



## Faculty Newsletter Spring 2010

As another semester begins, the Library welcomes you back. We look forward to working with you, and are excited to share with you the following news:

- Reorganized website
- Scholarly Commons @ UNLV Law
- TWEN, LexisNexis Web Course, and Web Campus
- Past exams
- New acquisitions

### Reorganized website

The Library unveiled its reorganized website at the beginning of the spring semester. The new website is intended to simplify and streamline the site's content and make information easily accessible to faculty, students, and the community. We invite you to take a look at the new website at <http://www.law.unlv.edu/library>. Other pages of particular interest to faculty include the faculty services page (<http://law.unlv.edu/library/services/faculty.html>) and the list of online resources ([http://law.unlv.edu/library/research/online\\_resources.html](http://law.unlv.edu/library/research/online_resources.html)). We welcome your comments and suggestions. Please let your liaison know if you have difficulty locating information on the new site.

### Scholarly Commons @ UNLV Law

Scholarly Commons @ UNLV Law (<http://scholars.law.unlv.edu/>) is an online, digital repository that the Library has developed in partnership with Berkeley Electronic Press' Digital Commons. Scholarly Commons @ UNLV Law will enable the Library to collect, preserve, organize, and make accessible to a wide audience the digital work product of the law school faculty and the greater law school community. Faculty scholarship, conference proceedings, law journal issues, and a variety of other law school publications will be freely available and searchable by anyone with access to the Internet.

We will solicit your contributions as we begin populating the Scholarly Commons during the spring semester. We are confident you will find the Scholarly Commons to be a helpful tool to highlight your scholarly efforts, increase access to them on a global scale, and preserve them for the benefit of current and future scholars.



### TWEN, LexisNexis Web Course, and Web Campus

Whether you use TWEN, LexisNexis Web Course, or the UNLV-supported Web Campus, liaisons can create course pages, add enrolled students to your courses, and upload content to your course pages.

In recent weeks, you may have received e-mail alerts from LexisNexis concerning the Lexis' Web Course course management system. The Web Course system utilizes the Blackboard Learning System and is similar to West's TWEN system. The Web Course system offers anonymous grading, appointment/office-hour tools, and the SafeAssign plagiarism-checking tool. Web Courses may be accessed at <http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool>, utilizing your LexisNexis ID and password.

Please contact your liaison if you would like to receive any additional information on TWEN, LexisNexis Web Course, or Web Campus.

### Past exams

At the end of each semester, many faculty members provide copies of their exams and/or sample exam answers to the Library to make print copies available to students for check-out or to post them online at UNLV's E-Reserves (<http://ereserves.library.unlv.edu/eres/default.aspx>). Your liaisons are available to post last semester's exams and/or sample exam answers or to remove exams from prior semesters for you. If you would like to see what you have previously submitted, liaisons can provide you with a list of exams currently on file for you online in E-Reserves and in print at the Circulation Desk.

### New acquisitions

Wondering what is new to read or see in the Library? Listings of all new acquisitions are available and arranged by topic on the Library's website at [http://law.unlv.edu/library/recent\\_acquisitions/recent\\_acquisitions\\_dec\\_09.html](http://law.unlv.edu/library/recent_acquisitions/recent_acquisitions_dec_09.html). Selected new books ([http://law.unlv.edu/library/recent\\_acquisitions/new\\_books\\_january%202010.pdf](http://law.unlv.edu/library/recent_acquisitions/new_books_january%202010.pdf)) and new DVDs ([http://law.unlv.edu/library/recent\\_acquisitions/new\\_dvds\\_january\\_2010.pdf](http://law.unlv.edu/library/recent_acquisitions/new_dvds_january_2010.pdf)) are also highlighted each month on our website. You should always feel free to contact your liaison to request these materials and to make suggestions for additional materials you would like us to purchase.