



RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP: A FACULTY GUIDE

I. RESEARCH SOURCES AND METHODS

Librarians

Librarians [Tom Hemstock](#) and [Anthony Aycock](#) are available to help with research, find books or articles in our collection, or track down a source through Interlibrary Loan (ILL).

Professional Collection at Charlotte Law Library

The library is building a specialized collection, available only to faculty and staff, of books on scholarship and teaching. Titles include:

[The Law Professor's Handbook](#)

[Legal Education and Professional Development](#)

Social Science Research Network and Berkeley Electronic Press

Berkeley Electronic Press (bePress)

bePress' Legal Repository (<http://law.bepress.com/repository/>) contains thousands of articles and working papers on legal topics. One can search by [subject](#), [institution](#), [author](#) or [title/keyword](#).

[SSRN Legal Scholarship Network](#)

Over 100,000 articles and working papers on legal topics. Most are available free in full text PDF format. Use the Search feature to narrow the results list. Look for papers on esoteric—but fascinating—topics (e.g., [Jesus' Legal Theory—A Rabbinic Interpretation](#)).

Web Sites

Directory of Law Reviews (LexisNexis)

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/prodev/lawreview/>

Also contains an excellent bibliography of articles on scholarship

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/prodev/lawreview/sources200611.pdf>

Charlotte School of Law: TWEN Faculty Scholarship Web Page

TWEN → Add a course → Select “Faculty Scholarship”

Professional Development at the Association of American Law Schools (AALS)

http://www.aals.org/services_professionaldev.php

Law Review Rankings

John Doyle, Washington & Lee Law School

<http://lawlib.wlu.edu/LJ/index.aspx>



Brophy, Alfred L., "The Emerging Importance of Law Review Rankings for Law School Rankings, 2003-07" .U of Alabama Public Law Research Paper No. 08-05 Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=896313>

Fred R. Shapiro, *The Most Cited Law Reviews*, 2 J. LEGAL STUD. 389 (2000) (Available in Westlaw or Lexis.)

II. SCHOLARSHIP ADVICE AND TRENDS

Mary Beth Beasley & Linda H. Edwards, *The Process and the Product: A Bibliography of Scholarship about Legal Scholarship*. 49 MERCER L. REV. 741 (1998).

Christian C. Day, *In Search of the Read Footnote: Techniques for Writing Legal Scholarship and Having it Published*, 6 LEGAL WRITING 229 (2000) (Available on Westlaw and Lexis-Nexis)

Cheryl Hanna, *The Nuts and Bolts of Scholarship, or The 'NEW' Rules for Legal Scholars*, 56 J. LEGAL EDUC. 51 (2004).

Hanna's article is practical and funny, and it contains a bibliography of general and scholarly writing resources. The general resources alone, such as Stephen King's *On Writing*, make this article worthwhile.

Jerold H. Israel, *The Seven Habits of a Highly Effective Scholar*, 102 MICHIGAN L. REV. 1701 (2004).

Mary Kay Kane, *Some Thoughts on Scholarship for Beginning Teachers*, 37 J. LEGAL EDUC. 14 (1987)

Debra Kaufman, *Writing Research Results for Publication.*, 84 LAW LIBR. J. 617 (1992).

Nancy Levitt, *Scholarship Advice for New Law Professors in the Electronic Age*, 16 WIDENER L. REV. 947 (2007).

Discusses scholarly publishing in the current era of blogs, expedited reviews, electronic submissions, and open-access databases.

Melissa Marlow, *Scholarship Buddies*, 56 J. LEGAL EDUC. 56 (2006) (Available on Westlaw and Lexis-Nexis)

Gail Levin Richmond, *Advice to the Untenured*, 13 NOVA L. REV. 79 (1988).

Joseph P. Tomain & Paul L. Caron, *The Associate Dean for Faculty Research Position: Encouraging and Promoting Scholarship*, 33 U. TOL. L. REV. 233 (2001).

Alfred Yen, *Advice for the Beginning Legal Scholar*, 38 LOY. L. REV. 95 (1992)



Trends: Blogs in Legal Scholarship

[Law Professor Blogs](#)

A network of blogs designed to assist law professors in their scholarship and teaching. Many blogs link to working papers, book reviews, colloquia, and specialized journals.

In 2006, the Washington University Law Review published an issue devoted to the role of blogs in scholarship: [84 Wash. U.L. Rev. 1025](#).

III. LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP COLLECTIONS

[LexisNexis](#) and [Westlaw](#)

Both of these databases contain scholarly articles from law reviews and journals. Coverage varies by title, but the oldest articles are only from the 1980s.

[HeinOnline](#)

Contains articles from over 800 law reviews and journals. Unlike Westlaw and LexisNexis, which are selective, coverage of most journals goes back to the first-ever issue (e.g., *Harvard Law Review*, 1887). Articles are PDF images from the actual journals. Retrieve by citation, or search the full text.

[Open Access Legal Scholarship](#)

A project of Lewis & Clark Law School, this web site serves as a gateway to information about blogs, open access journals, and free scholarship repositories. Links to the [Registry of Open Access Repositories](#) (ROAR) and the [Directory of Open Access Repositories](#) (DOAR), both of which maintain lists of self-archiving sites.

[NELLCO Legal Scholarship Repository](#)

“The NELLCO Legal Scholarship Repository provides a free and persistent point of access for working papers, reports, lecture series, workshop presentations, and other scholarship created by faculty at NELLCO member schools.” There are simple and advanced search features, as well as an e-mail alert service.

[Directory of Open Access Journals](#)

Web directory of free, full-text, scholarly journals. Contains over 2,700 journals, over 50 of which are law-related.

[Google Scholar](#)

A simple way to do broad searches for scholarly literature. Google Scholar indexes peer-reviewed papers, articles, books, and theses. Some are full-text documents; others link to library catalogs or other finding aids. The help screen is located [here](#).