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## LIBRARY HOURS



For final study period, from Friday, April 30 through Thursday, May 13, the library will stay open from 7:00 A.M. until midnight seven days a week. During the Spring intersession, from Friday, May 14 through Sunday, June 6, the library will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., seven days a week. The library will be closed on Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

For details, check the Legal Research Center web site at <http://www.sandiego.edu/lrc/hours.html>.

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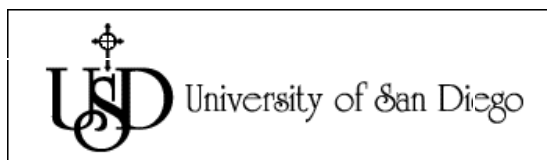
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**CIVIL RIGHTS  
ANNIVERSARIES  
-MANDELA AND  
BROWN**



While veterans of the United States civil rights movement are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* (see February 2004 issue of *OBITER DICTUM*), South Africans are commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the May 9, 1994 election of Nelson Mandela as the first black president of their post-apartheid government. The archived *NEW YORK TIMES* banner article describing the event can be viewed at <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/big/0509.html#article>. An extended discussion of Mandela's accomplishments leading to his receipt of the Nobel Peace Prize and of the development of his philosophy and his politics is available on the Nobel e-Museum at <http://www.nobel.se/peace/articles/mandela/>. The activities and press releases of the Nelson Mandela Foundation are offered at <http://www.nelsonmandela.org>.

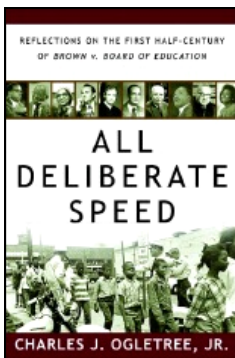
Several works in the LRC collection bear Mr. Mandela's endorsement. The three-volume work, *TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE: HOW EMERGING DEMOCRACIES RECKON WITH FORMER REGIMES*, edited by Neil J. Kritz of the U.S. Institute of Peace (K5250 .T73 1995) is praised in Mandela's foreword for "provid[ing] an impetus for the creation of an international community predicated on human dignity and justice." In Kenneth S. Brown's *BLACK LAWYERS, WHITE COURTS: THE SOUL OF SOUTH AFRICAN LAW* (KTL105 .B76 2000), Mandela salutes the lives of his friends and colleagues who "[overcame] the burdens of apartheid to become lawyers and to help the downtrodden of South Africa." And in the foreword to the collection of scholarly essays in *THE POST-APARTHEID CONSTITUTIONS: PERSPECTIVES ON SOUTH AFRICA'S BASIC LAW*, edited by Penelope Andrews and Stephen Ellman (KTL2070 .P67 2001), Mandela celebrates the commitment, embodied in the Constitution, "to build a nation based on the democratic values of human dignity, equality, and freedom, through constitutionalism and the rule of law." Mandela's role is also examined in RICHARD SPITZ, WITH MATTHEW CHASKALSON, *THE POLITICS OF TRANSITION : A HIDDEN HISTORY OF SOUTH AFRICA'S NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT* (KTL 2102 .S64 2000).

**On order on *Brown*:**

CHARLES T. CLOTFELTER, *AFTER BROWN: THE RISE AND RETREAT OF SCHOOL DESEGREGATION* (2004).

CHARLES J. OGLETREE, *ALL DELIBERATE SPEED: REFLECTIONS ON THE FIRST HALF-CENTURY OF BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION* (2004).

ALBERT L. SAMUELS, *IS SEPARATE UNEQUAL? BLACK COLLEGES AND THE CHALLENGE TO DESEGREGATION* (2004).



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