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LIBRARY HOURS

During the week of Spring Break, March 21 through March 25, the library will open at 8:00 A.M.



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

TRENDS IN LEGAL PUBLISHING



In 2003, legal publishing represented 36% of the American professional publishing market. Science and technology came in second at 32%, and business and medical publishing each occupied 16% of the market. Books accounted for \$2.39 billion, or 43% of the \$5.57 billion legal publishing market. Online legal services grew 6.4% from the previous year to \$1.52 billion, or 27% of the market. Law journals accounted for 8.4% of all professional journals. The top global legal publishers were Thomson (Thomson/West) at \$3.14 billion, Reed Elsevier (Lexis/Nexis) at \$2.43 billion, Wolters Kluwer (CCH) at \$1.41 billion, and BNA at \$242.5 million. The U. S. legal market is projected to grow ten percent to \$6.32 billion by 2007. Trends indicate that online publishing will grow at the greatest rate, followed by directories and books. The greatest growth is expected to be in global markets. David Jastrow, *Trends in Legal Publishing*, Simba Information, at <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/criv/news/TLP.ppt> (presented July 2004).

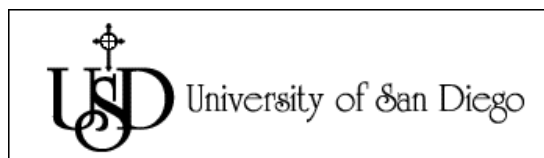
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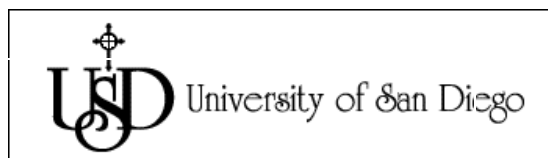
On March 12, 75 years ago, Mahatma Gandhi nonviolently protested Britain's Salt Acts, which prohibited Indian citizens from collecting or selling salt. He set out with 78 followers on a 241-mile march to the Arabian Sea. By the time they reached their destination 24 days later, the crowd of followers had swelled to tens of thousands, initiating the 20th century's greatest show of civil disobedience or *satyagraha*, as it is known in India. On May 5, Gandhi was arrested, but the satyagraha carried on.

The story of Gandhi's arrest and trial is recounted in FRANCIS WATSON, THE TRIAL OF MR. GANDHI/KF228 .G32 W37 1969. In the foreword, Earl

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Mountbatten of Burma recalls his friendship with Gandhi, which developed despite the fact that Mountbatten represented “the power that had six times imprisoned [Gandhi].” In the 1986 publication *CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE, THREATS AND OFFERS: GANDHI AND RAWLS*/JC328.3 .H34 1986, Vinit Haksar considers Gandhi’s ideas in light of the views of Harvard professor and liberal philosopher John Rawls. Historical precursors of the practices of Gandhi are examined in *DAVID DAUBE, CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE IN ANTIQUITY*/JC328 D3. *PAUL HARRIS, ED., CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE*/JC328.3 C54 1989 starts out with Martin Luther King, Jr.’s *Letter from Birmingham Jail* and includes essays by Abe Fortas, John Rawls, and Ronald Dworkin. In the tradition of Gandhi, Stephen L. Carter’s Harvard lectures in *THE DISSENT OF THE GOVERNED: A MEDITATION ON LAW RELIGION, AND LOYALTY*/JC328 .C27 1998 assert the “moral obligation to resist injustice ... even laws, if they are unjust, must be resisted.” Cass R. Sunstein argues in *WHY SOCIETIES NEED DISSENT*/JC328.3 .S93 2003 that “conformity can lead individuals and societies in unfortunate and even catastrophic directions. ... Those who dissent, and who reject the pressures imposed by others, perform valuable social functions, frequently at their own expense.”

**FROM
SLAVERY TO
SUFFRAGE**

March also marks the 135th anniversary of the fifteenth amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The tortuous struggle for black suffrage in America is chronicled in the following:

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

A. CAPERTON BRAXTON, *THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT: AN ACCOUNT OF ITS ENACTMENT*/JK169 15th 1934.

WILLIAM GILLETTE, *THE RIGHT TO VOTE: POLITICS AND THE PASSAGE OF THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT*/KF4893 G54 1965.

ROBERT M. GOLDMAN, *RECONSTRUCTION AND BLACK SUFFRAGE: LOSING THE VOTE IN REESE AND CRUIKSHANK*/KF4893 .G65 2001.

LAUGHLIN McDONALD, *A VOTING RIGHTS ODYSSEY: BLACK ENFRANCHISEMENT IN GEORGIA*/KFG420.85 .S9 M39 2003.

**YOUR TAX
DOLLARS AT
WORK**



The National Priorities Project (NPP) focuses on the impacts of federal tax and spending policies at the community level. NPP has launched the NPP Database as a tool for the general public, the media, advocates, activists, researchers and policy-makers to have more information about the costs and consequences of federal policies. The database allows users to retrieve data, create graphs and reports and find out more about how federal policies are impacting their state. To use the database, go to <http://database.nationalpriorities.org/>. *Suggested by Sushila Selness, Head of Collection Services.*

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