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## MOOT POINTS

NOTES FROM THE SARITA KENEDY EAST LAW LIBRARY

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Connecting people to information: Access, Educate, Empower

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# **Director's Message**



In March, the library staff conducted a student opinion survey of library services. Over 80 students took part in this survey. The results indicate that the students had a very positive view of the library resources and services provided. Meanwhile, the students gave many comments or suggestions. We take your opinions very seriously and will use this information in planning for future improvement. Thank you for sharing your opinions with us.

In April, the Library staff for the first time organized activities to celebrate the National

Library Week, an annual national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA). The theme of the year was Lives Change at Your Library. During this week-long celebration, the library staff hosted various activities daily, including movie trivia questions, a book display, and rare book room tours. The week was capped by a ceremony and reception to mark the 30th anniversary of the library.

Over this summer, the library staff will be engaged in long-term planning for the library's future program. We look forward to serving you with new capacities and better offerings in the months ahead. Meanwhile, we always enjoy hearing from you. Send us an email or submit a suggestion at the circulation desk.

- Bob Hu, Director and Professor of Law

### **Library Hours**

Monday-Thursday 7am—12am

> Friday 7am—10pm

Saturday 9am—10pm

Sunday 10am—12am

View our monthly calendars on our website: www.stmarytx.edu/ law/library.

## **Library Transactions By the Numbers**

Circulation of Items/Times: 2,476

Interlibrary Loans: 302

Faculty Requests: 25 requests, which took 97

hours to complete

Acquisitions and Cataloging: 2,539 volumes

and 413 titles

Library transactions from

January-April 2014

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## **Recent Library Staff Publications**

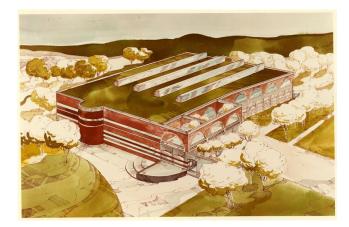
Librarians **Brian Detweiler**, **Wilhelmina Randtke**, and **Fang Wang** have published an article in the *AALL Spectrum*, a magazine from the American Association of Law Libraries. "Custom Fabric Printing: Poster Presentations the Easy Way" is about the advantages of producing a cloth poster as an alternative to paper when presenting at professional association meetings. It is featured in February's issue (vol. 18, no. 4). A link to the article is here: http://bit.ly/1hXSM91.

Librarian **Stacy Fowler** has published an article in the April issue (vol. 18, no. 6) of *AALL Spectrum* titled "Spine Bending: The Favorite Novels of Law Librarians." The article discusses the results of a survey she conducted to find out the absolute favorite novels of law librarians throughout the organization. You may view the article at this link: http://bit.ly/1n85eo9.

**Stacy** has also co-written an article with Library Assistant **Liana Morales** which appears in the same issue. In "Welcome to San Antonio," Liana interviewed Stacy and librarian **Mike Martinez** about great things to see and do in San Antonio for attendees of the American Association of Law Libraries annual conference taking place in July. You may view the article at this link: http://bit.ly/1fCwlm3. A second article, "Beyond Our Boundaries," written by **Stacy** and **Liana**, appears in the May issue of *AALL Spectrum* and can be viewed at this link: bit.ly/1olLri7.

Congratulations everyone!

# **Celebrating 30 Years!**



Early art rendition of the building.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Sarita Kenedy East Law Library at St. Mary's University School of Law. To commemorate this special day, Dean Charles Cantu was invited to a very special luncheon where he was given a parting gift by the library staff. In turn, he shared some words about the history of Sarita Kenedy East, the law library and the fascinating story behind the building's origins. The day continued with a reception attended by librarians and library staff, faculty, administrators, members of the Kenedy Memorial Foundation, and other guests including a special appearance by the University President, Thomas Mengler. Many prominent members from the university, law school and university ministry, shared special words about the library.

Prior to the current building, the law school library was located in the Raba building (now the faculty building). Sarita Kenedy East Law Library was a project spurred by Ernest Raba and Jim Castleberry in the early 80s. By 1984, plans to build the library were underway. The building was completed in 1985.

For more interesting information on the woman behind the library's namesake, check out **If You Love Me You Will Do My Will** by Stephen G. Michaud, call number **KF759 .E2 M53 1990.** It is available in the library's new Ranching Law and History Collection on the first floor by the Reference section.

The current display on the 2nd floor landing features a visual timeline of the library through the years.



The current library staff with Dean Cantu.

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## Confidential information on computers, phones, and tablets

### By Wilhelmina Randtke, Electronic Services Librarian

One positive of modern technology is that you can easily carry access to all your files with you everywhere. Once you take on clients, that can mean that your office door and filing cabinet travel to all sorts of new places. It's great for getting work done. But, you do have to take more care. A filing cabinet or computer is private when left in your home or in the back rooms of an office.

All that changes when you move those files to something portable. A USB thumb drive, phone, or laptop is easy to lose. According to popular news, 12,000 laptops are left in airports each year. A file you email to yourself then quickly download and print from someone else's computer may still be opened after you have finished your business and closed the file.

Here's a handy checklist of different ways to keep your files confidential:

### When possible, try not to handle confidential information.

As a lawyer, this will not always be possible. Nevertheless, you can reduce the amount of confidential information you carry, and reduce the number of copies you make of it. For example, as you build a personal set of pleadings to reuse and edit in order to quickly draft filings, pause and delete out any personal information on clients before you put the filing with other templates. If you take a file home or email it to yourself in order to work on it over the weekend, consider copying only the part of it that involves law, and not fact. The fewer copies of personalized client information that exist, the better.

On a personal level, be mindful of your own information and the risks of identity theft. If you save your bar application or tax return to a thumb drive for printing, delete it after you have printed. Save the final copy in an organized file system on your computer. Delete any temporary copies after you have printed or used them.

### When possible, do not email confidential information.

Make a habit of not emailing confidential information. Email systems make copies of everything automatically, and email systems are generally run by someone who is not you. Once you email a file as an attachment, you no longer have the ability to permanently delete it. If you work for government, email may be subject to a public records request. In a suit, email is subject to discovery. Yes, you can go through and screen it later, but that is time consuming and if you miss something, then you have a problem. Be mindful of this, and start a habit of not emailing confidential information. If you must email it, then write confidential in the subject line, so that you and the recipient and IT will have some indication later that the email should not be shared freely. This also gives a head up to the person you've email that the email shouldn't be forwarded.

### Keep confidential files separate from other files, and clearly marked.

Clearly marking confidential information will prevent you from later forgetting it is there and sharing it inappropriately. As you save a final copy of a case file, note whether it has any confidential information in it. In paper, write "Confidential" on the file. Electronically, label the folder and files "Confidential." Years later, you will know that these documents have to be disposed of securely, and you will be reminded not to share them freely.

As you accumulate thumb drives, pick one to use for confidential info. Pick a distinctive looking one or mark it in some way. Use only that thumb drive to carry confidential files. Periodically, go through it and delete items you no longer need. This way, if you need to loan a drive to some to get fun weekend photos, you can loan out one that you don't use for work. You will not have to do a last minute check that nothing sensitive is stored there.

### Plan ahead for a lost phone, computer, or tablet.

It's convenient to be able to log into email once and then have access to it for a week or more before it times out. But, then if you lose the device, you have a problem. A good first step is to password protect your primary login, do serious work there, and then have an account for visitors. If you need to pass your laptop to someone briefly at a study session, you can first switch the account, leave your current account active but sealed off from them, and then be sure they won't get to your files. You can also set the computer to request a login each time it opens. That way, if you lose it, your work space won't be wide open to anyone who finds it. You can also set a password for a phone or tablet. That prevents someone from easily accessing your email and anything else you have logged into from the phone.

Antivirus software is a good idea, and you should install it on all devices, including smart phones. Often, this software will let you do a remote wipe, and delete all files on the device from far away, if you lose it or it is stolen. "Delete everything" is a scary thought, but having the option is good. You can also get apps that will let you remote log out of your accounts. That lets you cut off access to your email, but not delete personal photos that you might want back.

If you haven't planned ahead, and you lose a device, you can go through your online accounts and change the password for each. This should result in the email account, social networking site, etc. logging all devices out and requiring the new password be entered. But, you have to check that that is the case for each, you have to make a list and change each, you have to remember the new passwords, and it takes more time to do this one at a time.

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# Recent Faculty Publications



■ David Grenardo has published his essay, "Why Should I Become an Associate at a Large Law Firm?" in the Rutgers Law Record. An pdf copy may be found here: bit.ly/1INKlhF.

**Professor Grenardo** also recently took time to speak about civility and on his essay at Duke Law School.



■ Amy Hardberger has published her article "World's Worst Game of Telephone: Attempting to Understand the Conversation Between Texas's Leaislature and Courts on Groundwater," in Texas

Environmental Law Journal, vol. 43, no. 3, Summer 2013 (43 Tex. Env'l L.J. 257).



■ Ramona Lampley has published her article, "The Price of Justice: An Analysis of the Costs that are Appropriately Considered in a Cost-based Vindication of Statutory Rights Defense to an Arbitration Agreement" in Brigham Young University Law Review,

2013 BYU L. Rev. 825. You may view the article here: bit.ly/OLsFH4.



■ Geary Reamey has published his essay, "The Use of Anticipatory Warrants in Texas: The Porn's in the Mail," in 41 Search and Seizure Rep. no. 1, at 1 (Jan. 2014).



■ Will Rice has published his casebook, Contract Law: Practice, Interpretation and Enforcement (Coanella Academic Press 2014).



■ Roberto Rosas has published "Trademarks Under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), with References to the Current Mexican Law," 18 Marq. Intell. Prop. L. Rev. 167 (2014).



■ David Schlueter on the publication of the 2014 edition of Federal Criminal Procedure Litigation Manual (with Saltzburg).

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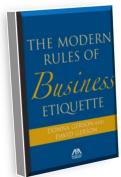
**Notable Non-Fiction** 

The Modern Rules of Business

Written by Donna Gerson and

**Etiquette** 

David Gerson



You'll be glad you picked up this book and brushed up on the interpersonal skills you thought you knew. Check this book out for tips on how to be a better business professional.

## New in Our DVD Collection: A Place in the Sun



A Place in the Sun (1951)

Directed by George Stevens

Popular Film Collection PN1997.P523 2001

This classic features the iconic Montgomery Clift and legendary Elizabeth Taylor who star as George and Angela, two star-crossed lovers whose only desire in life is to be together forever. Shelley Winters costars as George's spurned lover Alice. But an incriminating event happens where George struggles to prove his innocence but his passivity and slyness get the best of him. The court drama that ensues will force George to always remember the time when he had the worst Labor Day Weekend ever.

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# Neighborhood Dining

By Fang Wang, Reference and Special Collections Librarian

### **Los Robertos Taco Shop**

6446 NW I-410 Loop Frontage Rd San Antonio, TX 78238 509-7171

Heard this place offers tacos and burritos California style, so I decided to check it out for a potential new lunch spot that's close to work.

My experience did not disappoint. Unlike most dry and bland tacos I had in the past, those mini tacos at Los Robertos were actually pretty tasty. The meat was well seasoned and the corn tortilla was soft and fresh. They also have a compli-

mentary salsa bar. I have to say that I absolutely loved the grilled onions and peppers at the salsa bar! It was so good that I went three times with no shame. I could eat just that without anything else! I returned for a second visit and got the barbacoa burrito. It was also very satisfying and huge by the way. Overall, I think it stands out from the plethora of Tex Mex places and it is a very solid lunch option. Come get yourself some Cali Mex!

### **Pho Hong Phat**

6180 Wurzbach Rd San Antonio, TX 78240 523-2888

It was a cold and gloomy day so pho sounded like a good idea. I decided to try Pho Hong Phat for the first time and I wasn't disappointed.

It took me a little while to find this restaurant because it was tucked away in a strip mall. But it is actually not far from work. The restaurant has moderate decorations and lots of plants and flowers. They even have a fish pond at the front entrance. Some Vietnamese travel/food programming was showing on TV which was fitting.

If you have never had pho, it is a Vietnamese noodle soup consisting of savory broth, rice noodles, and meat. It is usually served with a plate of fresh herbs including bean sprouts, basil leaves, jalapenos, and limes. I ordered the combo pho with all kinds of meat and a side order of fresh shrimp spring rolls. My food was brought out quickly.

My pho was piping hot. I took a sip, the broth was very appetizing. I then added some of my fresh herb garnishes to the broth to fix everything up. My day was instantly brightened and it was no longer cold and gloomy. The portion of my pho was gigantic. I think I got the regular but wish I ordered the small. Both the pho and spring roll were delicious. I only finished half of both so I took the rest home.

Since my first positive experience, I have been visiting Pho Hong Phat for lunch at least once a week. I've tried the beef stew pho, grilled pork and shrimp vermicelli bowl, fried egg rolls, and their bubble tea. Everything was delicious. The beef stew pho quickly became my favorite: the beef stew is so spicy and tender. Their taro bubble tea (a Chinese/Taiwanese tapioca drink) was very authentic and perfect for a hot day!

The service can be slow from time to time. But nothing will stop me from ordering the pho!

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# Library Renewals & Fines Policy

Users are allowed one renewal per circulation period so long as items are not wanted by another patron. Reserve items can be checked out for 4 hours. There will be **no extensions or renewals** allowed on Reserve Items. These are high-demand items and should be returned promptly once users are finished with them.

Users with overdue items are charged \$1 per item per day (50 cents per hour per item for reserve materials), and items overdue for more than 3 weeks are deemed lost. The replacement cost for a lost item is the dollar amount of the item plus a \$25 replacement fee.

For more on the library's access and policies, look on our website under the Patron Information tab.

# Popular Reading Collection Highlights

Working for Yourself: Law & Taxes for Independent Contractors, Freelancers & Consultants

Written by Stephen Fishman
Popular Reading—Self Help Collection
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This selection is for those who wish to be their own boss—to take life by the reigns and become an independent contractor. It's a handy guide to all the rules that the self-employed need to know about the law and the IRS.

This book is available in the law library's Self Help collection, located on the first floor of the library, in the Reference Area.

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### **Our Mission Statement**

Sarita Kenedy East Law Library of St. Mary's University supports legal education and scholarship by providing outstanding service and information resources.

Our library is the winner of the American Institute of Architects Honor Award and the Texas Society of Architects Honor Award and is well-equipped with multimedia collections, labs, wireless Internet, and helpful, knowledgeable staff. Law students of the university have access to quiet study areas, 136 private carrels, 17 conference rooms, and two classrooms.

Come visit us or see us online.

## Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Food & Drink Policy

### Enjoy Snacks But Leave No Trace

### <u>Beverages</u>

All beverages must have secure lids to prevent spilling.

No food or drinks are allowed in the computer lab or any library computer.

Clean up after yourself and report any spills to the circulation desk.

### **Food**

Please be considerate of the facilities and other patrons when eating in the library, and avoid foods that are noisy, odorous, or greasy. Please see examples of the types of food allowed in main library spaces below. You may eat meals and foods of all types in the second floor student lounge, or on the patio. Foods that may damage materials and disturb patrons are prohibited in all other library spaces.

Unattended food will be removed and discarded. Food may not be stored at student carrels.

| Allowed                  | Not Allowed             |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Pretzels                 | French fries            |
| Nuts                     | Pizza                   |
| Granola Bars             | Burgers & Sandwiches    |
| <b>Grapes or Raisins</b> | Ice Cream               |
| Bagels                   | Soups & Salads          |
| Cookies                  | Food Requiring Utensils |

The library staff reserves the right to require that a patron consume food outside the library if that patron's food consumption is disturbing the study environment for other library patrons.

Thank you for your help in making the library a pleasant place to study.