

Texas Southern University

Marshall News

Farewell Class of 2015

It's that time of year again. Another TMSL class is graduating.

The TMSL Law Library extends its congratulations and best wishes to each member of the class of 2015. I want to thank my Research Assistant, Dontrey Tatum, a 2L and several of the 3L law students that worked at the as summer research assistants , at the Terry Library or as graduate assistants at the law school. They were Andrew Atchison, Brandon Davenport, LaKia McCline, Gregnecia



Darrett, Julius Gray, Cervana Shanklin, Adenike Adesokan, Leticia Longmiles, Kevin Prise, and Selestine Simon. I want to thank each of you personally because the law school, Terry library and the law library could not function without your help. We appreciate all of your hard work, and will

miss your smiling faces next school year.

To the class of 2015, I expect greatness. You are going into a field that has many worthwhile endeavors. Please remember that the law library will be available for your bar study needs. Although the basement will be closed for the summer, we will ensure that noise levels on the upper floor are monitored so that you may study peacefully and without interruption.

DeCarlous Y. Spearman Law Library Director and Assistant Professor of Law

Special points of interest:

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- Basement closing for the summer
- Welcome new Associate Director
- Legal Research Boot camp
- James Weldon Johnson Poetry Contest winners

ProDoc Available for Your Computer During the Summer

Did you know that a TMSL student you can get access to ProDoc on your personal computer for the summer? Students can download and install the summer semester of ProDoc-student onto their personal PC-



based computers (not for Mac computers) now. After doing so, you will have unrestricted

use of all the ProDoc products for Texas through August 31, 2015.

Please visit the circulation desk of the library for more information.

Basement Closing



Due to prior water damage, the basement of Thurgood Marshall School of Law will be closing for renovations

beginning on Monday, May 17, 2015. We anticipate these renovations will take 13- 16 weeks. During this time our library's basement will be completely off limits and therefore many of our government documents will be moved to a safe location that is inaccessible. We pride ourselves on our customer service, and will continue to assist patrons needing government documents using online resources.



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Students studying for the bar will have access to the s TMSL Student Commons, the Law School Lobby as well as the entire first floor of the law library. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause you.

Welcome New Associate Director Danny



The Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library has selected Danyahel (Danny) Norris (TMSL class of 2007) as its new Associate Director. Danny's goal is to have the library at TMSL become a greater resource to TMSL community, as well as the community at large.

Danny has served as the TMSL Faculty Services Librarian since 2007 and has served as a Legal Research Instructor since 2008. Danny has published several articles on a variety of topics covering both international and domestic issues. Notably, Danny, along with his is 2010 law review article discussing Houston gentrification, was featured in the Houston Press in July 2011.

Outside of his work at TMSL, Danny is licensed to practice before the State Bar of Texas and the United States Patent & Trademark Office. Danny is also an active member in the local, statewide, and national bar communities. He is the currently the President of the Houston Lawyers



2015 Legal Research Crash

On Saturday, March 28, 2015, the TMSL Law Library hosted its 9th Annual Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research.

Director, DeCarlous Spearman, Associate Director,

Danny Norris, Reference Librarian Nanette Collins, Electronic Resources Librarian Dan Brackmann, and Learning Resources Librarian Itunu Sofidiya gave presentations on how to research topics including criminal law, family law, civil procedure



and real estate law. Librarians Patrina Epperson and Karim Aldridge-Rand gave a presentation about using electronic forms. Lastly, Lexis and Westlaw held training sessions about their databases. We would like to extend a special thank you to Adriana Ramirez and LexisNexis for donating breakfast.

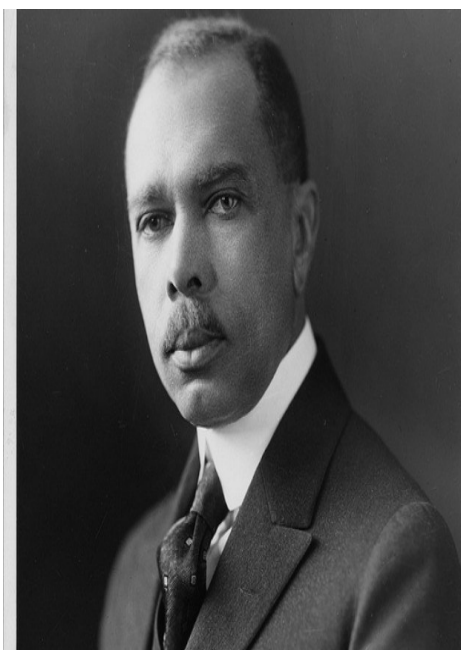
Students were treated to breakfast and lunch provided by our sponsors Lexis Nexis and Westlaw.

11th Annual James Weldon Johnson Poetry Contest Winners

This April the law library hosted the 11th Annual James Weldon Johnson Poetry Contest. This years theme was "From Selma to Montgomery" Honoring the Anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

The grand prize winner was 2L Sasha Missick. With her poem "So You See My Child". Sasha won a combination 3 Day and 6 Day PMBR Course from Kaplan.

The second place winner was 1L Sandra Smith for her poem "Uncivilized". Sandra won a set of O'Connor's Civil Trials.



Selestine Simon 3L won third place with her poem "What Year is This : Black Lives Matter". Selestine won 2000 LexisNexis Points.

The James Weldon Johnson Poetry contest is hosted annually by the law library with the mission to allow students to express their creativity through the use of poetry.

Thank you to all of the students who participated in the contest.

Mission Statement:

To promote excellence in academic achievement and the dissemination of legal information to the TMSL students, faculty, staff, and the community. The Law Library seeks to bolster the professional and scholarly undertakings of its faculty, and students as well as support the research and reference needs of the law students, alumni, the university, legal, and local communities. The Law Library is committed to strengthening the academic and professional skills of the students and faculty by integrating technology while supporting the law school curriculum, programs, and organizations. This support encourages research and programs that promote learning, scholarship, and familiarity with new and innovative research products and techniques.



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We're on the Web
<http://www.tsulaw.edu/library/>

Library Summer Hours of Operation

OPERATING HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8 AM - 10 PM

FRIDAY

8 AM - 8 PM

SATURDAY

9 AM - 8 PM

SUNDAY

12 NOON - 8 PM

REFERENCE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8 AM - 5 PM

SATURDAY-SUNDAY

NONE