FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Colleagues –

The fall semester is winding down and the librarians have competed another semester of teaching the required first year legal research course. 240 students in the 1L class took this one credit pass/fail course. A special thanks to Rebekah Maxwell and Pamela Melton who taught an overload this semester due to state budget cuts. Each of them taught 60 students in 3 sections rather than the typical load of 40 students in 2 sections.

To expand its services, the Law Library has joined the New England Law Libraries Consortium, commonly known as NELLCO. NELLCO is one of the most effective library consortia in the United States and recently allowed membership by law libraries outside the northeastern United States. By joining NELLCO, the Coleman Karesh Law Library can take advantage of significant price discounts on legal resources due to NELLCO’s combined purchasing power.

In fact, we have already taken advantage of our membership in NELLCO by purchasing two new databases: the Index to Legal Periodicals Full-Text and the Index of Foreign Legal Periodicals. We currently subscribe to ILP Retrospective which indexes journals from 1908 to 1981. ILP Full-Text indexes articles from law journals from 1981 to the present. The Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals (IFLP) indexes articles from international and foreign law journals from 1985 to the present. With an increasing interest in international and foreign law by our faculty and students, IFLP will be a useful research tool for both English and non-English scholarly articles. Both databases can be accessed from the Law Library’s database page here:  
http://www.law.sc.edu/library/limited_access/

As always, please contact me or any of the librarians if you have questions about these resources.

Duncan Alford
Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library
“In September, the Coleman Karesh Law Library was honored to welcome faculty members from the Universitas Gadjah Mada in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. During their week-long visit to the Law School, Pak Sigit Riyanto and Pak Paripurna S. Sugardo stopped by for a tour of the law library.

The USC School of Law will partner with the Universitas Gadjah Mada on a twin-degree program that will begin in the fall of 2011.

Each year, five students from the the Universitas, who have previously studied law in Indonesia in an English language program, will enroll at the Law School to study toward an American law degree. The students will take the basic first-year curriculum, then electives in the second year.

The faculty, staff, and students of the Law School look forward to welcoming our new friends and colleagues.”

Law School Hosts 4th Circuit Court of Appeals

On Thursday, October 15, 2009, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals held Oral Arguments in the School of Law.

The Coleman Karesh Law Library participated in the arguments by providing the Attorney’s Room as a robing room for the judges and the Library Conference Room as the attorney’s room for counsel arguing before the Court.

The judges presiding that day were The Honorable William B. Traxler, Jr., Chief Judge of the 4th Circuit, The Honorable J. Harvie Wilkinson, III, and the Honorable Clyde H. Hamilton.
NEED SOME HELP?
By Terry Conroy

The Technical and Access Services Departments and I are working on a new SELF HELP collection. The collection will be located at the end of the Reference section on the first floor of the law library. It’s been a great inter-departmental collaboration.

Thanks to our Acquisitions Librarian, Sara Repinski, and everyone in Tech Services (Pam, Roberta, Vickie, Joey & James). Thanks for reminding me what all goes on behind the scenes. Thanks to the keeper of the books, Karen Taylor, and her staff (Katie, Michael & Joey) for their input and for facilitating the perfect location for the collection. Love your stickers, Katie!

Memory Hold the Door Exhibit Gets “New” Faces

Each academic year, the Law Library’s Memory Hold the Door Exhibit, which is located on the first floor of the Law Library between the Legal History Room and the Attorney’s Room, is updated. This display celebrates the lives and accomplishments of four Memory Hold the Door honorees.

The attorneys honored in the display for the 2009-10 academic year are:

Jean Galloway Bissell (1936-1990)
"Distinguished herself with grace and dignity on the Bench. She set the standards high and was a role model, particularly for female lawyers entering practice during later years. The outstanding judicial legacy which she leaves will serve as a model of excellence for generations of upcoming young attorneys during the years ahead."

Charlton DuRant (1874-1953)
"Charlton DuRant believed that moral rectitude and impeccable conduct were essential attributes of a lawyer. His life exemplified the role of a lawyer in his community."

Carlisle Roberts (1909-1975)
"Above all, his unerring legal judgment, scholarship and perseverance gained for him, among Bench and Bar, a superb reputation for excellence, a hallmark of the man."

Jonathan Jasper Wright (1840-1885)
LIBRARIAN ACTIVITIES

Terrye Conroy

PRESENTATIONS


PUBLICATIONS

Completed the latest update to the SC Legal Bibliography on the Law Library’s Research Guides & Tutorials webpage.

With David Lehmann, completed the South Carolina Public Library Toolkit for the Legal Information Services to the Public (LISP) Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL).

With David Lehmann and Stacy Etheredge, completed the South Carolina State Documents Bibliography for the Government Documents Special Interest Section (GDSIS) of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL).

Rebekah Maxwell

PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

With Paula Benson, Senior Staff Attorney with the Senate Judiciary Committee, presented two online CLE seminars for the South Carolina Bar. Rebekah was the point person on South Carolina State Government Websites. Rebekah and Paula each appear in the other’s seminar as a conversation/discussion partner as the resources are presented. The seminars are completed and ready for viewing through the Distance Learning section of the Bar’s CLE Division.

Pamela Melton

PRESENTATIONS

Congratulations to Terrye Conroy, who was chosen by the American Association of Law Libraries as one of two recipients of this year’s Mersky Spirit of Law Librarianship Award for her community outreach efforts. She was honored for her work developing, in coordination with the South Carolina Library Association, the Circuit Riders program, which travels throughout the state teaching basic legal research skills to non-law librarians in public and academic libraries. Terry was presented with her award, a modest cash donation to her project, at the Tarlton Law Library Alumni & Friends reception during this year’s AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, DC in July.

We all know she’s the best, but it’s great to see that the profession does, too. Kudos, Terrye!

Luncheon Honors Scholarship Donors

The fall Scholarship Donors’ Luncheon was held at the Carolina Coliseum on September 12, 2009. Katie Holtz, Circulation Assistant in the Law Library, is the recipient of the Prue Goolsby Endowed Scholarship for the 2009-2010 academic year. Katie has been attending the School of Library and Information Sciences since the fall 2007 semester and has received this scholarship each year. She will receive her MLIS degree in August 2010. Congratulations, Katie, and thanks to Prue Goolsby for providing this funding!
The Law Library made their third appearance in the annual Halloween carnival sponsored by Women in Law. The carnival is a collaboration of many of the student organizations, and it’s always a huge hit with the Law School and the community.

The lobby and all of the booths’ decorations were very creative and had great games that the kids thoroughly enjoyed; including the library’s new version of their game this year, the *Hand Toss* (no more chasing runaway eyeballs!).

To top it all off, the Law Library won a pizza lunch for having the best decorations/costumes! We didn’t even know there was a contest!

As always, it was a big success, and everyone (young and old) had a great time!