As we celebrate the library’s 125th anniversary, we invite all of you to join the year’s activities and to explore the collections that we’ve built over the last century with your support.

**Big Data and Big Challenges for Law and Legal Information.** The library is sponsoring a symposium focusing on key issues in future legal information management, data collection and preservation, and the mining of data sets. As technology plays an increasingly prominent role in our everyday lives, data aggregators are collecting disparate data bits, combining them with other information streams, and using the resulting collage to reach conclusions or spur action. Speakers will examine the public good and collective harms that follow from large-scale aggregation of information from public and private sources, and will explore how thoughtful information management policies can maximize benefits while reducing collateral damage.

**Special Collections.** Over the years, the Georgetown Law Library has sought to collect rare legal materials that shed light on law and its impact on key historical moments or movements. A fine example is the George Finch Collection, which comprises papers from a prominent international law practitioner, scholar, and 1907 Georgetown Law graduate. Among many notable roles, George Finch was a State Department adviser, one of the founders of the Hague Academy after World War I, and a professor at the Georgetown School of Foreign Service. His writings provide a unique glimpse into the attitudes and concerns of leading lawyers and politicians during the first half of the 20th century.

The library’s services, collections, and facilities could not be what they are without your continued support. This year’s celebration is as much about our users as it is about the library’s activities. We thank you, and hope that you will continue to journey with us as we reach towards the next century mark.

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**Big Data and Big Challenges for Law and Legal Information**

**Georgetown Law Library**

**A Symposium in Celebration of 125 Years**

In celebration of 125 years, the Georgetown Law Library looks to the future with a symposium of the academic, advocacy, government, and library communities on Wednesday, January 30 in the Gewirz Student Center at Georgetown Law.

Throughout the day, panelists will discuss how very large, complex data sets can be used to develop new understandings and inform public policy—connecting points of information electronically, across numerous, vast, and often unrelated stores of data to distill meaning in ways impossible a few short years ago.

Together, we’ll share ideas on the theory and practice of balancing privacy costs and public benefit, plus the incentives, practical applications, and new technologies implicated in growing “big data.”

Anticipated panelists and speakers include:

- **Margaret O. Adams**, National Archives & Records Administration
- **Prof. Vicki Arroyo**, Georgetown State & Federal Climate Resource Center
- **Prof. Josh Blackman**, South Texas College of Law
- **Francine E. Friedman**, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
- **Prof. Carole Roan Gresenz**, Georgetown University School of Nursing & Health Studies
- **Mark E. Herlihy**, Georgetown Institute of International Economic Law
- **Deirdre James**, U.S. Congress Joint Committee on Taxation
- **Leslie Johnston**, Library of Congress
- **Bill LeFurgy**, Library of Congress
- **Prof. Paul Ohm**, Univ. of Colorado and Federal Trade Commission
- **Prof. Joshua C. Teitelbaum**, Georgetown University Law Center
- **Dean William M. Treanor**, Georgetown University Law Center
- **Prof. Michelle M. Wu**, Director of the Georgetown Law Library
- **Prof. Kathy Zeiler**, Georgetown University Law Center

Attendance is free and open to all, and a streaming webcast will be available online during and after the event. Look for more information at [www.law.georgetown.edu/library/about/125/symposium.cfm](http://www.law.georgetown.edu/library/about/125/symposium.cfm).
Over the summer, Georgetown Law Library’s reference librarians and electronic resources and services department collaborated to update our Web-based Legal Research & Writing tutorials. The LRW tutorials are required course content for many first-year sections, and offer students an easy online option for learning about:

- Statutory Research
- Case Law Research
- Secondary Sources Research
- Administrative Law Research

The newly released tutorials are found on the library’s website as embedded HTML5 videos that can be viewed on any PC, Mac, iPhone, iPad, or numerous other mobile devices. The tutorials have also been uploaded to a new Georgetown Law Library YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/GTownLawLib, which is proving a popular site with over 7,100 views recently.

As WestlawNext and Lexis Advance came online over the past academic year and have been added to the LRW curriculum, our librarians worked to incorporate both of these new platforms throughout the tutorials to familiarize students with their features.

Narration was also added to the tutorials, broadening their appeal to auditory as well as visual learners. A downloadable text transcript for each tutorial makes these resources accessible to a wider base of users than ever before, and interactive quizzes at the end of the videos provide learners with instant self-assessment.

The LRW tutorials have been well received by students, faculty, and librarians. Web analytics indicate that they are widely used beyond Georgetown Law, likely setting a new standard for legal research tutorials: Librarians at other law schools have already contacted Georgetown’s reference department for advice on incorporating similar tools into their online instructional offerings.

Library Services for Alumni and Friends: Highlights from Reunion 2012

This year the Friends of the Law Library hosted two events during Georgetown Law reunion weekend.

Faculty Perspectives: The Future of Obamacare after the Supreme Court Speaks

On Friday, October 19 at 2:00 p.m. in Hotung room 1000, Kumar Jayasuriya of the Georgetown Law Library moderated a panel on current issues regarding the constitutionality and legality of current healthcare reform efforts. On the panel were three distinguished members of the Georgetown Law faculty, Professors Gregg Bloche, Michael Seidman, and Timothy Westmoreland. They were joined by Project Director Susan Kim of the O’Neill Institute for National & Global Health Law. Professor Seidman is a noted constitutional scholar. Professors Bloche and Westmorland write extensively on healthcare topics and have been involved in the national discussion on healthcare reform. Ms. Kim represented the O’Neill Institute, a Georgetown Law organization leading local, national, and international projects to address ongoing healthcare issues.

Online Legal Research: Free and Low-Cost Alternatives to Lexis and Westlaw

On Saturday, October 20 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Hotung room 2000, Reference Librarian Todd Venie of the Georgetown Law Library taught a course on free and low-cost legal research tools.

View Georgetown Law Library’s new LRW tutorials on YouTube, or on the library website at www.law.georgetown.edu/library/research/tutorials/lrw.cfm.
The Georgetown Law Library is pleased to announce the opening of the George Finch Collection. The collection comprises personal writings from George Finch (L’1907) and his esteemed colleague James Brown Scott, including manuscripts, letters, speeches, academic lectures, and other materials from the careers of both men. George Finch and James Brown Scott were close collaborators from their meeting at the State Department until Scott’s death in 1943. One close friend and colleague described Finch as the enabling “power behind the throne” during Scott’s tenure as secretary of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the American Society of International Law, institutions where both men served as leaders and trustees from 1911 onward. Following their role as legal advisers during World War I, the pair also helped open the Hague Academy of International Law to students in 1923.

Outside of his work with Scott, Finch is perhaps best known for his work in support of the Bricker Amendment in the 1950s until his death in 1957. An outgrowth of American isolationism and concern over communism following World War II, the Bricker Amendment sought to limit presidential treaty-making power due to a perceived potential for circumventing the Bill of Rights in domestic concerns. The amendment failed in the Senate by one vote in 1954, and similar resolutions were later introduced without success.

Together and individually, George Finch and James Brown Scott helped to shape international law in the first half of the 20th century. The George Finch Collection provides not only a window into the past but also valuable insights into the present international legal system. The collection is open for research and a finding aid is available online.

For more information about the library’s manuscript collections, contact Special Collections at 202-661-6602.

Law at the Movies: Human Rights and the War on Drugs

The Law Library co-hosted a special screening of the award-winning 2012 film, The House I Live In, on Tuesday, December 4 in Hart Auditorium. Doors opened with complimentary refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and the film began at 7:00. After the screening, director Eugene Jarecki stayed for questions on the film and discussed his ongoing campaign to educate others on the realities of the War on Drugs.

This event was free and open to the public, and co-sponsored by the Friends of the Law Library, the Georgetown chapter of the National Lawyers’ Guild, the Georgetown Criminal Law Association, Georgetown Human Rights Action—Amnesty International, and Human Rights First.

Winner of this year’s Sundance Grand Jury Prize, The House I Live In is a gripping documentary on America’s criminal justice system. Compelling original interviews and footage intertwine to expose the politics behind U.S. drug laws, their impact upon race and class dynamics, and the unexpected toll society has paid for the War on Drugs. The film and the ideas it provokes offer an important perspective to students, scholars, and practitioners alike.

From The New York Times: A call to national conscience, the activist documentary The House I Live In is persuasively urgent. . . . [T]he movie is an insistently personal and political look at the war on drugs and its thousands of casualties, including those serving hard time for minor offenses. It is, Mr. Jarecki asserts — as he sifts through the data, weighs the evidence and checks in with those on both sides of the law — a war that has led to mass incarcerations characterized by profound racial disparities and that has created another front in the civil rights movement.

For more information about the film and related materials on the war on drugs, please see the library’s online bibliography at www.law.georgetown.edu/library/blog/post.cfm/the-house-i-live-in-bibliography.
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