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We have a great group of law librarians here in the law library at GGU. In addition to their library work responsibilities, they now teach many J.D. and LL.M. legal research classes and help to prepare GGU graduates for the California bar exam. Michael Daw and Maryanne Gerber are teaching the online “e-research” class that will be offered to law students this spring. Michael also teaches the tax, graduate and California legal research classes here at Golden Gate. Margaret Arnold has taught both Graduate and California legal research, and she is currently working on an article concerning the experience of our law librarians in melding the teaching of legal research classes with law librarianship. Mohamed Nasralla continues to tutor Golden Gate students on essay writing for the bar, and Marina Bacchetti will start teaching the legislative history portion of the advanced legal research classes this spring.

Our librarians also frequently visit law school classes to do one hour legal research or library orientations in such topics as Environmental Law or Family Law. If you would like a librarian to put something together for one of your classes, just let us know.

Staff Changes

We are also pleased to announce that our former Head of Technical Services, Melodie Frances is now the new “Innopac Systems Librarian.” Melodie has tremendous database expertise and in her new position she will manage the online catalog for both libraries, while overseeing the cataloging of materials for the law library. In addition, she will again teach cataloging to graduate students in the San Jose State “Masters In Librarianship” program this spring. We are very fortunate to have someone so competent in this position, and we will shortly begin looking for a replacement for her old position.

Other Law Library News

Library - In a continuing effort to find ways to improve we are currently discussing the possibility of creating a reading/lounge area for students, and we are also working with the GGU IT Department to investigate wireless remote access for students using computers in the law library.

Web - This semester the Law Library has added hot links to our main web page to give quick access to pertinent information. These new links are organized within the major topic headings. We have also added a bulletin box for links to current sites of interest. http://internet.ggu.edu/law_library/index.htm. What's next? Our web committee is studying web page design to incorporate new technology into our site. Be sure to bookmark us.

Waterproofing – The law library’s leaky walls will receive much-needed waterproofing over the holiday break. From December 15th to January 2nd, contractors will inject polyurethane foam sealant into cracks in the basement and plaza level exterior cement walls. Clean-up will take place from January 2nd – 5th so that the library will be done before students return for the second semester.

New Acquisitions

Please find the attached new acquisitions list of titles received in the law library for the months of September and October. As always, if you would like to take a look at any of the titles just contact Mohamed Nasralla at (415) 442-6684 and he will make arrangements to have the book checked out to you. Please note that the attached list of titles is also available on the law library's web page at www.ggu.edu as described below.

Our acquisitions librarian, Marina Bachetti has compiled a list of the top titles received in the law library this fall. You will find a copy of her summary on the back of this page. And if you have any suggestions for new titles, feel free to contact Marina at 442-6683.

Law Librarians/Faculty Liaison

We now have five librarians on staff who are available to help faculty with any library needs. Their names and office extensions are listed below. Please feel free to contact any of our librarians if you need library assistance including help with reference questions, interlibrary loan, obtaining copies of law review articles or searching online. Also, our Electronic Services Librarian, Maryanne Gerber is always available to do one-on-one training on searching Lexis and Westlaw. So, contact her directly if you would like to set-up a time for a review session. Our librarians are:

Margaret Arnold, M.L.S., J.D. Assistant Director	442-6681
Marina Bacchetti, M.L.S. Acquisitions/Government Docs.,	442-6683
Michael Daw, M.L.S., J.D. Head of Reference/International	442-6681
Maryanne Gerber, J.D. Electronic Services	442-6520
Mohamed Nasralla, J.D. Circulation	442-6684