Spring is in the air. Spring break is over and both our library locations are full. Law students are working on papers and meeting with reference librarians for expert consultations to create optimal research strategies. The library’s Faculty Services department is partnering with our scholars to research legal and inter-disciplinary issues for their articles and books. Overall this is a busy time of year and a good occasion to reflect on the library’s successes.

Let it snow

Last winter the District came to a halt for a week as the East Coast experienced one of the area’s greatest snowfalls, dubbed by the media as Snowmageddon. During that time the library opened its doors to hundreds of law students interested in conducting research in our welcoming facilities. It was just one example of the library’s commitment to our community.

Supporting Scholarship

This year the library designed innovative programs to help

Genealogical Research at Georgetown Law

Want to know more about Law Center alumni in your family or community? Need an image for a class or group reunion?

There are many resources available through the Library and the Law Center Archives to help you explore people and events associated with Georgetown.

The Archives has a large collection of personal and subject files, alumni registers, GULC publications, along with library access to online databases.

If you are looking for information about a Law Center event or group, a good place to begin would be in the vertical files maintained by Special Collections. These subject files contain newspaper clippings, publications, and assorted items relating to various individuals or
workshop on ways to negotiate author agreements. Together with the Law Center’s copyright faculty the library wrote sample author agreements protecting the author’s copyright. We took the additional step of partnering with the same copyright experts to create a database of author agreements negotiated by our scholars. The database is only available to our faculty, and it allows our community to see agreements that law journals have accepted.

**Law Librarians Building Community**

The greatest asset within the law library is our exceptional law librarians. They have contributed their expertise to the Law Center and the law library community. Each month the library and the faculty jointly host a screening in the series entitled Law at the Movies. After each film, the faculty and the law librarians lead the students in a discussion about the film. Through this program, the library demonstrates the depth of experience in our law library staff. Faculty also have the opportunity to partner with our librarians as equals.

Our librarians also continue to lead within the law library community. Some have organized law librarians to advocate for open access to legal information. Others have created programs to teach law firm librarians the latest in legal information research techniques.

**An Invitation**

The library and Georgetown Law are grateful for the support of the Friends. You enable the library to undertake new and innovative programs that benefit our students, faculty, and alumni. We hope you visit Georgetown Law and participate in our programs. Whether it is attending our monthly film series or using our extensive research facilities, we welcome you. Collectively, we thank you for your continuing support.

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If you need biographical information, Georgetown University and the Law Center have a series of alumni registers published between 1924 and 2003 containing the names and contact information for alumni. For more information, consult Law Center’s newspapers and Georgetown alumni publications for articles about people and events at Georgetown.

Trying to remember a classmate’s name or obtain a description of a class? Then, the annual *Bulletins* published between 1870 and 2009 might answer your query.

If you are looking for a photograph of a student or group at the Law Center, it may be possible to find an image suitable for the family album or poster for a reunion event. The Law Center Archives has many photographs, particularly from recent years. However, your research skills will be tested since many of the resources are not indexed by name or subject. Most requests can be fulfilled by viewing the annuals or the pictorial directories of first-year students.

As a member of the Friends of the Library, you may come to campus and use the online databases to find “Who’s Who in America,” “New York Times Obituaries Index,” Georgetown journal publications, and other resources.

If you would like to know more about a particular resource, visiting our website (http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/forms/research_consultation_sc.cfm) or contact Barbara Heck at bah54@law.georgetown.edu or (202-662-9133).
INTRODUCING THE GEORGETOWN LAW SCHOLARLY COMMONS: A COMMON REPOSITORY FOR EXCEPTIONAL LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Georgetown Law Library is pleased to introduce the Georgetown Law Scholarly Commons (http://scholarship.law.georgetown.edu/), a digital institutional repository established to showcase and archive the collective body of exceptional research and scholarship produced by the Georgetown Law Center.

The Scholarly Commons database is seamlessly integrated with the library-maintained Faculty Scholarship database. Now members of the Friends Group and the public at large can discover the scope and depth of Georgetown Law’s scholarship. Materials in the Scholarly Commons are available via an open-access Web site, which means that the repository is available free-of-charge to anyone, anywhere with an Internet connection. Moreover, the Scholarly Commons functions as an archive to preserve future access to important Law Center scholarship. This is another way that the Law Library is expanding its services to enable the Law Center to better manage its information needs.

Content featured in the Scholarly Commons includes: faculty journal articles, book chapters, publications, working papers, conference materials, presentations, publications issued by Georgetown Law institutes & centers, and selected student works.

Hosted by the Georgetown Law Library, the Scholarly Commons supports the Law Center’s educational mission, promotes Law Center scholarship, and functions as a single point of access for the intellectual output of the Law Center. Your continued support will allow the library to expand these kinds of innovative initiatives.

For more information about the Scholarly Commons, visit http://scholarship.law.georgetown.edu/ or contact Digital Collections Librarian Sarah Rhodes, sjr36@law.georgetown.edu.

GDGT: A SOCIAL NETWORK FOR GADGET FANS

If you use technology gadgets, there’s a great new website to check out: GDGT (http://gdgt.com) This is a resource for technology gadget information, incorporating social networking functions to allow you to connect with people who share common interests. The site allows participants to list gadgets of interest, by adding notes of "have it", "want it" and "had it" for each gadget. For instance, 213 users have a Barnes & Noble Nook, 810 want it and 3 no longer own it.

The range of gadgets includes computers, ebook readers, keyboards, GPS units, home theater components, and many others. Every gadget has a unique page with reviews, discussions, and specifications. Each comment links back to a user’s profile, where you can explore that user’s activity and interests.

For casual users, GDGT is a great source for product research, because it has the most refined product finder online. The power of the GDGT Gadget Finder (http://gdgt.com/find/) is in the list of features they cover. A site like Amazon lets you limit searches by price, manufacturer and so forth. However, Amazon isn't good at letting you filter by specific product features. GDGT does this very well, presenting search options unique to each product type. For instance, not only can you search within the category of “fitness devices” but you can refine it with unique specifications.

Some aspects of the GDGT site are not new. Online discussion forums have been around for years. Also, sites like Amazon, CNET and Crutchfield have product finder tools and user comments. What makes GDGT unique is the complexity of the interface and thought that went into making this sophistication seem simple.

Finally, there is no other place where you can find lots of people with seemingly obscure gadget interests. As two examples, there are 55 people who own a Colecovision game console, released in 1982. Also, 21 people own the Withings Wifi Body Scale, a personal scale that lets you save results online or broadcast them via Twitter.
Among the treasures available for perusing in Special Collections is the McLaughlin Brother’s Collection. The collection was donated in January 2007 by Pamela Skewes-Cox, great-grand daughter of William Law McLaughlin, a Georgetown Law alumnus. The collection spans the years 1879-1913 and is comprised of letters and other forms of correspondence, written by or to William Law McLaughlin and his young brother Daniel Joseph McLaughlin while they were students at Georgetown. William McLaughlin was a student at Georgetown Law and his brother Daniel Joseph was a student at Georgetown College. After graduating both brothers went on to practice law in Deadwood, Dakota with their father. Their letters are a unique look at Georgetown student life in the late 1800s.

The topic of the letters range from matters at home in Deadwood, love, the death of Ulysses S. Grant, Georgetown Law’s Father Doonan, and the death of Georgetown University President Father Maguire as well as other topics that occupy the young student’s mind of the 1880s. Forty letters within the collection are written between William and his friend Adam Clarke Wright, a fellow Georgetown Law student and a resident of Georgia. The correspondence between William (Billy) and A.C. Wright lasts three years and covers among other topics, William’s uncertainty to return to Georgetown Law and finish his law degree. His dilemma was to transfer to another school or remain in Deadwood. Ultimately, he decided to return to Georgetown and finished his degree in 1884. In a letter from A.C. Wright to William, Wright presents his opinion regarding William’s decision to return to Georgetown. Firstly, Wright speaks highly of the faculty at Georgetown and secondly he states “[William]…come out a graduate in June even fully as well equipped for practice as I can hope to do.”

Also in the collection are two notebooks from William’s study of law dated 1884. One of the notebooks is on the translation of the Rhetorica and the other is on Evidence.

William begins his legal career in Deadwood, Dakota, after graduation, practicing law in a “lawless town” with his father at McLaughlin & McLaughlin. In a particular letter from Daniel to William in 1885, Daniel congratulates William on getting his client Borden acquitted. In 1886, William is elected district attorney for the county of Lawrence. William also appears as defense attorney on several murder trials, notably the trial of Charles Brown for the murder of Mrs. L.P. Stone in 1887 and for the defense of Two Sticks, a Brule Sioux Indian Chief on trial for the murder of four cowboys in 1893.

This collection presents an inside look at what life was like for a law student in the 1880s. Ideas about law and life during that time are colorfully presented in these unique capsules of our academic history. The collection is currently open for research and a finding aid is available upon request.

For more information on the manuscript collections contact Special Collections at 202/662-9172 or 202/661-6602 or email bedard@law.georgetown.edu or htm@law.georgetown.edu.
F. WILLIAM MCCALPIN: A LIFE DEVOTED TO LEGAL AID TO THE POOR
NEJL ORAL HISTORY OF A LEADING FIGURE IN THE FIGHT FOR
EQUAL JUSTICE

The National Equal Justice Library Oral History collection contains interviews of some of the most significant figures in legal services history. They include the defense team of Gideon v. Wainwright, the first director of the first national legal services program, and members of the board of directors of the Legal Services Corporation. One of those figures, F. William "Bill" McCalpin, held the top seat at each of the most important programs in legal aid: Legal Services Corporation (LSC, 1979-1981), ABA’s Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants (SCLAID, 1973-1976), and National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA, 1989-1992). On December 9, 2009, Bill McCalpin died at his home in St. Louis, Missouri.

A 1948 graduate of Harvard Law School, McCalpin was already taking on poor clients in his hometown of St. Louis by the time a national legal services program was established in 1965 and was active in helping win the American Bar Association’s endorsement of that program, the Legal Services Program of the Office of Economic Opportunity. In his oral history, McCalpin reflects on this: “There isn’t any question that everybody from Sargent Shriver down thought that it was extraordinarily important that the American Bar Association get behind this legal services program, that it would give it a credibility and an acceptance around the country that it wouldn’t otherwise have...”

McCalpin’s term as chairman of LSC (the successor to OEO’s Legal Services Program) was rocked by the actions of the Reagan administration first by attempting to pull its funding and then by replacing all the members of the board with its own recess appointments on December 31, 1981. McCalpin recalls that day, after coming back to his office from a New Year’s Eve lunch, “there was a note pasted on my office door that said ‘the White House called, call LSC.’ So, I called LSC I don’t remember to whom I spoke, but the message was that the president has appointed a new board, you are all displaced and that new board is meeting this afternoon. Well, that was interesting. It wasn’t terribly surprising. We had been expecting to be replaced ever since he was elected more than a year earlier.” Still, McCalpin, his board and their supporters filed a lawsuit to challenge the legality of the appointments. The court found in favor of the defendants and later in 1985, while awaiting decision on the appeal, a board was finally confirmed by the Senate and the matter was decided as moot.

This episode did nothing to discourage McCalpin from continuing his support and involvement in legal aid. He went on to become president of NLADA and serve on the board of his former stomping grounds, LSC, for ten years, 1993-2003. He was a champion of legal aid until the very end: “As practicing lawyers we all think that a big fee is the real reward in the practice of law, that’s not so. The real reward is to have the feeling that you’ve made a difference, that you have solved a problem that people otherwise couldn’t solve, for and by themselves.”

GEORGETOWN LAW FAST FACTS

Today it would be highly unusual, to say the least, for a sitting full-time judge to also be serving as a full-time law school faculty member. A century ago, however, the Georgetown Law faculty was led by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. In 1910, the Hon. Harry M. Clabaugh was the leader of both the District’s trial court and Dean of the Faculty at Georgetown Law, lecturing on pleading and practice at common law and in equity.
RESEARCH GUIDE ON CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION

The law library recently added to its already large collection of legal research guides, with our new Congressional Investigations Research Guide. This guide was written specifically to help our students taking the Law Center’s Congressional Investigations Seminar; however, it should prove helpful to anyone researching specific investigations or the investigative power of Congress generally.

In many ways our Congressional Investigations guide is similar to our other research guides. It first provides references to some notable introductory sources, which have been selected to give students a starting point for their research. Included in these resources are an extensive annotated bibliography and the two-volume CQ Press, Guide to Congress.

The guide also outlines the major primary sources of law to which a researcher will turn to examine the legal doctrines and rules governing Congressional investigations. In addition to sources of commonly-used sources, such as case law and legislative history materials, we have also provided a guide to the rules of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Because these rules are crucial to understanding the proceedings of each house, and because law students and other researchers are not typically familiar with them, we have collected electronic and print sources of the rules in one place.

The Congressional Investigations Guide has some unique elements. For example, we have compiled a long list of Congressional Research Service reports addressing the history and function of Congressional investigations, along with links to the articles themselves.


Every year, Georgetown Law parents have the chance to honor their graduating seniors by making a $100 donation to the Georgetown Law Library. This recognition is memorialized in a commemorative bookplate inserted into one of the library’s new books. The bookplates can also be used for other recognition opportunities. For more information on the bookplate program, please contact Heather Dempsey, Georgetown Law Annual Fund at 202/662-9781 or e-mail at had22@law.georgetown.edu.
New & Revised Research Guides

The Georgetown Law Library has created and updated many topical research guides in the past few months that will be useful to researchers. Here are a few of those guides:

Human Rights Guide

http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/HumanRightsLaw.cfm

The Human Rights Guide has been extensively revised and now includes resources related to International Human Rights Treaties and Case Law, women’s human rights, and IGO and NGOs concerned with human rights, as well as tips on finding country reports (summaries of the status of human rights in a particular country).

Antitrust Law

http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/antitrust.cfm

The recently updated Antitrust Law guide provides a listing of the most important, current, and relevant materials available in this subject area. It complements the Library’s Foreign and International Antitrust Law Research Guide (http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/intlAntitrustLaw.cfm).

Congressional Investigations

http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/congressionalinvestigations.cfm

The Library decided to create this guide to support the students taking the Congressional Investigations Seminar at the Law Center. This guide serves as an introduction the chief sources of information related to Congressional investigations. This guide helps researchers navigate traditional sources of legislative history documents efficiently. It focuses on researching investigations in general, however, there is also a section devoted to impeachments and other notable investigations throughout U.S. history.

Health Law

http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/health.cfm

This guide has been reorganized and updated to provide researchers with an introduction to U.S. health law research. It includes select legal and policy resources on various aspects of health law.

Supreme Court Research Guide

http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/supreme_court.cfm

This guide has been extensively revised and updated. This guide is designed to give some background information and suggest resources for further research on the history of the Court, the Justices of the Court, and the Court's practice and decisions. It provides information on how to find documents produced or submitted to the court, information about Justices, and serves as a starting point to research about the Court and its history.

For more information about research guides, contact Sara Sampson, Head of Reference, 202-662-9144, sas235@law.georgetown.edu.
AN INVITATION

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