

CJCL News

DIRECTOR'S CUT

It feels like light years away when I wrote my first column, but in reality it was only a few months ago. Time has surely taken on a whole new meaning and pace in our current environment, but the library's ability to take the best advantage of our time daily remains constant, even in the midst of our current health crisis. Since our transition to working remotely, we have continued to support user needs, just in new and different ways, including the creation of our Remote Resources Quick Guide and a pivot to providing a "virtual" library tour and orientation for new hires. We even made lemonade out of lemons, squeezing in a virtual National Library Week celebration, sharing "Book Stories" from our staff and encouraging court personnel to do the same.

The past few months have also provided an unique opportunity to work on projects and tasks that require more focus and concentration—the addition of direct links to Lexis and Westlaw content from our library catalog is one such example. Other efforts are more internal-facing, focused on improving and streamlining various administrative functions and operations, and while these things themselves do not have a direct impact on users, their indirect effect will be the ability for the library to focus on new offerings, content, services, and innovations.

We look forward to continuing to find ways to provide access to our resources and respond to your legal information needs. We may be remote, but we are always here for you.

BOOK CLUB WITH BOB BERRING

The CJCL's original plans for National Library Week included a talk by law librarians Bob Berring and Michael Levy on the history of legal research. Berring is currently the Walter Perry Johnson Professor of Law, Emeritus at Berkeley UC School of Law and Michael is the Associate Director of the Berkeley Law Library. Although the pandemic put all in-person library events on hold, the staff pivoted and started a virtual book club. CJCL Director Holly Riccio got the ball rolling by suggesting we start with the 5-article series by Bob Berring published in the *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*. These autobiographical articles chronicle Berring's "professional career and the development of the modern universe of digital information" spanning the years 1975 to current. She then set up a Zoom meeting with Bob and Michael...and we were psyched!

To provide the proper context, it should be noted that Bob Berring is a rock star of law librarianship. While law libraries certainly were not new, Berring heralded a new era of librarianship that brought librarians' professional skills to the forefront at the same time law schools were expanding their collections, the "old guard" was retiring, and computerization was on the horizon. Berrings' career began at the University of Illinois, followed by stints at the Tarleton Library at the University of Texas Law School, Harvard Law Library, the University of Washington Law Library, and UC Berkeley. He was mentored by the giants in legal research, such as Professor Roy M. Mersky and Morris L. Cohen.

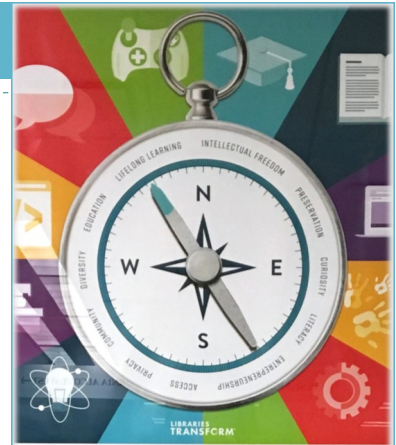
Berring has taught contracts and advanced legal research, served as the director of the Berkeley law library, and as interim dean of the law school, and authored award-winning books on legal research and its conversion to electronic format. Our conversation with him was lively and informative, and it was immediately clear why he has been a popular lecturer and well-respected pioneer.

Our hope is that once we are physically back in the courts, both Bob Berring and Michael Levy will be able to give the talk on the history of legal research as planned.

Jan Gross, Reference Librarian

PUBLICATIONS BY BERRING AT CJCL:

- Berring & Edinger, *Finding the Law* (Thomson/West 2005)
- [Berring on Legal Research \(videorecording\): Deep Principles for Researching and Understanding the Law](#) (Thomson/West 2006)
- Hoffman, et al., [International Legal Research in a Nutshell](#) (West Academic Pub. 2017)
- [The Bluebook: a Sixty-Five Year Retrospective with Introduction](#) by Bob Berring (W.S. Hein 1998)



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Five LEXIS “Quick Tips”

Want some Westlaw tips, too? Check out the *Five WESTLAW “Quick Tips”* article in the Winter 2020 issue.



1. To save your eyes when viewing a document, click on the **Reading Mode Icon** (square with four arrows pointing outward in the upper-right corner of the page). This will open a reading pane that removes extraneous content and allows you to increase and decrease font sizes. You can return to the regular page by clicking on the Reading Mode icon again.
2. **Topic Summaries** provide valuable information about legal topics including definitions, links to seminal cases, codes and secondary sources, and are an excellent starting point when researching a topic. When viewing a case or secondary source that is on point, click on About this Document, then on Topic Summaries.
3. Improve your workflow and save a few clicks by permanently setting defaults for the way your **Search Results** are displayed. Within a Results page, click on the “Sort by” drop-down and select **Edit default order**. You can change the default **Sort by** settings for Cases, Codes, and News by clicking the corresponding down arrow, and additional categories of content by clicking **Add content types**.

Default "Sort by" Settings	
Content Type	Sort By
Cases	Court (highest) by date (newest) ×
Codes	Relevance ×
News	Date (newest-oldest) ×

[Add content types](#)

4. Use the **Advance Search** template in the Lexis news database to craft your search of thousands of news sources. The template prompts you with document segments and fields, such as headline, title, lead, and the desired word count.
5. **Favorites** is now easier to use. Deleting a Favorite now requires just a single click on the “X.” Favorite sources with a table of contents (TOC) will appear on a single line, taking the you to the TOC search page. Sources without a TOC will take you to the Advanced Search Form.

FREE COVID-19 RESOURCES:

- ◇ [ABA](#)
- ◇ [Bloomberg BNA](#)
- ◇ [Law 360](#)
- ◇ [Law.com](#)
- ◇ [LA Times](#)
- ◇ [LexisNexis](#)
- ◇ [New York Times](#)
- ◇ [The New Yorker](#)
- ◇ [Sage Publishing](#)
- ◇ [Stanford Law School COVID-19 Memos Database](#)
- ◇ [Wall Street Journal](#)
- ◇ [Wiley Online Library](#)
- ◇ [Wolters Kluwer](#)

News from HeinOnline:

In case you didn't know:

HeinOnline introduced a major update to *Criminal Justice in America: U.S. Attorney General Opinions, Reports and Publications*.

- Renamed: **Criminal Justice & Criminology**
- Database has been reorganized and material has been subject-coded.
- **1,300 new titles** added with 2 million pages of content.
- **110 criminal justice periodicals** added as well as many Crime and Criminal books.

The CJCL recently curated a [Black Lives Matter Recommended Reading List](#), compiling anti-racist and diversity-focused resources—in both print and multimedia—for both adults and children.

The print portion includes Kids Reading (All Ages), Black-Authored Fiction, Non-Fiction, Criminal and Racial Justice, and Cultural Competency. The multimedia resources include Kid-Friendly Online Content, Podcasts, Blogs, Movies (Fiction and Documentary) and TV Streaming.

New Electronic Catalog Additions:

We added 4 new electronic collections to our catalog. We are also working to incorporate links to these titles in their print record counterparts for ease of access. Follow the links below to browse our new additions:

- [Westlaw e-Treatise Collection](#)
- [Westlaw Primary Sources Plus Collection](#)
- [Lexis Advance e-Treatise Collection](#)
- [Lexis Advance Primary Sources Collection](#)

FDLP ONLINE



The Federal Depository Library Program offers their [Core U.S. Government Resources online](#).

The following titles are some of what the CJCL receives in print. Their online counterparts are linked below:

- [Code of Federal Regulations](#)
- [Federal Register](#)
- [Public and Private Laws](#)
- [United States Code](#)
- [Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States](#)

Since the CJCL has been working remotely, many normal tasks are not so normal and routine tasks turned upside down. Every member of the staff has pitched in to help in one way or another, and we would like to acknowledge and send an enormous thank you for their contributions, camaraderie, and collegiality. Specific efforts include the following:

- **Deanna Mason** and **Marie Silva** made weekly trips in to the library to triage incoming mail and handle special projects (e.g. State Archives legislative history orders processing)
- **Vita Isyanova** has been invaluable in keeping invoices moving through the process, assisting with fiscal year close efforts, and has also gone in monthly to collect copier count data
- **Jessica Brasch** and **Jan Gross** are providing all of their stellar research services remotely, including participating in the CJCL's first "virtual" library orientation/tour
- **Erin Lybrand-Wenz** and **Patrick Worrell** teamed up and were responsible for the addition of digital content links to Lexis and Westlaw content in our library catalog, ensuring continued access as remote work continues



In support of Black Lives Matter, the CJCL would like to share a list of books and electronic journals we have in our collection as well as other recommendations from our staff.

Print Titles

[Locking up our own : crime and punishment in black America / James Forman Jr.](#)

[The death penalty in black and white : who lives, who dies, who decides : new studies on racism in capital punishment / Richard C. Dieter](#)

[Black judges on justice : perspectives from the bench / Linn Washington](#)

[The making of "Mammy Pleasant" : a Black entrepreneur in nineteenth-century San Francisco / Lynn M. Hudson](#)

[Archy Lee : a California fugitive slave case / Rudolph M. Lapp ; foreword by Shirley Ann Wilson Moore](#)

[The new Jim Crow : mass incarceration in the age of colorblindness / Michelle Alexander](#)

[Race results : Hollywood vs. the Supreme Court : ten decades of racial decisions and film / by Eileen C. Moore](#)

[And we are not saved : the elusive quest for racial justice / Derrick Bell](#)

[Confronting authority : reflections of an ardent protester / Derrick Bell](#)

Electronic Titles

[The Harvard blackletter journal \[HeinOnline\]](#)

[Berkeley journal of African-American law & policy \[HeinOnline\]](#)

[Southern journal of policy and justice law journal \[HeinOnline\]](#)

**Lists of Black-owned bookstores to support from
[Literary Hub](#), [Publisher's Weekly](#), and [Conde Nast Traveler](#)**



Other Recommended Reading:

[The Central Park Five: The Untold Story Behind One of New York City's Most Infamous Crimes / Sarah Burns](#)

[10 Books to help you better understand the Central Park 5 Case from Bustle.com by K.W. Colyard](#)

[Arbitrary Justice: The Power of the American Prosecutor / Angela J. Davis](#)

[The House That Race Built: Original Essays by Toni Morrison, Angela Y. Davis, Cornel West, and Others on Black Americans and Politics in America Today](#)

[The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How our Government Segregated America/ Richard Rothstein](#)

[White Fragility / Robin Diangelo](#)

[Me and White Supremacy / Layla F. Saad](#)

EARLY LEGAL CHALLENGES TO STREETCAR SEGREGATION IN CALIFORNIA

African Americans have challenged racist and discriminatory laws in California since the Gold Rush through legal action, legislative advocacy, mutual aid, print culture, and protest. Two overlooked Black women pioneers--Charlotte L. Brown and Mary Ellen Pleasant--were at the forefront of the movement to desegregate San Francisco's streetcars in the 1860s, some eighty years before Maya Angelou became the city's first African American woman streetcar operator.

In 1866, Mary Ellen Pleasant, an abolitionist activist and entrepreneur, was refused passage on a San Francisco streetcar. When one of the passengers asked the conductor to allow her to board, he replied, "We don't take colored people in cars." Pleasant sued the railroad company, and was awarded \$500 in damages by a jury. The case was appealed to the California Supreme Court. In 1868, the high court reversed the trial court's judgement, ruling that the damages were excessive. Pleasant's suit against the North Beach and Mission Railroad Company was not an isolated effort; it was part of a larger, organized movement to challenge racial discrimination in California with roots in the abolitionist activism of the 1850s and 1860s.

The sensationalist press of the 19th century alternately fetishized and demonized Pleasant, recasting her as the voodoo sorceress "Mammy Ellen Pleasant" and diminishing her role as an abolitionist, fundraiser for anti-slavery causes, and civil rights pioneer. The case *Pleasants v. North B. & M. R. Co.* (1868) 34 Cal. 586 is an indisputable reminder of Pleasant's commitment to the long fight for equal rights.

For more information, please check out Lynn Hudson's *The Making of "Mammy Pleasant": A Black Entrepreneur in Nineteenth-Century San Francisco* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2008), available at your California Judicial Center Library.

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