



# LAW LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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### Staff Highlight



### Yuksel Serindag Acquisitions Librarian

Yuksel joined the Technical Services team at our library in February, 2016. Before coming here, he worked at the Trinity College Library in Hartford, CT for 15 years in many areas such as acquisitions, cataloging and interlibrary loan. His favorite work was finding obscure and out-of-print books.

Now at the Lillian Goldman Law Library, he still enjoys “looking for a needle in a haystack” when he and his acquisitions staff search for and process books for our community.

Yuksel grew up in Turkish Kurdistan and moved to Germany as a child of migrant family or “guest workers family” as they were called then. In Germany, he studied in various German cities and received his B.A. in Political Science from the Phillipps-Universitat Marburg.

Yuksel learned English upon moving to Boston, MA, then studied international relations at George Washington University in D.C. He received his Master’s degree in Library Science in 2008.

Yuksel passionately enjoys discussing international politics and other world issues, and hikes in his spare time.

### Third annual Yale Law School Short Story Contest. This year’s winner is Katie Munyan ‘17

On behalf of the judges of the third annual Yale Law School Short Story Contest, we are delighted to announce this year’s winner. In a remarkable turn of events, we would like to congratulate Katie Munyan (2017) for winning the competition yet again, with her powerful and thoroughly brilliant story, *Self Help*. This is the third time Katie has triumphed; she was our inaugural winner in 2015; she then went on to win in 2016, and now again in 2017. Each year the entrants are judged anonymously, and each year we have an entirely new set of judges. We received more than twenty superb entries to the competition this year. But Katie has an incredible talent that is clearly hard to beat. Huge congratulations also to Sebastian Brady, Clayton Kozinski, William Stone, and Julia Wang, all of whom were finalists in the last round of judging, and all of whom are wonderful writers whose work you will enjoy immensely.



The judges of this year’s competition were: Heather Gerken, Carter Greenbaum, Paul Kahn, Cristina Rodriguez, Julian Aiken, and Julie Graves Krishnaswami.

### Important Dates

- 4/05 Book Talk: Alexander Tsesis, *Constitutional Ethos: Liberal Equality for the Common Good*. Commentary provided by Jack Balkin.
- 4/07 Book Talk: Joshua Greene, *Justice at Dachau*, at SML (Sponsored by the Yale University Library, Manuscripts and Archives and Fortunoff Video Archives, and the Lillian Goldman Law Library at the Yale Law School)
- 4/19 Book Talk: Daniel Sharfstein ‘00 with Claire Priest ‘00, *Thunder in the Mountains: The Clash of Two American Legends, Oliver Otis Howard and Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce*.

### New Acquisition

*Constitución política de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos* (Chihuahua, 1917), one of the earliest printings of the Mexican Constitution of 1917, and part of a collection of 67 titles on the 1917 Constitution, one of the most progressive constitutions of modern times.



### New Staff Arrival: Tom Fitzgerald (Senior Administrative Assistant)

Tom comes to the Lillian Goldman Law Library from Yale’s Chemistry department located up on Science Hill. Tom spent the last 2 ½ years as Faculty Support for four organic, inorganic and theoretical scientists. These faculty members and their labs are working on cutting edge technologies to solve the riddles of cancer, diabetes, solar cells and CO2 conversion. Tom’s highlight from the chemistry department was probably last May, when he single-handedly organized and ran the “Mathematical and Computational Methods in Quantum Chemistry” conference. This four-day symposium included over thirty national and international theoretical scientists. In his spare time, Tom enjoys boating, fishing, hiking, skiing, gardening, tennis and other outdoor activities.

