

Welcome ...

to the *summer term* Law Library Newsletter! Now's the time to enjoy the warmth, sunshine, and quiet! Note the Summer library hours:

**Monday to Friday
8:30 to 4:00**

Law Library Corner

Please join us in wishing Edith Richardson a very happy retirement! We've created a special virtual library display in her honour.

Collections Corner

Please welcome our summer co-op student and learn about the summer projects she will be working on.

Spotlight On...

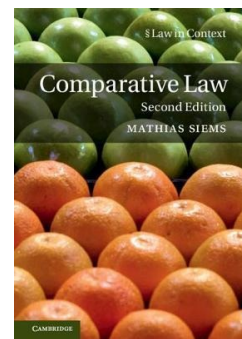
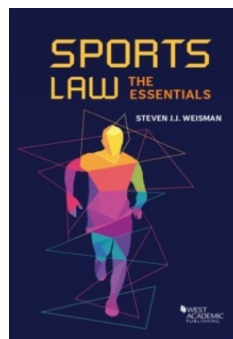
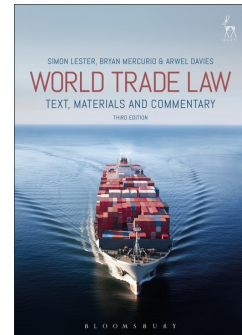
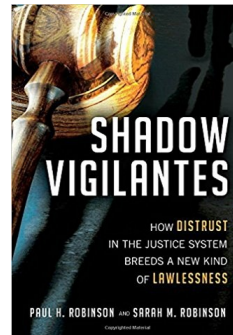
the Law Librarian Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia!

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New Books



The Law Library Welcomes Roger Chabot

Roger Chabot is working as a term Library Assistant, currently based at Weldon Library. During the month of May, Roger divided his time between the Law and Weldon Libraries and starting in June will extend his time in the Law Library. Faculty and students will see Roger at the front Service Desk with Barb and Duncan. He is currently working with Edith to learn the key aspects of library binding and holdings procedures.

Roger is a doctoral candidate in Library and Information Science at Western. He earned his MLIS from Western and also holds a BMus from Wilfred Laurier University.

Collections Corner: Summer Projects



The Law Library welcomes co-op student Selina Long.

Selina is our summer co-op student working in the Law Library for 16 weeks, starting May 7th and finishing August 24th. Selina is completing her second term in the MLIS program at FIMS and is on track to graduate in 2019. A resident of Niagara Falls, Selina has work experience as a library assistant at St. Peter's Seminary Library, here in London, at the Bishop Farrell Library in Hamilton, and at the Niagara Falls History Museum in her home town.

Selina will be working on a variety of projects at the Law Library:

■ Federal Parliamentary Collection

Selina will be analyzing the Law Library's Federal parliamentary materials in comparison with those held by the government documents collection in The D.B. Weldon Library. The purpose of this analysis is to ensure the accuracy of the Law Library's holdings records as Weldon Library explores migrating much of its collection into off-site storage facilities.

■ Research Guides

Every summer the Law Library reviews and updates our research guides and investigates prospective new guides. Selina will work with the Libguides platform to review our current collection and create some new titles.

■ Scholarship@Western

Working with John Sadler, Selina will seek out publications from the Faculty of Law earmarked for inclusion in Western Libraries Open Access Institutional Repository.

■ Law Library Database Usage Statistics

Working with Elizabeth Bruton, Selina will contact legal publishers and inquire about accessing usage statistics for the many legal databases we subscribe to. This will allow Elizabeth to keep current tabs on the database usage for future serials reviews of our collection.



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Law Library Corner

After 19 years working in the Law Library, Edith Richardson will be taking a well-deserved retirement. Edith came to the Law Library in 1999 on contract to work with Marianne Welch on a special project - to link a vast portion of the library collection to bibliographic records.

When Edith joined the Law Library full-time in 2008, she took over the work of Linda Aitkins (retired 2011) and Leslee Ingram in material processing, maintaining currency of holdings records, and serials binding.

Edith took over from Roberta McClelland as the author of our library displays. She also organizes and sets up the Faculty Publications display in the main lobby of the Law Building.

Edith is a great baker and has provided the staff with the most delicious birthday cakes over the years. She has maintained our staff room and our supplies/mailroom/kitchen-ette.



This is one of our favourite photos taken during one of the many renovations in the Law Library (when the Reserve Collection was finally "secured" against after-hours invasions).

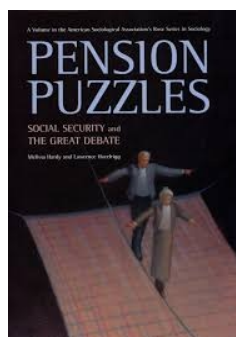
Photo from left to right:
Edith Richardson, Deb Grey, Barb Fetchison, Leslee Ingram

Retirement & Pensions

For a number of years Edith has organized and set up our library displays. Topics she has work on include:

- Health Care Law
- Celebrating Canada 150 and Canadian Constitutional Law
- History of Law
- Environmental Law - Climate Change
- Evolution of Animal Law

This special *Newsletter* display in Edith's honour is not entirely a law library display. Our collection leans more towards the tax implications of retirement! Here we borrow from The D.B. Weldon Library and the C.B. "Bud" Johnston Library (Business). We expect that Edith will be quite keen to read these in the coming months.



Spotlight on: Halifax Conference



The 56th annual conference of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries was held in beautiful Halifax, Nova Scotia from May 27 to May 30, 2018. Both John and Elizabeth were involved in the programming with the conference theme of "Build Bridges: Broaden Our Reach".

Elizabeth was the moderator for the pre-conference workshop entitled: "Writing Persuasively to Build a Better Business Case for your Library" and, as the new book review editor, attended her first editorial board meeting for the *Canadian Law Library Review*. John was a speaker for the breakout session "Professional and Public Profiles" and also participated as a panelist at the Presidents' Roundtable discussing the future of law librarianship.

With Edith's career in libraries having started in Halifax, we thought it would be appropriate to use our Halifax theme to spotlight her experiences. Edith writes:

Having grown up on the shores of Lake Ontario and Lake of Bays, when it came time to seek a career in the library world, it seemed natural to gravitate to another watery frontier. This time I chose the salt-water location of Halifax.

In 1980, Dalhousie University's Killam Library was looking for a cataloguer with a subject specialty in English, classics, and theology. To my great surprise, my Queen's degree opened the door to library work, and in particular, cataloguing. To say I was "green" is an understatement.

LC classification schedules and the early days of automation bewildered me. It was a steep learning curve, but in time, I sensed I belonged in this strange world of organizing knowledge and working in an academic setting made me feel I hadn't really left school after all. And ACCR2 manuals not only demanded daily consultations with co-workers, but fostered long-term friendships. So that two years after my initiation, I made a lateral shift into the position of Special Collections and Rare Book cataloguer. This was my dream job: to work with materials that sometimes defied the cataloguing rules and regulations and demanded a spot of creativity in finding them a home in the catalogue. Beautifully bound rare editions even enticed me take courses in the esoteric arts of bookbinding and compositing that were offered in the hidden depths of the Killam Library basement.

Since my Dalhousie days, I have rarely strayed from records management of some order, including holdings management and collections maintenance work. So this Ontarian credits most of her inauspicious early days in a 'Bibliography Department' in Halifax for launching a career of close to 30 years.

Don't forget to visit Edith's most recent Law Library display:



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