

Moakley Law Library Newsletter

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Happy New Year, and welcome back! As the Spring 2024 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, and then scroll on to meet the newest member of the Legal Research Librarian team. Learn about an exciting new AI tool on Lexis+. 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!

Free Temporary Online Access to West Casebooks

West Academic is providing free temporary eBook access to West Academic and Foundation Press books being used in Suffolk University Law School courses this spring. Access began on Tuesday, January 9th, and runs through Monday, January 29th. Go to eproducts.westacademic.com and create an account or sign in if you've already created an account with West Academic. Access your materials under the "Materials Provided by my School" tab.

Let your opinion be heard!

What types of activities would you like to see the law library expand on?

Trainings on Lexis+ AI

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Interactive Displays

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Raffles

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Trainings on alternatives to Westlaw & Lexis+ for jobs & internships

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Law library video tutorials on research skills

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Monthly Library Podcasts (resources, exam prep tools, etc.)

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Featured Library Services

Meet with a Research Librarian



The Research Desk is open **Monday through Thursday, from 10am to 6pm** and on **Friday from 10am to 5pm**.

Librarians are available to answer questions related to finding primary and secondary legal authorities, getting started on writing a research paper and supporting you during your internships and other legal work both during and after law school. **Email us at lawref@suffolk.edu or give us a call at 617-573-8516.**

Interlibrary Loan

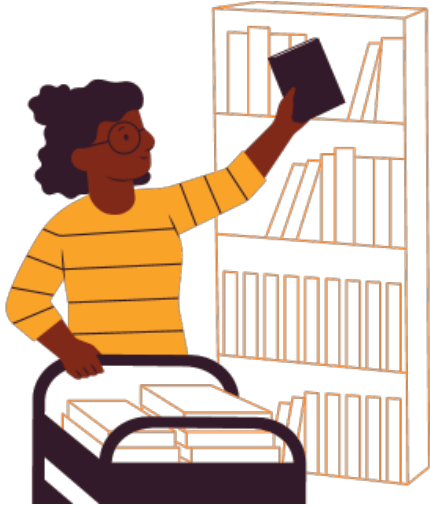
Are you searching for a book or article that isn't in our collection? Fear not! Moakley Law Library participates in a robust interlibrary loan system (ILL). You can request a copy of a book *or* an article in the collection of another academic institution. The requested item will be sent to Suffolk and 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 one copy of recommended titles on reserve. Visit the Circulation 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, 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, course number, or by professor's last name.

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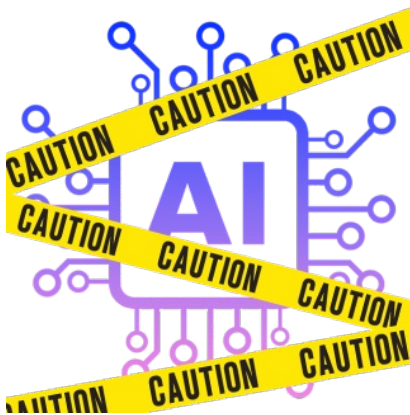
Enjoy **free scanning** at the Moakley Law Library!

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

Lexis+ AI



Upper-level law students now have access to [new AI features](#) on Lexis+. First-year law students will have access to Lexis+ AI later in the Spring semester. 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 Lexis+ 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.

Meet Your Legal Research Librarian: Tiffany!

Tiffany Souza is one of the legal research librarians at the Moakley Law Library. She moved to Massachusetts in August 2023, after having lived most of her life in Oregon. Before becoming a librarian, Tiffany worked as in-house counsel for high-tech companies where she handled a variety of legal and administrative matters, including contracts, litigation, intellectual property, financial due diligence, employment, and privacy.



Tiffany enjoys school. She is a committed student who has received 3 master's degrees in addition to a JD, so it is not surprising that she feels right at home working in higher education. Tiffany also loves supporting first-generation students and can relate to them since she was the first in her family to finish college and go to graduate school.

Outside of work, Tiffany likes to explore the world through travel, research, entertainment, and connecting with people over food and drink, especially coffee.

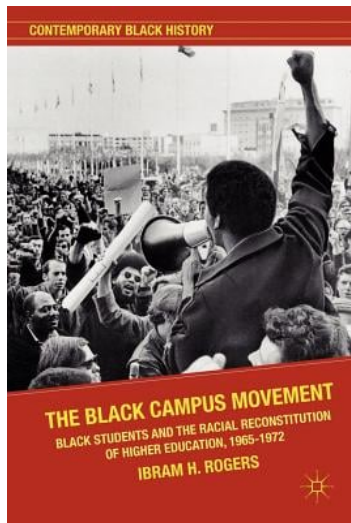
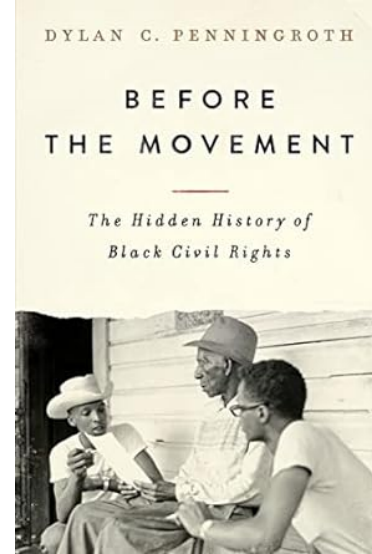
You can find Tiffany at Moakley's Research Desk during the week and can reach her by email at tiffany.souza@suffolk.edu.

Catalog Highlights Celebrating Black History Month

[Before the Movement: The Hidden History of Black Civil Rights](#)

Before the Movement is an account of Black legal lives

that looks beyond the Constitution and the criminal justice system to recover a rich, broader vision of Black life--a vision allied with, yet distinct from, "the freedom struggle."

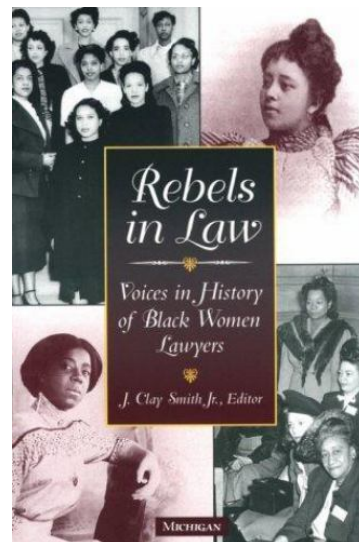


The Black Campus Movement: Black Students and the Racial Reconstitution of Higher Education, 1965-1972

This book provides the first national study of this intense and challenging struggle which disrupted and refashioned institutions in almost every state. This book also illuminates the complex context for one of the most transformative educational movements in American history through a history of black higher education and black student activism before 1965

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.



The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story

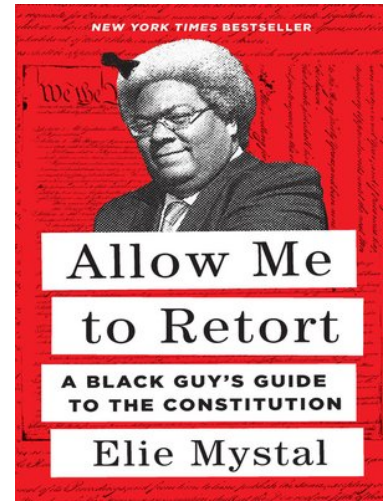
The New York Times Magazine's award-winning 1619 Project reframed our understanding of American history by placing slavery and its continuing legacy at the center of our national narrative. This book substantially expands on that work, weaving together eighteen essays that explore



the legacy of slavery in present-day America with thirty-six poems and works of fiction that illuminate key moments of oppression, struggle, and resistance.

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!](#)

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

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

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