

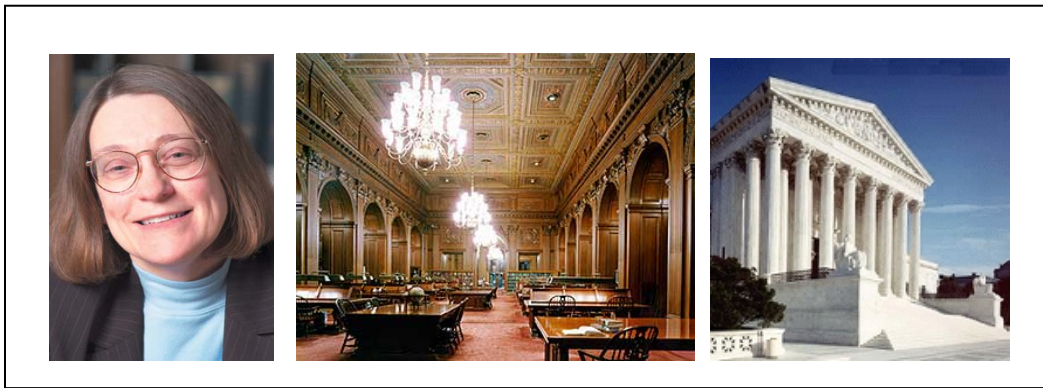
# THE RINN RECORD - Vincent G. Rinn Law Library



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## Judith A. Gaskell Librarian to the Supreme Court of the United States



### Guest Speaker at Chicago Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting The Main Reading Room in the Supreme Court Library

DePaul College of Law's former library director, Judy Gaskell spoke on the history of the Supreme Court library at a recent meeting of the Chicago Area Law Librarians (CALL). Her presentation was entitled "Supreme Service @ the Supreme Court". During a recent interview for the University of Chicago Magazine, she was asked about her impressions during her first year at the Supreme Court: **What it's like to work at the Supreme Court:** *The DePaul Law Library is very beautiful, but the Court Library has a stunning Reading Room with incredible oak carving. Because the Court Library is very quiet and secure—with few public patrons—I feel like I'm working in a museum.*

**All in a day's work:** *I really don't have a typical day because my work is primarily administrative and can vary from working on budgets to working with staff on planning and problem solving to giving tours of the library to visitors. Some days are very peaceful, and others race by.*

**Library patrons:** *After the justices' law clerks, members of the Supreme Court Bar use the library most. A few of the justices do their own research on evenings and weekends.*

The University of Chicago® Magazine, April 2004 <http://magazine.uchicago.edu/0404/features/glimpses.shtml>

In her presentation to CALL, Judy Gaskell described some major changes for the Supreme Court library. "Currently the Court is in the process of the first building infrastructure modernization project since its building opened in 1935. Thus the Library's short term challenge is to move the physical collection and staff out of the way of the construction and to add appropriate electronic resources that will be available during this transition."

The entire text of her presentation can be found at: [http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/downloads/supreme\\_serv.pdf](http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/downloads/supreme_serv.pdf)

## RAISING THE BAR IN IRAQ

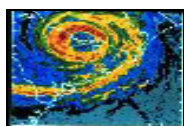


Kimberli Morris, IHRLI's (The International Human Rights Law Institute ) Library and Educational Technology

Specialist assigned to Iraq, visited the DePaul Rinn Law Library during the Summer. While here she narrated a slide show for DePaul library staff of her work with "Raising the Bar" Project in Iraq. The project is directed at "providing technical and administrative support, along with the necessary resources, to repair the damage and neglect to libraries and information technology services caused by the extended embargo and looting following the war". The renovation of the libraries includes adding new print and electronic resources, a cataloguing system, new furniture and shelving, internet access, renovated building facilities, and providing a basic collection of books. As evidence of the collective deliberative process involved, Kimberli said that it took several meetings with stakeholders to arrive at agreement for the design of the tiles to be installed in one of the libraries !



**LawHelp.org**



### Hurricane Katrina Relief Resources on LawHelp

Since courts and legal aid programs are a natural place for people to look for help with legal problems in the wake of disaster, *Pro Bono Net* has compiled a [Hurricane Katrina Relief Resources](#) page available on

[www.lawhelp.org](http://www.lawhelp.org). It includes state-specific legal hotlines and resources as well as general links and disaster relief information.

## LEGAL ASSISTANCE VOLUNTEERS



Interested in donating your time and expertise to those in need? The ABA is gathering information from individuals who are willing to provide legal assistance to those in need from the events in the Northern Gulf Coast. *Note Regarding FEMA Assistance: Those willing to accept pro bono referrals must be licensed lawyers in one or more of the affected states. If you are not licensed in that state, you may answer the hotline calls, but you cannot give legal advice, only complete the intake form which will then be given to an attorney who is licensed. You need not be licensed or a member of the ABA Young Lawyer Division to operate the hotlines.*

<http://www.zoomerang.com/recipient/survey.zgi?p=WEB224LFGX37RJ>

## AALS Members Respond



In response to the displacement of thousands of students due to the hurricanes that hit Louisiana, DePaul College of Law offered to accept up to 20 second or third year J.D. students from Tulane or Loyola for either a semester or a full academic year.

For a list of policies of the various law schools regarding the accommodation of Loyola and Tulane students displaced due to the recent storms, see, <http://www.aals.org/neworleans/schoolsbystate.html>

## The Katrina Relief College Database

**eLearners.com**

In response to the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina, *eLearners.com* is using its'

technology to help match displaced students with educational opportunities at other colleges and universities across the country. To provide assistance to displaced students, *eLearners*, in collaboration with the education community, has created *The Katrina Relief College Database*. The database is a clearinghouse where college students affected by the tragedy can find educational alternatives and educational institutions can post opportunities to provide assistance.

<http://www.elearners.com/katrina/index.asp>

## COLLEGE SOURCE

In response to urgent requests for college catalog information, *CollegeSource* has established a special link offering access to the catalogs of these institutions.

[http://www.collegesource.org/katrina\\_response/default.asp](http://www.collegesource.org/katrina_response/default.asp)



This web page provides a topical listing of relief organizations that people can choose to donate to, in such categories as: Emergency Response, Children & Families, Rebuild & Recover, Hurricane Relief Funds, Animals, In-Kind Contributions, and Job Opportunities for Hurricane Victims.

[http://www.networkforgood.org/topics/animal\\_environment/hurricanes/?source=YAHOO&cmpgn=NEWS](http://www.networkforgood.org/topics/animal_environment/hurricanes/?source=YAHOO&cmpgn=NEWS)

See also, **Special Library Association's** list of Disaster Relief Organizations:

<http://www.sla.org/content/resources/disasterrelief/relieforgs.cfm>

## AALL Law Lib Assist



AALL Headquarters has set up a blog so that members in the affected areas and elsewhere can report on their well being and the well being of those in our community. This new blog, *AALL LawLib Assist* <http://aallnet.typepad.com/katrina/> will help gather information from and about our community and give members of the American Association of Law Libraries the opportunity to offer assistance to their friends and colleagues. FOR NOW, send posts to Kathie Sullivan at [sims713@hotmail.com](mailto:sims713@hotmail.com) and your information will be added.

## FREE COVERAGE OF HURRICANE KATRINA'S AFTERMATH



Visit <http://www.lexisnexis.com/news> to get the latest Katrina news from over 4,000 U.S. and International news sources.

## FRAUDULENT WEBSITES SET UP TO FLEECE WELL-WISHERS

Tim Reid in Washington, The Times (**London**)



Con-artists are flocking to exploit victims of **Hurricane Katrina**, officials said yesterday, with most of the fraud occurring on the internet.

Tim Reid in Washington writes; *Dozens of fraudulent websites have sprung up in the wake of the disaster, asking for money for victims or recovery efforts. Others lure unsuspecting donors in simply to get them on to links offering totally unrelated products. Some aim to get the user's credit card details. Others offer news-*

*update e mails whose links, when clicked on, launch a virus that can corrupt the user's computer.*

Florida's Attorney-General has filed a lawsuit against a man who began one of the earliest websites -**katrinahelp.com** -that allegedly stated fraudulently that it was collecting donations for victims.

In Missouri, a series of websites displaying pictures of hurricane damage directed internet users to a single site - **InternetDonations.org** -that has links to white supremacist groups.

Bogus roofers and building contractors have also begun preying on victims, officials said. The FBI said that more than 2,300 Katrina-related websites have been established. Johannes Ullrich, chief research officer at US security firm Sans Institute, said: "In many cases, it's tough to tell whether it's innocent or not." Investors are also being warned against putting money into scams promising profits from recovery efforts.

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The Times (London) September 9, 2005*

**Do you remember Beta ?  
(You know, the video format )**



Well, we at the law library can't forget it. While the Beta video format may be gone from our personal movie collections, it still lives in our library collections with content that is still of value today. That is why the library has undertaken a project to convert many of these Beta tapes to the more current DVD technology.

As author Scott Carlson, says in an article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*,


"Moving images have been the dominant communication form of the past half-century. While libraries have long collected audiovisual materials, the rows of videotapes and film reels have been difficult to store, catalog, and access. Now, with new digital tools, librarians can better preserve their collections and send video materials out to classrooms and faculty offices."  
(From the issue dated April 29, 2005)

With these aims in mind, Dan Fitzgerald, our part-time computer assistant, under the supervision of Mike Schiffer, our associate director for computer services, has begun converting some of these videotape resources to DVD format. Luckily, the library still has a working Beta tape player and with the purchase of some off-the-shelf consumer hardware, he has already converted many tapes.

Some of the series that will soon be available in the DVD format include: "Trial techniques: a product liability case" (16 cassettes), "Medical malpractice litigation: new strategies for a new era" (7cassettes), "Scientific evidence" by Irving Younger (3 cassettes), & "Managing our miracles: health care in America" (10 cassettes).

The conversion project will be a continuing longterm activity that will include resources in other video formats. The library will alert our users when titles are ready for circulation.

### **ACADEMIC SOFTWARE CONSUMER TIP**

There is an online service through  that after successful registration & Login, provides for online purchases of certain software titles by students, staff & faculty. Go to the URL shown

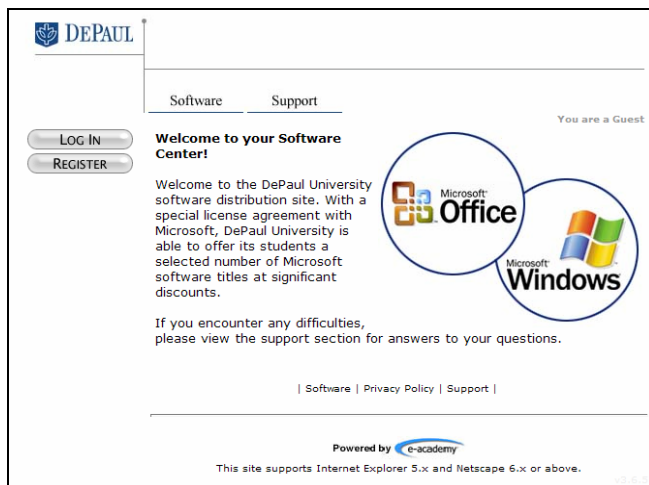
below and follow the instructions to access this new service.

<http://students.e-academy.com/>

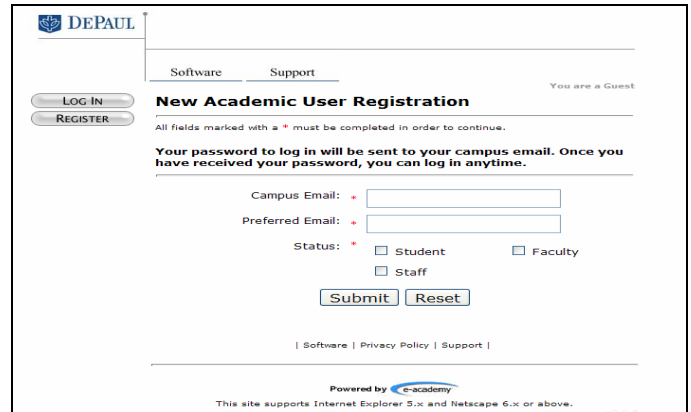
Enter "depaul" for keyword, click Go



First time users need to Register, Click on Register " button.

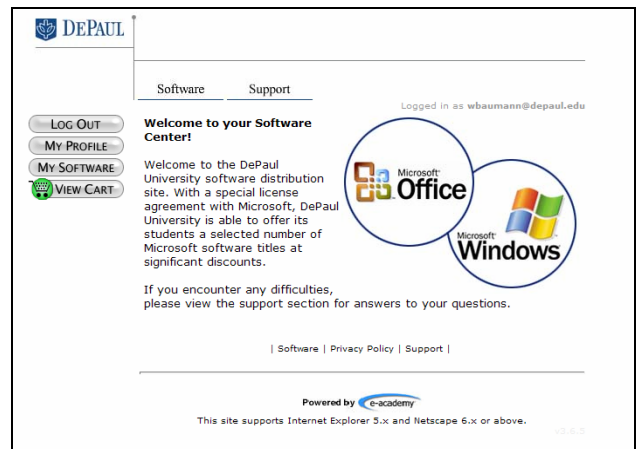


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Indicate your status, click submit



A confirming e-mail will be sent to your campus e-mail account with a password that you can then use to login. The password that was sent, can be changed to one of your choosing by editing your account information.

Once you have logged in, Click on "software" to see Selection of software titles available to you for purchase.



Depending on the software, it can either be downloaded, or mailed on a disk to an address or picked up at a campus location. Two of our staff members have successfully ordered software through this service. (note that this service is NOT affiliated with the DePaul bookstore ).

## DEPAUL LAW SCHOOL GRAD FINDS LAW LIBRARIANSHIP SUITS HER FINE

Raizel Liebler who graduated from the DePaul College of Law in 2002 with a J.D. and a certificate in health law, was recently hired as a reference librarian at The Louis L. Biro Law Library at the neighboring John Marshall School of Law. She received her Masters in Library and Information Science degree from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.



After law school Raizel passed the Illinois bar exam, but decided to seek an alternative to law practice as a career choice. While at DePaul she had done a great deal of complicated and difficult research and cite-checking for some faculty articles. We would frequently see her at our reference desk in the course of this work.

Before going to John Marshall, Raizel had worked as a Legislative Analyst for the American Osteopathic Association. She analyzed legislation in thirty areas and wrote policy briefs for the association. Both on her job and at law school, Raizel said that she

always loved the research and writing and that “it was so much fun tracking down

the footnotes.” It seems she found that part of the “paper chase” to be the most satisfying.

Raizel is particularly interested in legislation affecting libraries and the impact of law on the creative process. Her law review article about the Supreme Court and libraries, *Institutions of Learning or Havens for Illegal Activities*, was published in the Northern Illinois University Law Review. A version of this article for a non-law audience entitled “*Are Libraries Places to Learn or Engage in Illegality?*” can be found at

<http://www.llrx.com/features/roleoflibraries.htm>.

Her article on the legal issues around the art form called “remixing” can be found on the web in two places: one in Clamor Magazine : “*Taking Power from the Past, Remix Artists Create Positive Alternatives from Cultural Dustbins*”,

<http://www.clamormagazine.org/issues/31/people.shtml> and one at AlterNet : “*This Song is My Song*”,

<http://www.alternet.org/story/21375> .

Raizel is also a contributor to the “LawLibraryBlog” that deals with issues concerning libraries and the law, <http://blog.librarylaw.com/> .

We welcome Raizel to our mix of law librarians!

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Visit us on the WEB:

<http://www.law.depaul.edu/library%5Ftechnology/library/>



### About Vincent G. Rinn

Mr. Rinn's career is a classic DePaul story. "He started with nothing, worked hard, and became very successful while remaining down-to-earth." According to his nephew Jack Owens, Mr. Rinn "was grateful to DePaul for the opportunity of having been able to attend and graduate from DePaul. DePaul gave him the opportunity to serve others through the fruits of his legal talent."