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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



Greetings from the Library!

The Library is a place for study, research, and collaboration with others. The staff members of the Library work hard to provide a pleasant, comfortable environment for students and others to engage in your activities. I am pleased to report that over the summer the Library replaced the tables and chairs in the Alumni Room, and the new furniture is more flexible to accommodate various programs taking place in this space. The Library staff also had some

walls repainted to look fresh. Please help the Library keep the facility clean and attractive. The Library's guidelines on consumption of food and beverages are on the back cover of this newsletter.

The Library is also a place for learning and practicing research skills, and librarians are here to help you hone your skills. I am glad to announce that the librarians will offer a series of short workshops in October and November to help you get better at conducting research. The schedule of workshop topics and dates is included in this issue for your information. Food will be served at these workshops. Please plan to attend.

We are here to serve students and the faculty. Please let us know what we can do better to assist you. You can visit me in the Library or contact me at [rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu).

— Bob Hu, Library 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](http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/library).

## Library Transactions By the Numbers

Circulation of Items/Times: 1,452

Interlibrary Loans: 172

Acquisitions and Cataloging: 2,725 volumes and 493 titles

Library transactions  
from  
May – August 2014

## Legal Research Workshops



Mike Martinez Jr.

Every semester, the library hosts workshops for students interested in developing career-minded research techniques and learning more about what they can do with legal resources. Each librarian instructing these workshops will ensure that you'll be utilizing these skills far into the future. Please make plans to join us for these helpful presentations. Workshop attendees will be provided with free lunch. Mark your calendars!

**Tuesday, Oct. 7— Choosing a Paper Topic presented by Mike Martinez**  
12:30-1:10 in Law Classroom 101

Selecting a topic for a scholarly paper in law school can be a confusing and daunting task. I can help you with tips on gathering information, selecting a topic you will feel confident to write about.



Stacy Fowler

**Tuesday, Oct. 14—New in Town? I can help!: Government information for everyday life presented by Stacy Fowler**  
12:30-1:10 in Law Classroom 103

Need help finding the perfect apartment or a wonderful doctor? How about a good part-time job? From health to safety to voting, let me show you some government resources that can help ease the stress of getting settled in a new city.



Charles Finger

**Tuesday, Oct. 21—HeinOnline: Your Answer to Life presented by Charles Finger**  
12:30-1:10 in Law Classroom 103

This workshop will focus on HeinOnline, one of the most helpful and unique databases available at the law school. It is a resource for in-depth comprehensive material that can help you uncover information and answer questions about legal topics that cannot be found on LexisNexis, Westlaw, or Bloomberg Law.



Fang Wang

**Tuesday, Oct. 28—Google for Lawyers presented by Fang Wang**  
12:30-1:10 in Law Classroom 103

Fact finding on the Internet is an important lawyering skill. Attorneys have used information they found in a Google search to benefit their cases, and judges are admitting information on the Internet into evidence. This workshop will show you how to use Google effectively—not only for research during law school, but also in your future law practice. We will cover essential Google search tips, features, and much more.



Wilhelmina Randtke

**Tuesday, Nov. 4—Free and Low Cost Legal Research presented by Mike Martinez**  
12:30-1:20 in Law Classroom 103

Westlaw and LexisNexis come with tuition...while you are a student. This workshop covers free and low cost alternatives, and the balance between saving time and saving money. Come learn about strategies for using and dealing with Lexis and Westlaw and explore print and low cost electronic alternatives.

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**Tuesday, November 11—How to Run a Website for Small Firms and Solos presented by Wilhelmina Randtke**  
12:30-1:20 in Law Classroom 103

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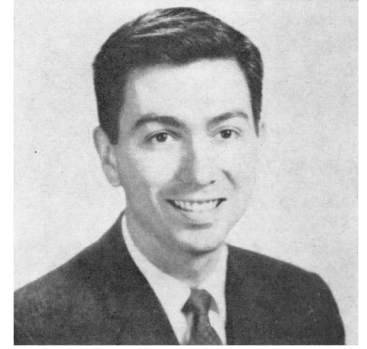
You can use a website as a resume, or to advertise a law practice after you are admitted to the bar. Learn how to register a URL, acquire hosting, and select a web developer. Get tips on how to work with a developer, who may not be familiar with rules of professional conduct related to advertising. Seeing the basics once can help you to avoid traps down the road and help you pay a fair price to advertise yourself and your practice.

## Stroll Down Memory Lane: Student newspapers from 1950s to 1980s now available online

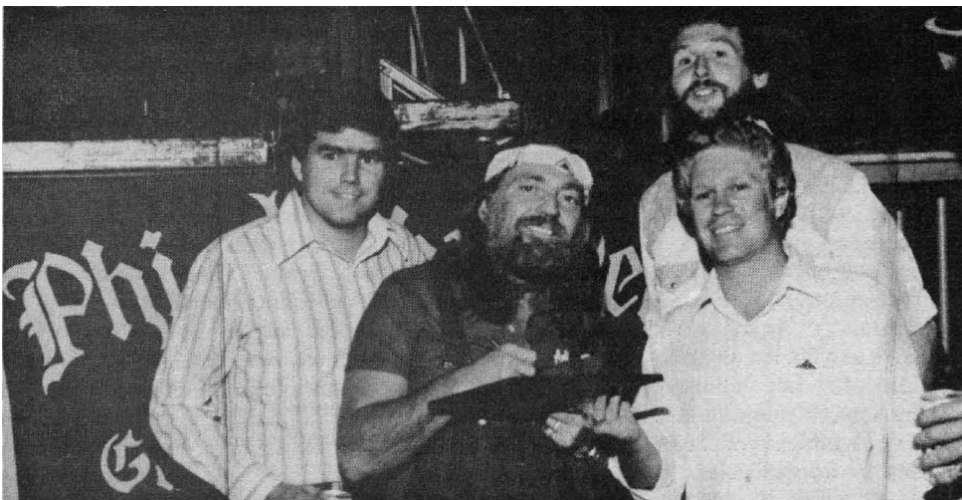
By **Wilhelmina Randtke**  
Electronic Services Librarian

Over the years, the law library kept copies of student newspapers hidden away on the shelves. This summer, with a grant from the Portal to Texas History, two old student papers - the Barrister News and The Witan - were digitized and made available online.

You can take a stroll down memory lane, learn about what it was like to be on campus during that time, or view historic photos of your current professors by visiting the Portal to Texas History at <http://texashistory.unt.edu/> (search for title Barrister News) or the School of Law's Digital Repository at <http://lawspace.stmarytx.edu> (click "Browse Collections" on the left to get a list of old papers).



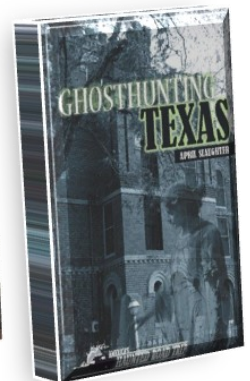
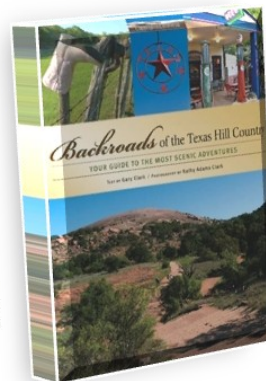
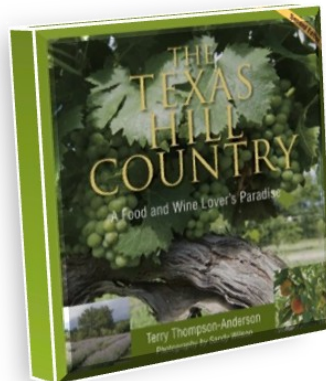
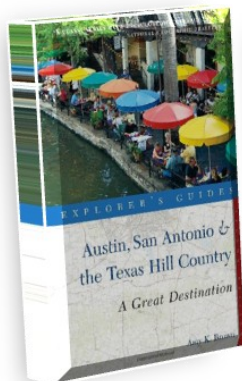
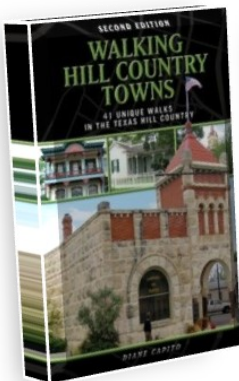
Charles Cantu, circa 1968.  
Who else can you spot? Visit the archives to find out...



LEFT: Willie Nelson receives an honorary membership to the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, September 1976. What other wonders await in the archives? You have to visit to find out...

## Sightseeing and Local Travel in San Antonio

With every new school year, there are plenty of newcomers getting settled and taking opportunities to explore San Antonio. Are you new to San Antonio? Need day trip ideas? How about a restaurant guide? Do you like nature trails, biking, and hiking? Check out the Local Travel & Attractions Collection! It is located on the first floor in the reading room adjacent to the newspapers and magazines. Below are only a few of the guides and photo books you'll discover. Come take a look!





## AALL Annual Conference Highlights



The law library was prepared to welcome law school librarians from all over the country by hosting a festive reception during the AALL Annual Conference.



Librarians Mike Martinez Jr. and Stacy Fowler receive plaques in appreciation from the President of AALL for their service as co-chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee.



Law Library Director Bob Hu and Law School Dean Stephen Sheppard take a photo with the mariachi group who performed at the reception.

**By Liana Morales, Library Assistant**

This past July, the city of San Antonio hosted the American Association of Law Libraries Conference and St. Mary's played a large part in its success. Read through some of the conference highlights.

- ◆ St. Mary's University Law School and Library host AALL-SIS (Special Interest Section) reception and award ceremony on campus. More than 200 people were in attendance. Guests of the reception enjoyed live mariachis, a photo booth, library tours, drinks and appetizers, and a great welcome from the Law School Dean Stephen Sheppard and Law Library director Bob Hu.
- ◆ Several St. Mary's law library staff members assisted in the planning and were in attendance at the AALL-SIS reception. Thank you to everyone who helped make the reception a success!
- ◆ Librarians Mike Martinez Jr. and Stacy Fowler were presented with plaques in appreciation for the service as co-chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee. The award was presented by AALL president Steven P. Anderson. Congratulations Mike and Stacy!
- ◆ Law Librarian Wilhelmina Randtke and Brian Detweiler presented a poster highlighting the economical benefits of having poster materials printed on cloth instead of conventional poster paper. Their presentation was featured in AALL's Exhibition Hall.
- ◆ Five law librarians and two library staff members volunteered for AALL and were able to attend conference sessions at the Henry B. Gonzalez Center.
- ◆ Our library was recently featured in the official blog of the Law Library of Congress for being a part of the AALL Conference in San Antonio. (See next page)
- ◆ Library assistant Liana Morales was recognized by AALL for entering their photo contest A Day in the Life. Her winning photograph was showcased at the AALL Conference and was printed in the organization's magazine, AALL Spectrum. (See next page)
- ◆ Check out more photos and details on page 3!

## Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Gets Festive, Wins Recognition

Below are a few more highlights as continued from the previous page. Enjoy!

RIGHT: Goodie bags for conference visitors of the library. Each colorful bag had souvenirs such as a “Scholar’s Map of San Antonio,” a cowboy boot shot glass, and a special law library bookmark.



LEFT: Photo titled “Office Replica” wins 1st place for “Best Altered Image” in AALL Spectrum magazine’s annual Day in the Life photo contest. The photo puts a retro spotlight on a unique acquisition at the law library, the office of Henry B. Gonzalez.

RIGHT: Screenshot— Sarita Kenedy East makes on appearance on In Custodia Legis, the official blog of the Law Librarians of Congress. You can view the full blog entry with additional pictures online here: [1.usa.gov/1nvwCGV](http://1.usa.gov/1nvwCGV).

IN CUSTODIA LEGIS  
LAW LIBRARIANS  
OF CONGRESS


Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, St. Mary’s University – Pic of the Week

July 18, 2014 by Kelly Buchanan

Earlier this week, during the American Association of Law Libraries annual conference in San Antonio, Texas, I visited the [Sarita Kenedy East Law Library](#) at St. Mary’s University School of Law. Below are just a few of the pictures that I took while we were treated to a tour of the law library by librarian and associate professor Mike Martinez, Jr. It is a very spacious library (everything’s bigger in Texas, right?) named for Sarita Kenedy East, a South Texas rancher and philanthropist whose foundation provided funding for the construction of the building in the early 1980s.

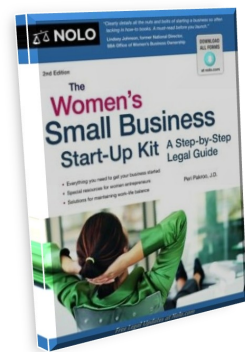
In addition to looking around the processing areas, stacks, and study rooms, we were able to enter the lovely Rare Book Room, where valuable books on Texas law, Mexican law, and other works from different parts of the world are stored and displayed (along with a “stately green granite top table”). In this room we had a chance to see the first law books of Texas following its becoming a state in late 1845, among other items.

The Sarita Kenedy East Law Library is a member of the Federal Depository Library Program (we’ve written about a couple other FDLP libraries previously).



### Self-Help Collection Spotlight

**The Women’s Small Business Start-Up Kit: A Step-by-Step Legal Guide**  
Written by Peri Pakroo, J.D.  
**Popular Reading—Self Help Collection HD6053 .P35 2014**



Everything you need to know about starting a small business is in this book. You don’t have to be a woman to read it and learn from it, but it definitely does provide resources specifically for women such as information on how to become certified as a woman-owned business to qualify for government contracting preferences. The author also points out that starting and running a business is a different experience for a woman than it is for a man. She goes over those challenges very thoroughly in this book. Everything else is gender-neutral and extremely to-the-point. Look for motivational pep talks elsewhere. This book already assumes that you can do it. And you can!

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

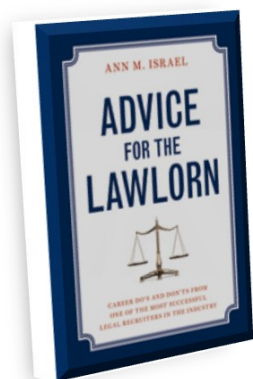


## Notable Non-Fiction

**Advice for the Lawlorn: Career Do's and Don'ts from One of the Most Successful Legal Recruiters in the Industry**

Written by Ann M. Israel

**Law General Collection  
KF299 .I5 I835 2014**



Everyone needs a little advice now and then. Even lawyers (perhaps especially lawyers). Check this book out if you're lost and need direction. Or if you need to brush up on your law career savvy.

## Film Review: You Don't Know Jack



**Review by Mario Leyva  
Evening Circulation Desk Supervisor**

**You Don't Know Jack (2010)**  
Directed by Barry Levinson  
**Popular Film Collection  
PN1997.2 Y68 2010**

I had the opportunity to review a film I had been curious about since it entered our popular films collection. "You Don't Know Jack" centers around the often maligned and polarizing individual Dr. Jack Kevorkian who in the early 1990's in Michigan began a revolution in the arena of assisted suicide and brought light to many moral questions and ethical considerations of the duties of a physician as well as the rights of a patient in deciding end of life decisions.

Al Pacino perfectly and imaginatively captures the polarizing and eccentric Dr. Jack Kevorkian as he challenges the conventions of the medical system in creating a machine that allows patients who are long-suffering with either terminal or painful diseases the choice to end their pain with their choice. Along the way, we are given glimpses into the past and individual story of Kevorkian and gain insight into his own personal history with death and suffering. We are introduced to colleagues such as Neal Nicol (John Goodman) who helps supply Kevorkian with the materials he needs to aid in the act of assisted suicide. His sister Margo Janus (Brenda Vaccaro) who in the early days of his exploits assisted him heavily in recording many video testimonials of patients wishing to die with

dignity. Janet Good (Susan Sarandon) is another individual who befriends Dr. Kevorkian during his many exploits and offers the friendship and support that we see Kevorkian is unfamiliar with and often rejects as a result of his own personality.

Eventually conflict ensues when Kevorkian engages in these acts of mercy, with many in the media and community maligning him with the moniker "Dr. Death" and it eventually gains attention from the local district attorney Dick Thompson (Cotter Smith) who is suspicious of Kevorkian's motives and subsequently arrests him many times in the hope that evidence will arise of Kevorkian's murderous intent. Questions arise about the statutory basis for these acts and pressure mounts on state congress to enact and pass legislation making it illegal for an individual to assist another individual in ending their own lives. Kevorkian in typical and demonstrative forms uses the opportunity to bring this dialogue about death and choice to the forefront using the media and also through the assistance of his attorney Geoffrey Fieger (Danny Huston). The action builds to an inevitable climax where Kevorkian is forced to accept that difference in moral principles and abiding the law creates a situation where his very own life and reputation is at stake and he is forced into a situation where he must sacrifice himself for his ideals.

I highly recommend this film to anyone who wants to pontificate the fundamental questions of self-determination and choice of each individual patient to decide their own fates but who also wants to examine the ethical and moral problems that arise when a new paradigm challenges the social norm and the law of the land. I found this film to be well written and the cast displayed an amazing chemistry in capturing the spirit of Dr. Kevorkian's personality as well as many of the individuals that he encountered during this voyage.

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## Recent Faculty Publications



■ **Jeff Addicott** has published an online article, "Using a Civil Suit to Punish/Deter Sponsors of Terrorism: Connecting Arafat and the PLO to the Terror Attacks of the Second Intifada," appearing in 4

St. John's J. Int'l L issue 2 (2014). You can access the article here in pdf format:

<http://bit.ly/1ttEmVr>.

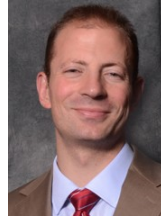


■ **David Grenardo** has published "An Uprising in Civility in Texas," 5 HLRe 1 (2014). The pdf article can be accessed at:

<http://bit.ly/1t01A1z>.



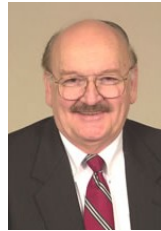
■ **Amy Hardberger** has published "Water is a Girl's Best Friend: Examining the Water Valuation Dilemma," an article in 62 U. Kan. L. Rev. 893 (2014).



■ **Chad Pomeroy** has published an article, "The Shape of Property," 44 Seton Hall L. Rev. 797 (2014).



■ **Richard Flint and L. Wayne Scott** have recently published the 2014 edition of *Texas Civil Procedure: Pretrial Cases and Materials*.



## 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.

## New in Our DVD Collection

### Snow Falling on Cedars (1999)

Directed by Scott Hicks

Popular Film Collection

PN1997 .S618 H5 2000



This beautifully shot film is set on a fictional island off the coast of Washington in the 1950s. It is based on award winning the book of the same name and stars Ethan Hawke as a newspaper journalist who follows the murder case of Kazuo Miyamoto (played by Rick Yune) who is accused of killing a white fisherman. The reporter also struggles with his love for the very unavailable Hatsue (played by Youki Kudoh). Tensions run high in this drama, now available in our DVD collection.

## LUNCH BREAK Neighborhood Dining

By Liana Morales, Library Assistant

### Orient Spice

2246 Cincinnati Ave  
438-9602

Tucked away in the middle of St. Mary's Gateway District is Orient Spice, a deceptively large restaurant that offers a buffet of Chinese and Philippine cuisine. The price of the buffet is very sensible. Only \$5.50 plus tax! They also offer a menu of other items if you happen to not want the buffet. I have yet to see such a low price for a lunch buffet anywhere else near the St. Mary's campus.

The restaurant offers a variety of dishes typical to many Chinese restaurants in town including broccoli beef, lo mein, sweet and sour pork, lemon chicken, etc.

They also offer hot and sour soup and egg drop soup with crispy wonton strips. They serve steamed and fried rice in rice cookers located next to the salad table.

What makes this place stand out from other buffet style restaurants are the Filipino food offerings. Diners can enjoy pan-cit noodles, pork bbq and every Wednesday, they feature chicken adobo.

There is also a small array of fruit salad and dessert options. I notice that they have a delightful looking strawberry-banana salad and also chunks of juicy watermelon. I've tried the tapioca and can vouch for its deliciousness!

Orient Spice is less than a mile from St. Mary's campus and is well worth the trip and the price for lunch.





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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, 138 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

**Beverages**

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
Grapes or Raisins	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.