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## HOW MAY WE HELP YOU? PLEASE TRY OUR LIBRARY LIAISON SERVICES

Angie Stramiello, Reference Librarian

The librarians in the NSU Law Library and Technology Center are ready to hear from you whenever you have a question or concern about the library. A professional librarian is assigned as liaison to each faculty member to assist with his/her library needs, such as giving tours to new faculty and providing training in the use of library resources.

Your liaison will help you with other requests, including obtaining resources, whether available in Nova's library or through interlibrary loan. We will work with you or your research assistant to help with your research, teaching, or current awareness needs by preparing subject bibliographies, having materials put on reserve for a specific class, and assisting with research instruction as guest lecturer or library tour guide.

If your request is better handled by a different library staff member, it will be forwarded to that person and your liaison will follow up on your request. For example, if you want to order a specific book for the library collection, your liaison will refer your request for the proper approval, then will keep you advised of the status of the order.

Have you authored a new book or other publication? You can notify your liaison with the publication information to be sure that a copy is obtained for the general collection and a copy put in one of the faculty publication display cases located just inside the main doors to the Law Library and Technology Center, and that your publication information is included in the annual faculty bibliography and the monthly book docket.

As librarians leave or are added to the staff, some faculty members will be assigned to a different librarian. The current list of library liaisons is available from the web

page at [http://www.nsulaw.nova.edu/library\\_tech/library/services/liaison.cfm](http://www.nsulaw.nova.edu/library_tech/library/services/liaison.cfm)

If for any reason your liaison is unavailable, you may contact any of the professional librarians in the LLTC for assistance.

If for some reason you have not met your liaison, just e-mail or call and your library liaison will contact you and arrange to stop by your office or take you to lunch.

We encourage you to contact us with your law library needs.

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## **Book of the Month: BENDING SCIENCE: HOW SPECIAL INTERESTS CORRUPT PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH**

By Thomas O. McGarity & Wendy E. Wagner

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**Review by Deborah McGovern**

The authors illustrate the influence which those with economical or ideological motivations are able to exercise on the conduct of scientific research, and thereby, the making of public policy. They call this interference with the scientific method “bending science.” They illustrate the phenomenon of bending science to predetermined ends in the case of notable threats to public health such as asbestosis, cigarette-smoking and the use of DDT.

Those with vested interests in a particular outcome can shape science by funding only certain types of studies, by hiding results unfavorable to their preferred outcome, by attacking or harassing the scientists who obtain unfavorable results, and by spinning the results. The authors document the use of all of these tactics. Particularly egregious were the ad hominem attacks the energy industry, climate change skeptics and eventually the mainstream press directed at Dr. Benjamin Santer, a specialist on climate modeling, in 1996.

The authors establish that peer-reviewed science as frequently presented to regulatory agencies does not confer the imprimatur of truth that it is widely assumed to. Courts hearing tort cases have the advantage of zealous advocates on both sides who can be counted on to closely examine one another’s experts and their testimony. In the arena of environmental and public health regulation, the authors suggest that a centralized testing regime be established, paid for by mandatory annual assessments on the regulated entities. Somewhat startlingly, the authors also suggest that in many regulatory cases, science is not necessary, instancing the great strides made in cleaning up the nation’s air and water using an essentially science-blind approach.

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## URL/Website of the Month:

With the inauguration of Barak Obama only a month away, [Change.gov: The Office of the President-Elect](#) provides a preview of what the newly elected President is planning to accomplish. Updated almost daily, it includes links to the President-elect's weekly addresses, both in text and video, a listing of what the new administration feels are the most important items on its agenda, and introductions to newly appointed Cabinet officials. A model of the internet interactivity that energized his base and propelled Obama's campaign, it also makes it easy for anyone with an idea to share that idea with the President-elect's team, or even apply for a job!

This month's suggestion courtesy of Mary Paige Smith, Associate Law Library Director for Technical Services.

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## Tech Tip of the Month:

If the number of programs on your computer has expanded to fill the amount of space on your hard drive, it can be difficult to find the program you're looking for. Use this very simple tip to alphabetize the programs on your start menu.

1. Click **Start**, click **All Programs**, and then right-click any folder or icon.
2. On the shortcut menu, click **Sort by Name**.



And voila, your programs are sorted in alphabetical order. Beats using program shortcuts as your desktop wallpaper. You will need to re-apply this tip as you add programs, because Windows doesn't automatically keep them alphabetized.

This month's Tech Tip courtesy of Deborah McGovern, Emerging Technologies and Reference Librarian and Adjunct Professor.

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## Faculty & Staff Publications:

**Bob Jarvis:** His review of *Inside Greek U.* by Alan D. DeSantis has been published at 37 JOURNAL OF LAW & EDUCATION 305 (2008).

## Upcoming Publications:

**Kathy Cerminara:** The annual supplement to her jointly-authored *The Right to Die: The Law of End-of-Life Decisionmaking* will appear in late January or early February.

## Presentations, Appearances, Public Service, Teaching, Honors, Blogs, Interviews and Citations:

**Kathy Cerminara:** She will be serving from January through June as a facilitator in a program titled *Literature & Medicine: Humanities at the Heart of Health Care* at Memorial West Hospital in Pembroke Pines. In this program, health care professionals at the hospital will gather once a month for facilitated discussion about literature representing a variety of voices and perspectives on caring for people who are sick or dying.

She has been asked to review a manuscript for publication in the peer-reviewed journal *Death Studies*.

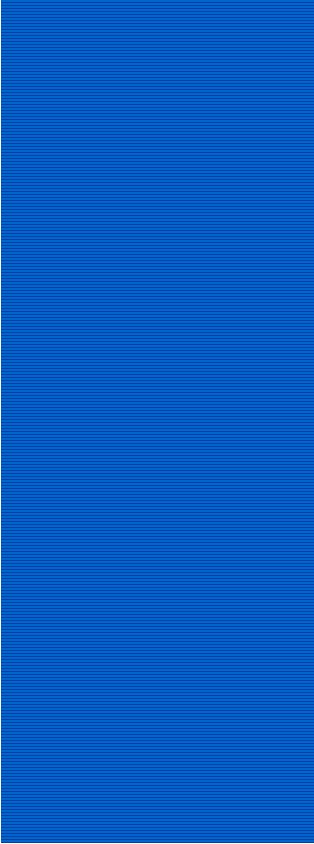
On January 16 and 23, she will make two presentations to residents at the Health Professions Division on end-of-life issues.

**Bob Jarvis:** He was quoted in the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* for October 19 in a story about the Seminoles' future development plans in Coconut Creek.

He was quoted in the *Daily Business Review* for October 20 in a story about political campaign contributions by lawyers.

He was quoted in *Florida Today* for October 20 in a story about the future of dog racing in Florida.

He was quoted in the *Gainesville Sun* for October 30 in a story about the increasing politicization of judicial races.



He was quoted in the *Naples Daily News* for November 6 in a story about the application of Florida's Open Government laws to the Ave Maria Stewardship Community District.

He was quoted in the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* for November 18 in a story about the disciplinary proceedings pending against Palm Beach Circuit Judge-elect William Abramson.

**Bruce Rogow:** He argued the Governor Siegelman/Health South former CEO Richard Scrushy bribery appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta on December 9.

He argued the JQC v 1st District Court of Appeal Judge Michael Allen case in the Florida Supreme Court on December 2.

He was selected (for the 22nd year) in Best Lawyers in America for 2009 in the areas of Appellate Practice, First Amendment, Criminal Law, and Commercial Litigation.