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# 2016 Annual Report for Digital Commons: The Legal Scholarship Repository @ Golden Gate University School of Law

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

<http://digitalcommons.law.ggu.edu/>

### Annual Report May 3, 2016

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**

The law library is pleased to continue to build upon our relationship with Digital

Commons as the internet repository for the scholarly work of GGU Law's faculty and students. GGU Law was the first law school in the Bay Area to subscribe to Digital Commons, and we continue to add to our repository. During the past year, we enjoyed more than 200,000 text downloads from researchers around the world. We look forward to another year of adding to the body of legal research available online.



The Digital Commons has been a great way for the Golden Gate University School of Law community to extend our reach to scholars and readers around the world. This also serves to demonstrate the relevance of the scholarly activity of the faculty, students and alumni at GGU Law. Sharing perspectives and insights at such a high level is important for enhancing understanding across countries, cultures, and legal systems and therefore crucial to further mutual respect.

***Rachel Van Cleave, Dean of  
Golden Gate University  
School of Law***

## Introduction & Mission

*Digital Commons: The Legal Scholarship Repository @ Golden Gate University School of Law*, or, simply, *DC@GGULaw*, is the open access institutional repository (IR) for the law school's intellectual work and contributions to the field of law produced by faculty, students, centers, and conferences. This report highlights the major accomplishments of *DC@GGULaw* during the period from May, 2015 through April, 2016. 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 archived and made widely available through *DC@GGULaw*. *DC@GGULaw* is funded and administered by the Golden Gate University School of Law Library.

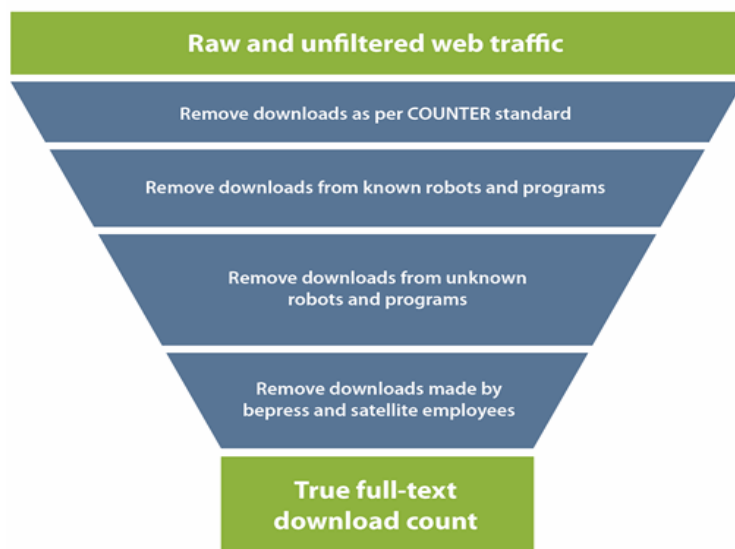
## System Information

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Scholarly material and special collections in Digital Commons repositories are highly discoverable in Google, Google Scholar, and other search engines. Additionally, articles in Digital Commons repositories are indexed in the Digital Commons Network, a free discovery tool for full text scholarly articles used by researchers worldwide.

### Why Bepress download counts are good numbers:

Filtering Downloads: Our Basic Algorithm  
(Performed on all log files and entire bepress usage history)



(Source: [http://www.bepress.com/download\\_counts.html](http://www.bepress.com/download_counts.html))

## A Quick Look

<i>Total number of distinct items in DC@GGULaw:</i> <b>5,521</b>	
<i>Number of GGU law review articles:</i> <b>1,470</b>	<i>Number of faculty publications:</i> <b>766</b>
<i>Number of LLM &amp; SJD theses:</i> <b>66</b>	<i>Total number of visits April 2015-2016:</i> <b>40,225</b>
<i>Cumulative full-text downloads (since 2010):</i> <b>1,298,004</b>	<i>Full-text downloads April 2015-2016:</i> <b>219,355</b>

## Our Audience

In the past year there were **40,225** user sessions, with the majority finding our content via a keyword search on Google. This figure is up 6% over last year.

**Where are they from?** The top 10 countries:

Country	% of Total
United States	54.45%
United Kingdom	5.93%
Nigeria	4.91%
Australia	3.62%
India	3.20%
Kenya	2.57%
Sudan	1.81%
Netherlands	1.65%
Canada	1.63%
South Africa	1.34%

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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.

**Downloads from April 2015-2016:**

*Number of faculty articles in DC@GGULaw: 766*  
*Faculty article downloads: 34,905*

**The five most popular papers were:**

TITLE & AUTHOR	# of downloads
<i>The Pros and Cons of Gene Patents</i> , by Chester Chuang & Denys T. Lau	1233
<i>International Law in the Nigerian Legal System</i> , by Christian N. Okeke	1197
<i>The Supreme Court and Gender-Neutral Language: Setting the Standard or Lagging Behind?</i> By Leslie M. Rose	931
<i>Transformative Constitutionalism in South Africa: Creative Uses of Constitutional Court Authority to Advance Substantive Justice</i> , by Eric Christiansen	921
<i>The Principles of Good-Neighborliness in International Law</i> , by Sompong Sutartikul	660

The [Book Gallery](#) has increased to 55 law faculty monographs and book chapters. The Book Gallery allows us to post an image of the book, a synopsis, and a link to purchase the book.

*Number of faculty monographs in DC@GGULaw: 29*  
*Number of faculty book chapters in DC@GGULaw: 26*

**Student Scholarship**

The student editors of the GGU Law Review manage a **blog** at <http://ggulawreview.org/>. We archive their blog posts in the repository, which preserves the students’ contributions and increases the visibility of their posts.

**Downloads from April 2015-2016:**

*Number of GGU Law Review blog posts harvested into DC@GGULaw: 41*

Number of downloads: **2,146**

The five most popular blog posts were:

TITLE	# of downloads
<i>Celebrity Nude Photo Leak: Just One More Reminder That Privacy Does Not Exist Online and Legally, There's Not Much We Can Do About It</i>	717
<i>A CC-Pain: Abuse of C.C.P. § 170.6 Peremptory Challenges</i>	199
<i>The Hazards of Catching a Lyft: Ride-Sharing in San Francisco</i>	113
<i>Prime Air Encounters FAA Turbulence</i>	103
<i>Looking for a Third Option: An Alternate Solution in the Gun Debate</i>	99

The law library receives a copy of each **SJD thesis** written by our students. These are bound and retained in the law library collection. With permission from the author, the dissertation is also scanned and added to *DC@GGULaw*. If we do not have permission to upload the dissertation we add a record for it with a note that it is available in the law library.

Downloads from April 2015-2016:

Total number of student theses uploaded to *DC@GGULaw*: **66**

Number of downloads: **21,892**

The five most popular theses were:

TITLE & AUTHOR	# of downloads
<i>The Use of Offender Profiling Evidence in Criminal Cases</i> , by Norbert Ebisike	12170
<i>Moral and Legal Issues Concerning Contemporary Human Cloning Technology : Quest for Regulatory Consensus in the International Community to Safeguard Rights and Liberties Essential to the Future of Humanity</i> , by Ching-Pou Shih	1726
<i>Arbitrability and Public Policy in Regard to the Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Award in International Arbitration : the United States, Europe, Africa, Middle East and Asia</i> , by Veena Anusornsen	1014
<i>Role of an Indonesian Notary in the Making of Deeds for Foreign Investment Corporations</i> , by Misahardi Wilamarta	850
<i>History and Influence of Law Code of Manu</i> , Charles J. Naegele	794

## 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 220 scholarly law reviews and journals hosted through Bepress. Many of these university law reviews are moving to an online-only format, using Digital Commons as their publishing platform.



The *Annual Survey of International & Comparative Law* 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 20 (current volume) are posted.

### Downloads from April 2015-2016:

<i>Number of articles in DC@GGULaw: <b>189</b></i>
<i>Article downloads: <b>31,218</b></i>

### The five most popular articles were:

TITLE & AUTHOR	# of downloads
<i>Yakuza: The Warlords of Japanese Organized Crime</i> , by Lt. Bruce A. Gragert	3386
<i>A Study of the Significant Aspects of German Contract Law</i> , by Manfred Pieck	2993
<i>The Relationship Between Law and Politics</i> , by Dr. Miro Cerar	2817
<i>Impediments to Human Rights Protection in Nigeria</i> , by Jacob Abiodun Dada	1221
<i>Donoghue v. Stevenson's 60th Anniversary</i> , by Franco Ferrari	943

# 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 46 #1 are posted.

## Downloads from April 2015-2016:

*Number of articles in DC@GGULaw: **1,148***

*Article downloads: **77,150***

## The five most popular articles were:

TITLE & AUTHOR	# of downloads
<i>Tell It Like It Is - Sellers' Duties of Disclosure in Real Estate Transactions Under California Law</i> , by Ann J. Rosenthal & R. Stuart Phillips	7542
<i>The Lemon Test and the Establishment Clause: A Proposal for Modification</i> , by Michael Barnes	4325
<i>Challenging Adhesion Contracts in California: A Consumer's Guide</i> , by Sierra David Sterkin	3110
<i>The Function of Law in Society</i> (no author listed)	1862
<i>Beyond Unreliable: How Snitches Contribute to Wrongful Convictions</i> , by Alexandra Natapof	1755



"Most men and women veterans of World War II honorably discharged after ninety days or more of active duty, who meet the qualifications for admission as regular or special students and who elect to study Law in the evening at Golden Gate College will receive free tuition and other benefits, either under provisions of the G.I. Bill or under scholarships set up by the College." (1945 Course Bulletin)



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 (2007) through volume 9, issue #1

are posted.

**Downloads from April 2015-2016:**

<i>Number of articles in DC@GGULaw: <b>133</b></i>
<i>Article downloads: <b>8,339</b></i>

**The five most popular articles were:**

TITLE & AUTHOR	# of downloads
<i>Tellez v. Dole: Nicaraguan Banana Workers Confront the U.S. Judicial System</i> , by Armin Rosencranz & Stephen Roblin	1070
<i>Desperate Times Call for Sensible Measures: The Making of the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act</i> , by Tina Cannon Leahy	424
<i>A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing: The Plastics Industry's "Public Interest" Role in Legislation and Litigation of Plastic Bag Laws in California</i> , by Jennie R. Romer & Shanna Foley	397
<i>Transoceanic Trash: International and United States Strategies For the Great Pacific Garbage Patch</i> , by Susan L. Dautel	394
<i>Restructure and Reform: Post-BP Deepwater Horizon Proposals to Improve Oversight of Offshore Oil and Gas Activities</i> , by Leila Monroe	387

**California State Documents**

The law library has digitized a large portion of our collection of state government documents and makes them available through the Digital Commons. Many of the older documents are available no place else online.

<b><i>Number of California State Documents:</i></b> <b>1,402</b>	<b><i>Number of downloads April 2015-16:</i></b> <b>22,462</b>
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The most popular documents were:

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b># of downloads:</b>
Summary of Legislation 2013-2014, Assembly Banking and Finance Committee	1698
Grants of Land in California Made by Spanish or Mexican Authorities	732
Juvenile Violence: What it is, Why it is, How it Stops	311
The California Prosecutor - Integrity, Independence, Leadership	303
California Administrative Procedure Act. Administrative Adjudication	250

## 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**.

<i>Papers downloaded from the Fulbright Symposium May 2015-April 2016:</i> <b>1,203</b>
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## 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.

**Downloads from May 2015-2016:**

<i>Papers downloaded from the IP Law Collection:</i> <b>457</b>
<i>Papers downloaded from the ELJC:</i> <b>349</b>

## About GGU Law

In the collection "About GGU Law" we archive those items of both immediate and historical significance. Included are articles 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 bulletins, and course schedules, issues of *GGU Lawyer* and other alumni and student publications.

In 1923, annual tuition for the full-time study of law at Golden Gate was \$79.50 per year. A 10% reduction was applied if paid in full. (1923 Course Bulletin)

## 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.

**New This Year:** We are in the process of scanning and uploading Jesse Carter's California Supreme Court opinions, including his dissenting opinions. Work on this project continues.

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## Looking Forward










We continue to add new faculty publications as they become available. We continue to scan and upload historical documents as they become available. This year we found and added the School Bulletin from 1923!

As funding permits, we hope to subscribe to an additional Digital Commons module - **SelectedWorks**. SelectedWorks 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 persistent URL.

**To see what SelectedWorks could do for our faculty, please see an example of a Selected Works faculty page here:** [https://works.bepress.com/ian\\_ayres/](https://works.bepress.com/ian_ayres/).

## SelectedWorks vs. Faculty Publication Pages

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Author Tools	SelectedWorks	Typical Faculty Page
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Upload bio, picture, and CV		
Upload multimedia		
Readership and Dissemination		
Announce papers to personal network of readers and colleagues		
RSS feeds		
Readership reports		
Optimized for Google and Google Scholar		

## Questions?



If you would like more information about how *DC@GGULaw* can serve your department, please contact:

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