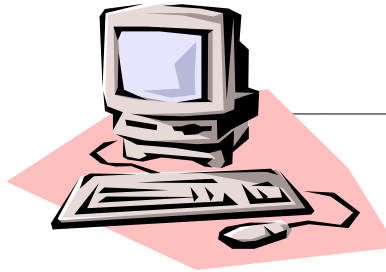


NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND

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LAW LIBRARY HOURS

Regular Hours:

Monday-Thursday
7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Friday
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday
10:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

STUDY ANNEX HOURS

Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Comments or questions about our newsletter?
Email Janet Fischer at jfischer@ggu.edu

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE REPORTS

Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports are an important resource when studying legislative issues. Established in 1914, the CRS is a non-partisan, public policy research arm of the United States Congress. The agency serves Congress by providing background research and analysis of current issues.

An excellent article which discusses the history and function of the CRS and gives many links to sites that provide reports may be found at LLRX.com.

CRS does not distribute its reports to the public. However, reports are often available from a variety of sources. Our Law Library has Major Reports of the CRS from 1916 on microfilm as well as numerous reports in paper and online. An "author" search for "Library of Congress. Congressional Research Service" in the catalog lists the many titles in our collection. *Westlaw* also provides access to some CRS reports in the FTX-CRS database. In addition, several organizations make CRS reports available, including:

- The Law Librarians' Society of Washington, DC
- The Federation of American Scientists
- The Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library
- University of North Texas Libraries
- Open CRS—Congressional Research Reports For the People
- 2Act.org offers a Google-based search engine for CRS reports

Links to all of these sites are found on our web page at <http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary/virtual/crs>.

THE JESSE CARTER COLLECTION

One of our most famous graduates, Jesse Washington Carter, graduated from Golden Gate "Law College" in 1913 and went on to become Justice of the California Supreme Court. He served on the court from 1939 until his death in 1959. His term spanned the years of both World War II and the McCarthy era. Justice Carter became known as "The Lone Dissenter," as he often dissented from the majority view in decisions. Many of his dissents were upheld by the United States Supreme Court.

Justice Carter's grandson, Scott Carter, has graciously donated many of the Justice's personal papers to GGU School of Law. The Law Library has digitized much of this collection and made them available at <http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary/jessecarter>. The Law Library will also house this collection, which includes photographs, newspaper clippings, speeches, and case files. Ryun Lee, Technical Services Librarian, is in the process of cataloging this collection. We look forward to the growth of this research collection as more materials are donated.

LAW SCHOOL EXAMS

The final exams and available best answers from Summer 2005 and Fall 2005 have been posted to our web site at http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary/studentstudyaidslaw_exams. Accessing these online is your best choice for reviewing a professor's past exams. The exams from these periods will not be available in the bound volumes for several months.

<http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary>

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

We maintain a list of publications for full-time faculty at <http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary/specialcollections/facultypubs> Please contact Janet Fischer at jfischer@ggu.edu if you would like to change or update your listings.

STAFF NEWS

Melissa Beuoy, Evening Services Librarian, serves on the Nominating and Elections Committee of California Academic and Research Libraries (CARL). She will also attend the CARL conference in Monterey next month.

Hadi Amjadi, Innopac Systems Librarian, **Ryun Lee**, Technical Services Librarian, and **Janet Fischer**, Acquisitions/Government Documents Librarian, will attend the Joint Institute of California law librarians (co-sponsored by NOCALL, Northern California Association of Law Libraries) held in Sacramento, March 31-April 1.

NEW ACQUISITIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Our listing of new titles each month may always be found at <http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary/new/newacquisitions>.

Early Recognized Treaties With American Indian Nations from the University of Nebraska at <http://libr.unl.edu:8888/etext/treaties/>. This database provides access to the nine federally recognized Indian treaties, created between 1722-1805, that are absent from Kapler's *Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties*.

LIKE A LOADED WEAPON

Like a loaded weapon : the Rehnquist court, Indian rights, and the legal history of racism in America / Robert A. Williams, Jr.

Minneapolis, MN : University of Minnesota Press, c2005.

KF8210.C5 W55 2005.

“Robert A. Williams, Jr. boldly exposes the ongoing legal force of the racist language directed at Indians in American society. Fueled by well-known negative racial stereotypes of Indian savagery and cultural inferiority, this language, Williams contends,

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has functioned “like a loaded weapon” in the Supreme Court’s Indian law decisions.

“Beginning with Chief Justice John Marshall’s foundational opinions in the early nineteenth century and continuing today in the judgments of the Rehnquist Court, Williams shows how undeniably racist language and precedent are still used in Indian law to justify the denial of important rights of property, self-government, and cultural survival to Indians. Building on the insights of Malcolm X, Thurgood Marshall, and Frantz Fanon, Williams argues that racist language has been employed by the courts to legalize a uniquely American form of racial dictatorship over Indian tribes by the U.S. government.”



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