



HEARSAY

NEWS FROM THE WHEAT LAW LIBRARY

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Every summer librarians across the nation attend annual conferences. The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) held its 103rd annual meeting in Denver, CO. I attended the meeting serving as a symposium panelist. I also attended educational programs and social events that help remind me of why I value and enjoy my vocation or “calling.” I also learned a new term. So if you hear me using it too much, blame it on Colorado.

Social Capital (sōshəl kápit’l) the term “social capital” describes the strong and stable relationships that make organizations operate cohesively and as true communities. This social capital, employee trust and a sense of common identity are the “glue” that hold a library together. These words and ideas are from Don Cohen & Laurence Prusak’s book *In Good Company: How So-*

cial Capital Makes Organizations Work. Cohen spoke on a program I attended at the AALL conference called “More Than a Potluck: Building Community and Social Capital in Your Library.”

Why is social capital so important?

We invest in social capital by communicating and socializing with one another during our day to day work activities. One of the most important things we can do on a regular basis is “chat.” Cohen emphasized that the worst thing a supervisor or manager can do in a work place is scold people for talking “on the clock.” Cohen noted that reasonable work place chat actually increases work productivity. Why? Because open communication fosters a place free of hostility and angst and this increases social capital. It is important that we



Director’s Corner

invest in social capital by developing and encouraging professional *and* personal connections among staff.

This summer has been a good time to increase our social capital. My hope is that the investment continues to pay dividends for us as colleagues and the patrons we serve.

See you in the library!

Joyce McCray Pearson
Director of Law Library
& Associate Professor

Professor John Head Donates International Law Books to Wheat Law Library

Professor John Head has donated his personal collection of international and comparative law books to Wheat Law Library.

The collection consists of nearly 200 volumes and is located outside of Professor Head’s office on the fourth floor of the library.

Christopher Steadham named Interim Associate Director of Wheat Law Library

Christopher Steadham, Faculty Services and Research Librarian, has been named the Interim Associate Director for Wheat Law Library.

This fall a national search will begin to fill the Associate Director position.

New Resources Available

The Making of Modern Law: Primary Sources, 1620-1926.

Primary Sources contains constitutional conventions and compilations (reports, journals, proceedings, and debates, and supplementary documents published by the conventions including manuals, rules of order, and information for the use of delegates); city charters (the texts of enacted and proposed charters and ordinances in American jurisdictions); law dictionaries and U.S. state codes.

HeinOnline additions include:

Bar Journals, Kluwer Law Journal Library, Selden Society Publications and the History of Early English Law, United Nations Law Collection, World Constitutions Illustrated, American Law Institute Library, Harvard Research in International Law, and National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. HeinOnline also recently added the United States Code.

LoisLaw treatise collection and the MoBar publications for Missouri Practice will soon be available.

New Chinese resources include **Chinalawinfo.com** which is a comprehensive Chinese language legal database and **Infolawchina.com** the English language sister site of Chinalawinfo.com – these sites cover laws and regulations, cases, and law journals from the People's Republic of China.

Two from Wheat Law Library Acknowledged at the Employee Appreciation Ceremony

On May 4th two people from Wheat Law Library were given recognition for attaining another five years with the University.



Pam Tull

the Library as the Electronic Services/Government Documents Librarian and is now Head of Public Services.



Joe Custer

Pam Tull and Joe Custer were both acknowledged for 15 years of service to the University. Both came to the Law Library in 1995, within days of one another.

Pam began working at

Joe Custer our former associate director, who has left us for a position at St. Louis University Law Library, began with the library as collection development librarian.



~~~ New hallway in the library ~~~



BEFORE

This hallway provides direct access to the back stairwell and is in compliance with fire code. Most of the construction took place earlier this summer in the back corner of the reference

Where once there was a wall, there now is a hall.

room, next to Room 200D. The final step, now underway, is repairing the tile floor and baseboards. Now we can start finding new homes for some of the things that were uprooted during the process.

AFTER



LIBRARY NEWS

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS –

Joyce Pearson and Pam Tull attended the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) conference earlier this month. The conference was held from July 10 to July 13 in Denver, Colorado. Joyce participated in the Diversity Symposium as a panelist in a program entitled *Adaptation: How Technology Is Changing and Being Changed by Diversity in the Law Library World*. Pam attended a meeting at the conference as part of her duties as secretary of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries (MAALL).

TEACHING –

Coming up in the fall Chris Steadham will teach Topics in Advanced Legal Research for Kansas; and Blake Wilson will head up the Research portion of the Lawyering course.

TRAINING –

Need to firm up those research skills for topical papers? Keep your eyes open for announcements about upcoming trainings.

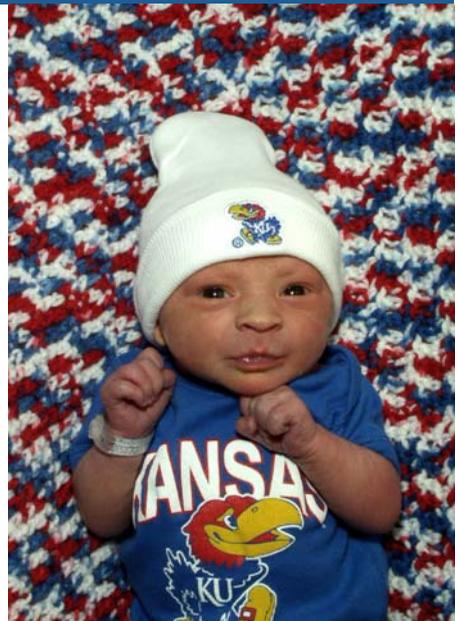
Remember that whenever you have questions or would like to learn more about any of the library services come into the library and let us know. We are here to assist you!



Welcome to the World Gable Steadham

We have a new library baby! **Congratulations** to our Interim Associate Director, Chris Steadham and his wife Shanna on the birth of their first child.

Gable was born on June 8, 2010 at 5:01 pm. He weighed in at 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.



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Pamela Tull - Head of Public Services
Lauren VanWaardhuizen - Cataloging Librarian
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At the end of July our Technology Support Technician, Jesse Kaufman, is leaving the law school to take a technology position with the School of Education. Best wishes and good luck with your new opportunity Jesse!

LIBRARY INTERSESSION HOURS

(July 27 - August 18)

Monday - Friday

Saturday - Sunday

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

CLOSED

RECYCLING INITIATIVE



For your convenience we have placed recycle bins on each floor of the library to recycle cans, plastic bottles and paper.

Please use them!!



As the 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.

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AT THE LIBRARY