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On Display: Meet the Candidates

Mrs. Nanette Collins, the Reference Librarian is in charge of the display case and its theme from month to month.

This month she has chosen to display the Dean Candidates that are vying for the vacant Dean position at the law school. Texas Southern University narrowed the candidates down to four candidates,

Dannye Holley, Interim Dean, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Jeremy Levitt, Associate

Dean for International Programs at Florida A&M University School of Law, Alfred Mathewson, Professor



of Law and Director of UNM Africana Studies Program at University of New Mexico Law School, and

Beverly I. Moran, Professor of Law at Vanderbilt University. Each candidate will be visiting the campus

next week to tour the campus and field questions from students, faculty and staff. The candidate's credentials, publications and visit dates are posted in the display case for your viewing.

Please stop by and view the display case and take down the dates that each candidate will visit. It is vital that we participate in each candidate's visit.

The new dean will be the torch bearer for the law school for years to come.

MARSHALL NEWS IS THE NEWSLETTER OF RECORD FOR THE THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW LIBRARY. IT SERVES THE CAMPUS OF TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. TMSL LIBRARY BOASTS A STAFF OF 8 PROFESSIONAL LIBRARIANS AND 6 SUPPORT STAFF.

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- Summer School
- School-Related Research Assignment
- Moot Court Research
- Law Review/Journal Research

- Professor's Research Assistant
 - Unpaid Internship/ Externship
 - Bar Review
 - Non-Profit Externship **(Lexis only)**
- You **cannot** use your Law School LEXIS AND WESTLAW access

for summer employment.

MAY GRADUATES

LEXISNEXIS: Eligible for summer access up until August 1, 2010.

WESTLAW: Full access for two hours per month during June and July; Access to Career Services for 12 MONTHS after graduation.

Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research

The Law Library hosted its Fourth Annual Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research on Saturday, March 27, 2010. This year's theme was "Tools of the Trade." Through the course, students sharpened their research skills in preparation for summer clerkships and jobs. The crash course reviewed techniques taught during the law students' first year and provided detailed analysis of specific legal research strategies and resources. The course presented a legal problem and solved it using Texas law. Westlaw and Lexis Nexis representatives shared tips on cost-effective research. They



also sponsored breakfast and lunch. And each student received a combined 900 points toward their Lexis and Westlaw accounts. Lastly, attendees received a booklet for future review. Visit the Circulation Desk if you would like a copy.



Keeping Your Brain Trained...

As the law school semester concludes and the summer vacation period arrives many law students want to forget the grind of law school and enjoy their summer. While your brain does need a break from the rigors of reading and briefing one still needs to find a happy medium in order to preserve the strength you acquired during the school year. Just as any other muscle your brain must be trained and the moment you allow it to take too much of a break you lose every-

thing you gained. In the sport of tennis it is said for everyday you take off of the court it takes that many days just to get back the muscle retention you lost.

"For everyday you take off, it takes that many days to regain the muscle retention you lost."

This summer as you take your break, if you are in the Houston area, utilize

our law library and check out books on subjects that interest you. Read law review articles and catch up on trending topics in the legal world or even read in advance for some of the classes you have enrolled in next semester. Give your brain a break but exercise it to keep it alert and in working order so that when you return in the fall it will not take you a whole month to get back into the groove of law school rigors. For our summer hours check our back page. We look forward to seeing you guys

Cynthia K. Davis, Law Library Office Manager

Cynthia K. Davis is the Law Library Office Manager. In that role she manages all library acquisitions which entails keeping track of all of the library expenditures, payments and ordering. Ms. Davis is always visible around the law school whether she is taking pictures at law school events, setting up, or serving in any capacity that benefits the law school. Ms. Davis is also well known by all law library work-study students because she oversees all students timesheets.



Ms. Davis enjoys being with family, sewing, cooking, and various other pastimes. She is like the mother of the library staff making sure that everyone is taken care of and things are in order. Ms. Davis firmly believes that anything that is going to be done should be done right and done with integrity and perfection. Ms. Cynthia K. Davis is the law library's staff spotlight.

Poetry Contest Winner: To Name A Few, by Yvonne Berry



The civil rights movement is not limited to gender or race

These individuals made a difference

In time and space

To truly know what civil rights mean

You have to look at the contributor

To see what they've seen

In order to do this

Perhaps I should name a few

Look at their accomplishments

And their point of view

Ida B. Wells a strong woman who never flinched

Especially when it come to protecting black men from being lynched

Carter G. Woodson an author and much more

Was tired of the Miseducation of Negroes

And decided to write a book to overcome these woes

Freddy D., a slave himself, he educated on

Right from wrong, good and bad

He did it with great conviction and gave it all he had

He explained the evil of slavery and how it made him mad

W.E.B. Dubois, where do I begin?

He founded the NAACP and believer in the top ten

The first black graduate from Harvard University

Also found time to join Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

James Weldon Johnson the composer of "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Also wrote poetry among other things

Such as, contributor of the Harlem Renaissance

Of which we are fully aware of its ambience

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To Name A Few (cont.), by Yvonne Berry

Rosa Parks, the Queen of Bus Boycott
All because she had to sit in a particular spot
Cesar Chavez, a Mexican descendant
Working for farmer's rights, his time was well spent
Protecting the rights of those who pick fruit off of a tree
He unfortunately passed in 1993
Malcolm X, a Muslim of the Nation of Islam
Determined the path he was taking was wrong
He believed integration was now okay but
"by whatever means necessary" should stay
The Black Panthers taught black power and pride
They would get their shotguns and ride
While wearing leather jacket and fist in the air
Those brothers didn't care
What the police or other thought
They went after injustice and it was sought
I have to wrap up because I can go on forever
However,
I can't leave without mentioning this man's endeavor
He wrote a letter while in a Birmingham jail
And after bail,
He orchestrated the March on Washington
To give a speech right here and then
He discussed a dream of cohesive black and white men
At this point you should know the name
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
The father of civil rights
Never stopped believing in equality of all
Injustice rang and he answered the call
I hope these few name can shed light
On the importance of civil rights
You should be able to walk away with your head held high
Knowing these people existed to help you and I.

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throughout the

summer as hours

may be adjusted

for holidays or exam periods.

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Effective May 17 to

Aug 6*

Mon - Thurs

7 AM - 10 PM

Friday

7 AM - 8 PM

Saturday

9 AM - 8 PM

Sunday

NOON - 8 PM

TMSL Library Summer Hours

Important Dates

May 2010

SUN	MO	TUE	WE	TH	FRI	SAT
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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May 14, 2010 - Last Day of Finals

May 14, 2010 - Hooding

May 15, 2010 - Commencement

May 17, 2010 - First Day of Accelerated Summer (TURBO)

May 28, 2010 - Last day of Turbo Classes

May 29-30 - Reading Period

May 31, 2010 - Memorial Day Holiday (Library Closed)

June 3-4, 2010 - Final Examinations

June 7, 2010 - First Day of Class - Regular Summer

July 5, 2010 - Independence Day Observance (No Classes)

July 30, 2010 - Last day of Classes

August 2-4, 2010 - Reading Period (No Classes)

August 5-6, 2010 - Final Examinations

August 9-13, 2010 - Orientation

August 16, 2010 - First Day of Class