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Annual Report May, 2019

Prepared by Janet Fischer, Collection Development Librarian and Administrator of the Digital Commons. This report covers the period from May 1, 2018, to May 1, 2019.



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

GGU Law remains proud of its long-standing relationship with Digital Commons. We believe they set the standard as an online repository for what we write. Since last year, almost 2,000,000 texts were downloaded from researchers around the world. We are looking forward to adding to our digital repository and to the continuing convenience Digital Commons provides.

Introduction & Mission

- ☞ Digital Commons is the institutional repository for GGU School of Law and provides global, open access to digital scholarly and cultural resources created by our campus community.
- ☞ Our mission is to be an active participant in the creation of new knowledge by making available the research and scholarly activities of GGU Law.

The law school was founded in 1901 and today faculty continues 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 GGU Law Library.

What's New!

The McCarthy Institute

In 2018 the prestigious McCarthy Institute moved to the GGU Law campus. The power point presentations from the February, 2019, McCarthy Institute Trademark Symposium in New York are now available on our site at https://digitalcommons.law.ggu.edu/mccarthy_institute/.

The GGU Law Social Impact Artist Series

GGU Law held its first Social Impact Artist Series, a rotating exhibit featuring a diverse group of artists whose work speaks to GGU Law's long-standing mission of inclusion, diversity, and social justice. The first exhibit, *Perennial Beauty*, is archived in an image gallery on our site at https://digitalcommons.law.ggu.edu/perennial_beauty/.

The Ron George Lecture Distinguished Lecture Image Gallery

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Ron George Distinguished Lecture series, we created a gallery of images for each year's lecture, available at https://digitalcommons.law.ggu.edu/ron_george_image_gallery/.

A Quick Look at the Stats

<i>Total number of distinct items in DC@GGULaw:</i> 6,105	<i>Number of faculty publications (articles, book chapters, and books):</i> 921
<i>Number of LLM & SJD theses:</i> 78	<i>Number of GGU law review articles (all titles):</i> 1,653
<i>Cumulative full-text downloads (since inception in 2010):</i> 1,993,278	<i>Full-text downloads May 2018-2019:</i> 241,956

Our Audience

The majority of users find our content via a keyword search on Google.

Where are they from? The top 10 countries, May 2018-2019:

Regions	Downloads
United States	98306
Nigeria	12774
United Kingdom	12014
India	8008
Canada	4635
France	4476
China	4031
Australia	3716
Germany	3321
Russian Federation	2688

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: **854***

Faculty article downloads May 2018-2019:

42,870

The [Book Gallery](#) has increased to 67 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: **30***

*Number of faculty book chapters in DC@GGULaw: **37***

Student Scholarship

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

*Number of GGU Law Review blog posts harvested into DC@GGULaw: **63***

*Number of downloads May 2018-2019: **1,409***

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.

*Total number of student theses uploaded to DC@GGULaw: **78***

*Number of downloads May 2018-2019: **17,091***

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 https://www.bepress.com/categories_inl/law-journals/. There are now 320 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.

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Annual Survey of International & Comparative Law

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 22 (2017) are posted.

Number of articles in DC@GGULaw: **209**

Article downloads May 2018-2019: **54,433**

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 twice 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 48 #2 (2018) are posted.

*Number of articles in DC@GGULaw: **1220***

*Article downloads May 2018-2019: **57,688***



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 10, issue #1 (2018) are posted.

*Number of articles in DC@GGULaw: **152***

*Article downloads May 2018-2019: **5,579***

Government Documents

California State Documents

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

*Number of California State Documents: **1,466***

*Number of downloads May 2018-2019: **20,855***

Over one quarter of the units of the National Park System occur along ocean coastlines. This report summarizes work done by the University of Colorado in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS) to provide sea level rise and storm surge projections to coastal area national parks. This research is the first to analyze IPCC and NOAA projections of sea level and storm surge under climate change for U.S. national parks. Results illustrate potential future inundation and storm surge under four greenhouse gas emissions scenarios. In addition to including multiple scenarios, the analysis considers multiple time horizons (2030, 2050 and 2100). This analysis provides sea level rise projections for 118 park units and storm surge projections for 79 of those parks.

From: "Sea Level Rise and Storm Surge Projections for the National Park Service" (2018)

Federal Documents

In 2018 we began to digitize certain historical federal government documents that pertain to the study of law, especially environmental, labor, and criminal law, and documents of particular interest to Californians. So far we have only 167 works in the collection, but it has already generated downloads for material relating to California earthquakes (especially official reports on the 1906 earthquake) and water/environmental law. This year we also digitized print reports from the National Institute of Justice and the Juvenile Justice Bulletins.

Number of Federal Documents: **167**

Number of downloads May 2018-2019:

2,450

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, the Poverty Law Symposium, and the Veterans Law Conference.**

Papers downloaded from Conferences & Centers, May 2018-2019:

59,424

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.

Conferences, Lectures & Workshops

In this collection we archive the work of the Annual Conference on Recent Developments in Intellectual Property Law and Policy, the Annual Fulbright Symposium, California Animal Law Symposium, Poverty Law Conference, the Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture Series, the Jesse Carter Distinguished Lecture Series, and the Veterans' Law Conference.

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.

Historical Collections

Our collection of historical material includes:

- ☞ Commencement Programs dating back to 1909
- ☞ Law School bulletins dating back to 1923
- ☞ Press releases dating back to 1977
- ☞ An image gallery
- ☞ Student handbooks dating back to 1980
- ☞ Other miscellaneous historical material

"The U.S. Navy is preparing a comprehensive re-examination of the potentially toxic soils and buildings at San Francisco's former Hunters Point Shipyard, a time-consuming and costly step it says is necessary after finding a pattern of fraudulent manipulation or falsification of data collected by a contractor hired to clean up the former Superfund site.

"Some of the alleged fraud by Tetra Tech was uncovered by students at Golden Gate University's Environmental Law and Justice Clinic.

Attorney Steven Castleman, who worked with the students, said it was ironic that a handful of law students was able to discover irregularities in one semester that the Navy didn't see in three years since the first Tetra Tech whistle-blowers came forwarded with allegations in 2014."

From the San Francisco Chronicle, January 31, 2018

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.

Questions?



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