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From the Desk of the Chief Librarian

In the midst of one of our coldest Januaries since the `memory of man' (a phrase much beloved by medieval chroniclers) I received an e-mail requesting the article `The Existential Question: What is real?' published some years ago in **The critical criminologist**. The existential fact for us is that Sealy is the only library in the country that catalogued this newsletter. In the same vein, last year we received a request for a Canadian report on money laundering that only John Jay and Harvard Law owned. These are just two examples of the uniqueness of our holdings, especially as they relate to the grey literature of our mission fields. Reports, newsletters, pamphlets, contain much important information for the scholar, but most libraries don't catalogue them and thereby they become all but inaccessible to the researcher. We tend to rely overwhelmingly on digitized formats these days, but many of us tend to forget that much historical -- and crucial -- material remains only in print format. The very fact that we dedicate the resources to make this material available highlights the importance of the Sealy Library to criminal justice researchers and students alike.

This ephemeral literature and our special collections help put us in the forefront of criminal justice institutions. Making archives accessible, however, makes a skilled special collections librarian a necessity, something we have haven't had for over ten years. Now this situation has changed. I'm pleased to report that Assistant Professor Ellen Belcher joined our staff on February 2nd. Ellen, who will have responsibility for these original materials, among other duties, comes to us from the University of Washington with graduate degrees from Columbia University. I trust you will join me in welcoming her to the John Jay community.

Larry Sullivan

Improved Linking to Journal Full Text

While we have not yet reached the nirvana of being able to search a topic and instantly connect to the full text of all relevant journal articles, the John Jay Library has made major strides towards that goal in the last few months.

In November, the Library contracted with a company called Serials Solutions to help maintain our "List of Full Text Electronic Journals". Our list is now larger (over 20,000 journal titles) and more accurate than it has ever been, containing links to journals included in such full-text databases as *EBSCOhost Academic Search Premier*, journal collections such as *Project Muse*, *Elsevier's ScienceDirect* and *Kluwer Online*, and scholarly journals that are available for free over the Internet.

Even better, we are now able to link from all of our major online indexes to the Serials Solutions database so with one click of a mouse you can discover whether John Jay has online access to any journal found in the result list of your search. If we do have access you can link directly to the journal (though not the article) with just one more mouse click. This two-click access to full text is now available for all Wilson indexes (*Social Sciences Abstracts, Humanities Abstracts, Science Abstracts*, etc.), all of our criminal justice indexes (*Criminal Justice Abstracts, Criminal Justice Periodicals Index*), and other important indexes such as *Sociological Abstracts, MLA Bibliography, and America: History and Life*. Look for the phrase "Search for Full Text."

One caveat, of course: this is a relatively new technology and occasionally connections do not work, or information is incorrect. Please let us know about these glitches so that we can try to correct them.

Bonnie Nelson

Last updated:

New on the Library Website: Help with Research

A new section was recently added to the Library's Web site called *Help with Research*. This section will provide resources for both students and faculty to aid their research and/or teaching.

Materials presented in the *Help with Research* section include database guides, How do I… help sheets, excellent Web tutorials related to using the Web or information literacy, writing resources, and the schedule of library classes. These resources have been evaluated or written by John Jay librarians and are some of the best sources available.

This material may be appropriate for assigning to students or supporting what you are doing in your classes. If you have suggestions for additional materials you may need to aid students in your classes, or questions or comments about this link, please contact Kathy Killoran via JJ email or call 8263.

Kathy Killoran

Biography Resource Center

This is one of the databases purchased with technology fee money and contains biographies of over 320,000 people from about 130 Gale Group Sources, including *Encyclopedia of World Biography, Contemporary Black Biography, Contemporary Hispanic Biography,* and *Dictionary of American Biography*. Also available is the full-text of articles from over 250 magazines. The database is invaluable for finding lengthy information or brief thumbnail sketches on people from all walks of life. Other features include the capability to search using biographical facts such as occupation, nationality, ethnicity, birth place or year, death place or year, or gender. This makes the database a terrific tool for designing assignments, researching background information, or simply fact checking. Like all of our databases, it can be accessed from anywhere on campus or from home by logging in with your John Jay email account. There are a limited number of site licenses on this database, so sometimes you may not be able to get in if this limit has been reached.

Nancy Egan

Websites in CUNY+

The Library has received funds from the 2003/2004 Student Technology Fee monies that has been put to a new and exciting use. In the past few months selected authoritative web sites and important electronic documents in criminal justice and related areas have been cataloged and added to the CUNY+ catalog. Since these materials are free resources, all CUNY students and faculty can locate the bibliographic records and access the material. Patrons can click on the url in the full bibliographic record or on the holdings screen where the call number usually appears. Below are a few examples of electronic resources which can now be found in CUNY+.

New York (State). Division of Criminal Justice Services. Criminal justice statistics for New York State. http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/crimnet/data.htm

Correctional Association of New York. Prison Visiting Committee. Health care in New York State prisons : a report of findings and recommendations. http://www.correctionalassociation.org/healthcare.pdf

NCJRS : National Criminal Justice Reference Service. http://www.ncjrs.org

Racial profiling data collection resource center at Northeastern University. http://www.racialprofilinganalysis.neu.edu

Hopper, Jim. Recovered memories of sexual abuse : scientific & scholarly resources. http://www.jimhopper.com/memory

Hair analysis as a drug detector. http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/156434.htm

September 11 digital archive. http://911digitalarchive.org

Marlene Kandel

Crime as Entertainment

Crime is a topic that has long fascinated researchers in a variety of disciplines, including sociology, literature, philosophy, and criminology. Presented here is a sample bibliography of works addressing portrayals of crime on television. These books represent but a small proportion of the Library's holdings on criminal justice and the media. The subjects of the studies are the criminals and their victims, police and private detectives, prosecutors, attorneys, judges as they are portrayed in live court broadcasts, reality crime shows, cop series, "America's Most Wanted" episodes, and other popular television shows.

Information about library materials can be found in the online catalog CUNY+. Please submit suggestions for new library acquisitions to the Collection Development Librarian, Maria Kiriakova, by email at mkiriakova@jjay.cuny.edu

Carlson, J.M. (1985). Prime time law enforcement: Crime show viewing and attitudes toward the criminal justice system. New York: Praeger. PN 1992.8 D48C37

Fishman, M. & Cavender, G. (Eds.). (1998). Entertaining crime: Television Reality programs. New York: Aldine de Gruyter. Reserve PN 1992.8 R43 E58

Horn, G.E. (1996). From Dirty Harry to Hunter: Law Enforcement as Entertainment. Ph.D. dissertation, Northwestern University. LD1.no 1923

Leishman, F. & Mason, P. (2003). Policing and the media: Facts, fictions and factions. Cullompton, U.K.: Willan. HV 7936.P8 L45

Lenz, T.O. (2003). Changing images of law in film & television crime stories. New York: P. Lang. PN 1995.9.J8 L46

Nasheri, H. (2002). Crime and justice in the age of Court TV. New York: LFB Scholarly Pub. KF 8726.N37 2002

Simon, D. (2002). Tony Soprano's America: The criminal side of the American dream. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. HN 59.2 S576

Terrace, V. (2003). The television crime fighter's factbook: Over 9,800 details from 301 programs, 1937-2003. Jefferson, NC: McFarland. On order

Walsh, J. & Lerman, P. (2001). Public enemies: The host of "America's Most Wanted" targets the nation's most notorious criminals. New York: Pocket Books. HV 6789.W33

Maria Kiriakova

Journals in the HeinOnline Database

Users of *HeinOnline* will be pleased to learn that 2004 will see the addition of a further 300 journals to this database. All will be full-text and, like others in the database, will typically include full runs of each journal title covered from the earliest volume to within two or three years of the current. The journals to be added continue to be mostly law reviews, but there is also increasing emphasis on those in criminal justice and government. This database is therefore strengthened in its value as a complement to the "Law Reviews" and "Magazines and Journals" subsets of *LexisNexis*, which provide access to the journal literature in these areas from the early 1980s onward.

Information on current and projected improvements to HeinOnline can be found at its website: http://heinonline.org.

Library experience suggests that this database is used heavily by some faculty but that few students are aware of its content and research potential. Users of it are encouraged to share their enthusiasm for it, particularly with graduate students in criminal justice and forensic psychology and anyone with a scholarly interest in legal history or current law.

Tony Simpson

Research Help by Appointment

Students may request a personalized 30 minute session for guidance in researching a specific topic.

They only need to sign up at the Reference Desk at least 48 hours in advance and are asked to call if they cannot make the appointment:

(212) 237-8246 or 8247

Alerting Services

Databases with alerting services allow searches to be run automatically at regular intervals, with the resulting citation lists emailed to the user. While it is easy enough to ensure that you know what is being published in the two or three journals essential to your core research area, it is far more difficult to maintain vigilance over the all of the journals that might conceivably publish a relevant article. Alerting services are one way of ensuring that you are informed about articles relevant to your research area as they are published.

The exact details vary with each database, but generally the way to set up a search alert is as follows: First, open the database, and create an account or register your name and email address with the vendor. Then, set up and run the search once. Next, to save the search as an alert choose the menu option for "alerts" or possibly "search history", and follow the instructions on-screen from there. The "help" option on each database is the best place to check for precise instructions on setting up an alert. If there are no instructions, it indicates that the database probably does not have the capability of performing alerts.

Alerting services are available from the databases that we access through Cambridge Scientific Abstracts (CSA) and EBSCOhost interfaces. These databases include PsycINFO, EconLit, MEDLINE, and EBSCOhost Academic (all through the EBSCOhost interface) and Sociological Abstracts, NCJRS, Criminal Justice Abstracts, and Worldwide Political Science Abstracts (through CSA interface). In addition, table of contents and search alerts are available from our full-text journals collections from Wiley Interscience, Elsevier (ScienceDirect), Emerald, and Sage. To access any of these databases, go to the Electronic Information Resources page at http://www.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/infosources/resources.cfm and click on "View the List of All Databases".

Alerts are easy to set up, cost the user nothing, and are a useful way of ensuring awareness of the existence of articles on specific research topics as they are published.

Ellen Sexton

IN THIS ELECTION YEAR...

The CQ Voting and Elections database is a storehouse of information on candidates and elections data. The easiest way to use the database is to Browse pre-selected topics, but one can also type in specific requests, for instance, "third party." Web Links, Maps, Encyclopedia, Calendar and Cite Now! are useful clickable features. You will find a guide to using this database on the Sealy web page. For information on candidates who have not run much for public office, other databases, such as Lexis-Nexis, are preferable. Nor does it supplant the Congressional profiles in Almanac of American politics and Politics in America.

Janice Dunham

Interlibrary Loan and the Ariel Software

Thanks to a grant from the Metropolitan New York Library Council (METRO), our Interlibrary Loan unit has been equipped with new software (Ariel) that allows for desktop delivery of documents. Any libraries with the compatible software can now scan an article and transfer it to us electronically. When we receive the document, we can then either print the article or email it directly to our patron. This should decrease the average time it takes to get articles and for those patrons who have email accounts that accept pdf attachments, will provide a convenient form of access. We can not, however, order all documents in this way as not all of our lending libraries have the software.

In order to receive documents via email, you need to have printing capability because sometimes the articles can not be read on screen comfortably. On the new interlibrary loan request cards, there is a space for providing your email address if you choose to accept documents in this manner. If you do not have any of the new cards, or if you typically email your interlibrary loan requests, please indicate whether you would want to receive delivery of documents via your email if they can be made available in this electronic format. For further information, please contact the Interlibrary Loan Librarian at negan@jjay.cuny.edu or x8269.

Nancy Egan

New Databases: The New York Times Historical File

Faculty, staff, and students have for some time had home online access to the full text of The New York Times back to 1981 through Lexis-Nexis. (This database of course also includes, amongst other things, the full text of many other newspapers, magazines, and journals for the last twenty years or so). The New York Times Historical File extends this coverage tremendously as it provides the full text of the Times between 1851 and 1999.

This database is clearly a great boon to historical researchers as a primary source documenting events, and popular perceptions of them, throughout the 20th century and for much of the 19th. It also has a potential for many other scholarly uses. Its inclusion of graphics and advertisements is valuable in allowing it to be used to explore changes in fashion, culture, and other popular artifacts. (The "Streetscapes" feature of the Sunday New York Times regularly addresses the history of prominent New York buildings. This feature often uses data drawn from the NYTHF to document original apartment layouts, rents, intended markets, and other cultural and architectural aspects of these buildings).

Full runs of the New York Times are, of course, readily available on microfilm in many libraries (including John Jay). Subject access to the contents of this newspaper has in the past been hindered by the fact that the published index to it is, for the 19th and early 20th centuries at least, difficult to use and notoriously incomplete. Its availability as a searchable database means that comprehensive access to the newspaper is possible as never before. Access to this file is achieved in the normal fashion: i.e., clicking on the "Electronic Resources" link from the Library home page, pulling up the databases beginning with the letter 'N', and making the appropriate selection. Off-campus users will at some point be asked to submit a user name and password (corresponding to a John Jay email name and password). Once the file is brought up, keywords may be searched on a basic screen in either title and abstract fields or in the article full-text. By clicking on 'Search Methods' and selecting the option of 'Guided Search,' groups of terms can be searched in combination. A search should

usually be limited by date if the results are to be manageable or otherwise worthwhile. For example, if I wished to examine reports of the Battle of Gettysburg as it was unfolding I would probably wish to exclude the many retrospective accounts of it from later years. I would therefore go to the boxes for "Search dates" and limit the results published between 07/01/1863 and about a week after the termination of the battle (perhaps 07/10/1863). Searches can be modified in a number of other ways. (See the information under the "Search Tips" link). Truncation is one way variations of a word can be entered with one command: for example, 'Confedera*' would yield entries including the words 'Confederate,' 'Confederates,' or 'Confederacy.' Results can be limited by article type: for example editorial, display ad, obituary, and any of a dozen other categories. The clarity of the text in older issues of the newspaper is not always the best. Reading it is, however, rarely a problem as the text can be magnified on screen. Printing readable copy from early issues can, unfortunately, sometimes be difficult, due to the small size of the typeface as well as to the poor quality of the print. One solution to this problem of readability (which does not usually occur in issues published after the early 20th century) appears to be to print text as it appears and to photocopy the results on a copier capable of magnification. As an alternative, try this: Click on the Graphics Select Tool (fourth icon from the left, second line down) and mark that body of text which you think will fit on a printed page. Increase the size of the image (200 percent often works well) using the "%" icon. Print using the print command within the file, not that on your browser. Wish yourself good luck. All this is annoying, as is the tendency of the database to function very slowly and to present material in a sometimes bizarre format. The file is in .pdf format (readable through Adobe Acrobat which can be downloaded free of charge from http://www.adobe.com/acrobat). Individual articles may be emailed or saved to disk, but not in a form that permits editing or other manipulation. These difficulties are, however, a small price to pay for a database so valuable as both a primary and a secondary source.

Tony Simpson

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Trial of the Human Relations Area Files

The Library has a trial subscription to *eHRAF*, the electronic, web-based version of the Human Relations Area Files. This database brings together ethnographies (published and unpublished) documenting more than 130 different cultures around the world, including western and non-western cultures, and immigrant groups in the U.S. and elsewhere. There is a considerable amount of material about social deviance, law, and social control. *eHRAF* has potential as an excellent resource for teaching about different groups in the United States and around the world in all of the social sciences. It can also be used to teach how to use statistical methods to test hypotheses about culture and society.

Our trial has already begun and will extend to the end of May. HRAF is willing and eager to do training sessions via speakerphone for librarians and faculty, and we can arrange to hold these in the Library Classroom. If the faculty find *eHRAF* to be a useful teaching tool or feel that students would benefit from using it for research, we can purchase a subscription with funds from the Student Technology Fee.

The electronic *HRAF* is accessible from the Library home page at http://www.lib.jjay.cuny.edu by clicking on "Electronic Information Sources" and picking 'H' from the alphabetical list of databases. A variety of teaching materials for use with the database can be found at the HRAF website at Yale (http://www.yale.edu/hraf/teaching.htm). This is also linked from the eHRAF file.

A short overview of the content and structure of the files is included in Lagacé, Robert O. Nature and use of the HRAF files. New Haven: HRAF, 1974. REF GN 33 L27. The library also subscribes to an extensive run of Cross-cultural research (formerly entitled Behavior science notes and Behavior science research), a HRAF-sponsored journal which reports the findings of scholarly research largely based on the use of HRAF files. This journal is available electronically in full text from 1999.For additional information, or to arrange for a training session, please contact Bonnie Nelson at x8267 or bnelson@jjay.cuny.edu.

Bonnie Nelson

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The Other Women's Movement: Workplace Justice and Social Rights in Modern America, by D.S. Cottle. (2004).
Spirit of Harlem: A Portrait of America's Most Exciting Neighborhood, by C. Marberry & M. Cunningham. (2003).
Along Martin Luther King: Travels on Black America's Main Street, by J. Tilove with photos. by M. Falco. (2003).

Sexton, Ellen. Resources for forensic psychology. **Reference Services Review**, 32, (Summer 2004). Forthcoming.

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