



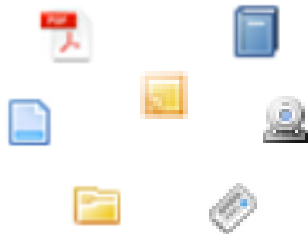
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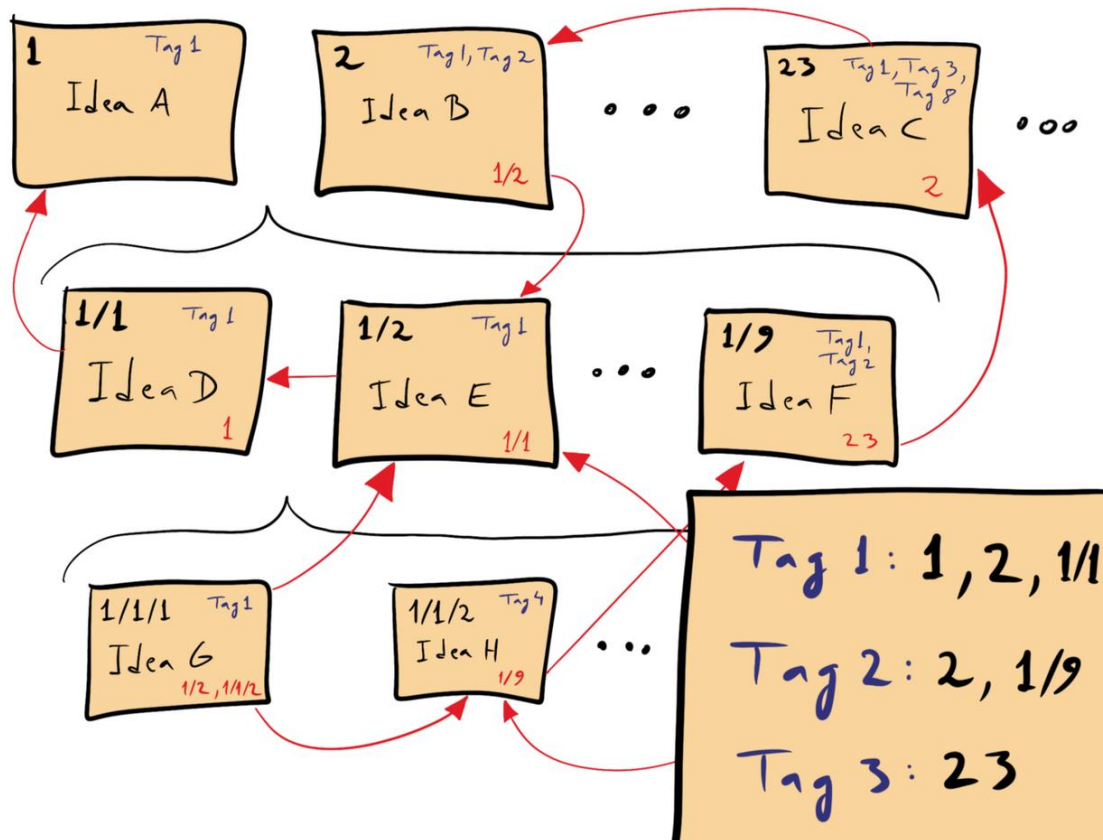
What is Zettelkasten?



A German word meaning “slip box” or “card index” a zettelkasten is a note-taking and knowledge management system.

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How does Zettelkasten work?

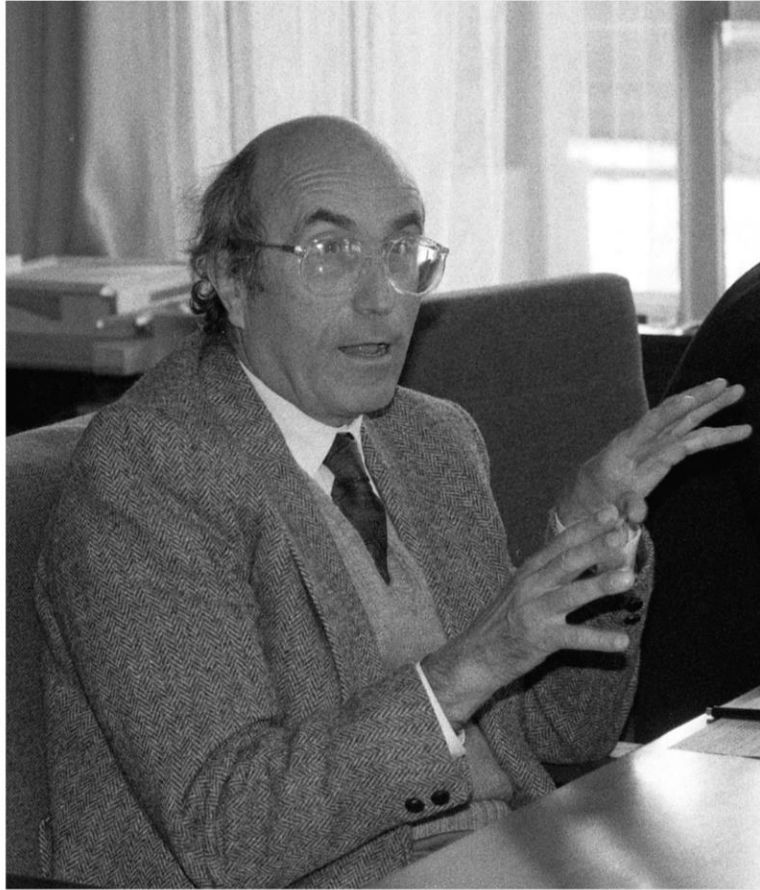


1. Notes are taken,
2. then categorized, and
3. linked using tags or keywords

Explanation of the Zettelkasten knowledge management system CC BY-SA 4.0

David B. Clear, [Zettelkasten — How One German Scholar Was So Freakishly Productive](#), in: The Writing Cooperative, 31 December 2019.

Why Zettelkasten?



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"[Zettelkasten] can be recommended as partners of communication...It is impossible to think without writing; at least it is impossible in any sophisticated or networked fashion."

[Communicating with Slip Boxes: An Empirical Account](#)

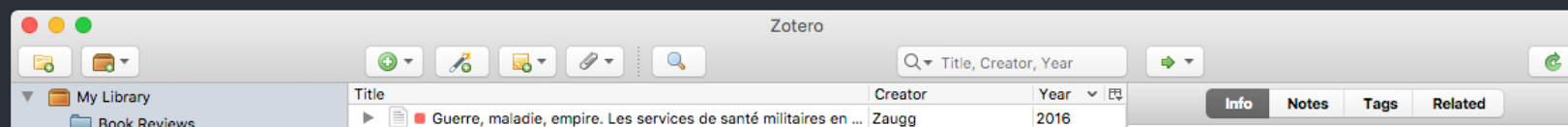
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The screenshot shows the Zotero application window titled "Library Services - Zotero". The interface is divided into several sections:

- Left Panel (Library Services):** A tree view showing a hierarchy of libraries and collections. A red box highlights the "Library Services" folder and its sub-items, with a large number "1" overlaid. A blue box highlights the "bathrooms" folder and its sub-items, with a large number "2" overlaid.
- Central Panel (Items List):** A table listing items with columns for "Title" and "Creator". A yellow box highlights the list of items, with a large number "3" overlaid.
- Right Panel (Item Details):** A detailed view of a selected item. A green box highlights the metadata fields, with a large number "4" overlaid.

Title	Creator
A Layperson's Guide to Legal Research	Garrison et al.
A Librarian's Experience Teaching Critical Inf...	Ward
Designing and Teaching a Course in Legal Re...	Austin
Developing Essential Research Skills for Law ...	Dunn and Whiteman
Engendering a Radical Abortion (Justice) Pol...	Mavuso
Finding the answers to legal questions	Tucker and Lampson
Hosting Successful "Welcome Back" Events f...	Leong and McDONA...
ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) ...	Mundi
Law librarians as access to justice allies	Almeida and Dyszlew...
Law Librarianship in the Age of AI	Ellyssa Kroski
Law Library Benchmarks, 2020-21	Primary Research Gro...
Law Library Benchmarks, 202223 Edition	Primary Research Gro...
Legal Research and Its Discontents: A Bibliog...	Mignanelli
Making a case for Zotero: Embedded course...	Bonanni and Sullivan
'Mutual aid is present in every crisis': An Inte...	Sircar
Presto Chango: Making Magic With Simple ...	Kaser
Race and the Reference Librarian	Whisner
Reference Desk: The Changing Law Library B...	Knight et al.
Stuck behind the Curve: How the Academic ...	Gonzalez
The Aesthetics of Legal Research	Williams
The Effect of Time of Day on Reference Inter...	Ryan and Quidachay-...
The Reference Assistant	Moser and Murphy
Tomorrow's Law Libraries: Academic Law Lib...	Burchfield
Tuesday Morning Detective Work	Whisner
Web Accessibility, Libraries, and the Law	Fulton

Item Details (Right Panel):

- Item Type: Journal Article
- Title: Designing and Teaching a Course in Legal Research and Writing for Master in Legal Studies Students
- Author: Austin, Megan
- Abstract: [text]
- Publication: Legal Reference Services Quarterly
- Volume: 33
- Issue: 4
- Pages: 310-336
- Date: 2014
- Series: [text]
- Series Title: [text]
- Series Text: [text]
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1. Libraries, collections, and feeds

2. Tags

3. Items

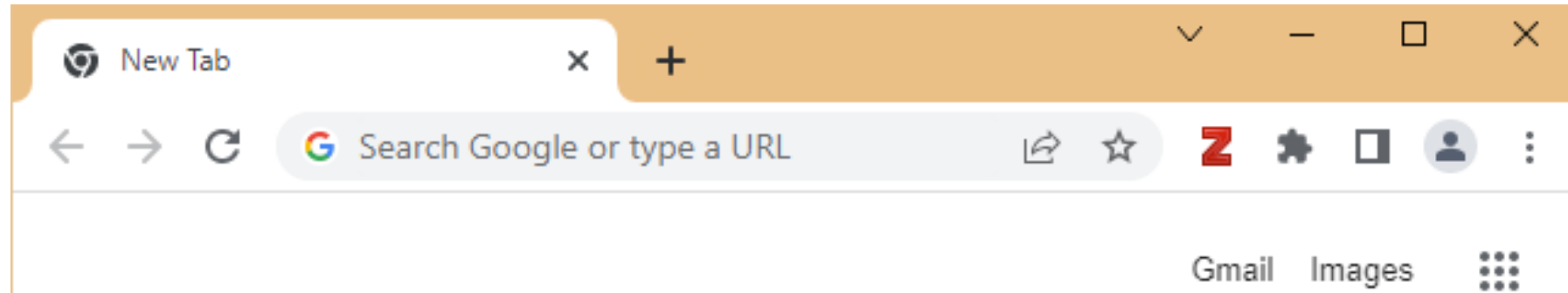
4. Metadata

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The screenshot displays the Zotero application window titled "Library Services - Zotero". The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Tools, Help), a toolbar with icons for adding, deleting, and searching, and a search box labeled "All Fields & Tags". On the left, a sidebar shows a folder structure under "My Library", including "Anti-Trans Legislation", "Library Services", "DEI", "Fake News", "Past Exams", "My Publications", "Duplicate Items", "Unfiled Items", "Trash", and "Feeds". The main area shows a list of items with columns for Title, Creator, and Info. A red box highlights the toolbar icons. Another red box highlights a detailed view of a selected item, showing its title, creator, and abstract.

Title	Creator	Info	Notes	Tags	Related
> A Layperson's Guide to Legal Research	Garrison et al.				
> A Librarian					
> Designing					
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> Finding the					
> Hosting Successful "Welcome Back" Events f...	Leong and McDONA...	1	Abstract		
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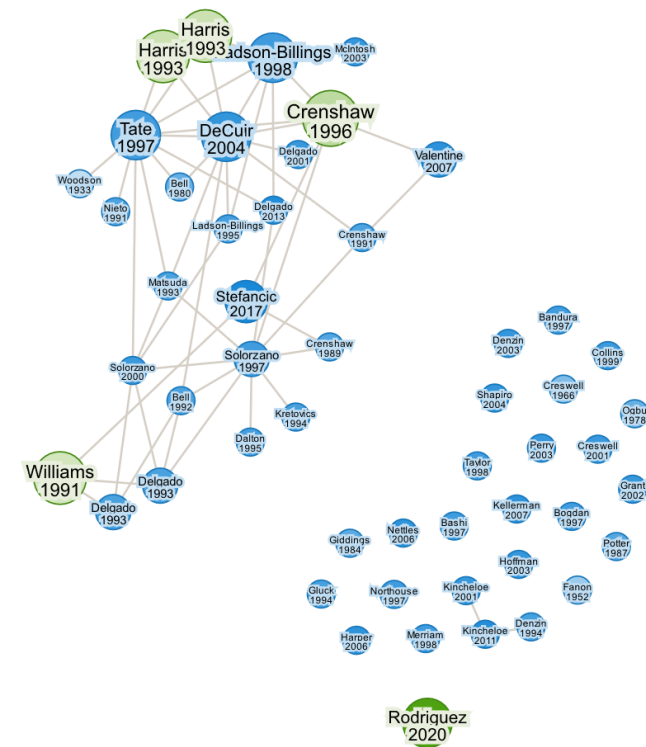
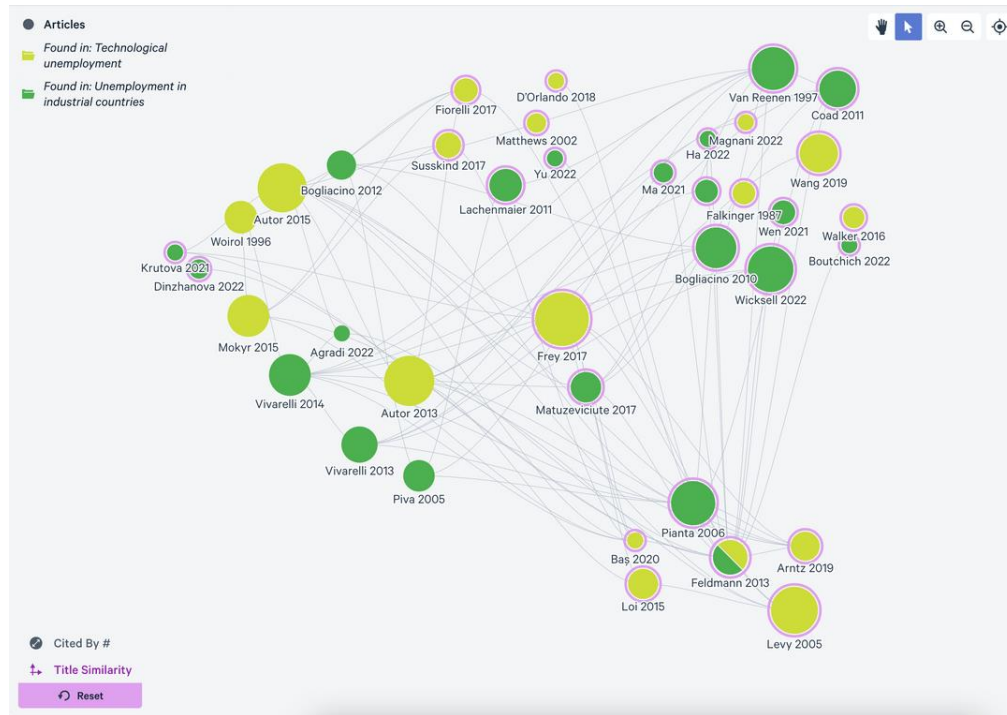
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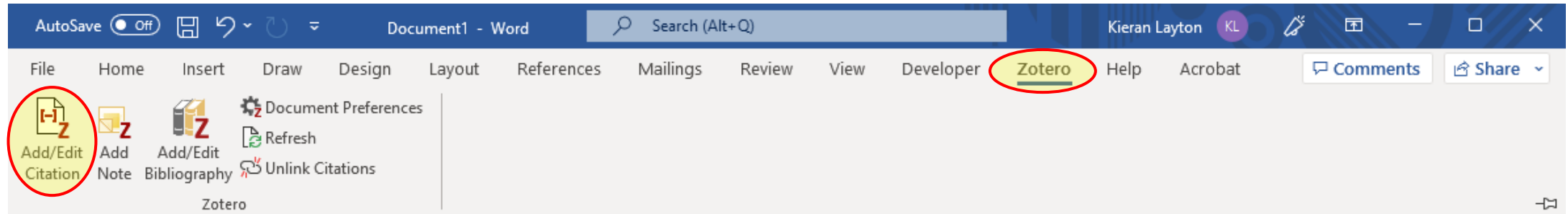
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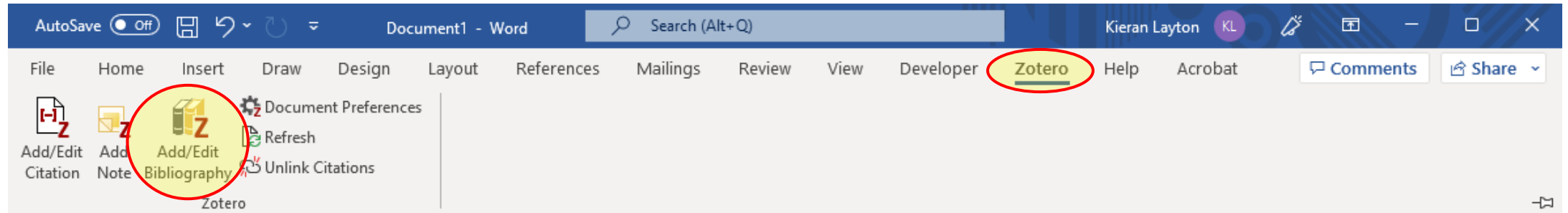
+ automatically rename, organize, and extract annotations

zotero MS Word plug-in



¹ Jennifer Levi & Daniel Redman, *The Cross-Dressing Case for Bathroom Equality*, 34 SEATTLE U. L. REV. 133 (2010).

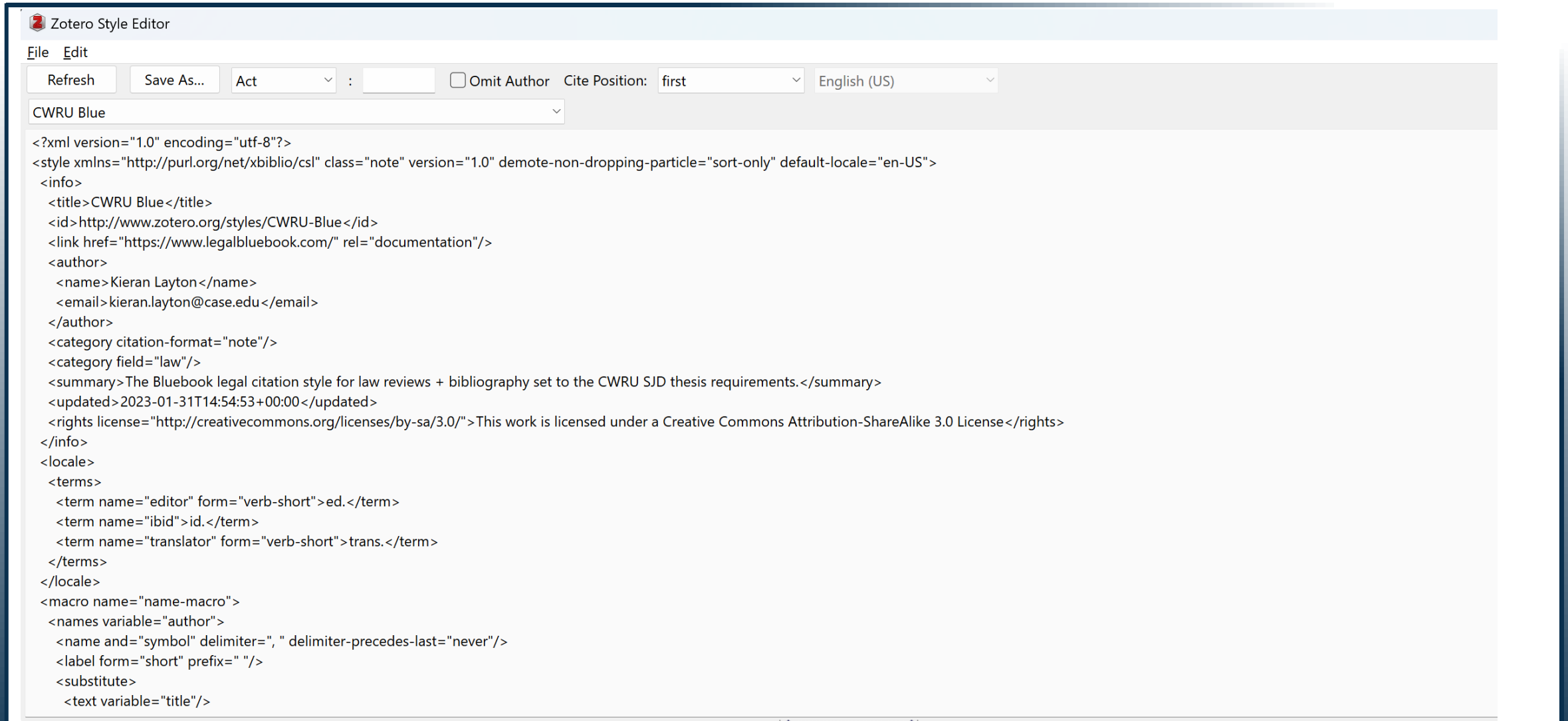
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Bibliography



Citation Style Language (CSL)



The screenshot displays the Zotero Style Editor window. The title bar reads "Zotero Style Editor". The menu bar includes "File" and "Edit". The toolbar contains buttons for "Refresh", "Save As...", and "Act", along with a dropdown menu. Below the toolbar, there are settings for "Omit Author" (unchecked), "Cite Position" (set to "first"), and "English (US)". A dropdown menu shows "CWRU Blue" as the selected style. The main text area contains the following XML code:

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zotero PDF Annotation

The screenshot displays the Zotero PDF Annotation interface. The window title is "A Librarian's Experience Teaching Critical Information Literacy - Ward - 2022 - Zotero". The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Go, Tools, and Help. The workspace shows the document "A Librarian's Experience Tea...". The toolbar includes navigation and editing tools, and the page number is "5 of 17".

The document text is annotated with highlights. A legend on the right lists colors: Yellow, Red, Green, Blue, Purple, Magenta, Orange, and Gray. The text includes the following highlighted sections:

- Information literacy as comprehending "t
- which it is transmitted and understo
- nature and the political and cultural
- critical information literacy is knowing that people create information to accomplish a goal and the information itself is more than either accurate or inaccurate.¹⁶
- The information is a social construct.¹⁷

The left sidebar shows a search bar and a list of annotations:

- Page 54: critical information literacy as comprehending
- Page 54: critical information literacy is knowing that people create
- Page 54: The information is a social construct.
- Page 55: (empty)

Browser Extensions



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- Annotate web pages as you browse online.
- Organize links, references, and notes by manual sort.
- Share resources and notes with colleagues.

Better Notes

The screenshot shows a Zotero workspace window titled "Workspace - Zotero". The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Tools, Help) and a tab bar with "Workspace" selected. On the left, a mind map is displayed with "Queering Law School" at the center. It branches into several nodes: "ABA Standard 501 & 503", "ABA Standard Changes", "Federalist Society Accreditation", "Background", "The Alchemy of Race and Rights trans student", "Crenshaw", "CRT", "Student Responses", "Free Speech Fail", "Berkman", "Gender Bath", and "Fascist Solutions Flier". On the right, a "Main Note" is open, featuring a rich text editor with a toolbar. The note contains the following content:

H1 **Queering Law School**

The ABA DEI standards—particularly 206—in the context of the “Don’t Say Gay” bills, *Yeshiva Univ. v. YU Pride All.*, commentary from the Federalist Society, the American Constitution Society’s meek efforts to oppose it, and my experiences as a trans person in a law school whose parent university established an LGBTQ+ Center the year I started my JD—2017. Specifically, the academic importance of 1) affirming restroom access and 2) putting comics on your office door.

H2 **Background**

[The Alchemy of Race and Rights trans student](#)

H2 **Free Speech Fail**

News articles (Nast, 2017) (Grzegorek) (Farkas, 2017)

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Better Notes

The screenshot displays the Zotero workspace interface. The main window is titled "Workspace - Zotero" and contains several tabs: "DEI", "Workspace", "November 2021 Recomme...", and "Whiteness as Property - Ha...". The "Main Note" tab is active, showing a note with the following content:

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H2 Background

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H2 Free Speech Fail

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The right-hand pane shows a list of related items:

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- S.’s experience to gender...S.’s the extent to w mind’s enhance
- Queering Law School
- Background
- Free Speech Fail
- Fascist Solutions Flier
- Student Responses
- Berkman
- Turning Point USA
- Gender Neutral Bathroom
- CRT
- ABA Standard Changes
- [1] Patricia J. Williams, *The Alchemy of Race and Rights* 123–124 (1991).

Two blue arrows point from the right-hand pane to the main note: one from "Background" to the "Background" heading, and another from "ABA Standard Changes" to the link "Referred in ABA Standard Changes".

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