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570. **Index to Law School Theses and Dissertations.** By Sanford R. Silverburg. Buffalo, N. Y., William S. Hein, 1995. 512p. index. \$85.00 looseleaf w/binder. ISBN 0-89941-903-8.

Silverburg has compiled a comprehensive listing of nearly 4,600 theses or dissertations from approximately 30 U.S. law schools. Nearly all the papers listed were submitted to complete the requirements for a master of laws (LL.M) degree; a small number were submitted for various other advanced degrees. The author index serves as the master list for the bibliography. It includes the name of the author, the title of the thesis or dissertation, the degree issued to the student/author, and the degree-granting institution. Silverburg adds a separate, very detailed subject index, and finally, a listing by degree-granting institution.

In his introduction, Silverburg notes other more limited compilations, such as the *Greenwood Annual Abstract of Legal Dissertations and Theses, 1985-1987* by Kenneth Brown (Greenwood Press, 1988). He also recognizes two electronic listings of legal theses and dissertations, one at the Washington and Lee Law School, the other at the University of Maryland Law School. (The Maryland list, which also includes dissertations from Canadian universities, is updated to 1993. Washington and Lee no longer maintains its list.) *Index to Law School Theses and Dissertations* is a welcome addition to legal bibliography. Easily supplemented in a looseleaf binder, Silverburg plans to update the index annually. Researchers should expect to find the Silverburg index on the reference shelves of all libraries with substantial legal collections.—**James S. Heller**