Exams are here! Graduation, summer jobs, and the bar exam are almost here! The W&L Law Library has your back. This issue of our Newsletter points you toward info and resources to help you wrap up the school year with success—and face your real-world experiences with confidence afterwards.

**Study Spaces.** In addition to our open Reading Room areas on Level 3 and 3A, the Library offers several Study Rooms on Level 3. Please be sure to reserve them appropriately and be respectful of others with your use of all shared spaces (food, noise, cleanliness) during exams. The Law Library also maintains other areas conducive to quiet study, like Level 1A and the History Room on Level 2.

**Study Aids.** Don’t forget the wide array of print and online materials the Law Library provides to help supplement your studies and boost your understanding before exams. See our Beyond the Text guide to 1L and upper-level subjects, including online West Academic and Lexis Nexis Digital Library offerings and Reserve Room print titles.

**Succeed This Summer**

Once exams are in the rearview, the job-related opportunities and challenges of your summer await. Whether you’ll be in a 1L judicial internship or sit for the July bar exam, the Law Library can help you make the most of your situation with our resources and support.

**Spring Into Summer Success.** Even if you weren’t able to attend our annual prepare-to-practice event on April 4, we hope you’ll check out the accompanying Online Guide, including presentations on selecting secondary sources, legal news resources, helpful Lexis features, and links to key tools and information. The Rachford Fellows and Burks Scholars also advise on a variety of legal workplaces for summer.

**Bar Exam Resources.** New grads planning to take the bar exam this summer will find the Law Library a quiet (near-deserted!) place to study. You might peruse the Bar Success Collection of books on the central low shelves of the Main Reading Room and view our online Bar Exam Resources Guide for info on the exam in many popular jurisdictions.

**Research Support.** The W&L Law librarians remain ready to help with your reference questions, research projects, or resource requests over the summer. Faculty can also benefit from extended support of the McThenia Research Assistants. Just email us at lawref@wlu.edu or call 540-458-8552.
FROM THE POWELL ARCHIVES: First Annual Showcase a Success!

The first Powell Archives Spring Showcase on March 28 was a great success. The event was an opportunity to tell members of the W&L Law community more about our mission and services while showcasing some of the unique and valuable materials in our collections.

The Archives collect and preserve the records of the Law School, as well as make the manuscripts and book collections in our repository available for research and study. The collections are used by researchers from all across the country and around the world, but it is important to remember that the students and faculty of W&L are our primary and most important audience.

Featured materials included photos and papers documenting the fire that destroyed W&L’s Tucker Memorial Hall in 1934 and the efforts to rebuild the Law Library collection destroyed in the blaze. Also on display were selections from the papers of Justice Lewis Powell ‘29, ‘31L, such as his notes used in writing the opinion for Regents of the University of California v. Bakke, 438 U.S. 265 (1978). Other highlights were from the papers of Congressman Caldwell Butler, civil rights lawyer Frank Parker, and John H. Tucker, a veteran of both World Wars. Visitors were especially attracted to the selections from our rare book collection, including one of the first legal texts published in colonial Virginia.

We hope those who stopped by enjoyed the collections and we look forward to seeing you at next year’s event! That said, you can always make an appointment to view Archives materials on your own schedule – contact Jenny Mitchell, Archivist and Special Collections Librarian, at jmitchell@wlu.edu or (540) 458-8969.

Read this issue online for linked access to resources: