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Law Library Welcomes a New Librarian

by Steven Probst

One new face you'll see in the classroom and in the stacks this fall will be that of our visiting librarian, Maribel Hilo Nash. Professor Nash, who began May 30th, joins our staff for the upcoming academic year. During that time, she will be assuming many of the duties of Professor Sally Holterhoff, who will still be here most of the time but will be very busy with the tasks and challenges of her role as President of the American Association of Law Libraries for 2006-2007.

Professor Nash graduated this past May from the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science. She received her Juris Doctor degree in 2004 from the Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, Missouri, where she served as notes editor for the Washington University Law Quarterly. During law school, Professor Nash clerked in a small firm, worked as a guardian ad litem in a CASA program, interned in the Missouri attorney general's office and for a United States district court judge, and volunteered in an elementary school library and an after school program. Following law school, she was admitted to the Missouri Bar.

Born and raised in the Chicago area, Professor Nash remains close to her roots. She lives in Oak Park, Illinois, with her husband Steve, whom she has



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The Reporter, a newsletter written and produced by the Valpo Law Library staff, begins its 16th year with this edition. We usually publish several issues during the school year and distribute copies throughout Wesemann Hall. Recent issues can also be read on the law school's Web site at www.valpo.edu/law/. Click Library > Library Information > *The Reporter*. Topics for articles include new legal sources in print and online, research strategies, reviews of books and films with legal themes, human interest stories, and library news. We welcome suggestions for future articles.

known since she was twelve years old. He is a resident in medicine/pediatrics at Loyola University. A few months ago they welcomed a new addition to their household—a goldfish named Abraham Lincoln. When she is not driving between Oak Park and Valparaiso, Professor Nash enjoys knitting, eating sushi, attending live music performances of most any genre, and watching movies. She recently enjoyed the movie *Waiting for Guffman* and the book *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson.

During the coming year, Professor Nash will be teaching in the first year and advanced legal research courses and providing reference services to faculty, students, and other library patrons. Her office, once summer construction is completed, will be on the main floor of the library across from Professor Bushbaum's. Please help us welcome Professor Nash, and feel free to ask her for assistance with your next legal research problem.



Professor Maribel Nash

Better Know a JUSTICE by Maribel Nash

No doubt the incoming 1Ls are busy preparing for law school in one way or another: many read Scott Turow's *One L* or watch *The Paper Chase*, others subscribe to the *New York Times* or *Wall Street Journal*, and some even start reading their case-books and study aids. In all of this preparation, however, sometimes the very obvious is overlooked. For example, can you name all nine justices of the United States Supreme Court?

As the debate surrounding this past year's changes to the Court evinced, it is important to know the individuals who shape the law of the land. During the next three years and the rest of your legal career, you will read opinions written by these very men and women. Just knowing a little bit about each of the justices will help your understanding of why cases are decided the way they are and why some decisions are more controversial than others. Plus, you'll look smarter in class if you laugh at a professor's inside dig at a justice he or she doesn't like.

Here are short bios of the nine sitting justices:

Chief Justice John Roberts

Appointed in 2005 by George W. Bush to replace William Rehnquist

Attended Harvard for both undergraduate and law school

Politically, he is known as a conservative, but because his tenure as a D.C. circuit judge was short (only two years), it is unclear whether his viewpoints will translate to his opinions.

In his opinions, watch for obscure literary allusions.

Justice David Souter

Appointed in 1990 by George H. W. Bush to replace William Brennan, Jr.

Attended Harvard for both undergraduate and law school, Oxford for graduate school

Politically, he is moderate to liberal; in 2004-05 he voted with Ginsburg 88% of the time.

In his opinions, watch for a practical and nonintrusive vision of the federal judiciary.

Justice Stephen Breyer

Appointed in 1994 by Bill Clinton to replace Harry Blackmun

Attended Stanford and Oxford for undergraduate, Harvard Law School

Politically, he is centrist to liberal, but not predictably, especially in business, criminal, and First Amendment cases; in 2004-05 he voted with Ginsburg 86% of the time.

In his opinions, watch for "on the one hand" and "on the other hand" language drafted to find middle ground between liberal and conservative viewpoints.

Justice John Paul Stevens

Appointed in 1975 by Gerald Ford to replace William Douglas

Attended University of Chicago for undergraduate, Northwestern University Law School

Politically, he is mostly liberal; in 2004-05 he voted with Souter 86% of the time.

In his opinions, watch for a solitary and maverick approach, a focus on real-world consequences, and lots of dissents.

Justice Anthony Kennedy

Appointed in 1987 by Ronald Reagan to replace Lewis Powell, Jr.

Attended Stanford and London School of Economics for undergraduate, Harvard Law School

Politically, he is moderate to conservative, but sometimes unpredictable—the crucial swing vote of the Court; in 2004-05 he voted with Rehnquist 83% of the time.

In his opinions, watch for a sense of history and constitutional importance, and few dissents.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Appointed in 1993 by Bill Clinton to replace Byron White

Attended Cornell for undergraduate, Harvard and Columbia for law school

Politically, she is moderate to liberal; in 2004-05 she voted with Souter 88% of the time.

In her opinions, watch for lack of sympathy for defendants and a willingness to consider legislative history.

Justice Samuel Alito, Jr.

Appointed in 2005 by George W. Bush to replace Sandra Day O'Connor

Attended Princeton for undergraduate, Yale Law School

Politically, he was a very conservative circuit judge; his effect on Supreme Court votes is still unclear.

In his opinions, watch for thorough detail and analysis that sets up future law.

Justice Antonin Scalia

Appointed in 1986 by Ronald Reagan to replace William Rehnquist

Attended University of Fribourg, Switzerland, and Georgetown for undergraduate, Harvard Law School

Politically, he is mostly conservative; in 2004-05 he voted with Thomas 88% of the time.

In his opinions, watch for an allegiance to the “plain meaning” of statutes, almost never relying on legislative history.

Justice Clarence Thomas

Appointed in 1991 by George H. W. Bush to replace Thurgood Marshall

Attended Holy Cross College for undergraduate, Yale Law School

Politically, he is conservative; in 2004-05 he voted with Scalia 88% of the time.

In his opinions, watch for a sense that people need to take responsibility for themselves and need no boost from the government, and an enjoyment of obscure areas of the law.

For information on federal judges, a great source to check out is the *Almanac of the Federal Judiciary* [Reserve, KF8700 .A19 A45]. Volume I contains biographical information and lawyers' impressions of district court judges, and Volume II contains the same for circuit judges and the Supreme Court. For state judge bios, *American Bench* [Law Reference, KF8700 .A19 A53] is a good resource.

Summer Changes in the Library

by Mary Persyn

Those of you who haven't been around the law school this summer may not be aware of the noise and dust that have been arising in the Law Library. We are making quite a few alterations to the first and second floors of the library to provide more office space for faculty and staff and to better accommodate the growing number of laptop users.

On the first floor, we have divided the computer lab in two. One part of the lab will become an e-mail and printing room, featuring a new high-speed printer that can be operated from the wireless network (one to which you can print from your laptop). The other part of the lab will be an office for Maribel Nash, our visiting librarian. We will be replacing the public computers in the library with new models and moving the computers that used to be in the first floor lab to assorted locations on the first floor.

On the second floor, we have converted the former AV room into an office for John Obermann, Director of Technology. Now John and Donna Patterson, Associate Administrator for Technology, have offices next to each other. John's previous office on the faculty hallway has become a faculty office. We have expanded the second floor computer lab to create space for the Lexis and Westlaw printers along with another high-speed printer operating from the wireless network. There is a new storage closet for paper and toner and a work station for the computer lab assistant.

On the east end of the second floor, we have installed electrical outlets next to all the tables so students can use their laptops without having to sit next to the windows. (Speaking of windows, the new shades installed to cut the glare on laptop screens have proved very popular with the summer school students.) Next to Professor Hartzell's office, we've constructed an office for a technical services assistant.

In addition to all this remodeling, we have some staff changes. There is Maribel Nash, who is introduced on the front page of this issue, and Noelle Raelson, who is taking over for Kitty June as Periodicals Coordinator. Kitty, whom you may have noticed shelving new books and gathering law review issues to send to the bindery, is beginning a new life on a North Judson farm. She plans to raise free-range chickens and organic vegetables while honing her writing talent. Noelle, who began her new position July fifth, has considerable library experience from Purdue University and the Porter County Public Library System. Good luck to Kitty and welcome to Noelle and Maribel!

Student Help Wanted in the Law Library

Earn extra money during the academic year helping out in the law library. Students may work up to twenty hours per week (except first-year law students, who may work up to ten hours). Library positions are filled quickly, so if you are interested, please apply as soon as possible.

BOOK SHELVING AIDES	CIRCULATION DESK AIDES	COMPUTER LAB ASSISTANTS
<p>Book Shelving Aides reshelve all materials used by Law Library patrons. Applicants will be given instruction in the Library of Congress classification system. Although hours are flexible in this position, student aides must work at least two consecutive hours on any day they are scheduled. For more information, please contact Debbie Blennerhassett at 219-465-7815 or debbie.blennerhassett@valpo.edu.</p>	<p>This very important and highly visible job entails working behind the Circulation Desk in the Law Library. Previous experience working with the public and/or working in a library is a definite asset. Since the Circulation Desk is staffed by student aides every hour that the library is open, it is required that student aides work at least two consecutive hours per shift. Responsibilities in this position include checking materials in and out, answering the phone, referring patrons with reference questions to the law librarians, directing patrons to various locations in the law school, maintaining the three copy machines in the Law Library, and completing any jobs assigned by the Circulation Desk Supervisor. If you are interested in becoming a Circulation Desk Aide, please contact Debbie Blennerhassett at 219-465-7815 or debbie.blennerhassett@valpo.edu.</p>	<p>Computer Lab Assistants help students use the library's computer labs. They provide some software support for lab applications and maintain the printers, including clearing paper jams and changing toner cartridges. Applicants must be able to work shifts of two consecutive hours during the day or evening, and they should have a good working knowledge of Windows, Microsoft Office applications, and Net browsers. For more information, please contact Michael Bushbaum at 219-465-7822 or mike.bushbaum@valpo.edu.</p>
<p>BOOK PROCESSOR</p>		
<p>One student is needed to work from five to ten hours a week preparing new books for circulation, adding barcodes and labels, using the library's automated system. Hours are flexible. For more information, please contact Naomi Goodman at 219-465-7878 or naomi.goodman@valpo.edu.</p>		