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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.

## FAREWELL...

After nearly 8 years of employment in the Golden Gate University Law Library, I will be leaving this summer to pursue another job opportunity. I started at Golden Gate University in 1998 as the Assistant Director of the Law Library and became the Director in 2001. During the past 8 years the law library staff has grown dramatically and we now have a staff of nearly 20 that keep our library running smoothly on a daily basis. Many other changes have taken place as well. We have added two computer labs, wireless access, four group study rooms and additional staff offices. In addition, we moved the reserve area to a more prominent location on the plaza level and completely renovated the basement level of the law library this past summer. Library services have been greatly expanded as well, and our librarians now teach 5 different advanced legal research and technology classes.

I am pleased to announce that Michael Daw, our Head of Reference and Mohamed Nasralla, our Head of Circulation will serve as acting co-directors for the law library for the upcoming academic year. Michael and Mohamed have a combined 25 years worth of experience working in the Golden Gate University Law Library. Under their capable leadership our library will continue to operate smoothly in the coming months, and I can assure you that all of our librarians will be eager as ever to continue providing high quality service to the law school community.

I have very much enjoyed my time here at Golden Gate and will look forward to watching this institution evolve in the coming years. Best wishes to those of you who are graduating and study hard for that bar exam!

*Margaret G. Arnold*  
Associate Dean of the Law Library

## UPCOMING LAB CHANGES

The Plaza-level computer lab in room P-29 will close after the last day of class. As part of the renovation master plan, the lab will be converted into space for other departments. The PCs in the lab will be distributed throughout the law library, and the lab on the basement level (B-4) will be used as our training lab on occasion during the upcoming academic year.

## SEMESTER SUMMARY

1. Please take the time to answer the technology survey.
2. USB Flash drives must be "stopped" in Windows before being removed; failure to do this will result in lost files.
3. Thank you for proactively reducing paper waste in the labs.
4. Congratulations for finishing another semester!
5. Thank you to Rajan, Frank, and Leon for their support in the labs.

## STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Janet Fischer** has been appointed to serve as a member of the Government Relations Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries for a two-year term. Her term begins at the AALL Annual Conference in July. Also attending AALL this year are **Maryanne Gerber**, **Marisa Diehl**, and **Ryun Lee**.

**GOOD LUCK ON YOUR FINALS, CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES, AND HAVE A GREAT SUMMER! NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND RETURNS IN THE FALL.**

## LAW LIBRARY HOURS

### NOTE EXTENDED HOURS FOR FINALS ON PAGE 2.

### Summer Hours begin May 20:

Monday-Thursday  
7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Friday  
7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday  
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## STUDY ANNEX HOURS

Monday-Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Comments or questions about our newsletter? Email Janet Fischer at [jfischer@ggu.edu](mailto:jfischer@ggu.edu)

<http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary>

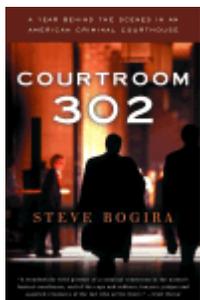
### GGU LAW LIBRARY EXTENDED HOURS MAY 1 THROUGH MAY 17

MON.-FRI. 07:30 AM to 10:30 PM  
SAT 09:00 AM to 10:30 PM  
SUN 10:00 AM to 10:30 PM

\*\*Law Library closes at 8PM, Thursday, May 18 and at 6PM, Friday May 19.

### NEW ACQUISITIONS HIGHLIGHTS

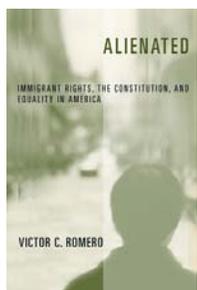
Our listing of new titles each month may always be found at <http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary/new/newacquisitions>.



**Courtroom 302 : a year behind the scenes in an American criminal courthouse / Steve Bogira.**  
New York : Vintage Books, 2006.  
KFX1247 .B64 2006.

“*Courtroom 302* is the fascinating story of one year in Chicago’s Cook County Criminal Courthouse, the busiest felony courthouse in the country. Here we see the system through the eyes of the men

and women who experience it, not only in the courtroom but in the lockup, the jury room, the judge’s chambers, the spectators’ gallery. From the daily grind of the court to the highest-profile case of the year, Steve Bogira’s masterful investigation raises fundamental issues of race, civil rights, and justice in America.”



**Alienated : immigrant rights, the constitution, and equality in America / Victor C. Romero.**  
New York : New York University Press, c2005.  
KF4819 .R66 2005.

“Throughout American history, the government has used U.S. citizenship and immigration law to protect privileged groups from less privileged ones, using

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citizenship as a "legitimate" proxy for otherwise invidious, and often unconstitutional, discrimination on the basis of race. While racial discrimination is rarely legally acceptable today, profiling on the basis of citizenship is still largely unchecked, and has in fact arguably increased in the wake of the September 11 terror attacks on the United States. In this thoughtful examination of the intersection between American immigration and constitutional law, Victor C. Romero draws our attention to a "constitutional immigration law paradox" that reserves certain rights for U.S. citizens only, while simultaneously purporting to treat all people fairly under constitutional law regardless of citizenship."

### Some new online resources:

**Climate change : federal reports on climate change funding should be clearer and more complete : report to congressional requesters.**

[Washington, D.C.] : U.S. Government Accountability Office, [2005].

**Command's responsibility : detainee deaths in U.S. custody in Iraq and Afghanistan / by Hina Sharmsi ; edited by Deborah Pearlstein.**

New York : Human Rights First, [2006]. Also in paper at: DS79.76 .S53 2006.