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Have you ever wondered why vaccines are so often a very trendy topic of discussion on Facebook, Twitter, the news and talk shows? A new book at the law library may help answer this question.

Vaccine Nation by Dr. Elena Conis, an assistant professor of history at Emory University, is a social and political history of human vaccination in America with a particular focus on vaccine-related policies of presidents from the 1960s to today. Discussing not only the social history of particular vaccines, such as the HPV and mumps vaccines, but also the social history of vaccine skepticism, this book is an interesting resource for students interested in such diverse subjects as public health, Jenny McCarthy, politics, sociology, parental rights, feminism and the media.

More information about the book and interviews with the author can be found on the LA Times' website and in an audio file available for download on the New Books Network. The book itself can be found in the library’s lending collection at KF3808.C66 2015.
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The Student Lawyer provides guidance on educational and career issues. It is published monthly, September through May, by the Law Student Division of the ABA.

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Legal News Using Law360

Posted by Library Blog on 09/18/2015 at 01:51 PM

Law360 is a digital resource which specializes in legal news and analysis. Although Law360 has the searchability of a database, it also functions like a daily newsletter on topics of your choosing. It is provided by LexisNexis and is probably best known for how quickly it delivers updates. According to their website, they cover "85% of events within 48 hours" and the database is updated about every fifteen minutes.
All of the individual stories from Law360 are also available through Lexis Advance. For information on accessing Law360 or other resources at home, see our Off-Campus Access to Digital Resources page.

A full list of all of the topics covered on Law360 can be found here. For help using the advanced search features of this database see the Advanced Search Guide. If you would prefer to have content delivered to you, set up an RSS feed. Another option allows you to set up an alert in Lexis Advance which can be used to track Law360 content on government agencies, judges, attorneys, companies and cases.

If you have questions about Law360 or are looking for more information about how best to use it (especially if you are writing a paper this semester or even a note for law review), stop by the reference desk and speak with a librarian.

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Innovation: The Path to Becoming a Better Lawyer (Part I)

Posted by Library Blog on 09/25/2015 at 01:41 PM
While the cartoon *Harvey Birdman, Attorney at Law* may be humorous, it might not teach you everything you need to know about law or the legal system. Have you ever wished that some of the cases or concepts in your textbooks were turned into useful illustrations? Whether you have or haven’t wished this, educational illustrations of major cases or concepts can be found online at the [Visual Law Library](#).

This website, a project of Stanford University’s [Legal Design Initiative](#), contains graphics to help students, lawyers, and the general public better understand legal doctrines and practices. Examples of visualizations include [Can You Bring In Past Statements as Evidence?](#) and the [Dormant Commerce Clause](#).

One of the innovative minds behind the Visual Law Library is [Margaret Hagan](#), a lawyer & a designer who is based at Stanford University. Margaret Hagan is going to be the plenary speaker at the upcoming Law Librarians of New England Fall Meeting which is being hosted at the RWU School of Law on October 2nd. More information about this meeting can be found on the [meeting’s website](#).

Do you have an original legal graphic for the Visual Law Library? They are accepting [submissions here](#).