

Hopper Headlines

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Meet the Staff:

Abby and Amy Join the Library

You will see two new faces in the law library this semester. Help us welcome them and demonstrate the friendly environment of our school.

Abby Beaver

Abby comes to us from Coe Library where she was the night supervisor of Circulation. In her newly-created position she will be working with a new book plan that the library has established. The Approval plan automatically ships titles on selected topics from selected publishers. You may encounter her in the stacks, as she will also be shelving our new materials. Abby is currently working towards a degree in library science through Clarion University, with graduation expected the summer of 2010.

Amy Pearce

Amy will be joining our library faculty as a new part-time reference librarian. You may encounter her in the reference office evenings or Sundays. She has a Master of Library and Information Science from Wayne State University and a Master of Education from George Mason University.

Amy has worked both reference and instruction at George Mason University, Johnson Center Library in Virginia, and the Department of the Interior.

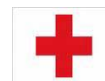
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Library Space for Locker Items



Hopefully you return from your semester break refreshed and motivated to take on the spring courses. As construction continues, remember that the library has set aside some shelving space on the second floor to accommodate the loss of student lockers. To request space, check with Potter Law Club.

Safety First



As patrons of this building in common, we should all be aware how our choices affect each other, especially after hours. On several occasions library staff have found outside doors and library doors blocked open or left unlocked. This violates building usage policy and puts our resources at risk. More importantly, though, it endangers students who remain in the building after hours. Please be thoughtful and responsible about building use.

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Tawnya Plumb, Electronic Services Librarian

New Electronic Databases

The George W. Hopper Law Library continues to expand your electronic access to legal information. Contact a librarian should you have a recommendation for a new library database purchase.

Oxford Reports on International Law is intended to be a single point of reference for all international law jurisprudence. New modules include *Oxford Reports on International Law in Domestic Courts*, *Oxford Reports on International Criminal Law*, *Oxford Reports on International Human Rights Law*,

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Oxford Reports on International Courts of General Jurisdiction and soon *Oxford Reports on International Investment Claims*. All reported decisions have a headnote, the full text of the decision, and are linked to the Oxford Law Citator.

A companion to the *Oxford Reports* is the **Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law Online**. This online Encyclopedia, written by over 650 scholars and practitioners from around the world and edited by a team from the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, will be updated quarterly. In addition to extensive search functionality and click-through cross references to other Encyclopedia entries, users will have access to the Oxford Law Citator.

Hein Online is continually offering new content, and our library has purchased two additional libraries. The **United Nations Law Collection** provides a historic record of major legal publications issued by the United Nations with exact page-by-page replicas of official published documents. **The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws** library includes the full text of all Model Acts drafted, recommended or endorsed by the Conference in subject areas such as commercial law, real estate, alternate dispute resolution, domestic relations law, and others.

View these and additional legal databases from <http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/lawlib/databases.asp>.

Casemaker and CasemakerX

Many practitioners are getting free access to legal information through the Casemaker database. Casemaker is paid for by the Wyoming State Bar and provides local bar members with searchable or browsable access to case law, statutes, constitutions, state rules, bar journals, and Attorney General opinions from all states.

Students have an opportunity to explore Casemaker by signing up for CasemakerX. CasemakerX is a professional social network site for law students. By building a public profile, students gain access to all content available to local bar members. For more information, or to sign up for an account, visit <http://www.casemakerx.com>.

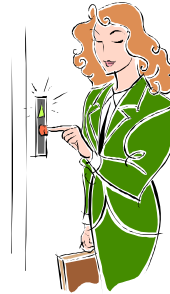
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Tammy Ackerson

Tammy has been our cataloger for several years. Her work ensures that our orders are current and find their way to the shelves correctly. Tammy was accepted into the selective University of Alabama's distance library program and expects to graduate in August of 2010.

Elevator Troubles



Sorry, you may be pushing that button a long time. The library elevator, the only one that goes to the basement, has seriously malfunctioned. The good news: no one was hurt, and it looks as if it will be replaced. The bad news: it will be replaced on the university's schedule. Our apologies, and if you need access to materials in the basement that you cannot retrieve, please ask at the Circulation Desk.

Focus on Free Internet

Sites:

Wyoming Legislative Service Office

<http://legisweb.state.wy.us/>

Did you think you had to pay for annotated Wyoming statutes? Did you suppose you needed access to Westlaw or Lexis? Unannotated statutes are free at many sites, but the Wyoming Statutes Annotated by LexisNexis are available at the Legislative Service Office web site. From the URL above, select State Statutes and Constitution, then scroll down for a link to the annotated set of statutes.

In addition to statutes and constitution, this site makes legislative materials available for the current legislative session back to 2001.



IT News

Edward Havugimana, College Technology



New Materials: Our Approval Program

What is new at Law School in 2009

Techwise there is no change from the last semester. All printers, wireless options and free software available are still the same. Everyone noticed during the finals that Examsoft has a new version 8.8. And as usual each new version has bugs, so those who had issues with this new version can expect to be fine next time since all those bugs will be fixed by then. However, if you had computer issues during the finals, this would be a good time to bring your laptop to Edward to see if anything needs to be adjusted. Most crashes during the finals are caused by the user laptop settings, not the Examsoft.

The next Windows Operating System

It is now official that Microsoft will release a new Operating System called “**Windows 7.**” The Beta version is already available since Friday, January 9, for users to download. Unlike Vista, most people who evaluated it have only good things to say about it. Why did they call it 7? I tried to count and it seems this version is the 7th after Windows 3.0, 98, Me (Millennium), 2000, XP and Vista (I hope I did not forget others. I intentionally omitted 3.1 since it almost came at the same time as 3.0). So the name probably comes from there. If you want to try this new version make sure to use your spare machine, not your primary PC or laptop.

Has IT moved yet?

You have probably heard that IT has moved to the new building located not far from ours but it is actually not very true. Only Servers and other machines are currently in that IT new building and the staff expect to move in around April 2009. In the meantime if you need to see someone in IT you will still have to go to Ivinson Building.

A library approval program allows libraries to set up a profile of subjects and publishers from which it would like to receive shipment of materials automatically upon publication. It is an efficient way to ensure that the most recent publications from select publishers will be received. Examples of titles that the law library has received through our new program are:

Gerald E. Frug, *City Bound: How states stifle urban innovation.* Cornell Univ. Pr.

E. Thomas Sullivan, *Proportionality Principles in American Law: Controlling excessive government actions.* Oxford Univ. Pr.

Lorna E. Gillies, *Electronic Commerce and Internationalization of Electronic Consumer Contracts.* Ashgate Pub.

Michael Freeman, *Law of Bioethics.* Oxford Univ. Pr.

Ruth Colker, *When Is Separate Unequal?: A disability perspective,* Cambridge Univ. Pr.

H. Van Houtte, *Post-War Restoration of Property Rights under International Law,* Cambridge Univ. Pr.

Paul David, *Guide to the World Anti-Doping Code: A fight for the spirit of sport,* Cambridge Univ. Pr.

Watch for other new titles on the New Books shelf in the library Reference area.

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