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NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND

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Notes From the Underground is a bi-monthly law school-wide newsletter distributed electronically. We hope you find our newsletter useful and informative.

Comments or questions about our newsletter?
Email Janet Fischer at jfischer@ggu.edu

THE LAW LIBRARY IS LOOKING FOR A FEW MORE GOOD PEOPLE...

Student Library Assistants wanted to work day and night shifts. If interested, please contact Mohamed or Melissa at the Law Library Circulation Desk.

LEXIS TRAINING

Want to broaden your knowledge of Lexis and Westlaw? Lexis and Westlaw company representatives will be on campus in February and March to teach you how to search more effectively and help you become certified. **Lexis** training will be held at noon and at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21st in Room 2202. **Westlaw** training will be held on February 27th at noon, and February 28th, March 1st and March 7th at noon and at 5:00 p.m. All Westlaw training will be held in the P-29 computer lab. Sign up sheets to attend Lexis and Westlaw training classes will be posted in mid-February. For more information contact Marisa Diehl (mdiehl@ggu.edu).

GARY'S CORNER

Before You Know Kindness by Chris Bohjalian. (This book is in process and will soon be in our Legal Fiction collection on the basement level.)

~Reviewed by Gary Kemp, Continuations Assistant.

Three generations of the Seaton family have gathered at their summer home in New Hampshire for a season of swimming, tennis and badminton. Unfortunately, two

events collide. John Seaton has a jammed deer rifle put away in the trunk of his car and his thirteen year-old niece, Charlotte McCullough, desperately wants to be a grown-up. To make matters worse, Spencer McCullough, Charlotte's father, is a member of a fanatic animal rights group, FERAL. This book is a tragedy full of secrets. John keeps secret his desire to hunt deer that are devouring the family's summer garden, something that Spencer would never countenance. Spencer's wife, Catherine, is bored with her marriage and alleviates this by flirting with younger men on the tennis court and hides other carnivorous needs by keeping slim jims in her purse. Charlotte and her cousin, Willow (John and Sara's daughter), keep secret their use of pot and beer on the night of the accident.

When Spencer is accidentally shot by Charlotte with the aforementioned jammed rifle she claims to be aiming at a deer, her motivations are never really clear. FERAL decides to initiate a lawsuit against the gun manufacture, even though it becomes clear that there is nothing wrong with the gun. As all the secrets come spilling out, it becomes clear that the central theme is that of a family in crisis.

Chris Bohjalian's novel is a book of superb and complicated characterizations. Each one crafted down to precise action and vocabulary from Seaton Matriarch, Nan, down to the myopic and sometimes venal lawyers at FERAL. All in all, it is a story of relationships and family brilliantly viewed through the microscope of crisis.

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FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

We maintain a list of publications for full-time faculty at <http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary/specialcollections/facultypubs>. Please contact Janet Fischer at jfischer@ggu.edu if you would like to change or update your listings.

UPDATE FROM THE COMPUTER LAB

The Computer Lab offers a few pieces of advice:

- Having problems with attachments in Hotmail? Use Firefox as your browser in the labs.
- Backup your data frequently. We recommend using USB Flash Drives.
- The university is currently experiencing Wireless problems. The fastest, most reliable access points are in the basement (Lib-Bst-AP-1, Lib-Bst-AP-2, Lib-Bst-AP-3). Please see a lab assistant if you continue having trouble connecting to the wireless network.
- Ensure your virus protection software's virus definitions have not expired and are up to date. It is imperative that you have active and current virus protection.

NEW ACQUISITIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Our listing of new titles each month may always be found at <http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary/new/newacquisitions>.

NEW ONLINE TITLES:

Rest of Their Lives: Life Without Parole For Child Offenders In The United States. A report issued by Human Rights Watch at <http://www.hrw.org/reports/2005/us1005/>

From the Naval War College Newport Papers series, *The Regulation of International Coercion: Legal Authorities and Political Constraints* at <http://www.nwc.navy.mil/press/npapers/np25/NP25.pdf>

These titles can be accessed directly from the URLs provided, or by pulling up the title in our OPAC.

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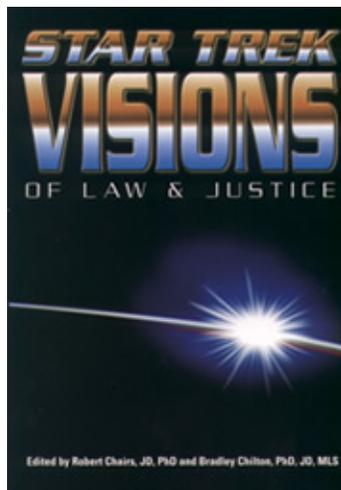
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ALSO NEW IN THE LAW LIBRARY:

Star Trek Visions of Law and Justice. edited by Robert H. Chaires and Bradley Chilton. Dallas, TX : Adios Press, c2003. In our Law & Literature collection at PN1992.8.S74 S77 2003.



"*Star Trek Visions of Law and Justice* weds popular media with academic inquiry, by illustrating the connection between the future world of Star Trek and today's American and international legal system. Editors Robert H. Chaires and Bradley Chilton collect fourteen articles exploring issues of the legal system, international law, corrections, justice, and equality. Scholars in law, political science, criminal justice, sociology, education, and public administration provide a truly interdisciplinary perspective on the Star

Trek universe and how it relates to the real world of law and justice today. *Star Trek Visions of Law and Justice* is for anyone interested in what the future holds for the American justice system and for fans of Star Trek worldwide. It makes an ideal text to teach students interdisciplinary academic concepts using a familiar, popular media phenomenon."