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Newsletter of the Alexander Campbell King Law Library

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Open Educational Resources

## OER Assistance Available

Explore Open Educational Resources (OER) available for law curriculum support in our new [Open Educational Resources Guide](#). Searchable by 33 legal subjects, the guide offers more than 200 casebooks, hornbooks, treatises and supplements. Incorporated in the guide is a [visual key](#) for faculty to more easily determine the level of open access associated with each resource. The guide also features links to [OER texts written by School of Law faculty](#).

The Law Library is available to assist with your OER initiatives. Recently the Law Library has worked with Professors Jason Cade, Jean Mangan, and Christine Scartz to assist in gathering resources to create an open access textbook for their courses.



## Recent Faculty Services Projects & Instructional Support

The Law Library has been hard at work all year, providing support on numerous projects. Highlights include assisting in creating a FOIA request on international trade issues; providing data analysis on ICE detainees held in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina; designing and producing asynchronous research instruction videos for use in several classes; creating several fifty state surveys on topics such as wrongful birth causes of action and child exploitation laws; helping our clinics prepare several legal briefs; collecting and analyzing the legislative history of the 1968 Georgia Criminal Code; and providing support for numerous articles and books.

Our student assistants, the Law Library research team (Anne

Clinical Services and Research Librarian, and Stephen Wolfson, Associate Director of Research and Copyright Services), along with the rest of the law librarians and staff can assist you with your research projects. For more information about services we can provide, please visit our libguide on [Faculty & Staff Resources](#).

### Course IT Support in the Classroom and eLC

If you need support with technology in your classroom or making the most of the eLC platform for your courses, please contact Chris Boston, Instructional Support Specialist, at [lawit@listserv.uga.edu](mailto:lawit@listserv.uga.edu).



## Launched OpenAthens to Access Law Library Databases

There is now an easier and more secure way to access library databases. The Law Library recently implemented OpenAthens, an electronic resource management and user authentication system being used at all USG institutions. OpenAthens utilizes UGA's Single Sign On for authentication and allows users to move from resource to resource without having to re-enter credentials frequently. As a result, more databases are now available for off-campus use than ever before. Updating item-level links in our [online catalog GAVEL](#) continues into the Fall. Please contact [lawlibsystems@listserv.uga.edu](mailto:lawlibsystems@listserv.uga.edu) if you notice any links that are broken as we transition to this new system or if you have access problems.



## Law Library Awarded Two Grants

This summer the Law Library was awarded two grants to aid in the digitization of historic resources. The Law Library was awarded a grant from the [Digital Library of Georgia](#) (DLG) to digitize approximately 500 historic photos of Georgia politicians and lawyers from the School of Law lecture series and commencements from 1953-2000. We also received a grant from the [Legal Information and Preservation Alliance](#) (LIPA) to digitize nine historical Georgia treatises. Both grant opportunities will increase the discoverability and accessibility of these historic resources. Digitization is scheduled to begin in October 2021 with resources expected to be made freely available to the public through our [institutional repository Digital Commons](#) in 2022.



## Law Library Instruction

### Instruction & Presentations conducted by Law Librarians, Staff & IT during the 2020-21 Academic Year:

- Thirteen sections of legal research/technology courses to JD students
- Three courses to LLM and undergraduate students
- Conducted 28 presentations for Law School Students
- Gave 28 presentations to Law School Faculty and Staff
- Presented 29 times at conferences and webinars

### Teaching Academy Early Career Fellows for 2021-2022

Geraldine Kalim, Student Services Librarian, and Savanna Nolan, Instruction and Faculty Services Librarian, were both selected to participate in UGA's [Teaching Academy Early Career Fellows Program](#). The program helps early-career faculty become better teachers through mentoring, networking, and developing instructional materials.

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## Faculty & Staff Library Services



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