

# Marshall News



*Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law*

## Greetings Faculty, Students and Staff

Greetings from the TMSL Law Library. We know that finals are fast approaching don't forget the library is offering extended hours! Feel free to stop by the circulation desk for any supplements or books that you may need.



## Library Basement is Open for Business

### THURGOOD MARSHALL LAW LIBRARY REGULAR OPERATING HOURS

Monday—Thursday

7am—Midnight

Friday

7 am– 10pm

Saturday

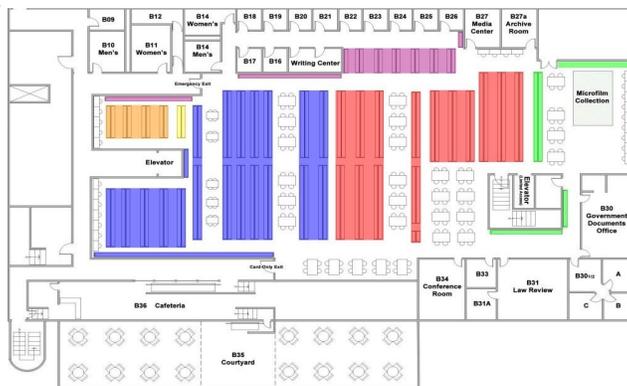
9am—10pm

Sunday 12 Noon—  
Midnight

Attention all Library patrons, the basement of the library is open to the public effective October 12, 2015. The basement contains the following collections: government documents, microform collection, federal and regional digests, the national reporter system, state materials (individual state digests and statutes), legal periodicals, and Agency materials. New state of the art microform readers/scanners will be installed adjacent to the government documents and microform collection. The basement is home to the individual study rooms, Government Documents office, Law Review office, Legal Writing Center and Conference Room B34. Since the majority of our

study rooms are located downstairs, the basement is considered a no talking zone. Law students please remember to follow the study room guidelines and sign up to use these rooms on the sign-in sheet across from the Circulation desk at the front of the library. In order to access the Legal Writing Center, student writing assistants must retrieve the key from the Circulation

desk. Conference Room B34 contains a conference table and 10 chairs but can accommodate up to 15. Some classes are scheduled in that room. Food or drinks are NOT allowed in B34 with some exceptions made at the library administration's discretion. Only TMSL Faculty, Administrators, Staff or registered Law Student Organizations are al-



## Black Lives Matter Forum



On October 28, 2015, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Li-

brary in conjunction with Robert J. Terry Library, and other organizations hosted the Black Lives Matter Forum: An Academic Discussion of Historic and Present Value of Black Life in America. The forum was moderated by Marlon Smith from Black Greeks Speak, and the panel included Dr. Obidike Kamau Assistant Director of the Robert J. Terry Library, Sarah Guidry Director of the Earl Carl Institute, Dr. Assata Richards from the Sankofa Institute, law student Sasha Missick, and ungraduate student Kaleb Taylor.

Included with the agenda, was a packet to show some materials in

the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library, as well as in the Robert J. Terry Library, which would aid anyone interested in learning more about the topic, to find related material in the respective collections. The event was also made available to audiences from around the globe thanks to Dr. Anthony Rodriguez of the Barbara Jordan Mickey Lealand School of Public Affairs, who filmed the session and made it available through Livestream.com.

Dr. Obidike gave a historical perspective of the value of black life, by referring to colonial laws, provisions of the US Constitution and the Dred Scott case which all explicitly limited the scope of the rights of black people. Sarah Guidry gave a number of present day statistics, which showed disparities between black and white people with regards to items like income, fam-

ily structure, and criminal justice interactions. Dr. Assata Richards discussed the role of research and activism, particularly in the Houston area. Sasha Missick and Kaleb Taylor both gave perspectives as students and emerging leaders.

After speaking from the various perspectives, each panelist gave proposed solutions to help address the devaluing issue associated with black life. Those solutions included voting, education and economics. A lively conversation ensued and there were questions from the audience. There was also a surprise visit from then mayoral candidate Ben Hall, who said a few words on his commitment to the cause. The forum concluded with a word from the moderator, which said that "Everyone can't do everything, but if everyone does something, everything would get done."



## Smith County Makes a Huge Donation

SMITH COUNTY, TX - Smith County Commissioner JoAnn Hampton on Tuesday proudly handed over the nearly 60-year-old court documents from a civil rights case involving U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall to representatives of the Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

"It's magnificent," DeCarlous Y. Spearman, law library director and associate professor of law at Texas Southern University, said of the donation of documents from a 1956 civil rights case to the university. She attended Commissioners Court Tuesday to collect the court file and said she plans to put some of the documents in a showcase for students to peruse.

Tyler Branch NAACP President Cedrick Granberry, as well as

several members of the NAACP and Texas Southern University Alumnus LeRoy Francis were also in court for the presentation.

After discovering the documents from a 1956 case in Tyler's 7th District Court, for which Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall was an attorney, the decision was made to digitize the historic records and donate the originals to the law school that bears his name. The civil case, *The State of Texas vs. NAACP*, has been well preserved in six files in the Smith County Records Department and includes papers, correspondences, and pleadings signed and prepared by Justice Thurgood Marshall when he was acting legal counsel for NAACP.

"Most of us know about his service on the U.S. Supreme

Court, but we don't know about his life prior to the Supreme Court," Commissioner Hampton said. "To actually have a case here in Smith County where we can see his name on documents makes him more human to us, and it will be great for the law students to see those documents with the name of the man their school is named after."

The law school has received another case in which Marshall was involved as an attorney so the Smith County documents will add to their small collection, Mrs. Spearman said.

"It will be instrumental," she said of the Smith County donation. "I'd like to thank Smith County. I was amazed they thought of us."



After reading a book referencing the case, former Smith County Assistant District Attorney Stan Springerley began his search, with the help of Records Director Joseph Settanni, to see if the original case files were still stowed away in the Cotton Belt Building.

"It was very exciting when I came across the first original signature of Thurgood Marshall, along with the other civil rights attorneys of the era," Springerley said.

Commissioner Hampton, along with the Smith County District Clerk's Office and Assistant District Attorney Thomas Wilson, took over the project of having the records digitized by local company Keen Solutions Group and donated the original copies to the Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law. All files have been digitized, with a copy being kept by the Records Services Department.

The State Bar of Texas has also shown interest in the Smith County court documents and the background regarding the historical case.

CIVIL DOCKET									
Number of Case		NAMES OF PARTIES		ATTORNEYS		Kind of Action and Party Demanding Jury		DATE OF FILING	
Mo.	Day	Year	Mo.	Day	Year	Mo.	Day	Year	Mo.
			56-649	The State of Texas	John Ben Sheppard	Injunction	Sept.	21	1956
FEE BOOK		VS.		Plf.		Jury Fee, \$			
Vol.	Page	The Nat'l. Assn. for the Advanc. of Colored People, a Corp., et al.		W. J. Durham Dallas, Texas C. B. Bunkley, Jr., Deb. Dallas, Texas		Paid by		Jury No.	
DATE OF ORDERS			ORDERS OF COURT				Miscellaneous Book		
Month	Day	Year					Vol.	Page	
9	21	56	Order Granting leave to file an information in the nature of a Quo Warranto				77-1	298	
9	31	56	Order Granting temporary Restraining Order and setting date of hearing for Sept. 28, 1956 at 10:00 O'clock A.M.				77-1	298-299	
Sept.	28	56	Order Granting Motion of C. B. Bunkley Jr. for leave to appear as Amicus Curiae						
			Order Granting Motion of W. J. Durham for leave to appear as Amicus Curiae						
9	28	56	Testimony begins on plaintiff's application for temporary injunction.						
9	29	56	Hearing recessed until Oct. 3-1956 at 10 A.M.						
9	29	56	Agreement of Attorneys approved as per order on file.				77-1	316	
10	3	56	Hearing and testimony resumed.						
10	6	56	Hearing on Pleas of Privilege set for Nov. 13, 1956 at 10 A.M.						
10	22	56	Testimony closed.						
10	23	56	Plea to Jurisdiction Dismissed & Overruled.						



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**Thanksgiving 2014**

**Monday, Nov. 24 & Tuesday, Nov. 25.....7 AM – Midnight**

**Wednesday, Nov. 26..... 8  
AM – 5 PM**

**Thursday & Friday, Nov. 27-  
28..... CLOSED**

**Regular hours resume**

**Saturday, November 29, 2014**

