New Yale Law Library Exhibit: "Woof, Moo & Grr: A Carnival of Animals in Law Books"

A charming exhibit of animals pictured in law books courtesy of the Yale Law Library’s Rare Book collection. Titled "Woof, Moo & Grr: A Carnival of Animals in Law Books," the exhibit is narrated from the perspective of the animals themselves and is aimed at animal lovers of all ages.

Twenty books from around the world are on display, more than half of them printed before the nineteenth century and the earliest published in 1529. They feature illustrations of a wide variety of animals that visitors may be surprised to find in the pages of serious legal literature.

The exhibition is curated by Mark S. Weiner (LAW ’00 GRD ’09), a writer, filmmaker, and professor on leave from Rutgers Law School.

"Woof, Moo & Grr" is on display from February 1 through May 31, 2017, in the Rare Book Exhibition Gallery, Level L2, in the Lillian Goldman Law Library.

Staff Highlight

Alison Burke
Library Services Assistant
Team Leader

Alison came to the Yale Law library Access Services Department after 10 years in practice as a Landscape Architect in Virginia, Vermont and Connecticut. She earned her Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Virginia, and prior to Landscape Architecture she earned her Bachelor of Art History and worked as Associate Coordinator of Exhibits for the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore. She also spent five years working for a linguistics company doing contract work for a major search engine (but is not allowed to tell you more).

In her spare time, you can find her in her garage gym pursuing her 25-year hobby of powerlifting and Olympic lifting. She occasionally volunteers to find a grave – photographing cemetery stones for people doing genealogical research—having started at the University of Virginia where she photographed and created a database of transcriptions for the entire University Cemetery. She also enjoys word games and puzzles, growing ornamental plants, and tracing elusive ancestors. Alison lives in New Haven with her husband, two sons, and two rescue dogs.

Important Dates

3/01 Book Talk: Military Justice: A Very Short Introduction, Eugene Fidell with Mike Whinie ’93
3/01 Movie Night: Shabid (2012/India) - Presenters: Sanya Kumar, Maham Naweed, Nanytara Ravichandran LLM’17
3/29 Book Talk: Dancing in Dreamtime, Scott Russell Sanders with Doug Kysar

New Acquisition

Notebook of Robert Fellowes (1742-1829), recording cases in the Court of King’s Bench, 1766-1769. Included are notes on the landmark copyright case of Millar v. Taylor, libel prosecutions against the politician John Wilkes, and at least one case argued by Sir William Blackstone for the defense.

NEW STAFF ARRIVAL: Lora Johns (Library Intern)

Lora is a 2014 graduate of YLS who has come back to join the library. After law school, she clerked for Hon. Ralph K. Winter Jr. on the Second Circuit and worked at Wiggin and Dana. She is currently completing her Master of Library and Information Science at Simmons College.

When she’s not working at the library, Lora enjoys hiking and camping in Vermont, reading German and Spanish novels, and watching Doctor Who with her cats. Her favorite class as a student at YLS was Advanced Legal Research, so she feels lucky to be back and working with the coolest librarians around!