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Director's Message



On behalf of the entire law library team, we thank all students, staff and faculty for a successful year. At times it has been chaotic and perhaps confounding. We know temperature variations and campus changes can be a challenge. In spite of these obstacles, we're finishing the academic year with the plan we had from day one: to hold classes in person and make it to reading week and (soon) exam season intact. Good luck to all. We wish you success in your studies, scholarship and service to society.

Roger V. Skalbeck

Associate Dean for Library and Information Services

Library News



The Ruth Bader Gins-bunny (1L Anna Katogiritis) handing out eggs in Moody Plaza (April 15, 2022).

When T.S. Eliot said "*April is the cruelest month,*" was he referring to final exams? Well, we at the Library have to disagree with Mr. Eliot's calendrical appraisal, *because we have had a great April!* We have seen the inauguration of the University of Richmond's 11th president, Kevin Hallock—and we send him our best wishes and congratulations. We have watched the campus bloom with spring flowers. And we

have seen the hard work of our students pay dividends. As you step out into the world—as newly-minted graduates or as newly-hired summer associates—remember to take some time to take care of yourselves. As poet William Cullen Bryant said, *"There is no glory in star or blossom till looked upon by a loving eye; There is no fragrance in April breezes till breathed with joy as they wander by."*

Library Renovations: Important Updates for Summer

The Library will be experiencing major disruptions during summer. Please plan your bar study accordingly.

- The entire second floor of the library will be off-limits beginning Monday, May 9th.
- The central part of the library – the area between the library lobby and the 1st floor stacks area and the portion of the basement where the study rooms are located – will not have any air-conditioning from mid-May to mid-June.
- The computer lab will be re-sized. Two offices will be constructed in what is half of the current lab.

You can find a list of [construction-free study spaces](#) here.

Featured Resources



Paid summer fellowship at the Stanford Law School Library!

Have an interest in law librarianship? The Stanford Law School [Robert Crown Law Library](#) is hosting the [J. Paul Lomio Memorial Fellowship](#) this summer. Remote candidates considered. **Apply by April 22nd.**

Materials Update



We added **61** new books to our collection this month. Browse the Law Library's latest resources on our [updated materials list](#).

Looking for an e-book? We added **1008** new e-book titles this month. Check out our [updated e-book list](#).

Things to Consider



Grad Access to Online Resources


By Joyce Manna Janto

Graduation from law school doesn't mean that you lose all access to the resources you've grown to depend upon for the last three years. Some resources will be available for a few months and some for the rest of your life!

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Student Services Corner

CELEBRATING **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**



Alice Paul
1885 – 1977

Suffragist, feminist, and women's rights activist. Helped organize the Woman Suffrage Procession and the Silent Sentinels, part of the successful campaign to pass the Nineteenth Amendment.

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Celebrating Women's History

By Anastasia Mitchell (3L)

March is a special time not only because it is the birth of spring but also because it is a time to celebrate, honor, and remember women. Women's History Month is important to recognize because it is a designated period to celebrate the strides of women in the past, think about difficulties women still face in the present, and plan for ways to make equity a reality for women in the future. Women's voices historically have been silenced and that is reflected in who we learn about in history class and in the representation seen in politics, media, and higher education – these considerations make Women's History Month all the more important. [Continue reading...](#)

If you are a student who wants to have your voice heard and be published in MuseNews, contact [Alex Clay Hutchings](#), Student Services Librarian.

The Facepalm

Legal News to Make You 🙄



I present for your consideration the tale of three attorneys who skipped a few too many Professional Responsibility classes in law school. The story begins, as so many facepalms do, in the great state of Florida. Radio personality Bubba the Love Sponge Clem was being sued for defamation. In an effort to maximize their client's chances in court, the Love Sponge's lawyers hatched a scheme worthy of *Mission: Impossible*: they **set up the DUI arrest of their opposing counsel**. Too bad the conspirators were all dimmer than an Amish Christmas tree.

Attorneys Robert D. Adams and Adam Robert Filthaut knew their opposing counsel, Phillip Campbell, regularly enjoyed drinking at Tampa's Malio's Steakhouse. The attorneys asked their paralegal, Melissa Personius, to stake out the joint until Campbell showed up. On January 23, 2013, Personius spotted Campbell at the bar, and was told by Adams and Filthaut to flirt with him and encourage him to drink. Campbell intended to walk home that evening and offered to call Personius a cab, but she refused to leave her car at the bar overnight. So, being a gentleman, Campbell offered to drive her car around the block to an all-night garage. Unbeknownst to him, Adams and Filthaut had arranged with their friend, then-Sgt. Raymond Fernandez of the Tampa police, to have Campbell pulled over and arrested for DUI.

The next day, another attorney at the schemers' firm, Stephen Diaco, made several pointed statements to the press about Campbell's arrest, how he caused the trial to be continued, and how Campbell's behavior was a "mockery

of the judicial system and an embarrassment" to Diaco as an attorney. Juicy secrets don't stay secret for long, and the Florida Supreme Court permanently disbarred all three attorneys for their role in the setup. Sgt. Fernandez was also fired by the Tampa Police Department. In its ruling against the conspiratorial counselors, the Court said, "The personal and professional harm inflicted upon Campbell (a fellow attorney) and his clients' case, upon Sergeant Fernandez (a personal friend of Filthaut and officer of the law), and upon the legal system, the legal profession, and the public's confidence in both, was simply collateral damage from the respondents' point of view."

Facepalm for the ages achieved.

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