



**Director's Corner**



**Welcome** to the Spring issue of *Hearsay*, the Wheat Law Libraries' reawakened semi-annual newsletter publication for faculty, staff,

students and friends of the library. This publication will keep you abreast of upgrades in our resources and services, highlight staff and announce new developments and additions to the collection.

Since our last newsletter we have hired new law library faculty, added substantial digital collections and reconfigured the library's space. We hope that we have made the resources for research and browsing more accessible. While we strive to maintain the integrity of this rich collection of historical, interdisciplinary and scholarly legal materials, we are also mindful of the generational

needs of all of our patrons. Not surprisingly, some of our library users only want to access material online; they are not terribly familiar with books. Others still insist on using books, read print newspapers and enjoy reporters and statutes they can pour over and cross reference. On most, but not all occasions, we can meet the needs of both types of patrons.

I hope this publication enlightens you about the Wheat Law Library, its people, places and excellent resources. I also urge you to stop in and join us in celebrating National Library Week April 13-19.

Joyce McCray Pearson  
Director & Associate Professor

## **7th ANNUAL PAUL E. WILSON FRIENDS OF THE WHEAT LAW LIBRARY LECTURE SLATED FOR APRIL 17th: PROFESSOR MARTIN B. DICKINSON TO BE GUEST OF HONOR & FEATURED SPEAKER**

The Wheat Law Library will hold the 7th Annual Paul E. Wilson Friends of the Wheat Law Library Lecture on Thursday, April 17th in the Rice Room at 12:30 p.m. Our guest of honor and featured speaker will be Professor Martin B. Dickinson. Professor Dickinson joined the KU law faculty in 1967 and served as dean from 1971 to 1980. Highly respected as a teacher and mentor, Dickinson received the Immel Award for Teaching Excellence in 1997, the Moreau Student Counseling Award in 1988, 1995, and 1997, the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1988, and a Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence in 2002. He is a nationally recognized authority in estate planning and taxation and a co-author of standard publications in those

fields.

The library holds the annual Paul E. Wilson Friends of the Wheat Law Library Lecture each April in conjunction with National Library Week. Professor Wilson was an ardent supporter of the KU Law Library and an expert in legal history. As a scholar who regularly perused rare law books and antiquated legal records, he had a deep knowledge of the importance of preserving the printed history of the law. In recognition of Professor Wilson's legacy, the library uses the annual lecture to promote an appreciation for the importance of legal history, law books and publishing, and the impact of law on literary and academic culture.



*Professor  
Martin B. Dickinson*

## TWO NEW LIBRARIANS JOIN WHEAT LAW LIBRARY

W. Blake Wilson arrived in January and Tammy Steinle started in July of 2007.



**W. Blake Wilson**  
*Instructional & Research  
Services Librarian*



**Tammy Steinle**  
*IT & Digital Librarian*

As Instructional and Research Services Librarian, Blake Wilson teaches the lawyering component of the first year Lawyering class as well as upper-level Advanced Legal Research courses. He acts as liaison between vendors and the Law Library including but not limited to Westlaw, Lexis-Nexis and CALL. He also conducts research tutorials for faculty, students, *pro se* patrons and groups on an as-needed basis.

Information Technology and Digital Librarian, Tammy Steinle, provides technology support for electronic legal databases; provides support to faculty in the submission of articles to scholarly electronic repositories; and assists with customizing websites for individual faculty and student groups.

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

National Library Week will be observed April 13-19, 2008 with the theme, "Join the circle of knowledge @ your library®."

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate.

— ALA website

### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK EVENTS:

- MONDAY 4/14—National Library Week Cake in the Commons
- TUESDAY 4/15—National Library Workers Day
- WEDNESDAY 4/16—24th Annual Hazel A. Anderson Memorial Book Sale (1st Floor Commons)
- THURSDAY 4/17—7th Annual Paul E. Wilson Friends of the Wheat Law Library Lecture
- FRIDAY 4/18—Library Fines Amnesty Day

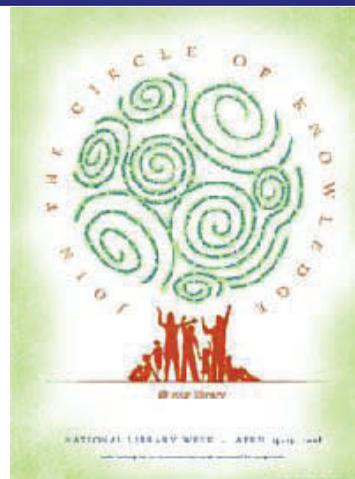
## E-RESERVES ARE NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH BLACKBOARD

Students, did you know that you can now get to library course reserve material through your Blackboard accounts?

We want to make it as easy as possible for you to have access to non copyright protected course reserve materials. Simply use your KU login to enter your Blackboard account and choose the course folder named "Law Library".

Each of the professors that have reserve items will have a folder and inside their folder will be folders for individual courses.

If you haven't used Blackboard before or would like more information or a refresher on the system stop by the Reference Desk and we will be glad to assist you.



## LAW LIBRARY MOVES A LOT OF BOOKS

You no doubt noticed that things weren't in the same place they were last school year. This is due to a major reorganization project that took place with the reallocation of space to classroom and study areas on the first level. This process finally finished up in January of 2008. We evaluated many resources and have kept the most current and relevant materials available to you on our shelves. With less



*Walls went up and classrooms were born.*

space for shelves and books many books were transferred to the KU Library Annex. The Annex is now storing nearly 36,000 books that were shelved in the library. Even though we couldn't send everything we wanted to the annex, most of these older texts are still available to you through the library catalog recall system or accessible through the online databases.

## CONSTRUCTION BRINGS NEW ROOMS ON 1<sup>ST</sup> LEVEL

There are no longer books and shelving units on the first floor. They have been replaced by new spacious, technology ready classrooms and study areas which were opened this fall.

After the construction dust settled the results included a first

floor with group and individual study areas, a medium sized classroom, a small multipurpose room which can be used for meetings or as a seminar classroom. There is now also a large study room filled with carrels for quiet study time.



*New classroom on first floor.*

## NEW (and updated) DATABASES

Wheat Law Library has added a new Making of Modern Law database as well as the Foreign Law Guide for greater research flexibility. Hein Online has also revamped its database and added more content. Here is a little more on these valuable resources.

**Making of Modern Law: Trials 1600-1926** offers a historic account of courtroom dramas from around the world. This collection includes official trial documents, briefs and arguments, legal transcripts, unofficial published ac-

counts, and books written about trials.

**Foreign Law Guide** replaces the print title: *Foreign law: current sources of codes and basic legislation in jurisdictions of the world*.

**Hein Online** has created a new interface and has added new browsing, searching, and printing features. This database provides exact page images of legal journals (from the first volume of each), and access to the CFR, Federal Register,

Session Laws, Statutes at Large, Federal Legislative History Library, Supreme Court Library, Attorney General Opinions, Legal Classics Library, and more!

Additional new legal resources are available through the main campus database page. These include, the **law section of 18th Century Collection Online** and the **Readex Serials Set**.

For more information see your Reference Librarians.



## News From The University of Kansas School of Law Wheat Law Library

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## Speaker for Next Year's Luncheon Set

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Paul E Wilson Friends of the Wheat Law Library Lecture will be April 10, 2009. Professor Sandra McKenzie will be the featured speaker.

*As the largest and oldest law library in Kansas, the Wheat Law Library is an integral part of the School of Law. It serves the law school and university community in legal and interdisciplinary scholarly pursuits and provides attorneys, judges, and the general public with access to legal information. Key components of this mission include collecting and preserving Kansas, national, and international legal documents, teaching legal information literacy, and serving as a legal information gateway by providing access to sources beyond the scope of the physical collection.*

### Wheat Law Library Staff

**Joseph Custer** - Associate Director & Head of Collection Development

**Katherine Greene** - Automation & Acquisitions Librarian

**Su Johnson** - Circulation Department Manager

**Joyce A. McCray Pearson** - Director & Associate Professor

**Jesse Kaufman** - Technology Support Technician

**Jeff Montgomery** - Serials Department Manager

**Allison Reeve** - Library Assistant

**Christopher Steadham** - Faculty Services & Research Librarian

**Tammy Steinle** - Information Technology & Digital Librarian

**Marsha Tiemann** - Cataloging Manager

**Gale Troth** - Accounts Manager

**Pamela Tull** - Head of Public Services

**Lauren Van Waardhuizen** - Cataloging Librarian

**W. Blake Wilson** - Instructional & Research Services Librarian



## 24th Annual Hazel A. Anderson Memorial Book Sale To Be Held On April 16th

The 24th Annual Hazel A. Anderson Memorial Book Sale will be held on Wednesday, April 16th, in the informal commons from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Book Sale is one of the library's many traditions in honor of National Library Week, which this year is April 13th through April 19th. Numerous volumes, not incorporated into the library's collection for various reasons, will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Book Sale offers an excellent opportunity to stock up on legal materials ranging from substantive references to ornamental office decorations. The nominal prices ensure that this will likely be the cheapest law book investment you ever make.

The library also invites students to volunteer to work at the sale, which directly benefits KU Law and the Wheat Law Library. Get involved, make a difference, and get a great deal!