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## The Addendum

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The Secret Life of Books

The stacks of the Coleman Karesh Law Library are filled (almost literally) with a large collection, containing the collected wisdom of the legal community, from the Founding Fathers to the newest published faculty member. Paintings of important figures in the history of our law school, state, and nation grace the walls. But in this "What have you done for me lately" world, who values those things? Where once the library was regarded as the "heart of the law school"\* or the "laboratory of the law,"\*\* today it is disparaged by some as useless\*\*\* or out of date.\*\*\*\* It is perhaps a place for quiet study, or to catch up on sleep, or to connect to the internet where all the real useful information is. It might be necessary occasionally to ask a reference librarian a question or check out an item from the Reserve Room. But all those musty, dusty old books and pictures of dead men? Who needs 'em?

Well, those musty old books and things have interesting stories to tell and secret lives that no one suspects. Books and paintings from the Coleman Karesh Law Library have been out and about, educating and entertaining people, and hobnobbing with the rich and famous, like Dakota Fanning and Queen Latifah! Since February was Oscar month, I will now reveal some of their secrets lives, in Oscar format.

#### And the winners are:

For **Best Featured Role in a Magazine** – the portrait of James Petigru (South Carolina Legal History Room) in the March, 2008 issue of <u>Charleston Magazine</u>. (Right)





For Best Appearance in a Middle School Textbook – the portrait of John Rutledge (South Carolina Legal History Room) in the Holt, Rinehart, & Winston United States History textbook series. (Left)

For Best Supporting Role in a Museum Exhibit – 1915 Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of South Carolina in "Cotton Fields to Skyscrapers" at the Levine Museum of the New South, Charlotte, NC.

For Best Supporting Role in a Movie – volume 32 of the South Carolina Reports (1889) in <u>The Secret Life</u> of Bees (2009), starring Dakota Fanning and Queen

Latifah. Here is the famous volume on its way to the movie location in Wilmington, NC. The Coleman Karesh Law Library will get a credit in the finished film.

Our staff often responds to unusual requests, as well.

For Best Contribution to Historical Accuracy in a Movie – Michael Mounter, for researching the legal drinking age in South Carolina in the



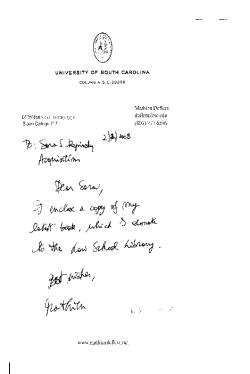
late1930s for <u>The Notebook</u> (2004) (while the movie's production assistant was on the phone).

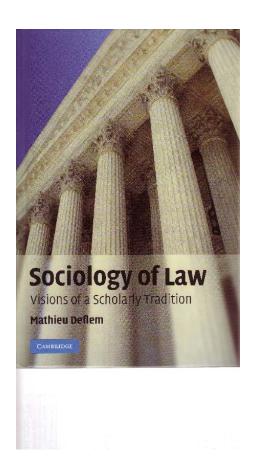
For **Best Documentary** – Jayne Hatchell and Michael Mounter for the photomontage of the retiring faculty shown at the dinner in their honor on March 6, 2008.

So the next time you stroll through the stacks or interview in the Attorneys Room or ask a question of the reference librarians or Circulation staff, remember that there is more to the Law Library than meets the eye.

- \* Charles William Elliot, President of Harvard from 1834-1926, in CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL 72 (1918).
- \*\* Christopher Columbus Langdell, quoted in Jerome Frank, *A Plea for Lawyer-Schools*, 56 YALE L.J. 1303 (1957).
- \*\*\* A student tour leader was overheard once telling incoming first-years that there were lots of books in the library but that "you will never need any of them."
- \*\*\*\* Our senior United States Senator from South Carolina remarked to the Chief Justice of the United States, during his recent visit, that the Senator was surprised to learn that the Law School had a library, as he had never been in it when he was a student, and surprised that it was still needed since "everything is on the computer now."

### LAW LIBRARY RECEIVES DONATION FROM SOCIOLOGY PROFESSOR





Sara Repinski, the Law Library's Acquisitions Librarian, received the textbook pictured above, Sociology of Law, written by USC Sociology Professor, Mathieu Deflem. Professor Deflem was kind enough to donate the book to the Coleman Karesh Law Library, and it has been added to our collection. Thank you, Professor Deflem!

#### Recent Law Librarian Activities

**Rebekah Maxwell, Terrye Conroy, David Lehmann, Duncan Alford, and Pamela Melton** attended an audio conference on Fair Use in Academic Settings, February 7, 2008.

**David Lehmann, Terrye Conroy, and Pamela Melton** attended training on the RIA Checkpoint databases, February 11, 2008.

**Pamela Melton** participated in the Talent/No Talent Show, which raised funds for the Public Interest Law Society, February 21, 2008.

**Rebekah Maxwell** has recently been elected Secretary of the South Eastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries for 2008-09.

**Pamela Melton** has recently been appointed to a special sub-committee of the Faculty Senate to revise the Faculty Manual and re-appointed to the University Athletics Advisory Committee.

**Terrye Conroy** has recently been elected Vice-chair/ Chair-elect of the Legal Information Services to Patrons (LISP) Special Interest Section of AALL.

#### Recent Law Librarian Presentations

**Terrye Conroy,** guest lecturer, Researching Environmental Law, in Prof. Kim Connolly's Public Interest Environmental Law class, February 5, 2008.

### **New Copiers Have Arrived!**

The eagerly anticipated new copiers have arrived and are now making everyone's lives much easier. They both have been equipped to take cash and one takes Carolina cards. The price of copying has been raised to \$.20/page.

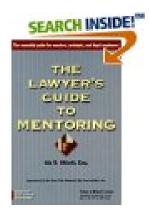


Karen Taylor & Katie Holtz test drive the new copiers



# RECOMMENDED READING & VIEWING FOR MARCH — NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH — FROM THE COLEMAN KARESH LAW LIBRARY

Heli Askola. Legal responses to trafficking in women for sexual exploitation in the European Union. (Oxford; Portland, OR; Hart, 2007). KJC8551 .P75 A85 2007



Ida O. Abbott. **THE LAWYER'S GUIDE TO MENTORING.** (WASHINGTON, D.C.). **KF276.5 .A923 2000.** 

Women and the United States Constitution: history, interpretation, and practice. (Sibyl A. Schwarzenbach and Patricia Smith, eds.) (Columbia Univ. Press, 2003). KF478.A5 W654 2003.



Virginia G. Drachman. **Sisters in law: women lawyers in modern American history.** (Harvard Univ. Press, 1998). **KF299.W6 D72 1998.** 

#### **Erin Brockovich [videorecording]**

(Universal City, CA: Universal Studios, 2000.) Starring Julia Roberts, Albert Finney, and Aaron Eckhart. PN 1995.9.J8 E7 2000 DVD-ROM

