

# Marshall News

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## And the Winners Are . . .

To celebrate the National Poetry Month observance and the 238th anniversary of the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1866 on April 9, 1866 the *Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library* sponsored a Civil Rights themed Poetry Contest for all TMSL Law Students in April to honor a poet and lawyer, James Weldon Johnson, the father of Black History Month and the coauthor of the lyrics and music of the Negro National Anthem "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing". Fourteen law students submitted poems and four judges decided the winners.

The judges had a difficult time choosing the winners in this very exciting contest. After tallying all of the votes the winners are:

**1ST PLACE: MICHAEL KNIGHT 2L**

**2ND PLACE: ROBERT COLLIER 1L**

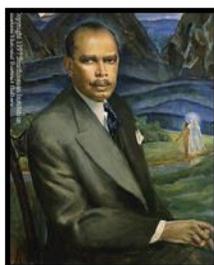
**3RD PLACE: JAMILA BOOZER 3L**

**4TH PLACE: TIE — 2 WINNERS**

**STUART ALCORN 3L AND**

**TOMEKIA LEE-CHANEY 3L**

Prizes were awarded before the 3L Hooding Practice on Wednesday, May 12, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. in the Sawyer Auditorium. Stop by the Law Library Display to read the winning poems. Stay tuned for future contests.



James Weldon Johnson. 1943 Oil Painting by Laura Wheeler Waring. National Portrait Gallery/ Smithsonian Institution



## TMSL LAW LIBRARY STAFF CONGRATULATES MAY GRADUATES

The TMSL Law Library Staff extends its sincere *Congratulations and Best Wishes* to each graduating member of the Class of 2004.

As Alumni of the Law School, you will continue to have access to the Law Library. Your borrowing privileges will be limited to reserve books that can be used for two hours in the library. During the summer, you will also be able to

check out library equipment as you study for the Bar eg: Ethernet cards and headphones and have printing privileges.

And before the celebration gets underway in earnest, please return all overdue library materials. The Law School Registrar will not certify your credentials for graduation until these outstanding obligations are cleared.



## STAFF MILLENNIUM TRAINING — CIRCULATION GOING “LIVE”

In March the Law Library Staff began training on the upgraded Innovative Interfaces Library Computer System, *Millennium*. *Millennium* is a Windows and Java-based integrated library system created by Innovative Interfaces. It has four modules: Acquisitions, Serials, Circulation and Cataloging as well as Web OPAC features. Many law libraries are migrating to *Millennium* after using a character-based version for many years. (TMSL since 1995) *Millennium* offers upgraded versions of the original four modules. As an Integrated Library System, *Millennium* will facilitate greater functionality, flexibility, ease of use and navigation for both patrons and staff.

Expect the Circulation Module to “go live” soon. To the patron this means that in order to



check out materials from the reserve desk or the library, the library staff will input each patron's record into the System. Patrons will complete a short questionnaire to assist the staff in creating that patron's record in the System 'on the fly', which is the first time you attempt to check out materials. After this initial input, the Library Staff will be able to issue materials to you with the swipe of a wand.

### STUDENT PRINTING ACCESS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

We anticipate that many continuing and graduating students will need to use the Law Library computer services this summer. Do not worry, your printing privileges and passwords will continue until the start of the Fall semester in August. In addition to the prints that are on your account at the end of the Spring semester, 100 additional prints have been authorized for your account during the summer. *May graduates and summer school students* should visit the Reference Desk to request that these additional prints be added to your account. After your account has been depleted, additional printing will require the purchase of a library copy card and prints will be charged at five cents per copy. Visit a library administrator for any further requests in the Library Administrative Office, Room 109, during business hours.



## SUMMER 2004 ACCESS TO LexisNexis, Westlaw, & Loislaw

**CONTINUING STUDENTS:** <http://loislawschool.com/>

**ACCESS FOR LAW SCHOOL PROJECTS AND UNPAID VOLUNTEERS**

Both WESTLAW AND LEXISNEXIS offer full summer access to students who enroll in a summer class, conduct research for a professor, serve as a member of law review or moot court, or volunteer on an unpaid internship or externship, by simply requesting full access in the manner outlined below. In addition, LEXIS provides summer access to students working with non-profit entities. Access must be used for **educational purposes only**.

**LEXISNEXIS:** Go to the LEXIS NEXIS Web Site at <http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/>. Click on "Access LEXISNEXIS Over the Summer" located in the left hand column and complete the registration.

**WESTLAW:** Go to the Westlaw Web Site at <http://lawschool.westlaw.com/>. Click on box in the right column. Complete the online registration.

**LOISLAW** has no restrictions on your summertime use, even in **connection** with your jobs. For more information, including registration instructions, please see the Associate Director, DeCarlous Spearman.

**Access For Career Services**

Both Westlaw and Lexis can be used for Career Services during the summer.

### **MAY GRADUATES**

Both LEXISNEXIS and WESTLAW offer limited access to May graduates.

**LEXISNEXIS:** May graduates are eligible for summer access to LEXIS. To help as you prepare for the Bar Exam and law practice, Lexis offers a 3L gift of three additional months. Sign on with your existing Lexis ID and the system will prompt a link for the gift for May graduates. Click the link and complete the registration. Access will be extended until August 1, 2004.

**WESTLAW:** Graduates will have full Westlaw access at no charge for two hours per month during June and July. To register, go to the Westlaw Web Site at <http://lawschool.westlaw.com/>. Click on "*Graduates Extend Your Password*." Complete the on-line registration.

In addition, the subscriptions to WESTLAW's "*Attorney Jobs Online*," "*Law Student Jobs Online*," and "*Legal Career Center*" entitle our graduates to free access to those websites for **TWELVE MONTHS** after graduation. Therefore, your current Westlaw password will continue to give you access to

*Attorney Jobs Online*, via [www.lawschool.westlaw.com](http://www.lawschool.westlaw.com).

**LOISLAW:** Loislaw is available free of charge to graduates for six months after graduation. Graduating students are also eligible for a 50% discount on a subscription to LOISLAW if purchased within six months after graduation.

### **SUMMER JOBS**

Remember that your use of Law School passwords for LEXIS AND WESTLAW research is limited to academic research. *You must acquire a password from the firm or organization where you work to obtain research access for employment purposes.* Here are some additional options:

**LEXISONE:** Although it does not have the bells and whistles of WESTLAW AND LEXIS, LEXISONE is a **free** resource that can help you locate legal materials. It includes a searchable database of U.S. Supreme Court cases from 1790 and selected federal and state cases from January 1, 1996. There is another collection of over 6,000 legal forms. Lexis has also organized more than 20,000 law-related Web Sites into 31 intuitive categories. And, if all else fails, LEXIS also offers pay-as-you-go access to all of its features. [www.lexisone.com](http://www.lexisone.com)

**Loislaw:** Don't forget Loislaw has no restrictions on your summertime use.



## DOCUMENTS CORNER

In a prior *Marshall News* issue, the Government Documents/Microforms Department (GDMD) reported on selected *Special Collection* titles. This installment further highlights the *Special Collection*, as we anticipate its Fall 2004 debut in our new facility. To recap, the subject area coverage in this nascent Collection consists of Civil Rights, American Slavery, Antebellum South, and Genealogy Research materials — available in electronic, hard copy and microform formats. Two books are featured from the Genealogy Research Section today:

### Hispanic/Mexican Genealogy

*Ryskamp, George R. Finding Your Hispanic Roots. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1997.*

Considered “the most comprehensive manual on Hispanic ancestry available,” *Finding Your Hispanic Roots* is a treasure chest. The author provides the principles and techniques of conducting Hispanic family history research. He extensively discusses the means of using an array of government, legal, archival and ecclesiastical records to make your research successful. One of its most invaluable resources is found in Chapter 5, “Tracing the Hispanic Immigration in United States Records”: Ryskamp provides detailed information on how to search

and use vital civil, church and U.S. census records, passenger lists and border crossing records, naturalization and social security records, alien and draft registration records, miscellaneous local records and newspapers. This book is excellent for individuals researching Hispanic ancestry “whether conducted in the United States, Mexico, Central or South America, Spain or elsewhere.”

*Carlberg, Nancy Ellen. Beginning Mexican Research. Anaheim: Carlberg Press, 1999.*

*Beginning Mexican Research* (BMR) covers many of the same sources found in *Finding Your Hispanic Roots*. However, BMR provides extensive Spanish Word Lists. For example, BMR includes lists of surnames, female & male names and their various spellings. Especially useful is the list of words describing family relationship, which is so important in genealogical research. “Generaciones Lineas Descendientes” (Generations for Ancestors), for example, is an enumeration of names defining paternal relationships, beginning with self (“EI”) to the 9<sup>th</sup> great grandfather (“Nonos Abuelos”). Abbreviations (“Abreviaturas”) are in both Spanish and English: months & days; nationalities;

personal names; and archives are also included in the Spanish Word Lists. To aid researchers to decipher documents, handwriting samples are provided. And while Carlberg has included standard genealogical forms in her book, she has conveniently incorporated applications to Hispanic & Mexican genealogical societies. Websites and contact information to Mexican Consulates found in the U.S. and Canada are listed as well.

### Beyond Genealogy

Although these books focus on genealogical research, their utility transcends genealogy per se. They contain indispensable information related to government and legal matters. Civil registers, military, probate, tax, wills, emigration and census records are important documents in the legal process. For example, Union or Confederate soldiers (or their widows) had to submit proof of service. Military records of this sort are available at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, DC. Probate issues involving inheritance disputes could be verified in the testator’s will. Conventional genealogical records are also invaluable in criminal investigations. Voter registration, motor vehicle and insurance records, for example, can assist a detective in locating the whereabouts of a fugitive. The Collections Genealogical Section is unquestionably an added asset to the research arms of the TMSL Library.

**GDMD Special Collections Division — Genealogy Titles in the Collection**

- Bahn, Gilbert S. *American Place Names of Long Ago*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1998.
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- Blockson, Charles L. *Black Genealogy*. Baltimore: Black Classic Press, 1991.
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- Ericson, Carolyn R. et al. *A Guide to Texas Research*. Nacogdoches: Ericson Books, 1993.
- Evans, Barbara Jean. *A to Zax A Comprehensive Dictionary for Genealogists & Historians*. Alexandria: Hearthside Press, 1995.
- Fears, Mary L. Jackson. *Slave Ancestral Research It's Something Else*. Bowie: Heritage Books, Inc., 1995.
- Franklin, Charles M. *Keys to the Courthouse Volume I Jurisdictions*. Indianapolis: Heritage House, 1985.
- Keys to the Courthouse Volume II The Records*. Indianapolis: Heritage House, 1985.
- Keys to the Courthouse Volume III Unusual Records*. Indianapolis: Heritage House, 1985.
- Keys to the Courthouse Volume IV Analyzing Records*. Indianapolis: Heritage House, 1985.
- Heisey, John W. *The W.P.A. Historical Records Survey Sources for Genealogists*. York: Heritage House, 1988.
- Hinckley, Kathleen W. *Locating Lost Family Members & Friends*. Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 1999.
- Hone, Wade E. *Land & Property Research in the United States*. Salt Lake City: Ancestry Incorporated, 1997.
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- King, Dennis. *Get the Facts on Anyone*. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 1999.
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- Neagles, James C. *U.S. Military Records A Guide to Federal & State Sources*. Orem: Ancestry Publishing, 1994.
- Ryskamp, George R. *Finding Your Hispanic Roots*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1997.
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## No SUMMER RECESS FOR THE LAW LIBRARY

June, July and August are not the three best reasons to work in a library, if a professor's vacation interests you. Librarians work on summer projects that cannot be executed when patrons need full access to the library during the academic school year. In fact, the library will only be closed seven days this summer:

Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day, Saturday and Sunday, June 5 & 6 when school is not in session, Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> for Emancipation Holiday and Sunday, July 4th for Independence Day, and August 7 & 8 when school is not in session. Other-

wise, the Law Library will be open the entire summer to serve your research, information and computing needs. Note that Library hours are modified when school is not in session, so check the summer schedule before venturing out late at night to do some research, pick up a print job or visit your favorite Library Staff person.

Whether you work as a summer associate for a law firm or as a research assistant for a professor, we are here to help you with your research needs.

Contact the Reference Desk at 713-313-7125.

### Regular Law Library Hours

Mon-Thurs: 7 a.m. - midnight  
Fri: 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Sat: 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Sun: 12 noon - midnight

### Law Library Reference Hours

Mon - Fri 7 am - 9 pm  
Sat 9 am - 2 pm  
Sun 12 noon - 5 pm

*Who is Heman Sweatt ?  
See the Library Display...*

## GENEALOGY TITLES IN THE COLLECTION *CONTINUED*

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Swan, James. The Librarian's Guide to Genealogical Research. Fort Atkinson: Highsmith Press, 1998.

Szucs, Loretto Dennis et al. The Source A Guidebook of American Genealogy. Salt Lake City: Ancestry Incorporated, 1997.

Thorndale, William et al. Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1987

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Witcher, Curt Bryan. African American Genealogy A Bibliography and Guide to Sources. Fort Wayne: Round Tower Books, 2000.