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November 2016 Library Blogs

Legal Beagle's Post

November 4, 2016

Slavery in America

Posted by Library Blog on 11/04/2016 at 04:11 PM

- [In 1619](#), slavery in what became the United States began with the arrival of captive Africans at the British colony of Jamestown, Virginia, on the Dutch ship *White Lion*. The Dutch traded these captives to the colonists for food and supplies as “indentured servants.”
- [In 1641](#), the Massachusetts became the first colony to establish a code that legalized slavery.

The consequences of these actions and others that followed continue to have an impact on every person living in this country today.

Recognizing the popular and scholarly interest in the topic of the consequences of slavery, HeinOnline has provided a new library, [Slavery in America and the World: History, Culture & Law](#). This library brings together a wealth of often difficult to obtain materials related to slavery including:

- Colonial, state, & federal statutes
- State and federal cases
- Pamphlets and books
- Journal essays and articles
- Congressional debates



The material is a mix of primary documents and commentary, contemporaneous and modern items. In this collection, you can read more about those [first 20 Africans](#), even learn some of their names. You can learn about [Famous Race Trials](#) from the 1741 “Negro Plot” Trials in New York City to the George Zimmerman (“Trayvon Martin”) Trial in 2013. The Introduction to the collection, summarizing both the history of slavery and the history of scholarship about slavery is interesting standing by itself.

When using the collection, you can select the “All Titles” tab and use the **Slavery Quick Finder** search tool to narrow your results by any combination of Position, Document Type, Jurisdiction, or Topic.

If you have any questions about this resource or need assistance researching this topic, please feel free to contact the reference librarians at lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu.

Legal Beagle's Post

November 11, 2016

RWU Law Digital Library Training

Posted by Library Blog on 11/11/2016 at 02:10 PM

Missed the first session of training for the *RWU Law Digital Library*?

It is not too late! On Wednesday, November 16, the Law Library will be hosting the second session of training on our new *RWU Law Digital Library* providing titles from LexisNexis.

This new product, available by selecting [RWU Law Digital Library – LexisNexis](#) from the library's list of digital resources, contains a variety of books in an eBook format, including study aids.

Reminder the training will be held -

Date: Wednesday, 11/16

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Law Library's Main Training Lab

This training will instruct you how to access these materials as well as how to best utilize the resources.

These eBooks may be very helpful to you in the upcoming weeks of outlining and studying.

If you have any questions about the training or need assistance using the RWU Law Digital Library, please stop by the reference desk or email us at lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu.

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Legal Beagle's Post

November 17, 2016

#TurkeyPardon2016

Posted by Library Blog on 11/17/2016 at 09:26 AM



The Washington Post once called the annual tradition of having the US President pardon a turkey, the [“dumbest” tradition](#). Here at the Legal Beagle, we think it is an odd but educational tradition. For example, we learned the following things of interest while researching this tradition:

- There is no real agreement about [when this tradition became a tradition](#).
- [Rhode Island played a pivotal role](#) in this tradition.
- [Turkeys have their own lobbyists](#) in D.C. who supply the birds to the President.
- Even pardoned turkeys have a somewhat [grim fate](#).

Whether #TurkeyPardon2016 becomes a trending topic on Twitter this year or not, the RWU Law Library Staff hopes you enjoy your holiday!

Legal Beagle's Post

November 22, 2016

The Library as a Quiet Space

Posted by Library Blog on 11/22/2016 at 01:55 PM

Laura Miller, a journalist, once [wrote](#), “one of the most precious resources libraries offer their patrons is simple quiet.” She also wrote “librarians are highly skilled, well-educated and socially aware” so here at the Legal Beagle we are inclined to believe her!

As we delve deeper into the semester, through the reading period and into exams, this is just a reminder to be aware of the noise level in the library. While some students prefer to work in small groups in study rooms and appreciate the chatter of other students, some students prefer to study in silence. The library hopes to provide an atmosphere which can accommodate the learning and studying preferences of all of our patrons. Please be respectful to all law students by being mindful of your noise level in the library.

For more information on expressing noise concerns in the Law Library, contact the library staff.

