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The 2019 Law Clinics@50 celebration took place Friday, March 29, 2019 in Athens, Georgia at the University of Georgia (UGA) School of Law as one portion of events for the school’s Alumni and Alumnae Weekend. The Alexander Campbell King Law Library, working closely with Associate Dean for Clinical Programs and Experiential Learning Director, Eleanor Crosby Lanier, provided several layers of support for the clinic and experiential learning programs, thus ensuring a successful event.

A team of librarians and staff researched clinic history through articles from the School of Law’s longstanding magazine the Advocate, newspapers, promotional materials, annual reports, and historic photographs in order to assemble an interactive multimedia timeline. At the event, the timeline was shown full-screen on a large touch monitor as a means to engage attendees and encourage them to share memories of their own.

Librarians assisted in creating areas using signs for attendees to “leave their mark” by writing out memories for any program they previously or currently participated in. They also offered recording booths to capture audio memories during the event. The attendance was more than expected. Additionally, the law library used an artificial intelligence app called colourise.sg to digitally colorize old sepia and black and white photographs that were not only included in the timeline, but also printed and displayed as part of the event decorations. The library’s clinical and research services librarian provided a large format poster highlighting related articles published in the Georgia Law Review to round out the photos and timeline exhibit.

During the formal part of the program, past and current clinic and experiential learning directors shared their own memories of the school’s 50 years delivering these types of courses to law students. The law library will archive
the event, as well as all articles and news items related to the 50 year celebration, in the school’s digital repository, Digital Commons. The online archive will further be enhanced by an embedded version of the multimedia timeline that continues to grow. All memories gathered at the event itself are being added to the timeline as well, which the library hopes will remain a “living history” and continue to evolve throughout the year.

During March 29 through March 30, 2019, the law library created a separate exhibit highlighting faculty scholarship aimed at the audiences of both graduates visiting for Alumni and Alumnae Weekend as well as admitted students. The exhibit included recent books published by School of Law faculty from the library’s collection, mini photos of the authors, and printed book covers of forthcoming books. To complete this display, a large format poster on an easel presented three graphic visualizations of scholarly impact that illustrated data from the school’s institutional repository for all collections where faculty members were authors or presenters.

In support of both clinical and experiential learning programs and faculty scholarship at the School of Law, UGA Law Library has released one of two podcast episodes on the library’s podcast, On Reserve. The episodes include interviews and discussions with law school faculty members and librarians about related events and serve as yet another point of outreach for the library with patrons both near and far. You can find the podcast on iTunes, from the library’s blog upalawlibrary.wordpress.com, and in the repository at digitalcommons.law.uga.edu. Later this spring the library plans to hold a celebration further showcasing the repository’s collections in the form of a “downloads” party when the site reaches the 2 millionth download.