Charity Bracerros, Circulation Assistant Supervisor.

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## **Library FAQs**

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The Library has prepared three specific FAQs to explain library services to patron groups and answer questions about locating and obtaining research material.

Topics covered include interlibrary loan, Summit borrowing, Westlaw/Lexis passwords, database searching, librarian liaisons, and starting points for legal research.

The FAQ for Journal Staff is intended to answer general questions about recurring issues in writing and editing for members of the Seattle University Law Review and the Seattle Journal of Social Justice.

The FAQ for Independent Studies assists students who are completing independent study paper assignments.

The FAQ for Law School Staff orients new law school staff to library services and procedures.

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## Presentations and Publications

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### Class Presentations

Throughout the fall semester, the librarians have been involved in teaching legal research. Kristin Cheney is teaching a semester long course on Advanced Electronic Legal Research and Methodology. Stephanie Wilson and Barbara Swatt Engstrom taught several classes on citators for Legal Writing I students. Kelly Kunsch taught the annual research refreshers for the Legal Writing II students. Bob Menanteaux taught a class on researching international sustainable development issues and Kerry Fitz-Gerald taught classes on researching in the area of corporate acquisitions and securities. The librarians also gave introductory research and library tours to almost 200 first year students. If you are interested in having a librarian present a research instruction class tailored to your course, please contact your librarian liaison or Kristin Cheney.

### NWIUG



The annual Northwest Innovative User's Group conference was held in Portland, Oregon on October 20th & 21st with Kara Phillips, Charlotte Parsons, Michael Zubitis, Kent Milunovich, Susan Kezele and Barbara Swatt Engstrom in attendance. Kara Phillips, Susan Kezele, Barbara Swatt Engstrom and Jan Hartley from Seattle University's Lemieux Library presented a session titled "Evaluating Patron Privacy on Innovative Interfaces." This session highlighted the need for librarians to be aware of the types of patron information that are stored in circulation, cataloging and acquisitions databases that could potentially be subject to a Patriot Act search. The session was well attended and very well received. It was especially timely in light of the case, *Doe v. Gonzales* (cv-05-4896), which involves the employment of

the Patriot Act to seize library records and the attendant gag order provision of the Act. The Doe case is currently being heard in the 2nd circuit.

### **National Conference of State Legislators 2005 Joint Fall Seminar**

Following a successful presentation at the annual meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), held in Seattle in August, librarian Kerry Fitz-Gerald was invited to travel to Chicago to speak at a NCSL research and training workshop. Over 70 people crowded into a small room to hear her presentation "Evaluating Internet Resources." The session was very well received with a number of attendees promising to take the tricks and techniques back to their staff. Said one attendee, "My staff all use the Internet, but not very well. This information will be invaluable for teaching them to weed out dud sites."

### **Is an Annual Report in Your Library's Future?**

Kristin Cheney's article *Is an Annual Report in Your Library's Future?* was published in the summer 2005 edition of Law Library Journal, law librarianship's premier scholarly journal. Kristin's article discusses the mechanics and methodology of preparing an annual report in an academic law library setting.

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### **Training Sessions**

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**As the semester began, librarians attended vendor trainings on several new products.**

One Lexis update covered LexisNexis Congressional, which contains federal legislative history from 1970 forward. Another Lexis training covered LexisNexis Statistical Universe which indexes and abstracts statistics from federal and state governments, international organizations, trade and business organizations, universities, and more. The BNA representative provided training for BNA's online product that contains more than 100 titles and is especially useful for current awareness on a large number of legal topics. Finally, a Westlaw update introduced some of that service's new products including: 50 state survey, West dockets, Westlaw Watch, and Westlaw's Knowledge

## Management system.

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What's new in the  
New and Notable

November 2005

**How Lawyers  
Lose Their Way:**  
A Profession  
Fails Its Creative  
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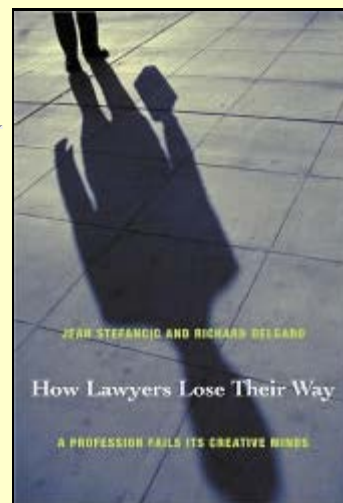
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### **How Lawyers Lose Their Way** **A Profession Fails Its Creative Minds**

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By Jean Stefancic and  
Richard Delgado.

Durham and London:  
Duke University Press, 2005.  
Call number:KF300.S698 2005



#### **From the Publisher**

In this penetrating book, Jean Stefancic and Richard Delgado use historical investigation and critical analysis to explore the unlikely friendship between Archibald MacLeish and Ezra Pound through 40 years of correspondence. MacLeish, a successful but dissatisfied lawyer gave up his career to pursue his literary dreams. The authors use this scenario to diagnose the cause of the pervasive unhappiness among practicing lawyers. Most previous writers have blamed the high rate of burnout, depression, divorce, and drug and alcohol dependency among these highly paid professionals on the narrow specialization, long hours, and intense pressures of modern legal practice. Stefancic and Delgado argue that these professional demands are only symptoms of a deeper problem: the way lawyers are taught to think and reason. They show how legal education and practice have been rendered arid and dull by formalism, a way of thinking that values precedent and doctrine above all, exalting consistency over ambiguity, rationality over emotion, and rules over social context and narrative. Drawing on MacLeish's story, Stefancic and Delgado contend that literature, public interest work, and critical legal theory offer tools to contemporary attorneys for finding meaning and overcoming professional dissatisfaction.

#### **About the Authors**

Jean Stefancic is Research Professor and Richard Delgado

is Professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where both are Derrick Bell Fellows.

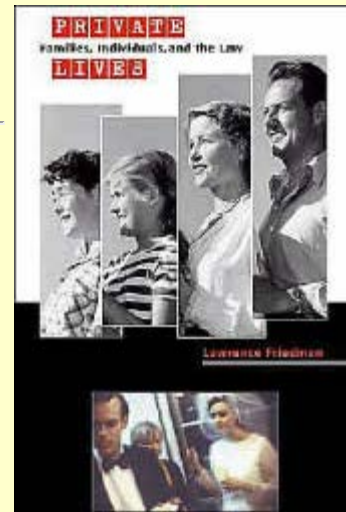
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## **Private Lives** **Families, Individuals and the Law**

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**By Lawrence M. Friedman**

Cambridge, MA and London:  
Harvard University Press, 2004.  
Call number: KF505.F75 2004



### **From the Publisher**

What is a family? Grandparents, mom, dad, and kids around a Thanksgiving turkey? An egg mother, a womb mother, a sperm donor, and their mutual child? Two gay men caring for their adopted son? In this provocative essay, a leading American legal historian argues that laws about family are increasingly laws about individuals and their right to make their own, sometimes contentious, choices.

Drawing on many revealing and sometimes colorful court cases of the past two centuries, *Private Lives* offers a lively short history of the complexities of family law and family life--including the tensions between the laws on the books and contemporary arrangements for marriage, divorce, adoption, and child rearing. Informal common-law marriage was once widely accepted as a means to regularize property arrangements, but it declined as the state asserted its authority to dictate who could marry and reproduce. In the twentieth century, state attempts to control private life were swept away, most famously in the creation of "no-fault" divorce, a system in which laws that made divorce nearly unattainable were circumvented.

Private life, the author argues, as a legitimate sphere, was once basically confined to life in nuclear families; but the modern law of "privacy" extends the accepted zone of intimate relations. The omnipresence of the media and our fascination with celebrity test the boundaries of public and private life. Meanwhile, laws about cohabitation and civil unions, among others, suggest that family and commitment, in their many forms, remain powerful ideals.

### About the Author

Lawrence M. Friedman is Marion Rice Kirkwood Professor of Law at Stanford University.

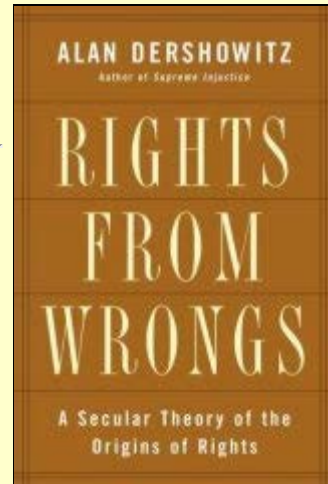
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### **Rights from Wrongs** **A Secular Theory of the Origins of Right**

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By Alan Dershowitz

New York: Basic Books, 2004. Call Number: JC571.D3985 2004



### From the Publisher

Where do our rights come from? Does "natural law" really exist outside of what is written in constitutions and legal statutes? If so, why are rights not the same everywhere and in all eras? On the other hand, if rights are nothing more than the product of human law, why should we ever allow them to override the popular will? In *Rights from Wrongs*, renowned legal scholar Alan Dershowitz puts forward a wholly new and compelling answer to this age-old dilemma: Rights, he argues, do not come from God, nature, logic, or law alone. They arise out of particular human experiences with injustice. *Rights from Wrongs* is the first book to propose a theory of rights that emerges not from a theory of perfect justice but from its opposite: from the bottom up, from trial and error, and from our collective experience of injustice.

### About the Author

A columnist, lecturer, book reviewer, and prolific author, Alan Dershowitz is the Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law at Harvard Law School.

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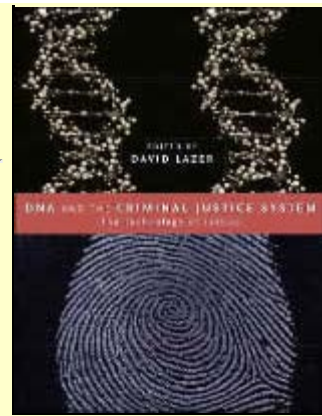
### **DNA and the Criminal Justice System** **The Technology of Justice**

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Edited by David Lazer

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Cambridge and London: MIT Press,  
2004. Call number: KF9666.5.D63  
2004



#### From the Publisher

Is DNA technology the ultimate diviner of guilt or the ultimate threat to civil liberties? Over the past decade, DNA has been used to exonerate hundreds and to convict thousands. Its expanded use over the coming decade promises to recalibrate significantly the balance between collective security and individual freedom. ... [T]he use of DNA technology will involve tough trade-offs between individual and societal interests.

This book, written by a distinguished group of authors including US Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, explores the ethical, procedural, and economic challenges posed by the use of DNA evidence as well as future directions for the technology. ...[T]he book considers bioethical issues raised by the collection of DNA... then turn[s] to the possible genetic bases of human behavior and the implications of this still-unresolved issue for the criminal justice system. Finally, the book examines the current debate over the many roles that DNA can and should play in criminal justice.

#### About the Editor

David Lazer is Associate Professor of Public Policy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University

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