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SUMMER 2008 NEWSLETTER

FACULTY AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING

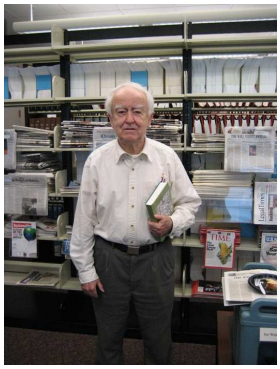
Professors Carey and Waller, and Dean Kaufman sign copies of their books for the library's Rare Books Room

Librarians love information in all forms, but most of us have a special spot in our hearts for books. As part of our National Library Week celebration this year, we featured members of the law faculty who have authored books. We invited them to the library for an event where we asked each of them to sign a copy of their book which will be placed in our Rare Books Room. Twenty current and retired members of the faculty were included in this special group! Take a look at the pictures showing the shelves of books produced and some of our favorite authors.

Julia will be visiting the offices of those who couldn't attend to obtain their autographs and present them with a pen to commemorate the occasion. One very special guest was Bob Doyle, retired faculty member and former director of the law library.

Dean Gaspardo, Julia Wentz, and Bob Doyle in front of the collection of faculty books

Dean Kaufman, and Professors Moses and Raphael



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THE LAW LIBRARY CELEBRATED NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2008 WITH "A RIOUTOUS WEEK OF CELEBRATION AND PRIZES"

Fred LeBaron

Students and faculty were invited to join us at the Law Library for a celebration of National Library Week, April 14 –18, with the following list of festivities:

Displays: Our entry display cases featured a "Banned Books" roundup of titles that have been the subject of library censorship challenges. This in depth and surprising display is still up if you haven't had a chance to look at it. It's pretty darn interesting!

Contests: Every day featured a different contest, with a ten dollar Starbuck's gift card for each day's lucky winner, as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday - Legal Trivia Contest; Thursday - Legal Research Crossword Puzzle; Friday - We drew a winner from the names of all who correctly identified the Mystery Librarian from the clues on the Bulletin Board. In addition, just to sweeten the pot, we had a Guess the Number of Bookworms in the jar at the Circulation Desk, with the winner announced at a drawing on Friday the 18th.

Finally, we hosted a Faculty Book Signing party on Wednesday, April 16 from 1:30-3:00, on the third floor of the law library. We honored our faculty members who have published books, and had them autograph copies of those books for our Rare Books Room.

Everyone had a great time. We still have a supply of those crossword puzzles on legal

reference and trivia themes if you are feeling up to the challenge!

NEW DATABASE: FOREIGN LAW GUIDE

Julienne Grant

In January, the Law Library introduced a new subscription database to its collection—*Foreign Law Guide*. This database is the online version of the print resource of the same name, which has been a staple in the area of foreign legal research for more than a decade. *Foreign Law Guide* offers brief overviews of the legal systems of over 170 jurisdictions, as well as lists of each jurisdiction's codes, court reports, and other significant legal literature. Helpful features of the database include references to available English translations, hypertext links to web sources, and a keyword search option.

If you have a foreign legal research question, the *Foreign Law Guide* database is a great place to start. The *Guide* is available on and off campus via the Law Library's web page under "Subscription Databases."

LAW CENTER RENOVATION UPDATE

Library rooms 508 and 410 (microform room) are closed for the rest of the summer while work is done on the main elevators.

The tenth and eleventh floors will be completely renovated for law school use by January 2009.

http://www.luc.edu/law_library/pdfs/lcrn.pdf

LAW LIBRARY STAFF MEMBER IN CHILE

Julienne Grant (center) with professors Tom Haney and Stacey Platt in Chile

Patricia Scott

Reference Librarian Julienne Grant participated in the law school's "Legal Systems in the Americas" seminar this spring. The seminar, which is team taught by Professors Tom Haney, Anne-Marie Rhodes, and Stacey Platt, is part of the law school's ongoing exchange program with the Universidad Alberto Hurtado (UAH), a Jesuit university in Santiago, Chile. Students and professors from UAH visit Loyola each fall, and the Loyola seminar class travels to Santiago during spring break. Julienne has been assisting students and professors on both ends of the exchange for the past three years, which led to her interest in participating in this year's course.

Along with the spring break trip, the 2008 course featured UAH guest lecturers Professors Rafael Blanco and Rodrigo Benítez, who each spent several weeks in Chicago earlier this spring. The UAH professors spoke separately to the class about various aspects of Chilean law, including criminal procedure reform, taxation, and the civil law tradition. Professor Benítez also guest lectured in

Julienne's foreign and international legal research course where he discussed legal research in Chile. The UAH professors' talks collectively provided an invaluable introduction to Chilean law for those who travelled to Santiago over spring break.

Professors Rafael Blanco and Rodrigo Benítez in Loyola's Law Library

While in Santiago, Julienne accompanied the class to the U.S. Embassy, and to the Centro de Justicia building where the group sat in on a pre-trial hearing, talked to the sitting judge, and visited the detention center. The Loyola class also heard several lectures at the UAH campus, including a talk on Chilean business law by Professor Christián Eyzaguirre, and a description of Chilean legal education by Professor Hugo Rojas. Other features of the Santiago trip were a tour of the Palacio de la Moneda, Chile's Presidential Palace, and a visit to an organic vineyard.

During her stay in Santiago, Julienne also had a chance to visit several libraries—the UAH main library, and the general and post-graduate law libraries at the University of Chile. At the UAH main library, Julienne had a tour, and talked with Library Director Patricia Ortíz about Chilean libraries and the profession of librarianship in Chile. At the University of Chile, Julienne met with Library Directors Nora Carrión and Mirtha Muñoz, and also had an opportunity to tour their beautiful facilities. Julienne found these professional exchanges to be one of the highlights of her trip, and she is very grateful to the UAH professors who helped arrange the meetings.

UAH library director Patricia Ortíz with Julienne Grant

Julienne describes her whole experience with the seminar as "fantastic, and extremely gratifying." She thanks the Loyola professors and students who allowed her to "tag along," as well as the UAH professors in Santiago who were wonderful hosts. She is looking forward to future involvement with the program –now with a greater knowledge base and understanding of the Chilean legal system.

HOW ABOUT A CURE FOR THOSE SUMMERTIME BLUES!

Fred LeBaron

We've got one – at least to the extent they arise from concern over legal research inadequacies. Your law librarians are standing by to back you up, set you straight, and just generally point you in the right direction when you need help getting started on that new project at your summer job. For starters, we've prepared a helpful packet of info on typical tasks that might come up in the course of your research – things like find or update a case in print, run down the

legislative history of a federal or state statute, or track down some info on the web without using Lexis or Westlaw. Copies are available at the Reference Desk, or you can access a copy at the Law Library homepage, www.luc.edu/law_library. Don't hesitate, though, to just pick up the phone and call us at the Reference Desk, (312)915-7205. We're there most days from 9 am to 10 pm, so hopefully that extends to most of your working, if not your waking, hours.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

The Wild Trees, by Richard Preston. Random House, 2007.

Preston provides an account of scientists who have climbed to the tops of the tallest trees in the world, the redwoods of Northern California. There they discover entire ecologies never documented before. For example, trees with canopies so dense that entire ponds of water rest at the tree tops, which provide homes to unique species of frogs and salamanders. Preston agreed not to reveal the location of the tallest trees, located in tracts of forest never mapped before. His account is as much about the courage of the scientists who learn how to climb these immense trees, as well as the spectacular world they discovered at the top.

- recommended by Charles Fisher

Some Danger Involved, by Will Thomas. Touchstone, 2005.

This Victorian era mystery novel features Thomas Llewellyn, who after being sent down from Oxford and experiencing an unfortunate brush with the legal system, is desperate enough to answer a help wanted ad for an assistant to a "private enquiry agent," despite the disclaimer "some danger involved." Thomas and his eccentric new employer are swiftly drawn into a web of bizarre killings in London's Jewish immigrant community, which proves that "some danger," may have been an understatement. This book (and its successors in the series), owe a great deal to Sherlock Holmes, yet still are fresh and contemporary in their explorations of the London of the late nineteenth century. The narrator's knack for wry understatement and the author's attention to period detail add a great deal of charm and interest to a good strong page turning plot.

- recommended by Fred LeBaron

Plainsong by Kent Haruf. Knopf Publishing, 2000.

This is a quiet book about people who lead quiet lives. Two bachelor brothers, the McPherons, have lived all their lives on the Colorado farm where they were born. Tom Guthrie is a teacher in the local school whose deeply depressed wife moves out, leaving him in charge of their two young sons. Another teacher, Maggie Jones, convinces the McPherons to take in a pregnant teenager who has been turned out by her family.

The book simply and vividly describes a year in the lives of these caring people and those around them. Sometimes amusing and sometimes heart breaking, this is a wonderful book.

- recommended by Julia Wentz

Travels in a Thin Country: a Journey through Chile, by Sara Wheeler. Modern Library, 1999.

Chile is a "thin country"—stretching some 2600 miles from north to south, but no more

than 110 miles across. In this wonderful book, Wheeler describes her top to bottom journey in the early 1990s through the varying geography and climates of Chile. Wheeler is an outstanding travel writer, and her ability to capture the diversity of Chile's landscape is truly notable. This is a great read prior to a trip to Chile, but is also recommended for all armchair travelers. Note that there is a 2006 edition of this title that contains an updated introduction.

- recommended by Julienne Grant

MAY CALENDAR NOTES

http://www.luc.edu/law_library/calendars/may08.pdf

Extended weekend hours for finals!
May 2-3, 9-10: Library closes at midnight
May 4, 11: Library opens at 9AM

Closings
May, 19, 24-26

SUMMER HOURS

Start Saturday, May 17th

Monday – Thursday: 8AM – 10PM
Friday: 8AM – 9PM
Saturday: 9AM – 5PM
Sunday: 12PM – 10PM

Check the website for additional schedule changes throughout the summer.

STAFF UPDATES

Fred LeBaron, Reference Librarian and Head of Faculty Services, celebrated his five year anniversary with the law library Wednesday, April 23. His service was recognized at The 2008 Service Recognition Luncheon, on Tuesday, April 29th.

Erin Hvizdak, Technical Services Assistant and second year MLIS student at UW-Milwaukee, has been accepted to participate in a semester-long exchange with the University of Hagenberg in Upper Austria. While there, she will be acting as a research assistant in the Communication and Knowledge Media department, working on projects involving virtual environments and shared networks. Further, she will be co-presenting work she is doing with a professor on the use of online survey tools in academic research at the Association of Internet Researchers annual conference in Copenhagen, Denmark in October.

Lindsey Hammond, Administrative Assistant, has enrolled in Loyola's M.Ed. degree program in Higher Education and plans to follow the student affairs administration track. She will begin taking classes part-time in the fall semester while continuing her work at the law library.

Good luck!

All of us in the law library wish you the best during final exams! We hope you have a wonderful summer, and that you will continue to think of the Loyola Law Library as your home for legal research.

Graduating students, we wish you all the best in your future career. The years that you have been here have gone by quickly. Remember that we welcome alumni to use our resources. Please come see us!

- Julia Wentz
Law Library Director