

Marshall News

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Black History Month — Remembering Our Past

February is dedicated to promoting the magnificent contributions that African Americans have given to our society.

The Law Library remembers the current and former members of the judiciary that came from the ranks of Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

- Robert Lee Anderson, '70
- James Neal Barkley, '75
- Weldon H. Berry, '52
- Calvin Botley, '72
- Beradelin L. Brashear, '67
- Durrey Edward Davis, '54
- Henry Doyle, '50
- Bonnie Fitch, '74
- Donald Floyd, '72
- Richard H. Garcia, '73
- Sylvia Garcia, '91
- Harrison M. Gregg, Jr., '71
- Ruben Guerrero, '76
- Belinda Hill, '82
- Kenneth Hoyt, '72
- Carolyn Day Hobson, '70
- Shirley Hunter, '76
- Faith Simmons Johnson, '80
- Merada D. Johnson, '81
- Billy Wayne Monkers, '71
- Morris Overstreet, '75
- Matthew W. Plummer, '51
- Roy Wallace Smith, '75
- Gerald Snodgrass, '69
- Francelia Totty, '79
- Belinda Diane Turner, '78
- Honorable Robert Vargas, '77
- Joaquin Villarreal, III, '74

April Walker, '85
 Carl Walker, Jr. '55
 Fad Wilson, Jr. '74
 Linda Renya Yanez, '76

Members of the legislatures that came from our ranks include:

Present & Former State Legislature
 Archid L. Cofer, '74
 Harold Dutton, '91
 Antonio Garcia, '70
 James P.C. Hopkins, '67
 Sam Hudson, '67
 Senfronia Thompson, '77

United States Legislature
 Craig Washington, '69

Some other distinguished alumni that came from our ranks include:
 John Crump, '70, Exe Director, NBA
 Al Green, President, NAACP, Hous-

ton, Texas

Iris Jones, '77, first African American and woman appointed City Attorney in Austin, Texas

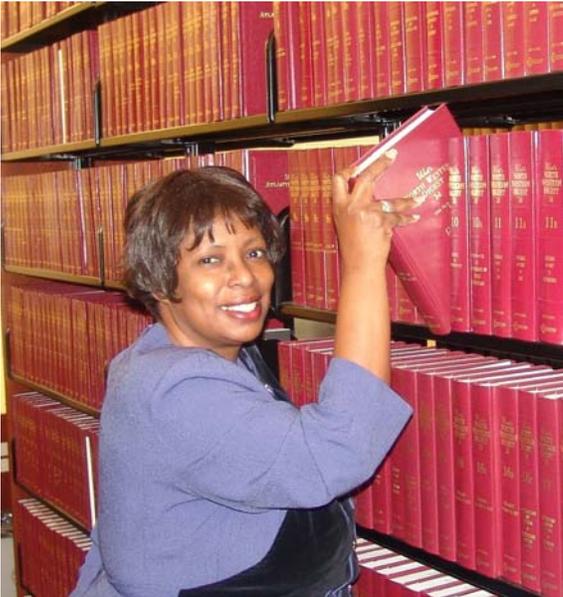
Raymond Jordan '62 Board of Examiners

Mark McDonald '62 first African American appointed to the Board of Examiners & former President NBA.



Protect It, Improve It, Pass It On

Meet the Library Staff



EVELYN BEARD, TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

Ms. Beard is a career librarian who has been at TMSL Library for 14 years. She is a native of Miami, Florida. Ms. Beard attended Florida State University for undergrad and received a Masters in Library Science from Clark-Atlanta University. A world traveler, Ms. Beard has honed her library skills working in Atlanta, Miami, and in the U.S. Virgin Islands before coming to Houston.

She heads the Technical Services Department, which is responsible for classifying and cataloging library materials. Ms. Beard has been the point person for the migration of the law library catalog to its present online version. In addition to her cataloging expertise, Ms. Beard brings a wealth of knowledge to the law library. She has worked in a variety of library environments. Her broad background makes her an invaluable asset to the department.

The long standing Interlibrary Loan Librarian here at the Law Library, Ms. Beard is

slowly relinquishing that responsibility this year to Nanette Collins.



CYNTHIA DAVIS, OFFICE MANAGER

Ms. Davis is a Houston native. She started her career at TSU as a work-study student in the Robert J. Terry University Library. When she migrated to permanent employment she worked in the Circulation Department where she remained until she transferred to the law library in 1982.

When Ms. Davis entered the law library she cross-trained in several departments including loose-leaf services, cataloging and acquisitions. Ms. Davis became the Law Library Office Manager in 1992. In that role she manages all library acquisitions which entails keeping track of all of the library expenditures, payments and ordering. Ms. Davis is also well known by all law library work-study students because she oversees all students timesheets.

Ms. Davis was a 2006 recipient of the Law School Spirit Award for her exemplary service and commitment to the Thurgood Marshall School of Law. You may not see her but she is here diligently working in the background on the library's behalf.



NANETTE COLLINS, REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

Mrs. Collins moved to Houston from her hometown of New Orleans. She received her bachelor's degree in Busi-

ness from Loyola University and then continued to Tulane Law School where she completed her J.D. in 1987. She is licensed to practice law in Texas and Louisiana.

Mrs. Collins worked for several firms before entering private practice in 1996. She left private practice and came to TMSL Library in 2002. She is the Reference Librarian and is responsible for assisting students, faculty and patrons with reference questions as well as writing library publications. Mrs. Collins is also responsible for the bulletin boards and annual student surveys.

Please ask Ms. Collins a question. She would love to hear from you. Early risers are greeted by either Ms. Beard or Mrs. Collins at 7:00 a.m. during the week when they work the Reference/Circulation desk early in the morning.

Stop by and say hello!

ADDING NAMES TO THE FACES

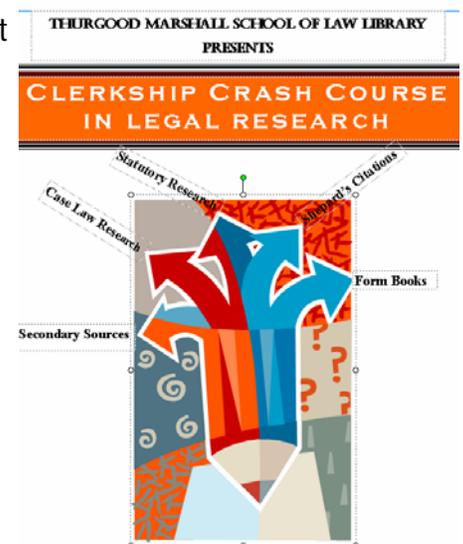
Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research

The Law Library will host its Second Annual Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research Workshop on Saturday, April 14, 2007. The purpose of the Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research is to help 2L and 3L students brush up their research skills in preparation for their summer clerkships and jobs. The Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research will review previously taught research skills and give more detailed analysis of specific legal research strategies. The Course will present a Texas legal research problem; whereas, the first-year legal research course focuses on federal materials.

The Clerkship Crash Course will be open to 100 students on a first-come, first-serve basis. Interested students will sign up at the Circulation Desk. The Clerkship Crash Course

will be a half-day presentation covering secondary sources, case law research, citators, and statutory research. Each subject area will include the following: a PowerPoint presentation, pathfinder/handouts, and question/answer session.

If you would like to attend sign up at the Circulation Desk. Space is limited.



The House that Sweatt Built: Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library

Special Collections

By: Karim T. Aldridge Rand

In recognition of Black History Month, let me present the Law Library's Special Collection and by extension the Archive. There is an instructive Yoruba proverb that says "a river that forgets her source will dry". Source in this context refers to historical grounding. The present is predicated upon the past which, in turn, dictates the future. The poet and philosopher George Santayana reminds us that: "Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it" or something along those lines. If it stands to reason that we should learn from our mistakes, then it is reasonable to conclude that knowing history is the yardstick for measuring human progress. And without progress, human life remains at a standstill, static. Well, static movement is hardly the case with the Special Collections here at TMSL Library (hereinafter The Collection).

The Collection was initially conceived in 2002 with the historical backdrop of Heman Marion Sweatt (1912-1982) as its foundation. Sweatt, an African American, desired to pursue a legal education in 1946 at the University of Texas. Although he met the academic requirements, Jim Crow laws precluded him from pursuing any graduate work at UT. Subsequently, through the assistance of the NAACP, Sweatt filed a law suit against the university. His case was appealed to the United States Supreme Court, which eventually ruled in his favor in 1950. Prior to the Court's decision, the Texas State Legislature expediently created a makeshift law school for blacks in Austin, later transferred to the newly established Texas State University for Negroes in 1947 (changed to Texas Southern University in 1951). Although Sweatt never attended this Law School, he was the direct cause for its very existence.

The Law Library is called into existence to meet the curriculum and research demands of a rigorous law school education. It is an institution borne from the travails of social justice, self-determination and human triumph. The Law Library's role is to tap legal information and resources. It is charged with the mission and responsibility to collect, to store, and to disseminate information that analyzes, interprets, discusses and comments on (1) the legal, political and social history of African descended people in Texas and abroad (Special Collection) and (2) the preservation of the institutional memory of the Law School (Archive).

The following are selected microform titles from The Collection:

Abstract of Jamaica Wills, 1625-1792

Anti-Slavery Papers: Trinidad

Black Abolitionist Papers, 1831-1865

The Black Power Movement, Parts II (Papers of Robert F. Williams) & IV (League of Revolutionary Black Workers, 1965-1976)

Centers of the Southern Struggle: FBI Files on Selma, Memphis, Montgomery, St. Augustine, and Albany

Civil Rights during the Johnson Administration, Parts I-V

Civil Rights during the Kennedy Administration, Parts I & II

Civil Rights during the Nixon Administration, Part I

Federal Surveillance of Afro-Americans (1918-1925): First World War, Red Scare, and Garvey Movement

The Freedman's Savings and Trust Company: Letters Received by the Commissioners, 1870-1914

The Freedmen's Hospital, 1872-1910: Correspondence and Memoranda

Heartman Manuscript Collection Xavier University Library, New Orleans: Manuscripts on Slavery

Jamaica Plantation Records from Dickinson Papers

The Martin Luther King Jr FBI Files, Parts I & II (King-Levison File)

Papers of the American Slave Trade (selected series and parts)

The Papers of A. Phillip Randolph

Race, Slavery, and Free Blacks, Parts I (Petition to Southern Legislatures, 1777-1867) & II (Petition to Southern County Courts, 1775-1867)

Records of Southern Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations from the Revolution through the Civil War

\Records of the Tuskegee Airmen, Part I (Records of the Army Air Forces)

Records of U.S. Colored Troops, Part I (Letters Related to Recruitment of African Americans, 1863-1865)

Slavery in Ante-Bellum Southern Industries (selected series and parts)

State Slavery Statues

Yoruba Collection of William and Berta Bascom, 1841-1973

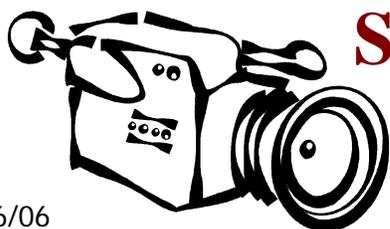
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For a complete list of titles, point your web browser to: <http://www.tsu.edu/academics/law/library/governndoc/microform.doc>



Spotlight on Staff — Karim Rand in the News

6/06

KTSU reporter interviewed Mr. Rand about a new Special Collection Acquisition – ***Records of the National Negro Business League***. The interview was aired on Maurice Hope-Thompson's morning show.

11/31/06

Mr. Rand's article "Africans and Their Descendants in 1880 Dallas County, Alabama" was accepted and slated for publication in the Fall 2007 issue of the ***Journal of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society***.

12/06

Mr. Rand's article "The House That Sweatt Built: Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library Special Collection" was published in the November/December 2006 issue of the ***Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society Newsletter***.

12/28/06

Rand submitted a research success story entry to the "Oral History" section for Ancestry.com "Share Your African American Heritage".

02/10-07

Mr. Rand served as program moderator for the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS) – Willie Lee Gay – H-Town Chapter Black History Month Workshop, "From Piles of Junk to Polished Prose: Writing Narrative History". Our Special Collection was highlighted as a resource for researching the legal, political and social history of people of African descent in Texas and internationally.

02/14/07

Houston Chronicle reporter interviewed Rand about African American family history and genealogical research.

Keep watching as our historian makes history...

Poetry Contest Open Mike Awards Ceremony



Each year in celebration of James Weldon Johnson's skills as a lawyer and a poet, the anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1866, and National Poetry Month, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library sponsors a Civil Rights themed poetry contest for all Thurgood Marshall School of Law students. The poem must be related to the Civil Rights struggle.

Pick-up the guidelines and entry forms from the Law Library Circulation Desk starting April 3, 2007. Entries will be accepted from April 3, 2007 until April 16, 2007. All entries must be submitted by April

16, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. to the Law Library Administrative Office Room 132.

GRAND PRIZE: A PMBR Course
2nd PRIZE: O'Connor's Civil Trials & Forms
3rd PRIZE: 1000 Points from Lexis
4th PRIZE: 1000 Points from West-law

Winners will participate in a Poetry Contest Open Mike Affair on Friday April 27, 2007.

Participants may enter as many poems as they desire. Good luck!

ProDoc's Newest Release 5.0

by Tracy Timmons

Thurgood Marshall Law Library is very excited about the upcoming release of ProDoc 5.0, which you'll have by end of February. Students and Faculty will find software much more user friendly. Here's a preview of the most significant changes you'll notice: ProDoc 5.0 has a cleaner, more efficient look. Menu items on the Task Bar have been reorganized so items you use most often are readily available. The Certified Mailer program will be included with every ProDoc subscription at no extra charge.

The Wills volume, has been redesigned the Man's and Woman's Declaration of Guardian forms so that the assembly process is much easier.

"A.D." has been removed from numerous notary blocks.

The Litigation volume has six changed forms, including an update to the Workforce Commission's Wage Claim Form to match the agency's newest one.

The Family Law volume has been revised four forms including: making changes to the Application for a Social Security Card and the accompanying instructions, as well as the IRS Change of Address. They also added "Approved as to Form" blocks for forms filed in Harris County.

There will be greater flexibility to sort, format, and choose items for printing using the Print function. The Help system is greatly enhanced. Setting document formatting will be much more user-friendly. You'll have a much easier process for editing case answers. The Search feature will be faster and easier to use. There is a new streamlined process for selecting volumes and forms. You'll be able to take advantage of ProDoc's vastly improved graphic forms capability (forms such as the HUD-1, UCC forms, etc, that look like pre-printed government forms). You'll be able to enter related information— such as children's names, birthdates, etc.—on a single screen. ProDoc has set up a future enhancement to eliminate a step in the document generation phase.

When ready, newly cut-and pasted documents will open in ProDoc's word processor where you can enter data and perform editing simultaneously. This feature alone will save you a tremendous amount of time when generating documents.

As always students are encouraged to come to training in the library. Faculty members are also encouraged to contact the library for bibliographic instruction tailored to class assignments.

Let the Games Begin

The Library is pleased to announce the introduction of games to our educational lineup for your learning pleasure. Most of the games will be learning activities for students to learn more about the law library and/or legal research but some will be just for fun. If you want an opportunity to test your legal research skills and improve your citing skills without the pressure of a grade, this event is for you.

There will be a new game each month. Each new game will be posted on the Law Library web page under Law Library News and on the Law Library's kiosk board to the right of the Circulation Desk. Answers will be due by the 5th of each month. February answers are due March 5, 2007. March answers are due April 5, 2007, etc.

Winners can pick up their prizes any

time after the 8th of the month. On the learning activity games, prizes will be awarded to the respondents who get the most correct answers. Answers will be judged for completeness and citation correctness. Questions that require a cite answer must be provided in proper bluebook format.

On the just for fun games, rewards will be given for participation and prizes will be awarded based on a random drawing from all the correct answers.

Please submit your completed answers and 'offers of proof' to Professor Spearman or Mrs. Kelley in the Law Library administrative offices. The answers can only be submitted to these two individuals.

Winner's names will be published at the Circulation Desk monthly. Prizes can be picked up from Mrs. Kelley's desk.

Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library

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STUDYING IN THE LIBRARY

We want the library to be a quiet place where everyone can study.

Cell phones should be turned off or set on vibrate when entering the library.

If you have a call you must take, please leave the library to take the call. Your conversation may disturb others. Conversations or discussions should be kept to a minimum so that others are not disturbed. Visiting should be done out in the lobby.

Thank you for assisting us in maintaining a quiet library!

Your Opinion Counts

The law library hopes that we offer facilities, materials and services that ease your law school journey. We need your help. In April a student survey will be conducted asking how you use the library, how well you are served by our collections and assistance, and what you think we can do add, change or improve our service. Your insights and opinions will help us make the law library even better.

Please take a moment and respond. Your opinion counts.

Spring Break Hours 2007

During the week of Spring Break (Friday, March 16 - Sunday, March 25), the Library has reduced hours.

SPRING BREAK Hours for the law library are:

Fri., March 16, 2007 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sat./Sun. March 17,18 Closed

Mon.-Fri. March 19-23 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sat./Sun. March 24,25 Closed

Regular Hours resume Monday, March 26, 2007

Reference Help is Available:

Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.