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From Dean Dan

Christopher Columbus Langdell -- whom we can either thank or blame for introducing the Socratic method of teaching to law schools -- once famously characterized the library as the 'laboratory' of the law school. While our ideas about law libraries have changed dramatically since Langdell's time, the law library continues to serve to this day as a place -- be it virtual or physical -- for experimentation, collaboration, and creation. The [Wiener-Rogers Library](#) provides access to all of the authorities and resources that law students will need to concoct an argument, structure a transaction, or counsel clients. Sometimes those ingredients are authorities traditionally used in scholarship and practice, but ever more frequently, students and faculty alike need access to more exotic resources, like social science research, datasets, historical archives, popular media, and foreign and international materials. And the expectation of students and faculty -- which the law library seeks to meet (if not exceed) -- is that they can use those ingredients in whatever way works best for them, on whatever device they prefer, and at whatever time and place are most convenient.

It's the flavor of the unexpected that distinguishes the Wiener-Rogers Law Library's collections. Whether it's historical archives that document the struggle for civil rights in Nevada and the contributions of African-American jurists in the state or the more than 3000 documentary films that bring home the inequities that law seeks to correct, the library's collections encourage new research in unexplored topics and challenge us to reconsider our perspectives.

None of these wonderful collections could be put to good use were it not for the expertise of our law librarians and the skill of our law library staff who provide a menu of services to the law school community, the University, the bench and bar, and the general public. The law library is directed by Professor [Jeanne Price](#); the six members of the law library faculty who undertake research, provide research instruction, and manage the resources of the largest law library in the state are profiled in this issue of Boyd Briefs.

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Jennifer Gross

When [Jennifer Gross](#) came to Las Vegas in 1998 to join the law library as one of its founding faculty members, she brought both research experience in large and sophisticated academic law libraries like that of the Ohio State University and a specialization in foreign and international legal research. Since joining the law library, Professor Gross, who has a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, a J.D. from Pace, and an M.L.S. from the University of Washington, has become an expert in Nevada legal research, co-editing the *Nevada Legal Research Guide* (Hein 2012) and authoring CALI lessons on the topic. In addition to working with students and faculty on research projects and instruction, Professor Gross manages most of the library's physical collections, making those books more useful and accessible to the law school community.



Andrew Martineau

Although [Andrew Martineau](#) traveled farthest to come to the law library (he is a native of Alaska), he is probably closest to our students in appreciating digital technologies and communication. Professor Martineau's expertise in intellectual property law research serves students, faculty, and the library itself well and his interest in new technologies has led to better communication among the law library and the communities it serves. Professor Martineau, who has a B.A. from the University of Idaho, a J.D. from DePaul, and an M.L.S. from the University of Washington, has developed a number of new digital outreach tools and digital collections, including two blogs that feature new library purchases -- [Highlighted Documentaries](#) and [Highlighted Recent Acquisitions](#).



David McClure

As a financial transactions associate at King & Spalding LLP in New York, [David McClure](#) (B.A., University of Nebraska at Kearney; J.D., University of Nebraska; M.S.I.S., University of Texas) juggled the demands of clients and partners in a sophisticated business practice. At the law library, Professor McClure similarly manages services to a productive and prolific faculty, coordinating research support for faculty scholarship, helping faculty integrate new technologies into their scholarship and teaching, and helping to promote and share scholarship with new audiences. As head of research and curriculum services in the law library, Professor McClure also oversees and trains the library's student research assistants, working with them and with other librarians to sharpen students' research skills and develop a sense of expectations in the legal workplace.



Sean Saxon

Some of the most important people in any library are those who library patrons rarely see. Managing the systems that document the more than 180,000 books in the library and more than 600,000 digital titles that the law library makes available falls to [Sean Saxon](#), head of cataloguing and innovative services. Professor Saxon, who joined the law school in 1998 as a founding law library faculty member, brings together the cataloguing expertise that has distinguished librarians for centuries with the technical knowledge and skills that enable libraries to serve their users today. Professor Saxon, whose B.A. is from Michigan State University and M.L.S. is from Wayne State University, currently serves on the executive committee of the faculty senate.



Chad Schatzle

Although his official title -- student services librarian -- focuses on his role as liaison to the library's most important patrons, [Chad Schatzle's](#) informal title would be closer to creative director. Whether it's developing new services to help law students in their research and writing or planning outreach programs that draw students into the library, Professor Schatzle is often the force behind library innovations in services to students. In working closely with students -- whether as faculty advisor to the Society of Advocates or liaison to the *Nevada Law Journal* and the *UNLV Gaming Law Journal* -- Professor Schatzle draws upon his experience as a practicing lawyer in both private and public interest law firms. Professor Schatzle has a B.A. from Florida Atlantic University, a J.D. from the University of Miami, an LL.M. in Tax from the University of Florida, and an M.L.S. from the University of South Florida.



Matthew Wright

The character of a library comes through in the comprehensiveness of its traditional collections and the depth of its special collections. [Matthew Wright](#) has led the development of the library's collections since he joined the law school in 1999; our collections reflect the breadth of Professor Wright's knowledge, his interest in interdisciplinary scholarship, and his commitment to the accessibility of law-related information. Professor Wright's work has resulted in a collection that is the largest among law libraries in the state and that is close to comprehensive with respect to U.S. authorities. Professor Wright's curation of the library's special collections -- especially our more than 3000 documentary films -- brings scholars to the library and enriches the law school experience of our students. Professor Wright's B.A. and J.D. are from the University of Utah and his M.L.S. is from the University of Washington.