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Digital Commons: The Legal Scholarship Repository @ Golden Gate University School of Law

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Annual Report May 1, 2014

Prepared by Janet Fischer, Collection Development Librarian and Administrator of the Digital Commons



A Message from Michael Daw, Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library

I am happy to present our Second Annual Report of the Digital Commons: The Legal Scholarship Repository at Golden Gate University School of Law. The GGU Law Library was an early adopter of Bepress's Digital Commons as its digital repository; we were the first law library in the Bay Area to subscribe, and, as can be seen by our usage, our repository remains popular.

People continue to download and read GGU Law's growing additions to legal scholarship. Digital Commons makes this additional access possible.

Preserving most of GGU Law's commentary and achievements online remains impossible without the indefatigable work of Janet Fischer, Collection Development/Government Documents Librarian and Administrator for Digital Commons. I am, once more, extremely grateful to her for how well our legal scholarship repository expands our mission.

Introduction

Digital Commons: The Legal Scholarship Repository @ Golden Gate University School of Law, or, simply, *DC@GGULaw*, is the institutional repository for the law school's intellectual work and contributions to the field of law, whether produced by faculty, students, centers or conferences. This report highlights the major accomplishments of *DC@GGULaw* during the period from April, 2013 to April, 2014.



Our Mission

The mission of *DC@GGULaw* is to archive, preserve, and make available the intellectual products of the Golden Gate University School of Law. The law school was founded in 1901 and its faculty continue today to produce excellent scholarship. The work of the law school and its faculty, staff, and students is preserved and made widely available through *DC@GGULaw*. *DC@GGULaw* is funded and administered by the Golden Gate University School of Law Library.

System Information

DC@GGULaw is supported by Berkeley Electronic Press (Bepress) using the latest version of Digital Commons. You may find more information on the Digital Commons platform here: <http://digitalcommons.bepress.com>. Digital Commons is ADA compliant. To see a complete list of the growing number of law schools using this platform please visit: <http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/institutional-repository-law/>. Articles in the Digital Commons have consistently high rankings in a Google search.



"The digital commons assures that my scholarship can be widely read, allowing my ideas to be influential and building our school's reputation." Professor Alan Ramo

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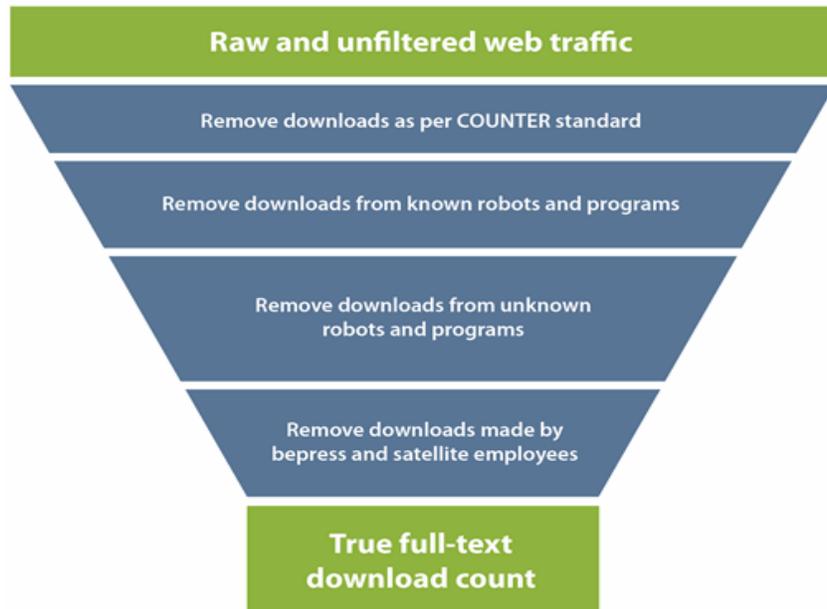
The **Digital Commons Network** allows researchers to easily access the scholarship in other Digital Commons repositories by topic. Individuals may also subscribe to email alerts for new articles on specific topics, e.g., animal law, tax law, etc. GGU Law consistently ranks high in the Law Commons for the

popularity of articles in areas such as international law, environmental law, and intellectual property law. Explore the Law Commons here: <http://network.bepress.com/law/>.

A Quick Look

Why Bepress download counts are good numbers:

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By the numbers:

<i>Distinct items in DC@GGULaw:</i>	
3,228	
<i>Number of GGU law review articles:</i>	<i>Number of faculty publications:</i>
1291	628
<i>Number of LLM & SJD theses:</i>	<i>Number of visits</i>
56	<i>April 2013-April 2014: 38,777</i>
<i>Cumulative full-text downloads:</i>	<i>Full-text downloads</i>
823,284	<i>April 2013 – April 2014: 295,098</i>

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Faculty Scholarship

The **Faculty Scholarship** collection includes articles and other publications written by faculty, as well as interviews, lectures and speeches. We take care to secure permission from publishers to post articles in *DC@GGULaw* and we receive permission the vast majority of the time. Digital Commons also gives us the capability to link to outside articles, video and audio presentations that are hosted on other sites, and to embed video clips that are hosted on sites such as YouTube and Vimeo. Authors with a current email address receive monthly reports of their article downloads directly from Bepress.

Number of faculty articles in DC@GGULaw: **628**

Faculty article downloads
April 2013 - April 2014: **54,385**

The most popular paper was *The Pros and Cons of Gene Patents*, by Chester Chuang and Denys Lau (*The Recorder*, 2010) with 3,675 downloads in the past year.



"It is great that we have a single, very professional resource to highlight faculty (and staff and student) scholarship. I love having a readily accessible, professional-looking copy of my writings to send or link to for colleagues at other institutions and others."
Professor Eric Christiansen

New This Year

This year we added **Books and Monographs by GGU Law Authors**. This book gallery allows us to showcase books and book chapters written by our faculty members with a description of each work, publisher information, an image of the book and a link to purchase the book. This collection is found at <http://digitalcommons.law.ggu.edu/allbooks/>.

Student Scholarship

The law library receives a paper copy of each LLM and SJD thesis produced by our students. These are scanned and added to *DC@GGULaw* as they are submitted to the law library. During the past year we completed our project to scan all outstanding theses for inclusion in the depository, except for those which have already been published as a book.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

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Browse the *Student Scholarship* Collections:

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*Number of print student theses in the law library: **59***

*Number of student theses scanned into DC@GGULaw: **56***

*Number of downloads April 2013 – April 2014: **15,637***

The most popular title was *The Use of Offender Profiling Evidence in Criminal Cases* by Norbert Ebisike (2007), which was downloaded 4,407 times during the past year alone.

New This Year

During the past year we captured the content of the [GGU Law Review blog](http://digitalcommons.law.ggu.edu/ggu_law_review_blog/) containing scholarly blog posts from our student editors. These may be found at http://digitalcommons.law.ggu.edu/ggu_law_review_blog/.

Conferences, Lectures & Workshops

DC@GGULaw allows us to provide access to the content of our conferences. This collection archives the work of annual events and, where available, streaming video recordings of speeches and presentations, especially from the **Fulbright Symposium**, the **Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture Series**, the **Jesse Carter Distinguished Lecture Series**, and our recent **Veterans Law Conference**.

CONFERENCES, LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

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[Poverty Law Conference](#)

[Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture Series](#)

[The Jesse Carter Distinguished Lecture Series](#)

[Veterans Law Conference](#)

Centers & Programs

In this collection we archive the work of the Environmental Law & Justice Clinic (ELJC), the Women's Employment Rights Clinic (WERC), the Litigation Center and the Center on Urban Environmental Law (CUEL), among others.

CENTERS & PROGRAMS

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[Litigation Center at Golden Gate University School of Law](#)

[The Sompong Sucharitkul Center for Advanced International Legal Studies](#)

[Trial Advocacy](#)

[Women's Employment Rights Clinic](#)

New This Year

Professor Wes Porter has produced a series of trial advocacy and evidence videos with accompanying handouts for the GGU Litigation Program. The series is linked from ggulitigation.com and we created a home for the series in our Digital Commons as well, creating another access point. The series is at http://digitalcommons.law.ggu.edu/trial_advocacy/.



"I truly appreciate having everything that I, and my colleagues, write appearing in one easily searchable platform."
Associate Professor Wes Porter

About GGU Law

In the collection "About GGU Law" we archive those items of both immediate and historical significance. Included are articles written about the law school, links to faculty and department blogs, press releases, commencement programs and student handbooks. The collection also includes the law school dean's annual report or letter, current and past prospectuses and bulletins, and course schedules, issues of GGU Lawyer and other alumni and student publications.

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Special Collections

The Jesse Carter Collection

Jesse W. Carter graduated from Golden Gate College of Law in 1913 and served as Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court from 1939 until his death in 1959. The Jesse Carter Collection at GGU Law consists of copies of speeches given and articles written throughout his career, photographs, newspaper clippings, and case files. The speeches and articles have been digitized and are part of this online collection, as are the numerous newspaper articles about Justice Carter throughout his career.

In the past year, items in the Jesse Carter collection have been downloaded **1877** times.

Law Reviews

GGU Law currently publishes three law reviews/journals. All are archived in *DC@GGULaw*. The statistics show that the number of downloads from *DC@GGULaw* is much higher than the number of

hard copy subscriptions for each title, indicating that by posting articles on *DC@GGULaw* we reach a much broader audience than we do with print subscriptions alone. Bepress aggregates all law reviews from all law schools published in the Digital Commons at <http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/online-journals-law/>. There are now over 170 scholarly law reviews and journals hosted through Bepress.

Annual Survey of International and Comparative Law



This journal is published annually under the auspices of Golden Gate University School of Law's *Sompong Sucharitkul Center for Advanced International Legal Studies*, with articles written by professors and legal scholars of both civil and common law. Its purpose is to publish scholarly articles on international and comparative law subjects of interest to scholars and practicing attorneys.

All volumes from volume #1 (1994) through volume #19 (current volume) are posted.

<i>Number of articles in DC@GGULaw: 156</i>
<i>Article downloads April 2013 - April 2014: 38,003</i>

The most popular article was Pieck, Manfred, *A Study of the Significant Aspects of German Contract Law*, 3 *Ann. Survey Int'l. Comp. L.* 111 (1996) with 2,495 downloads in the past year.

Golden Gate University Law Review



Begun in 1969 as *Cal Law Trends*, the Golden Gate University Law Review is a general interest legal journal. The Golden Gate University Law Review publishes three times each year with scholarly writing on a broad range of legal topics, including constitutional law, criminal procedure, immigration law, contract law, and administrative law. The most popular issue is the Ninth Circuit Survey. Each issue contains Case Notes, Comments, Articles, and Case Summaries covering cutting-edge legal topics written

by judges, students, professors, and legal practitioners from across California and around the world. It is edited and published by students of the Golden Gate University School of Law.

All issues from volume #1 (1971) through volume #43 are posted.

*Number of articles in DC@GGULaw: **1039***

*Article downloads April 2013 – April 2014: **119,809***

The most popular article was: Rosenthal, Ann J. and Phillips, R. Stuart, *Tell It Like It Is - Sellers' Duties of Disclosure in Real Estate Transactions Under California Law*, 26 Golden Gate U. L. Rev. 473 (1996) with 5,078 downloads in the past year.

Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal



Founded in 2006, the Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal (ELJ) is a student-run journal that publishes articles written by environmental law attorneys, practitioners, scholars, and students from around the world. The ELJ is part of Golden Gate University School of Law's nationally-regarded environmental law program, which includes the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, the JD certificate program in environmental law, and the LLM in Environmental Law program.

All issues from volume #1, issue #1 (2007) through volume #7, issue #1 are posted.

*Number of articles in DC@GGULaw: **96***

*Article downloads April 2013 – April 2014: **13,382***

The most popular article was Carr, Christopher, Jennifer Jeffers, and Alejandra Núñez-Luna, *Riding the Wave: Confronting Jurisdictional and Regulatory Barriers to Ocean Energy Development*, 5 Golden Gate U. Envtl. L.J. (2011) with 1,204 downloads in the past year.

Our Audience

In the past year 33, 515 visitors found *DC@GGULaw* with the majority finding our content via a keyword search on Google.

Where are they from? The top 10 countries:

	Country/Territory	# Visits	% of Total
1.	United States	22,326	57.58%
2.	United Kingdom	1,885	4.86%
3.	India	1,551	4.00%
4.	Undefined	1,209	3.12%
5.	Nigeria	904	2.33%
6.	Canada	865	2.23%
7.	Australia	702	1.81%
8.	Germany	467	1.20%
9.	Netherlands	461	1.19%
10.	South Africa	455	1.17%

Looking Forward

In addition to continuing to add new publications and conference materials, our goals for future growth of *DC@GGULaw* continues to include the addition of more archival material and the creation of image galleries for the law school's collection of historical photographs. GGU Law's history in San Francisco is deep and rich, and should be preserved and shared with the wider community.

The GGU Law Library has a large collection of California legislative and agency documents, many of which are not available online. We are investigating the possibility of digitizing those materials for availability on *DC@GGULaw*.

As funding permits, we hope to subscribe to an additional DC module - ***Selected Works***. Selected Works allows us to create an individual page for each faculty member, which would aggregate all of that person's publications, lectures, education, experience, and contact information in one place, accessed by a simple and stable URL.

To see what Selected Works could do for our faculty, please see an example of a Selected Works faculty page here: http://works.bepress.com/charles_baron/.

Questions?



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