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From the Desk of the Chief Librarian



Modern sensibilities find the idea of torture repugnant. In today's world of terror and war, however, we frequently read of both the definition and use of torture on a daily basis. When Americans are accused of torturing real and purported enemies in the war on terrorism, we are indignant and urge Congressional hearings, court cases, indictments, and punishment. But many countries use torture as a matter of course in criminal interrogations and punishments.

What many of us don't realize is that torture was a customary and widely accepted method of determining guilt in medieval and early modern Europe. Roman law, adopted widely in Continental Europe, did not allow circumstantial evidence in the finding of criminal responsibility. Thus, two witnesses or a voluntary confession were needed for a conviction. If the latter proofs were not in evidence, then the alleged offender was subjected to torture in order to elicit a confession. One of the major codifications of criminal procedure and criminal law was the *Constitutio Criminalis Carolina* of 1532, which covered the German Empire. The so-called *Carolina* was promulgated under its namesake, the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V. This legislation covered inquisitorial procedures in criminal cases that were standard in trials on the European Continent. Contrary to modern public opinion, the methods of the Inquisition were accepted practice and were drawn from the highly sophisticated criminal trial procedures that the Roman Church and the Northern Italian City-States developed in the thirteenth century.

All this goes by way of preface to the fact that most early modern Continental European criminal justice textbooks, especially those detailing the punishment of homicide and violent crimes, described trial practices based on the *Carolina*. The Sealy Library was fortunate in procuring one of the rarest of criminal justice textbook editions, printed in Venice in 1556, of Ludovicus Carerius's criminal law treatise *Practica nova causarum criminalium ... Tractatus de Indiciis et Tortura, Tractatus de Homicidio*.... Carerius goes into great detail on the methods used to extract confessions as well as describing the multiple conditions that constitute the application of torture to those charged with crimes of violence. We have only been able to find one other copy of this edition, that in the Bavarian State Library. An earlier edition is found at Harvard and the Library of Congress, but the 1556 Venetian edition is unique to the United States. Once again, we must emphasize the importance of these early classics in criminology and jurisprudence in the making of a great research library in criminal justice.

On a happy -- instead of torturous -- note, I am pleased to welcome new members to the Library staff: Assistant Professor Kathleen Collins, and Substitute Assistant Professor Austin Duffy, adjunct librarians Mark Zubarev, Jessica McGivney, our new webmaster Javeria Sharif and our new Assistant to the Chief, Elizabeth Clark-Wilson, a graduate student in Forensic Psychology.

- Larry Sullivan

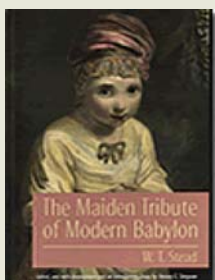
² Faculty Publications & News

Scholarly activities of library faculty

Dean Larry Sullivan gave a paper entitled “‘*Shall Convicts Write Books?*’ *The Debate over Convict Authorship, 1930-1980*,” at the annual meeting of the *Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing (SHARP)* at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis in July 2007.

Professor Nancy Egan wrote several video reviews: *Information Literacy: The Perils of Online Research*; *Pills, Profits, Protest: Chronicle of the Global AIDS Movement*; *To Dance with Eleanor: A Story of the Light Fantastic*; and *Toxic Bust: Chemicals and Breast Cancer* reviewed in *The Video Librarian*, 22/1 (2007, March-April) *Edith & Michel: The Gospel of Judas and Other Gnostic Secrets Revealed*; *Hold Your Breath*; *Rage: A Social Analysis*; and *Reflections on Psalm 23: For People with Cancer* reviewed in *The Video Librarian* 22/3 (2007, May-June).

Professor Jeffrey Kroessler was selected a member of the inaugural class of Fellows of the New York Academy of History, based in the Lehman Center for American History at Columbia University in June 2007. In October 2007 he presented a paper on historic preservation at the Queens History Conference at Queens College.



Professor Emeritus Antony E. Simpson edited, annotated and wrote the introductory essay in the new edition of Stead, W.T. *The Maiden Tribute of Modern Babylon: Report of the Secret*. Lambertville, NJ: The True Bill Press, 2007; (originally printed in 1885).

Professor Ellen Belcher gave papers at two conferences: *Fifth Millennium B.C.E. Figurines from Central and South-Eastern Anatolia* was presented at the 29th International Symposium of Excavations, Surveys and Archaeometry, held at Kocaeli University, Kocaeli, Turkey in May 2007.



Domuztepe figurine head
Three papers entitled *Beads, Pendants and Figurines from Domuztepe, Turkey*; *Symbols and Symbolism*; and *Crafts and Craft Production* were presented at the conference *Excavations and Surveys on the Syro-Anatolian Frontier*, at the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, U.C.L.A. in September 2007.

Professor Janice Dunham wrote two book reviews: *American Time Use: Who Spends How Long at What*, by New Strategist Publications. Reviewed in *Library Journal* (October 2007). *International Encyclopedia of Organization Studies* published by Sage. Reviewed in *Library Journal* (November 2007).

Compiled by Ellen Belcher

Faculty Favorites

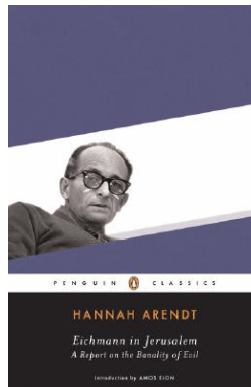
Wherein faculty share a favorite book or film with the rest of us

Simon Baatz, History Department.

Dead Souls by Nikolai Gogol. (1842). What a wonderful story Gogol tells! The parvenu Chichikov seeks to make his fortune and establish his reputation. His method is quick and easy and guaranteed of success. In Russia, before the emancipation of the serfs by Alexander II in 1861, the wealth of a landowner was estimated by the number of serfs that he possessed. Chichikov would purchase those serfs who had died since the previous census thus simultaneously enriching himself (at least on paper) and relieving the landowners in his district of an onerous tax burden. Thus Chichikov's odyssey is to persuade the nobles to give up their dead serfs (dead souls). He imagines it as an easy task but finds that everywhere he is met with suspicion. *Dead Souls* is a hilarious novel, brilliantly written, a satire on acquisition and greed, and an intensely witty and humorous masterpiece.

Marcia Esparza, Puerto Rican/Latin American Studies Department.

Eichmann in Jerusalem: a report on the banality of evil by Hannah Arendt. (1964). Books considered to be the classics are my favorite these days. One of them is Hannah Arendt's *Eichmann in Jerusalem*, a controversial account of Nazi perpetrators written by, in my eyes, the most important philosopher (woman) of the twentieth century. Arendt's analysis of Eichmann's shallow understanding of his crimes is a chilling reminder of how, given the right circumstances, people will blindly follow orders and commit mass killings.



Josh Wilson, Government Department.

Das Leben der Anderen (The Lives of Others). Directed by Florian Henckel von Donnesmarck. (2006). I am never able to say what my favorite book or movie is, but the first thing that came to mind was *The Lives of Others*. Set in the waning years of East Germany and the *Stasi*, the film gives a dynamic and deeply human depiction of life in a police state. You come to understand the effects that such a system has on human lives, as well as its pervasiveness, paranoia, and banal evil, through the nuanced portrayal of *Stasi* subjects, true believers, careerists, and everyday party workers. Simultaneously disturbing and hopeful, it is one of the rare movies that has a lasting impact.



Compiled by Janice Dunham

Some of us returned from summer vacation to find that our familiar Lexis-Nexis Academic had a whole new interface -- not because we asked for it, but because Lexis' parent company tried to design something "more like Google." The new Lexis-Nexis attempts to bring you much more information at one time on any one subject. That's fine if your search is for "sleepwalking defense," on which not much is written, but it's ghastly if your search is "death penalty," or "Guantanamo and enemy combatants." Unless you specify otherwise, searches will retrieve cases, statistics, law reviews & journals, newspapers, news transcripts, newswires, SEC filings, etc., in bewildering numbers. The new interface requires us to understand a lot more about how the database is set up in order to search it effectively.

Tutorials

The Sealy librarians are offering hour-long tutorials on various aspects of the new Lexis-Nexis. On November 15th in the library classroom we presented *Searching by Citation*, *Finding Articles in Law Reviews*, and *Searching for a Specific Source*. We have library handouts to accompany these three topics as well as *Finding a New York Times Article*. This is just the beginning. We will continue to offer events for faculty and handouts on various aspects of Lexis-Nexis. Any student can attend one of the nine weekly drop-in sessions and have his specific questions answered. Anyone can find Lexis-Nexis tutorials from the right toolbar in the database, "View Tutorials."

Major Changes

When we previously asked faculty about the failings of Lexis-Nexis, we heard: no Shepard's for every jurisdiction, no ALL STATES searching, no ALL FEDS searching, no ALL CASES searching, and no treatises. All of these omissions have been remedied in the new Lexis-Nexis. Additionally one can search ALL state codes and the federal code by given topic, e.g., labor, health (but not crime or criminal justice). The standard search box now allows either Boolean Terms and Connectors (*and*, *or* or *not*, truncation and wildcards) or natural language searching. There are hotlinks in cases and law review footnotes. Web pages and blogs are part of the searching unless you exclude them.

For Best Results

Remind students that Lexis-Nexis is not good for general interest materials; Academic Search Premier by Ebsco is the database for general academic journals. From the initial page of Lexis-Nexis, choose the part of the database you need: General, News, Legal, etc. If you want a specific source, use the Sources tab at the top of the screen, then type in the Find A Source box on the far right side of the next screen and click Go. On the next screen, check off the source(s) and (upper right) OK- Continue. Always remember that Lexis-Nexis searches the full text of documents for the words you specify in the search box. For the equivalent of a keyword search or a subject search, specify document sections. To do this, click on [+] Show at mid-screen, then use the drop-down box to choose locations within documents to perform the search. You'll get especially good results by adding SUMMARY.

The Future of Lexis-Nexis...

The major advantages of Lexis-Nexis Academic remain: it provides unlimited searches for any current CUNY-affiliated person from any place at any time, with unlimited printing. It's affordable because the university subsidizes it. It brings together legal and non-legal sources, including Web sources, for a complete picture of any inquiry. We continue to learn about this new interface. Please let us know what is most urgent to have covered in future library presentations.

- Janice Dunham



Hispanic Heritage Exhibit - Marvie Brooks

The Lloyd George Sealy Library, John Jay College, celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with exhibits in the foyer on the first floor of the library. The large glass exhibit case in the wall and the standing circular kiosk exhibit case feature books, in English and Spanish, *artesanía* (handicrafts) from the Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and Mexico.

The large glass window exhibit case features a Chicano prisoners' art tradition in the form of *pañuelos* (handkerchiefs); these examples were created by Texas prisoners using pencils or colored pens. Most of these handkerchiefs depict scenes of prison life as well as remembered neighborhood life, lovers, or family and are thought to be based on prison tattoo designs. The exhibit also contains copies of *Open Gate/Porton Abierto*, a bi-lingual newspaper written and edited by inmates in the Green Haven Correctional Facility, Stormville, New York. These newspapers are from The Gary McGivern Papers in the Library's Special Collections.

The Library thanks Professor Jose Morin and the Puerto Rican Studies Department, Professor Virginia Diaz (SEEK), Professor Kim Helmer (English), and Professors Janice Dunham and Larry Sullivan (Library) for lending the books and art objects. Please pickup a free bibliography of selected Hispanic library materials, compiled by Professor Marvie Brooks, Reference Librarian. The bibliographies are available in the literature display case next to the kiosk exhibit case.

Nineteenth Century Trials in the Lloyd Sealy Library's Rare Book Collection

These days when millions of international, US and New York records of trials are at one's fingertips on *Lexis-Nexis* it's easy to forget that the many historical court proceedings were never officially recorded. In nineteenth century New York and the surrounding area, a bewildering and ever-changing array of courts prevailed in our early criminal justice system. Those interested in early NYC courts, are directed to the entry on "Courts" in the *Encyclopedia of New York City*.

Of course our largest collection of trial accounts is the 3,226 verbatim *Trial Transcripts of the County of New York 1883-1927* available on 425 reels microfilm in the library and by interlibrary loan. More information on this resource, access to the online index and selected full-text trials are available at www.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/crimeinny/trials. A little-known fact is that cases in this collection that subsequently went through the appeal process may also be available on *Lexis-Nexis*.

Trial transcripts are not usually public record and remained the possession of the court and stenographer. Some court proceedings were recorded only as popular accounts when they were particularly newsworthy, gruesome or entertaining. To supplement their meager incomes stenographers would have accounts of the trial printed in pamphlet form. Others who observed or had opinions on these trials would also quickly print their own accounts. Often bearing lengthy titles, the pamphlets were sold in abundance on the street or at booksellers for just a few cents, but now many are quite rare. The Lloyd Sealy Library has recently collected a few early examples. As with all our rare books, these are available for consultation by appointment with Special Collections Librarian Ellen Belcher at extension 8237 or at ebelcher@jjay.cuny.edu.

(1794) *The narrative of Whiting Sweeting who was executed at Albany, the 26th of August, 1792 . Containing an account of his trial before the Supreme Court of Judicature of the state of New-York, at the July term, 1791, for the murder of Darius Quimby; the substance of the charge of His Honor the chief justice of the jury, with the sentence of death on the prisoner; an address to the public, on the fatal consequences of a life spent in sin, instanced in his own conduct ...*

(1805) *The gospel to be preached to all men illustrated, in a sermon, delivered in Windham, at the execution of Samuel Freeman, a Mulatto, November 6, A.D. 1805, for the murder of Hannah Simons : together with an appendix, containing memoirs of his life ...* Windham, CT: John Byrne

(1808) *The commissioners of the Alms-House, vs. Alexander Whistelo, : a black man; being a remarkable case of bastardy, tried and adjudged by the Mayor, recorder, and several aldermen, of the city of New-York, under the act passed 6th March, 1801, for the relief of cities and towns from the maintenance of bastard children ...* New York: Longworth

(1819-1922) *New York City Hall Recorder: Containing reports, of the most interesting trials and decisions which have arisen in the various courts of judicature, for the trial of jury causes in the hall ... particularly in the Court of Sessions. With notes and remarks, critical and explanatory, by Daniel Rogers*

(1820). *Trial of Robert M. Goodwin, on an indictment of man-slaughter for killing James Stoughton, esq. in Broadway, in the city of New-York, on the 21st day of December, 1819: tried at the Court of General Sessions of the Peace held in and for the body of the city and county of New-York ...*

(1822). *Arden, the unfortunate stranger who was tried for the murder of Miss Harriet Finch, but was acquitted through the interposition of a young lady whom he afterwards married: a true story to which is added Glenwar, the Scottish bandit interspersed with original poetry.*

- Ellen Belcher



Hints & Tricks

Yes, librarians use Google too! Google is the most widely used, user friendly search engine on the World Wide Web. Type stuff in and millions of hits come back ... but there are ways to search more effectively. It's not the absolute number of hits that's important; it's whether or not we find what we want, quickly. Precision declines as recall increases – the more sites we recall, the less likely that any one of them will contain what we want. Google Advanced Search link provides options that help control searches, but even without going there, the basic user friendly Google search is extraordinarily powerful. It's worth remembering a few simple tricks to harness that power.

Use Google as a dictionary!

E.g. Type *define:polysemy*

Get local weather

E.g. Type *weather Brooklyn*

Use Google as a citation checker!

If you have an incomplete or inaccurate citation to an article or book chapter, type what you know into Google. You probably won't get the full text of the item, but you will find citations that are often more accurate and complete than the one you started with. Then you can then use the library resources (catalog, journal lists) to retrieve the full text.

Use Google as a calculator!

E.g. type *300 euros in USD*

And of course there's Google Images, Google Maps, Google Earth, Google Scholar, and all the other amazing things being dreamt up in the Google lab... And for your own computer, you might want to check out the free Customize Google browser extension from Firefox. ... >>

Use Google to locate government and NGO documents.

Many organizations now release their reports directly onto their website, as well as / instead of publishing them in print format. To retrieve a specific document, search for the name of the document, as accurately as you know it:

October 30 2007 Quarterly Report to Congress

If you are certain of the precise title, use quotes:


"October 30 2007 Quarterly Report to Congress"


If you don't know the report title, but you do know the issuing organization, Google the organization (or an approximation!) e.g. *Iraq Inspector General*. Then use the website search engine, or the sitemap, to find your document.


Use Google to find movie listings!


Type *movie* followed by a colon, then a location or zip code, e.g. *movie: Brooklyn* or *movie:10019*

« ... Google™ Hints!

 The most useful and easy to remember Google trick is to use quotation marks to indicate phrasing e.g. “landmarks preservation commission”

 Use nouns rather than verbs, e.g. *adoption* rather than *adopting*.

 Beware of polysemy! The meaning of some words is context dependent. *Depression* could be economic or psychological. Make sure your search includes words that set the context, e.g. instead of *depression*, try *great depression*, or *1929 depression*.

 AND is implied. Use upper case to indicate OR Boolean operator, but no need to use parentheses to nest – e.g. *preservation landmarks Brooklyn OR Queens*

[For more hints on using Google:](#)

Crispen, P. D. *Google 201: Advanced Googology*. (2007). Available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.netsquirrel.com/powerpoint/bydate.html>

Grad, P. (2006, March 2). 10 tips to improve your Googling. *The Record* (Hackensack, N.J.). Available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.canada.com/ottawacitizen/news/technology/story.html?id=16c787e2-1b44-4426-b405-fe3dc5ad86c5v>

Google Guide: Making searching even easier. Available on the World Wide Web at http://www.googleguide.com/advanced_operators_reference.html

-Ellen Sexton

Acquisitions for New Majors

Last academic year, the library was allocated Investment Plan money (\$ 125,000.00) to support new liberal arts majors in the College. Despite the fact that the library was thrilled with additional resources to be spent on books and online databases, the realization of a fast-approaching end of the fiscal year kept everyone in the Technical Services Department on their toes. The money was not received until April and the wish lists from the departments developing new majors were also submitted late in the Spring semester. In two months --May and June 2007-- the library staff processed requests for a quantity of books equal to three normal years of our total library material acquisitions! While racing through these requests, everyone kept in mind that if we did not spend the money before the end of the fiscal year, we would lose it.

The library has now developed a plan for how the money would be spent if we receive confirmed surpluses over the next five years. It was decided that each year the bulk of the acquisition would be made for two new majors and the following year the gears would be shifted to two additional majors and with the earlier majors getting less support. The justification is that when a retrospective acquisition for a major is fulfilled the money can be relocated for newer majors while the already established major would need only recent materials.

In Spring 2007, the library concentrated on buying books for two majors – English and Economics. In addition, requests from Gender Studies and some from Government and History were fulfilled. The biggest list(s) came from the English department faculty. In total, the library ordered more than 2000 new titles and as of this month, we have received roughly 80 percent of submitted orders. The majority of book titles are still in print and could be easily ordered through the library’s regular vendors but some titles were out of print and could be acquired only through specialized dealers such as Strand, Amazon, or aLibris. In several cases we had to contact publishers directly in order to get better prices (Cambridge University Press and Oxford University Press, for example).

E-Book or Paper Book? Both are purchased by the Lloyd Sealy Library
Anecdotal observations at the reference desk show that everyone prefers full-text of journal articles online. When it comes to the electronic books, library users either love or hate them. Students are more acceptable of this format, faculty object frequently preferring the print. But those faculty members who use electronic reserve services are thrilled when their required class readings from books are available online in full-text. On rare occasions the library will have both print and electronic editions of the title. The policy is that if we already have an electronic version the print will not be bought.

Most of the books were acquired in print format but some e-books were purchased. As a result the library now has a critical space situation in some areas. Despite the fact that we aggressively weed outdated, worn out and mutilated materials, all new books cannot fit on our shelves! Online format also helps to replace titles that definitely would be missing after the first circulation and those that were already lost and cannot be replaced in any other way.

All the records of books ordered, received and available for use can be found in the library’s online catalog CUNY+. If the book was ordered but not received yet the status of the title will be “On Order.” As long as the book is received it gets the status “In process” or “Cataloging” and can be requested from Technical Services for expedited processing. Faculty who submitted requests for the new acquisitions can check the status of those requests in the catalog.

The library managed to spend all the money. Seventy-five percent went towards materials for new majors and Twenty-five percent for support of the established majors. Here are some interesting statistics: the most expensive item acquired so far is *The York Plays* by Richard Beadle (\$333.90, and we keep it on Reserve); the least expensive is *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe (\$1.98).

All requests for new library materials should be send to the attention of Professor Maria Kiriakova, Collection Development Librarian, at mkiriakova@jjay.cuny.edu or at the extension x8260.

- Maria Kiriakova

RefWorks Makes Life Easier

RefWorks, an online bibliographic management program, can make your academic life much easier. You might hear grad students and faculty proclaiming, "It does your bibliography for you!" The bibliography gets all the glory because it looks wonderful, usually comes at the end of a long, hard climb, and is a generally reviled task. *RefWorks* does greatly reduce the amount of time you would normally spend dotting every "i" and properly placing the comma according to your chosen citation style. But the bibliography is just the icing on the cake. Think of *RefWorks* as your fully searchable personal research and references database that is accessible to you wherever you have an internet connection.

'RefWorks is like having a dutiful, hardworking, efficient assistant'

With *RefWorks* you can import citations from external databases and online library catalogs complete with abstracts, database URLs and detailed bibliographic information. References can also be entered manually, if for example, you have a journal article that is only in print form. You can edit any part of each record and can store up to 1GB of text by cutting and pasting into any field of your choosing. You can keep copious notes and/or, in effect, create your own tagging system. There are hundreds of citation output styles supported. Even without using the advanced Write-n-Cite feature, *RefWorks* makes it simple to insert in-text citations, too.

RefWorks is like having a dutiful, hardworking, efficient assistant who at times can be a bit flaky. While the program inarguably saves time, it does require monitoring. Sometimes an imported citation may have a style error or missing information. It's not perfect, but it invariably reduces stress and time expenditure and increases organization.

RefWorks is similar to other bibliographic management programs, but unlike EndNote, for example, it is web-based (no software to install) and free to you as a John Jay community member. To get started using it, visit the *RefWorks* link on the right hand side of the library home page (<http://www.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/>). If you are interested in a group workshop session for faculty or research assistants in your department, contact Kathleen Collins at kcollins@jjay.cuny.edu or ext. 8242.

- Kathleen Collins

Book Browsers Fall 2007 - Marlene Kandel

- Abusharaf, R. M. (Ed.). (2007). *Female circumcision: Multicultural perspectives*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.
GN645 .F43 2007
- Children's Defense Fund, Washington, D.C. (2007). *America's cradle to prison pipeline: A Children's Defense Fund report*. Retrieved November 13, 2007, from http://www.childrensdefense.org/site/DocServer/ CPP_report_2007_lowres.pdf?docID=5222
Spec. Coll. HV741 .A65 2007
- Cliff, N. (2007). *The Shakespeare riots: Revenge, drama, and death in nineteenth-century America* (1st ed.). New York: Random House.
PN2277.N5 C58 2007
- Cook, K. M. (2007). *Chasing justice: My story of freeing myself after two decades on death row for a crime I didn't commit*. New York: William Morrow. **KF224.C66 C66 2007**
- Dash, M. (2007). *Satan's circus: Murder, vice, police corruption, and New York's trial of the century*. New York: Crown Publisher.
HV6534.N5 D37 2007
- Farber, D. A. (2007). *Retained by the people: The "silent" Ninth Amendment and the Constitutional rights Americans don't know they have*. New York: Basic Books. **KF4558 9th .F37 2007**
- New York Civil Liberties Union, New York, N.Y. (2007). *Mission failure: Civilian review of policing in New York City, 1994-2006*. Retrieved November 13, 2007, from http://www.nyclu.org/files/ccrb_failing_report_090507.pdf
Spec. Coll. HV8148.N5 M58 2007a
- Norgren, J. (2007). *Belva Lockwood: The woman who would be president*. New York; London: New York University Press.
KF368.L58 N67 2007
- Peretti, B. W. (2007). *Nightclub city: Politics and amusement in Manhattan*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.
F128.5 .P47 2007
- Sze, J. (2007). *Noxious New York: The racial politics of urban health and environmental justice*. Massachusetts: MIT Press.
GE235.N7 S94 2007

Most of the media collection has been fully cataloged into the CUNY+ system. All commercially made films can now be searched for using basic CUNY+ functions. The next phase in the project is to catalog John Jay event videos! Soon, you will be able to find lectures, seminars, and workshops offered by your colleagues, guest speakers, and graduate students on a wealth of subjects. You may want to use these to add valuable content to your classes or simply to watch an important event that took place at the college which you missed. This is an ongoing project and will take some time.

Remember, reservation and purchase requests can be made through the library's homepage (on the right hand side, under Lloyd Sealy Library information). If you're having any trouble with the system please contact the Media Librarian, Nancy Egan at negan@jjay.cuny.edu or ext. 8269. Below is a selected list of new videos and DVDs purchased for the collection. Some but not all were purchased at faculty request:

Allder, M. & Moore, S. (Producers). (2005). *Passion & fury: The emotional brain*. Toronto: CBC Education Sales: A rare and compelling investigation of our most basic emotions—fear, anger, happiness and love. **DVD-6045 (four discs)**

Bryer, L., Calderwood, A. & Steel, C. (Producers) and Macdonald, K. (Director). (2007). *The last king of Scotland*. Beverly Hills: 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment: This major motion picture chronicles the life of Idi Amin through the eyes of Nicholas Garrigan, a Scottish doctor who served as Amin's personal physician. **DVD-441**

Campbell, D., Kronick, W. & Fuchs, T. (Producers). (2003). *Russia: Land of the tsars*. New York: New Video: This program covers over 1,000 years of Russian history, from the first settlement of Russian Vikings to the murder of Tsar Nicholas II and his family. **DVD-6049 (two discs)**

Dreisinger, B., Spierer, P., Lublin, A. & Brillstein, M. (Producers) and Spierer, P. (Director). (2006). *Black and blue: Legends of the hip hop cop*. Chatsworth, CA.: Image Entertainment: The NYPD claim there is no profiling of hip hop artists and their crews, yet surveillance footage and a rare peek at the infamous "rap binder" used in law enforcement training are shown. **DVD-420**

Graham, R. (Producer) and Whatham, C. et al. (Director). (1971). *Elizabeth R*. England: BBC Video: Dramatization of the life of Elizabeth, daughter of Henry VIII by Anne Boleyn and future Queen of England. **DVD-6047 (four discs)**

Green, S., Lozano, C., Siegal, B. & Smolowitz, M. (Producers) and Green, S. (Director). (2004). *The Weather Underground*. New York: New Video: Documents the group's plan to blow up an empty building and how instead they blew up a house in New York's Greenwich Village, killing three of their members and turning the others into outlaws on the run. **DVD-411**

Joseph, R. & Wu, H. (Producer) and Joseph, R. (Director). (2005). *The rape of Nanking* Brainmind: The film contains footage chronicling the atrocities of the Japanese in China during WWII. **DVD-443**

Kheyfets, N. & Rummel, D. (Producers) and Rummel, D. (Director). (2004). *Frontline: Secret history of the credit card*. Alexandria, VA.: PBS Video: This film investigates how the credit card industry became so pervasive, lucrative and politically powerful. **DVD-399**

O'Rourke, S. (Producer & Director). (2002). *In the name of love*. Harriman, NY: New Day Films: The film follows five Russian women, mail-order brides, who struggle for dignity as they endure chauvinism, poverty, and culture shock. **DVD-449**

When is the Library benefit book sale?

We get this question all the time: When is the next book sale? The answer is – **now!** As a matter of fact, we have a sale going on every day off a book truck in front of the circulation desk. There are no set prices, we accept any donations – just put any amount of coins in the box placed by the truck. The books are replenished practically every day and we have heard from some people that they make it their habit to check the truck every week.

The library used to have a huge book sale every spring but experience has shown that the majority of the materials would remain unsold and stay on the shelves collecting dust awaiting the next year's event. By selling off the truck, the library saves a lot of staff time. In addition, we are able to clear space in the Technical Services Department for more donations. As for the profit, believe it or not the students and faculty are generous enough to offer whatever they can for the books and the library makes as much money as it would at the regular book sale.

The library's gift policy is posted on the Internet at <http://www.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/info/giftbooks.html>. All inquiries should be referred to Professor Maria Kiriakova at mkiriakova@jjay.cuny.edu

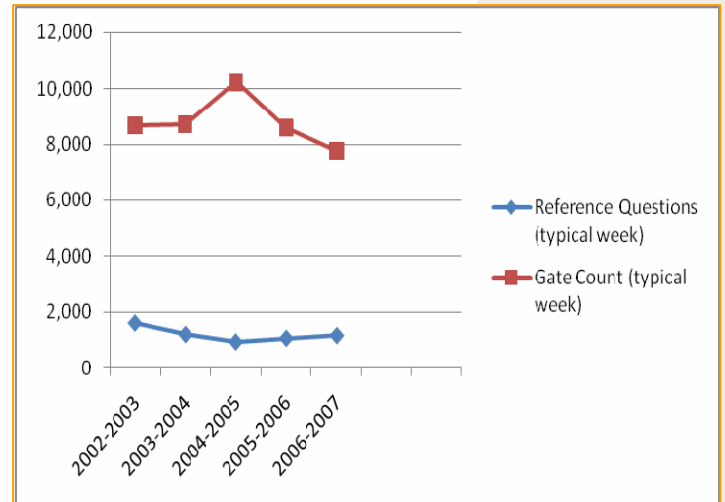
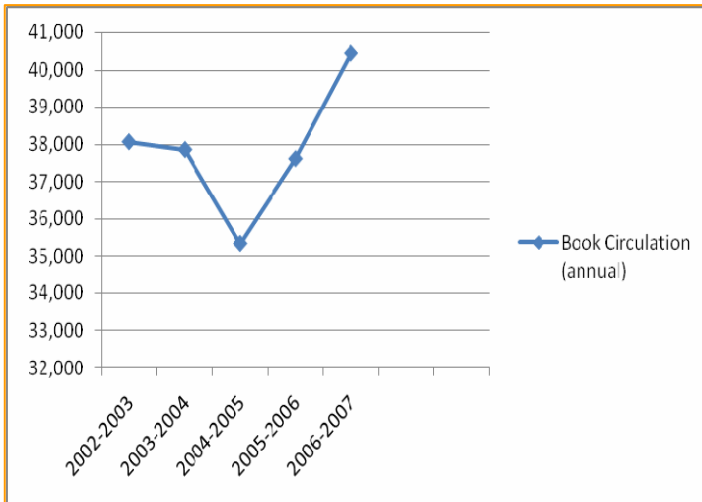
“Advice for new faculty members: nihil nimus”

This is the title of the book by Robert Boice that the library just received this month (LB 1778.2.B63 1999). Every junior faculty member who dreams of having a mentor should read this book. It really has great simple ideas for achieving success in teaching, writing, and socializing without burning yourself out by the time you get tenure.

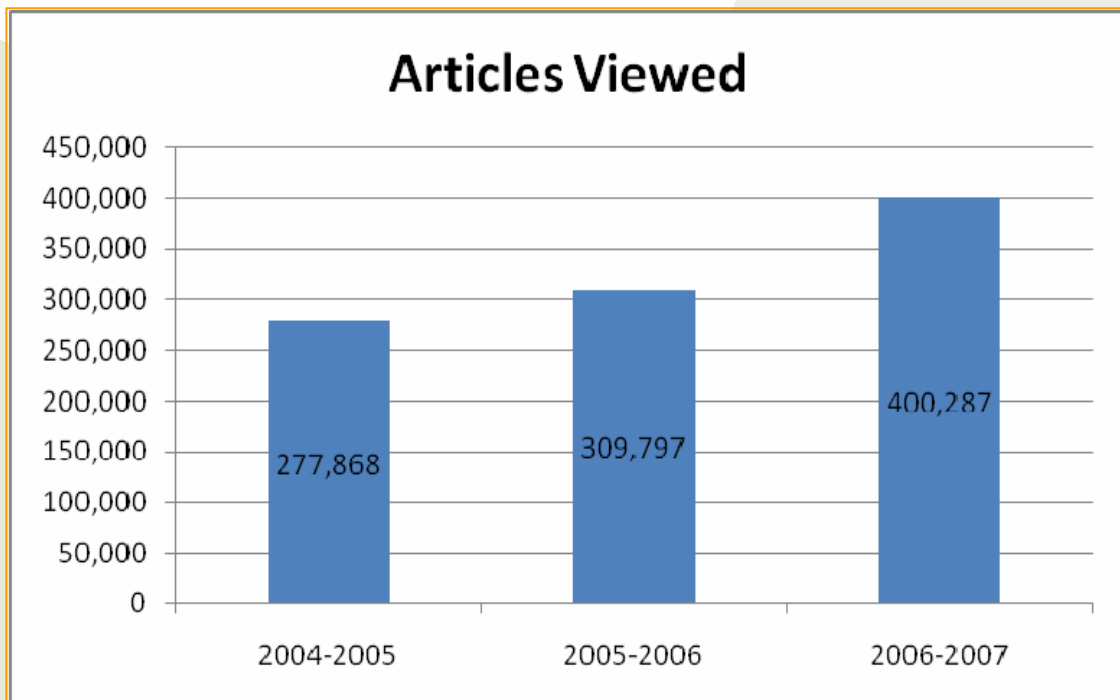
Measuring Library Use

Walk into the Sealy Library on a typical weekday afternoon this semester (or any time over the past 15 years) and you'll likely see a busy place. Every one of our 100 public computers is likely to be occupied and another dozen or two laptops will be in use, students will be waiting at the reference desk to ask for help with research problems, all the group study rooms will be occupied and every table or carrel will likely have at least student. "What a lot of use the Library gets" you might say. And you would be right.

But what you can see walking around the physical Lloyd Sealy Library is only part of the picture. To measure how much it's being used, the John Jay Library, like all libraries, has been collecting usage statistics for years. Traditionally, we count books circulated, reference questions asked, and gate counts. As the graphs below show, these numbers have gone up and down over the past five years.



But only recently have we been able to measure the use of the electronic collections, in a way we were never able to measure use of our print collections. As you can see from this graph, that use has soared:



While use of the physical library has remained about the same over the past five years (as measured by traditional means), use of the electronic library (as measured by full text journal article downloads) has increased 44% in the last 3 years.

To understand what is happening—how the use of the physical library can remain about the same (with the same demand for space, books, and the help of reference librarians), while actual use of library resources keeps increasing, it helps to look at the numbers from our proxy server logs. These logs show initial connections to library databases and where the users are physically when they are connecting:

	Internal						
	Library	%	College	%	External	%	Total
2002-2003	60,514	43	23,335	17	56,156	40	140,005
2003-2004	66,414	34	34,841	18	91,863	48	193,118
2004-2005	67,231	25	45,680	17	156,436	58	269,347
2005-2006	70,931	24	61,286	21	161,366	55	293,583
2006-2007	78,627	21	69,154	18	229,336	61	377,117

As you can see, use of the databases has increased consistently over the last 5 years—in the Library, elsewhere in the College, and from off-campus (external)—but while **in-library** use of the databases has increased **30%** over that time, **total** use of the databases has increased **169%**, to the point where in-Library use (what you see when you walk into the Library) now makes up only about 21% of the total use of the electronic resources.

The full Library Information Technology report is available on the TAC website at http://johnjay.jjay.cuny.edu/tac/reports/docs/libsys_annrep.pdf

- *Bonnie Nelson*

Resources on Terrorism Studies

With the threat of another terrorist attack always present, terrorism studies remain relevant. The Lloyd Sealy Library collects extensively on the subject. A serial and a reference work are highlighted below.

Terrorism: Documents of international and local control. (1979-present) New York: Oxford University. Now 81 volumes. **Ref. HV 6431.T464** (note that these are shelved just north of the Reference Desk)

The bulk of this series has been published since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Most of the documents are U.S. government reports, laws and Congressional hearing statements, as well as United Nations resolutions, pertaining to terrorism, its control, and the consequences of both. It also includes non-governmental material like the *Al Qaeda Training Manual*, found in a London police raid. While most of these documents are unclassified and available elsewhere, this compilation provides a valuable single point of access to these resources. Volume 1 gives a thorough historical overview of international terrorism. From Volume 38 on, documents are arranged by subject instead of by authoring agency. Recently the series has focused on the impact of counter-terrorism measures on Americans' civil liberties. This series is recommended in support of research papers and more advanced terrorism research.

Forest J.J.F. (ed.) (2006). *The making of a terrorist: Recruitment, training, and root causes.* Westport, Conn. and London: Praeger Security International.
Ref. HV 6431.M353 2006

This three-volume set starts with the premise that “the public must be equipped with the knowledge of how, why, and where an individual becomes a terrorist” to better serve “as the necessary eyes and ears of the global antiterrorism coalition.” It covers a variety of terrorist groups including Islamic *jihadists*, guerilla fighters, and political extremists around the world. Each volume has 18 chapters written by various experts in terrorism. Volume I focuses on the recruitment of terrorists, and includes, for example, an article about women who join the FARC guerillas in Colombia. Volume 2 addresses the training of terrorists, including the method of “selective moral disengagement” the trainees undergo to commit atrocities. Volume 3 discusses the “root causes” of terrorism, not only commonly cited ones—such as U.S. foreign policy and religious fanaticism—but also alternative influences such as environment and geography. Recommended for researchers looking for resources on the inner workings of terrorist groups and individuals.

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