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Welcome to Spring Semester 2012!

Dear students,

Welcome back to school and Happy 2012! I am happy to welcome you back to a renovated Library. Although our project is still ongoing, we are, for the most part, finished in the first floor. As you noticed, seating has been increased and improved. All study rooms have been renovated and lighting has been enhanced in needed areas. We are always interested in your opinion. Always feel free to contact the Library if you have any praises, concerns or complaints. I wish you the best in this Spring term.

Roy Balleste

Associate Professor of Law
Law Library Director

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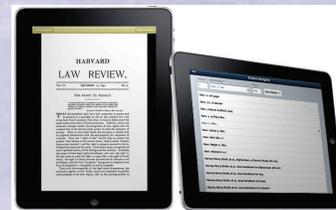
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A b o u t t h e E n c y c l o p e d i a

The Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law is a comprehensive online resource containing peer-reviewed articles on every aspect of public international law. Written and edited by an incomparable team of over 800 scholars and practitioners, published in partnership with the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, and updated throughout the year, this major reference work is essential for anyone researching or teaching international law.

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H i s t o r y o f t h e E n c y c l o p e d i a

Under the auspices of Professor Dr. Rüdiger Wolfrum, Director at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (Max Planck Institute), an initiative was launched in 2004 to compile the Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law (MPEPIL). This work represents a new edition of the Encyclopedia of Public International Law that was published between 1991 and 2001 under Professor Dr. Rudolf Bernhardt. The MPEPIL was made available in electronic and print form by Oxford University Press in September 2008. The online publication will be steadily expanded until there are around 1700 articles, at which point a small number of new articles will be added while existing articles are regularly updated. A print version will be published at the end of 2011.

MPEPIL represents an updated, comprehensive work covering the central and essential topics in international law. It is much more than a revision of the earlier edition. Nearly all topics have been rewritten and many new topics included in order to capture the latest developments in international law. To do justice to the changing nature of international law, an increased emphasis has been placed on the relevance of each keyword for contemporary international law. Particular attention has been paid to the contextualization of each topic within international law as well as the presentation of current trends while maintaining a focus on the mainstream/majority view. The goal is to avoid a purely Eurocentric perspective and this has been achieved with the assistance of academics and practitioners from various legal backgrounds and perspectives. The intention is that the MPEPIL will be a work that reflects international law from a global perspective while taking into account regional perspectives.

The authors of the articles are legal scholars and practitioners from all over the world. The authors speak in their personal capacity only. Any views they express or information they provide cannot be attributed to the institutions with which they are currently, or have previously been, affiliated.

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The primary mission of the St. Thomas University Law Library is to provide access to the legal information necessary to support the mission of the School of Law. Access to legal information involves two components: acquiring assets that provide comprehensive citation retrieval, and acquiring assets that deliver the full text of the documents cited.

The Alex A. Hanna Law Library supports the School of Law's teaching and research programs through direct, continuing, and informed relationships with the faculty, and through programs that educate students about the use of all formats of legal information. The secondary mission of the Law Library is to provide access to legal information and publications for St. Thomas University.

Law Library Spotlight! Matthew Gran

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday break and that you are enjoying your new classes. You may have met me or saw me running around the library. This spotlight will hopefully help you get to know me better. My name is Matthew Gran. I started working in September as the Evening Reference Librarian. My job duties include reference support, teaching research skills, creating bibliographies, managing Interlibrary loan (ILL), and supervising the library at night.

For those loyal Fiat Lux readers, I, like Courtney Segota, am another Illinois transplant. So how did I end up here? Call it fleeing the brisk Chicagoland winters; maybe it is a small world after all-I grew up two towns over from Courtney and went to law school together; perhaps Professor Balleste is collecting former Illinois graduates; or maybe I am trying to live in all 50 states (I have lived in 8 states so far).

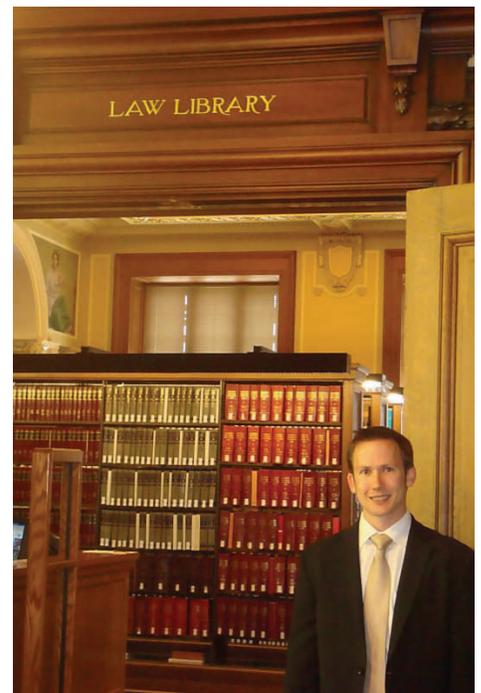
Prior to this job, I spent a lot of time at the University of Illinois. As an undergrad, I was an English and

Rhetoric major and often worked at the University Bookstore. I also have my J.D. and my Masters of Library and Information Science from Illinois. During grad school, I worked at the law library as a graduate assistant and did a lot of database and website design.

Random facts about me: Granimal is a nickname I earned in the Army. I served three tours in Iraq. My Dad jokes that I went to law school to play softball. If anyone is looking for another softball player, I'd love to play. I play guitar and chess. I used to be good at jujitsu and mixed martial arts. I can't wait to spend more time at the beach.

Please let me know if you need reference help. You can also ask me about moot court, class issues, or journal. I was on an external moot court team and was a member on a law journal. I run reference from my office, and am specifically responsible for the evening reference shift.

If I am not in my office, you can leave me a message at my extension 2378 or email me at mgran@stu.edu.



Best,
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