

Moakley Law Library Newsletter

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Happy New Year, and welcome back! As the Spring 2025 semester begins, the Moakley Law Library wants to remind you of all the amazing resources we have to help you succeed this semester. Take a moment to familiarize yourself with featured library services such as study rooms, research help, and interlibrary loan. Learn about an exciting new AI tool on Westlaw. In honor of Black History Month, we have highlighted some titles from our catalog to help you learn more about and celebrate Black History Month. All this and more are in this issue of the Moakley Law Library Newsletter!

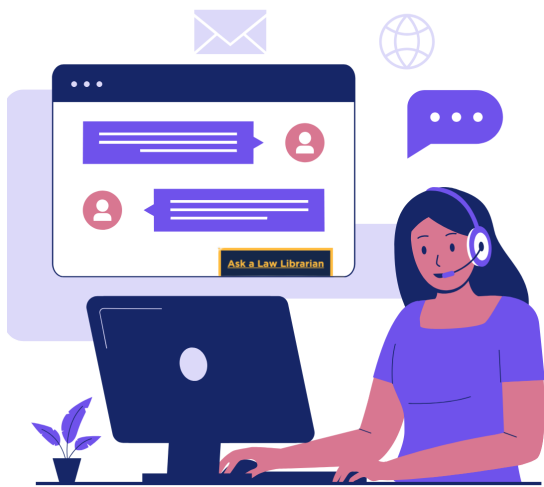
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Featured Library Services

Meet with a Librarian via Live Chat

New this semester the legal Librarian team has launched a [live chat](#) pilot



program for student and faculty use for quick research questions!

Connect with a librarian during Research Desk hours: **Monday through Thursday, from 10am to 6pm** and on **Friday from 10am to 5pm**

Librarians are available to answer research questions, help get you started on writing a research paper, and general research support during your internships and other legal work both during and after law school. **Chat with us, email us at lawref@suffolk.edu, give**

us a call at 617-573-8516 or stop by the 6th floor research desk of the Moakley Law Library.

Interlibrary Loan

Are you searching for a book or article that isn't in our collection? Fear not! Moakley Law Library participates in a robust interlibrary loan program (ILL). You can request a copy of a book *or* an article in the collection of another academic institution. The requested item will be sent to Suffolk and we will let you know when it arrives!



To make an ILL request, please log in to the ILLaid system and complete [the corresponding request form](#) on the law library's website!

Tip: WorldCat.org is a great place to look for materials we do not have.

Course Reserves

Looking for your course's assigned reading? The Law Library keeps at least **two copies** of all **required textbooks** and generally one copy of recommended titles on reserve. Visit the Circulation/Reserve Desk on the 6th floor to learn more about course reserves.

You can access the Law Library's catalog anywhere, on any device! Our [online catalog](#) can be used to search the collections at Moakley Law Library and

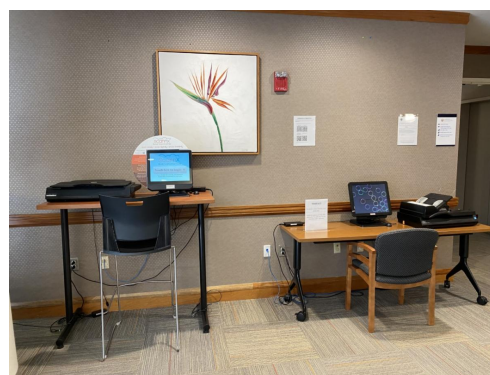


the Sawyer Library, including print materials, e-books / e-articles, videos, and journals. Clicking the “Map it” button in a catalog entry for print materials will let you know exactly where the book is located. Use the [advanced search feature](#) to find materials by course name or by professor's last name.

Scanning

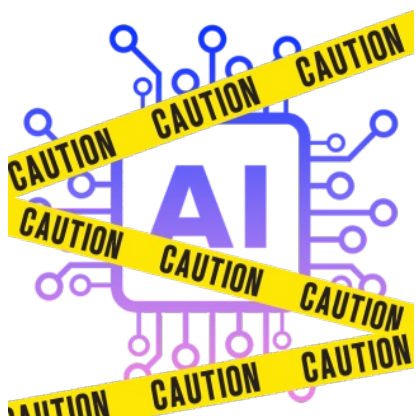
Enjoy **free scanning** at the Moakley Law Library!

Patrons can access two scanners across from the Circulation Desk. **Scan print materials** to your email, USB drive, tablet, smartphone, or Office 365 account. **Start scanning today!**



Tools to Know About

Westlaw's AI System



Last year saw the launch of Lexis+ AI. This year Westlaw has just released its own AI system, CoCounsel. CoCounsel is a generative AI assistant for professionals and hosts a suite of AI tools for use during the legal research process. Please review Suffolk University Law School's updated academic integrity policy and your course syllabi for guidance on how you may use AI while at Suffolk.

We encourage you to use this new technology with caution, and keep an eye out for upcoming library trainings on legal research with AI!

iCompete Writing

Sharpen your writing skills and try for prizes up to \$25,000!

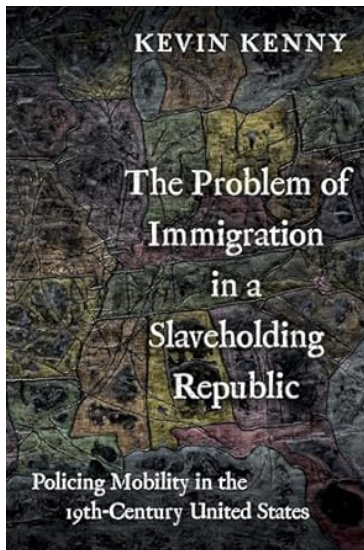


Created and hosted by Suffolk University Law School's nationally ranked Legal Practice Skills program and Moakley Law Library, [iCompete Writing](#) contains one of the most comprehensive collections of law student writing competitions.

Browse regularly updated listings by date or topic. In each entry, you'll find the competition's name, date, and a

link to the official page for more information.

Books Celebrating Black History Month

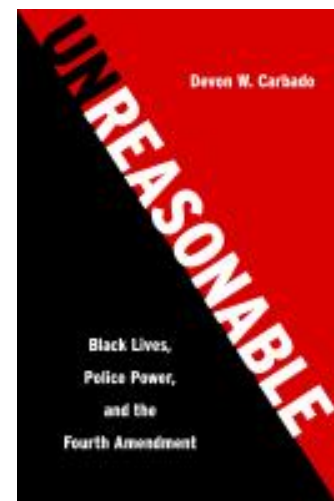


The Problem of Immigration in a Slaveholding Republic: Policing Mobility in the Nineteenth-Century United States

The Problem of Immigration in a Slaveholding Republic argues that the existence, abolition, and legacies of slavery were central to the emergence of a national immigration policy. This book offers an analysis of how regulation of the movement of enslaved and free black people produced a national immigration policy in the period between the American Revolution and the end of Reconstruction.

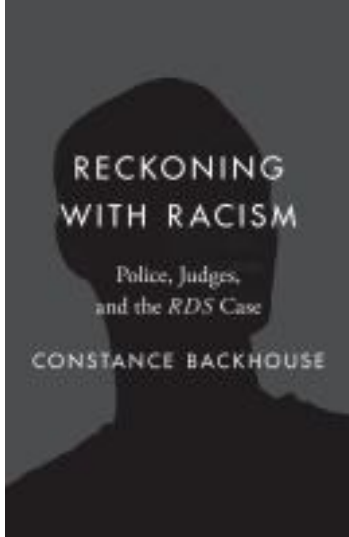
Unreasonable: Black lives, police power, and the fourth amendment

Published on the second anniversary of the global protests over the police killings of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, *Unreasonable* is an investigation of the role that the law--and the U.S. Constitution--play in the epidemic of police violence against Black people. Legal scholar Devon W. Carbado explains how the Fourth Amendment became ground zero for regulating police conduct--more important than Miranda warnings, the right to counsel, equal protection and due process.



Reckoning with racism: police, judges, and the RDS case

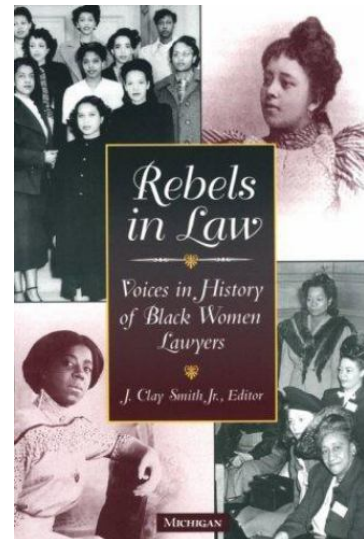
In 1997, complacency about the racial neutrality of a predominantly white judiciary was shattered as the Supreme Court of Canada considered a complaint of judicial racial bias for the first time. *Reckoning with Racism* considers the RDS case. This book assesses the case of alleged anti-white judicial bias, the



surrounding excitement, the dramatic effects on those involved, and the significance for the Canadian legal system.

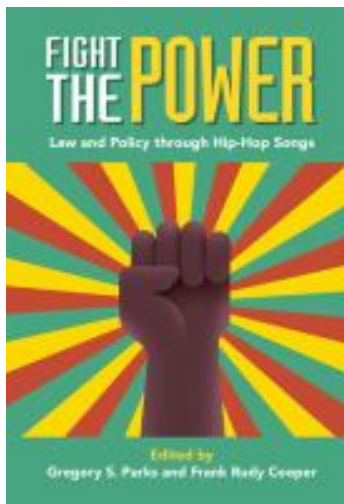
Rebels in Law: Voices in History of Black Women Lawyers

Drawing together many writings that have never been published or have been published in obscure journals or newspapers, *Rebels in Law* is a groundbreaking study. It offers historical background information on each writer and on the history of black women lawyers.



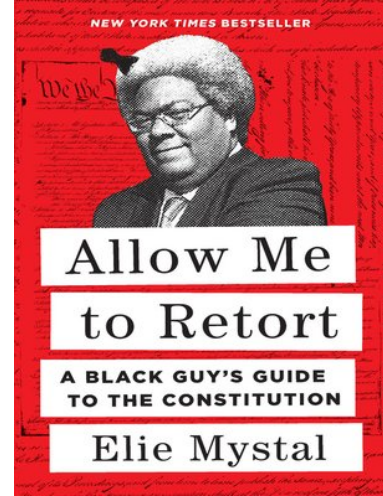
Fight the Power: Law and Policy Through Hip Hop Songs

This volume brings together leading legal commentators to make sense of some of the most pressing law and policy issues in the context of hip-hop music and the ongoing struggle for Black equality. Written to 'say it plain', this collection will be valuable not only to students and scholars of law, African-American studies, and hip-hop, but also to everyone who cares about creating a more just society.



Allow Me to Retort : A Black Guy's Guide to the Constitution

This book presents an easily digestible explanation about what rights we have, what rights Republicans are trying to take away, and how to stop them. Mystal explains how to protect the rights of women and people of color instead of cowering to absolutism. He explains the legal way to stop everything from police brutality to political gerrymandering, just by changing a few judges and justices.



Find our new materials [here!](#)

Funitivity

NEW YEAR
Would you rather



Coffee	OR	Hot Cocoa
Playing with your pet	OR	Playing games with your friends
Gelato!	OR	Cheesecake!
Cozy day inside	OR	Playing in the snow
Eat only pizza for a year	OR	No pizza for 2 years
Only watch shows for a year	OR	Only watch movies for a year
Jasmine Hot Tea	OR	Ginger Hot Tea



Suffolk Counseling Center

Feeling anxious or depressed? You are not alone!

Reach out to the Dean of Students Office at 617-573-8157,
LawDeanofStudents@suffolk.edu, or contact the [Suffolk Counseling Center](#) at
617-573-8226.

Library Hours

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Mondays - Fridays: 8:00 am - 11:00 pm

Saturdays - Sundays: 9:00 am - 11:00 pm

Research Desk Hours

Mondays - Thursdays: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Fridays: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Email: lawref@suffolk.edu

[Live chat](#)

Legal research librarians are available by appointment outside of these times.

Library hours are subject to change. [Stay up-to-date by checking our website](#)

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