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Presidential Ponderings ... from CJ Pipins

Ah Summer... In my library it's always a bit quieter with fewer people hustling and bustling. Now that we've introduced work from home days for our librarians it can almost be lonely. That said, I enjoy it while it lasts and then I relish handing the space back over to the busy law students who start returning in August.



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I've spent an embarrassing amount of time trying to figure out exactly what to write here and how to say something meaningful. As I was looking for inspiration, I came across an old SEAALL Newsletter containing a presidential pondering in which the SEAALL president noted that a call for suggestions in his previous column had garnered zero responses. That somehow made me feel a little better. I'm also going to cut myself some slack and if I can't quite make it to meaningful with this column at least I can call it on-time.

As I write this, I am scrambling to get ready to go to the AALL Annual Meeting in Denver. It's going to be my first in-person conference since 2019. Back then I had just gotten a new job, and I was very eager to begin whatever adventure was in store... or so I

thought. A lot has happened since then. (What an incredible understatement). Something that may not have landed on your radar is that in 2020 the SEAALL executive board created an Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) task force. The IDEA task force worked with all the SEAALL committees to generate recommendations to ensure and promote SEAALL's commitment to inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility.

I shared these recommendations with this year's committee chairs. I hope you will agree with me that the work doesn't end here. We must implement these recommendations and hold ourselves ac-

countable. Ask your committee chair what recommendations are being adopted and how. Brainstorm with your colleagues and come up with even more ways to promote these principles. I invite you to continue this important work and think about what SEAALL committees and members can do to foster inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility in everything we do. I am more than happy to share the IDEA Task Force's Report with anyone who has interest. Just let me know. If you have thoughts about how we can continue please don't hesitate to share them with me and/or the executive board.

Also, speaking of annual meetings, planning is underway for the SEAALL 2023 Annual Meeting. Towards the end of Summer, be on the lookout for emerging details, a theme, and be ready for the call for program proposals. While you are thinking about meetings, consider nominating a location for a SEAALL Annual Meeting. We are in Richmond for our next in-person meeting, but we don't have any other locations for any subsequent meetings selected. Meeting planning and budgeting can take a long time so I encourage everyone to start now. More time means less stress for everyone involved.

Tech Tip: Privacy & Confidentiality



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Many people in the law and librarianship worlds are concerned about maintaining privacy and confidentiality for themselves, their patrons, and their clients. This concern may be heightened by new, or impending, criminalization of what was previously a constitutionally protected right to basic healthcare throughout SE-

AALL's home region, thanks to the Supreme Court's decision in *Jackson v. Hobbs*. How can we ramp up our protections of our online activities from prying eyes when law enforcement can easily obtain our [Google searches](#) and [text messages](#), and [big data giants collect information about who is scheduling medical services directly from Planned Parenthood's webpage?](#)

These tech tips are geared to people with a moderate level of tech-savviness. Those who are already using Ghostery, NoScript, Tor, and burner phones will not find it useful. But for the rest of us, these steps can help improve our confidentiality and privacy for ourselves and our patrons. I have also omitted some steps such as protecting privacy around your movement in the world (location tracking), disabling targeted tracking and mobile advertising IDs, and avoiding surveillance

of your telephone calls specifically. These are all important items, but in the interest of saving space, I am leaving them out of this brief column.

Searches/Search History: Stop using Google as your search engine and stop using the Chrome browser. Instead, use StartPage, or Duck Duck Go as your search engine and a privacy-focused browser such as Brave or Firefox. On your phone, use Firefox Focus as your browser. These browsers can help you evade tracking cookies, browser fingerprinting, and other forms of cross-site tracking. Brave and Firefox also do a better job of stopping common annoyances like autoplay content, pop-up ads, and push notifications and requests.

Web Activity Generally: Once you have gotten rid of Chrome, install privacy-enhancing apps such as Adblock Plus, uBlock Origin, and Privacy Badger on your Firefox or Brave browser. These apps work to prevent most web tracking, [including highly invasive trackers such as the Meta Pixel](#).

When creating or logging into web accounts, avoid using "social login" – the option to log in using your credentials from Facebook, Google, LinkedIn, or similar. [Using social login allows extensive tracking of your activity](#) by the big data giants.

Next, consider a virtual private network (VPN) which can help shield your online activity from your internet service provider and other interested parties. When considering which VPN to get, look for a "no log" VPN which does not keep

a record of your activities, preferably one based in a country with strong data protections and that offers the option of anonymous subscription or purchase (typically accomplished using gift cards or cryptocurrency). My VPN of choice is F-Secure Freedome, based in Finland, but many options exist. You will likely have to pay for a VPN that does not limit traffic or speed, but the costs tend to be reasonable, typically less than buying a latte at Starbucks monthly.

Text Messages: Use a secure encrypted app such as Signal or Threema for messaging. While WhatsApp and iPhone iMessaging offer some encryption protection, at least for iPhone users, your messages will still be accessible to law enforcement if you back up your messages to iCloud, which most Apple users do by default.

Email: Again, divorce yourself from Google. Gmail and other popular free email services are far from private or secure. Although Gmail stopped reading and collecting data from email a few years ago, [it remains unencrypted and subject to privacy invasion via tracking pixels and other technologies](#). Options to stop companies from tracking your behavior via email include [adjusting your email settings to prevent all images from displaying](#), deleting all marketing emails without opening them, and using an encrypted, privacy-forward email service such as ProtonMail, Tutanota, or Mailfence. Apple's iCloud email service also offers significant protections against tracking via pixels and other technologies.

Tech Note: SEAALL has a Twitter account and we love to highlight the accomplishments and activities of SEAALL members. Please tag @SEAALL1 on Twitter or send us a direct message or email apitt16@lsu.edu with your news you would like us to share with our Twitter followers.

Closed Stacks

Some of my earliest memories involved books. I got my first library card when I was three, and I have been an avid reader and collector of books ever since. But, it wasn't until I sat down to write this article and started packing for a move to the University of Alabama's Bounds Law Library that I realized how many books I have collected over the years! I also never realized that my books were collected in many different places and formats.

First, I have my main displays on a shelf in the living room. I also have a book cube beside my spot on the couch where I keep my "in progress" or "soon to read" collections. I usually have several books going at once, usually a fun fiction book, some historical work, and a personal development work. I also have another large bookcase in the living room where I display the works of my favorite authors from childhood and even my adult life. Some notable authors include: J.R.R.

Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, Henri Nouwen, Jack Whyte, Frank Herbert, and Anne McCaffrey, to name a few.

At my previous office at North Carolina Central University School of Law, I was blessed to have some empty bookshelves on which my director (thanks Nikki) let me put some of my volumes. At work, I primarily kept my legal volumes, legal writing and research texts, and information science books within easy reach. I displayed my philosophical and political collections and a curated selection of history books.

The remainder of my print collection is packed in storage or my childhood home. I am an unashamed book-dragon and do not lightly release treasures from my "bochord" (Old English for "book hoard"). I discovered this term from a [Facebook Post](#) by the Warwick Public Library arguing that librarians are dragons, hopefully, benevolent ones. I have noted that many previous authors of this column have weeded their personal collections and donated to their local Friends of the Library. For this, I am eternally thankful, as a large portion of my personal collection came from my childhood Friends of the Library,

The Bookworm. I am still less prone to weed my collection, always struggling to part with any pages of my hoard.

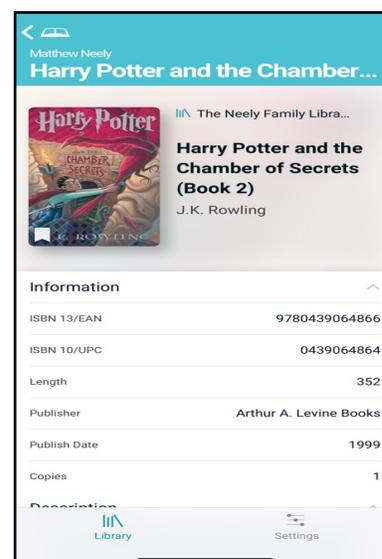
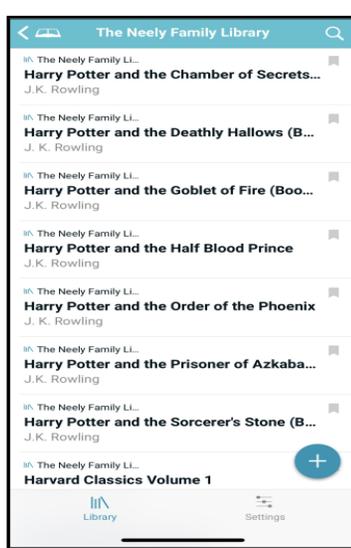
As my collection grew, I often found myself unknowingly purchasing multiple copies of the same title. Thus, I searched for a good home library app.

I found [libib](#), a LMS that caters to smaller organizations and has a great free program for personal use. The iOS and Android apps allow you to use your camera to scan barcodes, and libib automatically imports the metadata from its collections. While not perfect, this handy app has allowed me to catalog my personal library, and movie collection, where I can easily check to see if I already have a book. According to the app, I currently have just over one thousand physical volumes.

Last but not least, my electronic collection spans Kindle, Audible, LibriVox, and a variety of direct downloads from smaller publishers and self-published authors. Easier to carry around, but still an expansive part of this book-dragon's bochord.



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Legal Movie Review: *Women in Gold*



Woman in Gold
Origin Pictures
BBC Films
2015

Woman in Gold is a story about the restitution of a portrait by Gustav Klimt. It is an interesting story that sent me down a research spiral after I completed the film. The movie is told interspersed with flashbacks between Maria Altmann, a young Jewish woman, and her family during the Nazi occupation of Vienna. Maria, her husband, and other family members leave for America but must leave her parents behind. (This is inaccurate to reality, in which Maria's parents were able to leave as well.)

Several years later, upon the death of her sister, Maria discovers letters detailing how she was working to recover pieces of artwork that belonged in her family and was stolen by Nazis. There were many pieces involved, but the most famous is *The Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I*, known as "Woman in Gold." (It is considered the last known work of Klimt's gold period, for art history fans.) Maria takes up her sister's cause and begins the path of recovering the painting with a young lawyer, E. Randol Schoenberg, who is the son of a friend.

The movie has a star-studded cast: Helen Mirren, Ryan Reynolds, Charles Dance, and more. Where the movie dragged at times, the cast more than made up for it. It was nice to see Ryan Reynolds in a more serious role, as I am used to mostly seeing him in his comedic films which I usually enjoy. Ryan Reynolds as the lawyer and Helen Mirren as Maria Altmann carried the movie, with a decent supporting cast. I almost wish there had been more focus on the actual case – since it is fascinating and complicated – than the drama of a movie, but I was not surprised.

If you enjoy movies about the law, or about art, this marries both in a really interesting way. It was definitely the kind of movie that had me on a research spiral afterwards, trying to see what parts were true and which were not. For the most part, the movie stays rather true to the story and the case, though the actual case involved more than just one piece of art and was quite complicated. Obviously, it was pared down for simplification and dramatization.

As someone with great interest in art history and reparations of historical art pieces, this case proved an interesting one, as the recovery of artwork from museums is never straightforward. Many Austrians consider the loss of the paintings – as they were returned to Maria Altmann – as a loss of Austrian culture. However, the law decided in favor of Altmann in the case: *Republic of Austria v. Altmann* (541 U.S. 677 (2004)). She was given pos-

session of the paintings and they were returned to her in America, where she sold them to the Neue Galerie in New York. I would be curious how an Austrian film may portray this story differently, as *Woman in Gold* clearly saw it as a triumph for Altmann.



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I felt it was important to note that the movie title *Woman in Gold*, is a reference to a German version of the painting's title "*Lady in Gold/Dame in Gold*" which was purposefully renamed from *The Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I* to erase the portrait's connection to the Jewish woman depicted in it. I am not sure if the filmmakers were aware of this, but it felt worth mentioning that another name might have suited the film better.



Image: The Yorck Project (2002) 10.000 Meisterwerke der Malerei (DVD-ROM), distributed by DIRECTMEDIA Publishing GmbH. ISBN: 3936122202

Treasurers Report : Bundle Up, Bundles of SEAALL Joy!



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Here's a quick note about how membership renewals work in Wild Apricot when the institution pays the dues, which is the case for 371 of SEAALL's 437 members.

Imagine an institution (firm, court, or law school) called Bridgerton. All the SEAALL member profiles associated with that insti-

tution have their renewals billed on a single invoice called the Bridgerton "bundle." If Anthony processes payments for that institution, he should be selected as the "bundle administrator."

When personnel turnover happens, member profiles remain associated with the institution. The profile does not follow the member.

For example, suppose Daphne leaves work at Bridgerton to start work at Hastings, and Kate begins work at Bridgerton.

Ideally, bundle administrator Anthony would delete Daphne's name

and email from her member profile* and insert Kate's name and email on that member profile. Bridgerton would continue to pay the same amount in dues, because the bundle size remains the same. This process still works if there is a months-long wait between Daphne's departure and Kate's hiring, because SEAALL does not pro-rate dues for partial years.

However, if Daphne left Bridgerton in 2020 and Kate was hired in 2022, for example, then in 2021 Anthony would need to (1) archive Daphne's profile, and (2) contact the SEAALL Treasurer to remove the archived profile from the Bridgerton invoice. In 2022, Anthony would need to (1) create a new member profile for Kate, and (2) contact the SEAALL Treasurer to add the new profile to the Bridgerton invoice.

Bundle administrators are encouraged to make changes to SEAALL member profiles anytime, as turnover happens. Automatic reminder emails are sent via SEAALL's Wild Apricot software to bundle administrators each spring before invoices are created. Bundle administrator Anthony can add a second email

address in his member profile to cc: Violet, for example, on every automatic email.

Wild Apricot offers help materials (<https://gethelp.wildapricot.com/en/articles/514-bundle-administrator-guide>),

but these are not always specific to SEAALL's set-up. Questions are always welcome! Huge thanks to the new SEAALL Finance Committee members who have begun using Wild Apricot to assist bundle administrators in updating their bundles!

*The Hastings bundle administrator would either create a new member profile for Daphne if total headcount is increasing, or delete a name and insert Daphne's name if she is replacing someone at Hastings.

Update: 358 of 437 SEAALL members have either newly joined (21 new members since March 2022) or renewed their membership for 2022-23 as of August 2, 2022. My apologies for all delays in processing. Thank you to all, and welcome to the new members!

Richelle Reid: The 2022 Service to SEAALL Award Recipient

I was so honored when Deborah Turkewitz reached out to me to write a short piece recognizing the 2022 Service to SEAALL recipient, Richelle Reid. Last year, as chair of the Service to SEAALL Award Committee, I worked along with Kris Niedringhaus and Catherine Lemann, two fellow Service to SEAALL recipients, to select a member for the Service to SEAALL Award. This award is given to a SEAALL member who has made special, significant, and sustained contribu-

tions to the Chapter. After some deliberation, it was clear to us that Richelle Reid's commitment to service in SEAALL was exemplary and deserving of this acknowledgment.

At the height of COVID in June 2020, Richelle Reid joined North Carolina Central University School of Law as the Assistant Law Library Director. Before accepting her current position, she worked for nearly ten years at the Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library at Emory University School of

Law as Law Librarian for Research Services and Adjunct Professor. Richelle received her B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, J.D. from Georgia State University College of Law, and M.L.I.S. from Valdosta State University.

Richelle has been a member of SEAALL for over a decade and has been active, serving on committees and presenting at SEAALL Annual Meetings. She has served on the Local Arrangements, Scholarship, Community Service, and Diversity

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and Inclusion Committees. Shortly after the murder of George Floyd, the SEAALL Executive Board asked the Diversity and Inclusion Committee to create a page on SEAALL's website with resources to bring awareness to racial and social issues in our society. Despite relocating to a new state and starting a new job, Richelle agreed to lead this project, another demonstration of her unwavering commitment to SEAALL. With the help of Howard University's Vernon B. Jordan Law Library, the Committee created a comprehensive webpage that exceeded the expectations of the Board.

<https://seaall.wildapricot.org/Diversity-and-Inclusion-Initiatives>



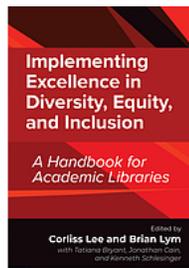
The Social Justice Resource Page is designed as an annotated bibliography focused on selected resources with varying depth of treatment in books, articles, websites, blogs, short videos, and organizations. The Nominator spoke about working with Richelle on this project, "My experience with Richelle is that she is a patient, knowledgeable leader who dives into the work, leading by example in a collaborative manner, drawing the team in and moving the project forward." It was Richelle's leadership

that made this project such a success. I encourage you to share the webpage with your library community.

The Nominator stated it best, "Richelle is committed to library services and understands the value of our professional associations as a space for connection and growth. SEAALL is a rich resource, and it is members such as Richelle that inject it with vitality to last through the ages." SEAALL is a great organization because of members like Richelle, who are dedicated to service and advancing law librarianship. Congratulations to Richelle Reid on this well-deserved honor!

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Readers' Advisory



Implementing Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: A Handbook for Academic Libraries
Edited by Corliss Lee and Brian Lym, with Tatiana Bryant, Jonathan Cain, and Kenneth Schlesinger.

Publisher: ACRL, 2022. ISBN: 9780838939109

You may recall shortly after the murder of George Floyd, the SEAALL Executive Board sent out a Statement of Solidarity. The Board also convened the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Task Force to collaborate with SEAALL committees and provide recommendations to ensure our service to the profession promotes inclu-

sion, diversity, equity, and accessibility. The IDEA Task Force recently issued a report evaluating policies and suggesting updates to committee charges. If you are on a SEAALL committee, you'll likely hear more about the task force's recommendations. SEAALL President C.J. Pipins also discusses the IDEA report in this issue's Presidential Ponderings column. In my opinion, it would be hard not to incorporate the IDEA task force's recommendations into our professional life in academic libraries, either on a personal level or a larger, institutional scale. Fortunately, a recent 2022 publication helps capture academic libraries' emerging practices for inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility.

Implementing Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: A Handbook for Academic Libraries, edited by Corliss Lee and Brian Lym, et

al., chronicles the variety of emerging practices by individuals and institutions to achieve diversity, equity, and inclusion goals in academic libraries. Not only are institutional initiatives explored, but also individuals' personal efforts are examined.

Implementing Excellence is packed with suggestions, definitions, sample survey questions,



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Research questions, and evaluation of DEI efforts. Nineteen chapters are arranged into six sections:

- Recruitment, Retention, and Promotion
- Professional Development
- Leveraging Collegial Networks
- Reinforcing the Message
- Organizational Change
- Assessment
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The book is so filled with examples and suggestions that it is difficult to select one example. Depending on your library's goals, in order to prevent information overload, it's possible one section or a few chapters might be all you need to review. For example, if you are interested in recruitment or retention, Chapter 5 Mentoring and Diversity discusses the University of South Florida Libraries' strategic hiring plan to add

fifty new employees. While the hiring plan seems to achieve a DEI goal, the campus recognized the challenge of integrating newcomers while allowing an established culture to evolve. They established the Mentoring Program Exploration Group, to maintain formal mentorships while allowing individual relationships to flourish by also creating informal, advisor coaches for newer employees.

The chapter authors describe DEI efforts at a variety of academic and specialized libraries. Author biographies are included. Each chapter includes sources, bibliographies, and additional resources. Potentially, each chapter could serve as a stand-alone reading. You might think nineteen chapters had thoroughly examined the DEI subject, but no, the editors identified additional readings for academic library DEI initiatives

in their Afterward. In fact, given the wide range of ideas and additional research questions identified, the only suggestions I might make for a second edition is to include an Index. Potentially, a glossary may help us use terminology as intended.

I strongly recommend *Implementing Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion* for any academic library involved in creating more equitable and inclusive institutions as well as enhancing individual professional relationships. The practical guidance, sample programs, and evaluations/assessments should inspire your library and promote the change and improvements we would like to see in our academic library community.



Wild Card: Linked Data



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Earlier this month, OCLC hosted the "Transforming Metadata" seminar, where a panel of metadata specialists from varying backgrounds shared their knowledge and experience with linked data within their library systems. Linked data is not a new concept,

as it has been researched for a couple of decades at this point. Still, it is becoming more of a prominent topic in cataloging and metadata circles as libraries decide how and when to implement it in their catalog.

In May, OCLC announced the com-

pletion of their "shared entity management infrastructure" to support libraries in their respective linked data initiatives. The infrastructure allows users to search for "entities," which are records for people, places, and works that contain identifying information. These records are created and edited by OCLC and metadata librarians working to incorporate linked data at their libraries.

To provide an example, a search for "tort law" will draw a selection of works on the topic. The entity on the work "Acing Tort Law" includes identifying information such as description, creation date, related persons, and a link to that title in your library's catalog. One can then be linked to the author's entity, which includes links to external sources

such as the Library of Congress Name Authority File and the Virtual International Authority File, where other works by that author are listed. Entities serve as collections of information as well as links to more information.

The internet has made it so that we can instantly retrieve information from all over the world, but library collections are siloed and only searchable within an individual library's catalog. Catalogers and metadata specialists who implement linked data in bibliographic records open that collection up to a broader audience to access information. The fact that linked data is the future of metadata is undeniable. The conversation among libraries now centers around staffing and cost.

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There are service providers that libraries can turn to, such as Marcive, who will convert your bibliographic records to include URIs to the WorldCat

entity. These services are pay per record, and the cost can be a deterrent. Manual entry by library staff would be an impossible task for understaffed

catalog departments. Library administration must consider these things in deciding if the implementation of linked data is worth the money or time investment for their library.

Meet & Three



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Divine timing brought me to Barry University Law School as a Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor in February 2022.

During law school at Florida Coastal School, my student worker position was at the reference desk. I supported the public, local attorneys, and law students in navigating a diversity of research questions. I loved working at the reference desk because no two days were the same, and every day presented a new challenge. Although my focus during law school was working with human trafficking victims, I knew in at some point I was going to retire in a library somewhere. So, after taking the Florida bar exam, I started FSU's Masters in Information Studies online program. Thirty credits later, school took a back burner as the demands of work and life consumed my time. Then the pandemic! While most people were confined to

their homes, the pandemic opened the door for my & Three international adventures: Turkey, Thailand, and Egypt

In the summer of 2020, I spent five weeks in Istanbul, Turkey, fixing a supply chain issue with medical gowns. I arrived in Istanbul on the first day that hotels were open and found myself as one of three guests at the Pera Palace Hotel. Not much was going on in the country during that time. Only essential businesses were open, and facemasks were mandatory in public places. I celebrated my 49th birthday with dinner at the Kempinski while looking out at the Bosphorus Strait. The highlight of my trip was renting a yacht for a two-hour personal tour on the Bosphorus Strait.



In spring 2021, I spent eight weeks in Thailand learning about medical glove manufacturing and vetting suppliers. When I arrived in Thailand, the airport was empty except for the arriving passengers and the minimum personnel necessary to process us. After clearing customs, I was met at the exit by the driver for the hotel, who gave me a new facemask, took my shoes and

placed them in a red hazard bag, gave me booties to put over my feet, and placed me in the back of the car. Upon arriving at the hotel lobby, I was taken to a makeshift nurse's station, where my temperature was taken, and I produced my pre-flight negative covid test. The nurse provided me the instructions for my 10-day quarantine: you must submit your temperature twice a day in the APP. You are not allowed to leave the room during the quarantine except on days 5 and 9, when someone will come to escort you for your COVID test. I was then escorted to the front desk, where they provided me a key to my room, ordered my food for the day, and gave instructions on how to order my food during the remainder of my stay. Thus began my ten days of living through the peephole. My meals were left on a table by the door and were announced by a knock on the door. By the time I got to the door and looked through the peephole the staff had already vacated the hall. After Zoom meetings, I spent my days looking out the window at the grey skyline of Bangkok. Everywhere you looked were concrete buildings except this burst of color that I later found out was Wat Hua Lumphong – The Coffin Temple.



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It was the first place I visited when I was released from my 10-day quarantine, The Coffin Temple does not get many foreign tourists, but I found it very popular among the Thai people. Thai people go to donate money for coffins for those that pass away without having anyone to buy them a coffin. Everywhere you turn while traveling through Thailand, you see temples. My trip wouldn't be complete without seeing the golden Phra Buddha Maha Nawamin at Wat Muang, the purple temple. The biggest Buddha statue in Thailand is 92 meters tall and 63 meters wide and took 18 years to build.



During Spring 2022, I took my dream vacation in honor of my 50th year on earth: The Sunrise of the Heart – Egypt. This trip was a privately facilitated tour by Dr. Im-sara, Doctor of Oriental Medicine, author, and Evolutionary Astrologer. Upon arrival at Cairo airport, we were greeted by Quest Travel, who provided first-class accommodations during our travels. The first of many memorable experiences in Egypt was led by distinguished Egyptologist, Emil Shaker, to the paws of the Sphinx, where we had a sunrise meditation. After sixteen



wonderful days, we wrapped up our experiential tour with a journey inside the great pyramid to the king's chamber, where we had a sunset group meditation and chanting experience during the full moon.



Recent Acquisitions



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Hi, this is the section of the newsletter where I probably should tell you about the new Dell laptop that I purchased, the Bitdefender antivirus software I bought for it, or the free Trelby software I downloaded. But that all seems boring to me. Or, maybe I could tell you about the score of phone calls between the customer service representatives and me at Dell, who sent (and billed) two laptops and two mice instead of one laptop and one mouse. But, I don't want to relive that deeply frustrating experience, so I'll talk about something else entirely.

At lunchtime, my daughter and I discussed her outfit, with which she was quite pleased. She had on new earrings, a short off-white dress,

white socks, and black Doc Martens oxfords -- the high platform type that weigh about five pounds each. I didn't like them. I guess they are probably useful for protecting your toes from falling rocks, walking high and dry above raging floodwaters, or safely crushing venomous scorpions underfoot. Still, I just don't think they look good when paired with an off-white summer dress. And I was dumb enough to say so. My daughter seemed to take my opinion in stride, however, especially considering how badly she often takes my less-than-enthusiastic fashion endorsements.

What is remarkable to me is not that we agreed to disagree but rather the manner in which we did so. You see, I was sitting in my office, and she was sitting in a friend's moving vehicle. On a French country road. In France. The far side of

France. The marvel of Facetime allowed us to look each other in the eye and discuss her poor footwear choices in real-time. (I know, we didn't really see eye to eye.)

As post-covid librarians, we know that technology can do amazing things. We have learned about working from home and providing reference services from the comfort of our couches. However, technology has its limits. Reference librarians know that people often have difficulty expressing themselves and can have difficulty asking for what they want, even if they know just what that may be.

Tech can be acquired quickly, but soft skills require patience, effort, and a lot of practice. We all need to work on those. Soft skills will help us when we explain the difference between a statute and a regulation

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to a patron. Or when we need to explain to an indifferent customer service representative that we did not order two identical laptops and two identical mice and that the last customer service representative must have done it when he tried to

remedy the first order for one laptop and one mouse which was never acted upon, because I certainly did not do that.

So, um . . . we should work on updating those soft skills. Or maybe

even acquire a brand new updated set. They may have gotten a little bit rusty during covid. On the plus side, you won't have to deal with the frustration of customer service.

Legal Podcast Review

Would you like to know more about the current happenings of the U.S. Supreme Court but not actually talk to the Constitutional Law professor at your school? Or do you want a Gen-Xer/Millennial perspective on current issues? Strict Scrutiny might be the podcast for you.

Leah Litman, Assistant Professor of Law, Michigan, Kate Shaw, Professor of Law, Cardozo, and Melissa Murray, Professor of Law, NYU are the co-hosts of a fun, insightful, and educational weekly podcast focused on recapping oral arguments, analyzing opinions, and discussing Su-

preme Court news. There's a definite point of view – these women are feminist, progressive, and critical of the Court's current composition. The co-hosts have labeled this Court as the YOLO Court and identified the current judicial philosophy of some of the current justices as "no law, just vibes." It's not an unbiased point of view.

Besides their credentials as law professors and constitutional scholars, all three co-hosts have clerked for a Supreme Court Justice. Litman and Shaw clerked for Justices Kennedy and Stevens, respectively, and Mur-

ray clerked for Justice Sotomayor at the Second Circuit.

I've listened to their *West Virginia v. EPA* episode more than once as I prepare to teach environmental and administrative legal research in the coming school year. I

acknowledge that this podcast isn't for everyone, but I encourage you to give it a listen.



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Library Profile

The Kathrine R. Everett Law Library is a cornerstone of the University of North Carolina's law school and the state's flagship public university law library. Its mission is to serve



the education of Carolina law students, support the research of law faculty and students, and serve the legal information needs of the university's students and faculty, the legal community, and the residents of the state of North Carolina. The library has often enjoyed the support

of the law school and the state's legal community. Kathrine Robinson Everett, a pioneering female attorney and first in her class at Carolina Law in 1920, dedicated part of her estate to the school and the library, and Carolina Law named the library in her honor in 1993.

Though the law school always had a collection of reference texts for faculty and student use, that collection did not officially become known as the Law Library until 1907. It did not have a permanent custodian until 1923. The law library has only had four directors: Lucille Elliot from 1923-1955, Mary Oliver from 1955-1985, Laura N. Gasaway from 1985-

2007, and Anne Klinefelter from 2007 to the present. They have shepherded the library from a small collection of about 7000 volumes in 1923 to a current print collection of over 500,000 volumes and an ever-growing set of digital materials.

The library also provides access to dozens of legal databases to the law school and university communities. The law library also participates in the Triangle Research Libraries Network, a consortium of four universities:



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Library Profile Cont.

Duke University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. All four campus libraries have a consolidated catalog and can share print materials quickly around the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill triangle area.

Highlights of the law library's collection include 4th Circuit records and briefs in print from 1892-1987 and North Carolina Supreme Court and Appellate Court records and briefs from 1874-2000. The law library has also developed the Carolina Law Scholarship Repository, which provides free access to faculty scholarship, UNC law journals, and the National Mortgage Settlements Digital Archive. Several digital collections explore the law school's history through photographs, oral history transcripts, news articles, legal documents, and biographical sketches, like "Law School First - The African-Americans Who Integrated UNC-Chapel Hill."

The law library is located in the law school and covers four floors. Two floors are dedicated to shelf space and carrels. In contrast, the third floor includes more stacks, study

space, the administrative suite, other offices, and several classrooms. The fourth floor contains the reading room, circulation, reference desks, and more office space. The reading room is a highly trafficked area in the law school; students can often be found studying and chatting quietly in the bright, open area surrounded by many windows.



The law library staff participates fully in the life of the law school; in addition to regular library duties, the reference librarians teach legal research courses and serve on faculty committees. The library hosts the Carolina Blawg, which provides information to students, staff, faculty, and others on library resources, developments in legal information, and more. The law library's research guides might be especially interesting for researchers; the law librarians maintain nearly forty research guides on North Carolina law, UNC resources, and specific legal subject areas.

The Kathrine R. Everett Law Library also contributes to the field of law librarianship; the university has a strong dual degree program in law

and library science, and many in the field get their start with degrees from UNC and a position at the law library. The library developed the Laura N. Gasaway Graduate Assistantship to provide a pathway into the profession and to offer an immersive experience in many aspects of law librarianship.

Though the pandemic has been a challenge in North Carolina as it has been across the country, the Kathrine R. Everett has weathered it well. The library quickly transitioned to remote reference and circulation services and remote teaching in March 2020. Though UNC staff, including the law library, returned to campus in July 2021, the library has kept some of the pandemic changes that best-served patrons, like offering more remote reference appointments via zoom and an expanded set of digital texts. Despite these recent challenges, the Kathrine R. Everett Law Library continues to offer a high level of service to students, staff, and faculty not only at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, but also to the greater legal community and the residents of the state.

Barefoot, Martha B. "The UNC Law Library: 1945-95," 73 N.C. L. Rev. 763 (1995).
Id. at 763-764.



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