

**Director's Corner**



The Wheat Law Library is the heart of the law school, and friends and patrons are the heart of the library.

In times like these, it is essential to acknowledge the importance of our donors,

friends and volunteers who give so generously of their time, talent and treasurers to the law library. Your continued support will see us through these challenging financial times. We remain hopeful and optimistic and refuse to be consumed by the bad reports about the economy. Instead, we will focus our attention on how valuable our library collections are, and how committed our staff is to providing high quality service to all its patrons. We wish to thank our donors and friends whose generosity ensures that we are able to purchase digital databases, technologically advanced equipment and books (yes, we still buy books) which enrich our collection and keep our library and

workplace a center for learning and discovery.

For those of you who use the library whether in person or online, we hope you find the library to be a valuable, accessible resource for your research needs — and a great bargain. Users will find the collection still provides traditional print resources while, at the same time, continuing the transition to online resources.

I appreciate your interest and involvement in the Wheat Law Library. I look forward to our continued partnership in building a library which supports and creates excellence in scholarship, teaching and service to the entire University community. See you in the library!

Joyce McCray Pearson  
Director & Associate Professor

**8th ANNUAL PAUL E. WILSON FRIENDS OF THE WHEAT LAW LIBRARY LECTURE SLATED FOR APRIL 8th: Professor Sandra McKenzie to be Guest of Honor & Featured Speaker**



Professor Sandra McKenzie

The Wheat Law Library will hold the 8th Annual Paul E. Wilson Friends of the Wheat Law Library Lecture on Wednesday, April 8th in the Rice Room at 12:30pm. Our guest of honor and featured speaker will be Professor Sandra Craig McKenzie.

Professor McKenzie, who is also Director of the Elder Law Program, joined the KU Law faculty in 1979. A magna cum laude graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law, she served as a law clerk to the Hon. Oliver Seth of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and spent four years in private practice doing tax and estate planning

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**LIBRARIANS PUBLISH 'KANSAS LEGAL RESEARCH' BOOK**

*Kansas Legal Research* fills a unique niche in the literature available for Kansas state law research. This book explains not just the sources of Kansas law but the process of conducting research using those sources.



The book should be valuable to a wide range of audiences from first-year students to seasoned veterans. After an introductory chapter devoted to the basic research

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## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK McKenzie (continued...)

National Library Week will be observed April 12-18, 2009 with the theme, "Worlds connect @ 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

work in Albuquerque before beginning her career in law teaching. She is a dedicated and highly regarded teacher, known for her accessibility to students. She currently teaches Alternative Dispute Resolution, Local Government Law, Property, and Elder Law. Her expertise in Kansas local government law has made her a frequent speaker and a regular participant in programs and publications of the Kansas Bar Association. She is also a well known artist and proprietor of the Healing Art Studio (<http://web.me.com/scmck/SandyCraigMcKenzie/Art.html>). Her lecture will blend these elements, focusing on "what lawyers can learn from artists."



*My Way*  
by S. McKenzie  
11x14 (Acrylic 2008)

The library holds the Paul E. Wilson Friends of the Wheat Law Library Lecture each April to honor Professor Wilson, who was an ardent supporter of the library and an expert in legal history. As a scholar who regularly perused rare law books and antiquated legal records, he understood 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 McKenzie, who recently began transforming legal texts into works of art called "altered books," is ideally suited to continue this proud tradition. We hope you will join us for what is sure to be an enlightening talk that will provide a unique perspective on the creative side of the law.



*Rain Forest*  
6x6 (Acrylic 2008)

### LAW LIBRARY— LIBRARY WEEK EVENTS:

- WEDNESDAY 4/8—8th Annual Paul E. Wilson Friends of the Wheat Law Library Lecture
- MONDAY 4/13—National Library Week Cake in the Commons
- TUESDAY 4/14—National Library Workers Day
- WEDNESDAY 4/15—25th Annual Hazel A. Anderson Memorial Book Sale (1st Floor Commons)
- FRIDAY 4/17—Library Fines Amnesty Day

## 25th Annual Hazel A. Anderson Memorial Book Sale To Be Held On April 15th

The 25th Annual Hazel A. Anderson Memorial Book Sale will be held on Wednesday, April 15th, 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 12th through April 18th. 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 refer-

ences 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!



### PUBLICATIONS –

Joyce A. McCray Pearson, W. Blake Wilson and Christopher Steadham all wrote chapters in a series of books published by Thompson/Aspatore.

Joyce's chapter, *The Director and Law School Librarian's Role as Educator* appeared in *The Law School Librarian's Role as an Educator*. Blake's chapter was titled *The Importance of Communication: The Law Library's Interaction with Students and Faculty* in *How to Manage a Law School Library*. Chris' chapter was called *The Greatest Challenges for Today's Law School Librarians* in *The Changing Role of Academic Law Librarianship*, he also co-authored the book *Kansas Legal Research* with Joe Custer. In addition, Chris also co-authored two chapters in the *KBA Ethics Handbook* with Michael Hoeflich.

Katherine Greene published an article titled *An Introduction to Acquisitions Practice Tools and a Call for Volunteers* which appeared in the *AALL Spectrum Magazine*.

### TEACHING –

This semester Chris Steadham is once again heading up the Elder Law Research Project; Blake Wilson is teaching Advanced Legal Research.

In the Summer semester Joyce McCray Pearson will teach Law & Literature.

Next fall Joe Custer will teach Topics in Advanced Legal Research for Missouri; Chris Steadham will teach Topics in Advanced Legal Research for Kansas; Blake Wilson will head up the Research portion of the Lawyering course.

### TRAINING –

Blake Wilson will be hosting Brown Bag Training Sessions on various topics including library resources. If you have a suggestion for a topic, let us know.

Remember that whenever you have questions or would like to learn more about any of the library services come into the library and let us know. We are here to assist you!



## Librarians Publish 'Kansas Legal Research' Book (continued...)



Joe Custer

process and fundamental legal research analysis, *Kansas Legal Research* explores the state constitution, secondary sources, judicial opinions and digests. The book then turns to updating research with citators, Shepards and KeyCite. The next two levels of primary law are then treated with statutes and adminis-

trative law. The often neglected, but very important, area of legislative history is covered and another important area, that of legal ethics research, is covered. Rounding out the book is a very thorough chapter on online research and a chapter on planning a research strategy. Appendix A explains legal citation, with information on both the ALWD Citation Manual, and the Bluebook. There is also an Appendix B on useful practice

materials for Kansas.

Print and online resources are introduced simultaneously through most of the chapters, with guidance on when each medium is likely to be most effective in solving legal problems. Outlines of the research process and focused

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## Speaker for Next Year's Luncheon Set

The 9th Annual Paul E Wilson Friends of the Wheat Law Library Lecture is scheduled for Thursday, April 8, 2010. Professor Rick Levy will be the featured speaker.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE A FACEBOOK PAGE FOR WHEAT LAW LIBRARY?

The library is considering starting a Facebook page and would like to have your input. Share your opinion with us!

Please stop by the Reference desk and vote for or against the idea and give us your suggestions. Thanks!



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*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 Tech Services

**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

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

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

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excerpts from key state sources make the book easy to use. Brief discussions of legal analysis are included throughout, recognizing the interplay between research and analysis. *Kansas Legal Research* supplements its primary discussion of state research with brief discussions of federal research. Thus, it can be used as the sole text in a research course and it is currently being used as the legal research text for the first year Lawyering students.

The book was published by Carolina Academic Press in fall 2008.