



Faculty Newsletter
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Welcome back!

***The Scholarly Commons has exceeded 25,000 full-text downloads.**

Scholars (and others) coming to the Scholarly Commons (<http://scholars.law.unlv.edu/>) from all over the world have downloaded the full text of faculty publications more than 25,000 times.

***The Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals and more federal legislative history materials are available online.**

The Library has purchased online access to the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals Database, which “provides access to legal literature worldwide, covering all forms of foreign (non-Anglo-American) law,” including “comparative law and legal systems, such as Islamic law; socialist law; public and private international law; and transnational commercial law.” The Library also completed its purchase of digital resources that make all federal legislative history material (beginning in 1789) available in PDF format, providing the full text (and searchable) images of the original documents.

***Summon™ is coming to University Libraries.**

On August 29, Lied Library will introduce Summon™, a new search mechanism for books, articles, and other Library materials (in all formats). Summon™ is an interface that allows users to search both the library catalog and library databases simultaneously. We plan to incorporate Summon™ into our Library webpages to facilitate greater discovery of all Library resources.

***Documentary films are featured in the Reserve Room.**

We have reorganized the Library’s Reserve Room in order to showcase our extensive collection of documentary films that focus on human rights and social justice issues.





***The Library has its first archival collection.**

The Library now maintains the archives of the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association ("LVNBA"). The LVNBA is Nevada's only affiliate chapter of the National Bar Association, which is the oldest minority bar and the largest organization of African-American attorneys in the United States. The collection, which will grow over time, includes oral histories of the founding members, newspaper articles, organizational materials, and photographs that document the LVNBA's history. The Library plans to develop online and other resources to both share these materials with the public and encourage and support research. Our thanks go to Rachel Anderson, who arranged for the Library to acquire the archive and who coordinated recording of the oral histories and collection of the documents.

***Join the Library for lunch.**

In late September, the Library will host lunch for new faculty (and old). Join us (and stay tuned for the actual date) to learn about the kinds of research projects the Library undertakes for faculty, how we help promote your scholarship through the Scholarly Commons, educational technologies that we support, and all of our resources and services.

***Share your scholarly interests with students.**

This semester the Library will host the first of what we hope are many "Faculty Conversations." The idea is that a faculty member (or more than one) talks to students about scholarship and research projects (what interests you?, how do you do it?, how has your research changed what or how you teach?, how do you find and use sources?) in the context of Library collections that support that work. The Library will provide the setting, the collections, some sort of resource guide, and food.

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