Staff Highlight

Fred Shapiro
Associate Librarian for Collection & Access Services

Fred is the associate director of the Law Library for collections and access. His department encompasses collection development, access services, faculty services, and rare books. The fantastic staff in those units make him look good.

Fred has many obsessions, such as his tragic devotion to the New York Mets and New York Jets. His strongest obsession is researching the origins of quotations and words and phrases. He is the editor of the Yale Book of Quotations, and has been recognized as the leading contributor to the Oxford English Dictionary. His researches and publications have been mentioned in the New York Times almost 100 times. Currently he is working on the second edition of the quotation book, and would welcome any suggestions of notable quotations to include.

Fred lives in Bethany with his wife, a cat, a chicken, and a horse. His two sons are grown, and have unfortunately inherited the Mets-Jets addiction.

Treasures from our Rare Book Collection

“Map of the scene of Mary Ashford’s 1817 murder, subject of one of the most famous trials in English legal history.”

A report of the proceedings against Abraham Thornton, at Warwick summer assizes, 1817, for the murder of Mary Ashford (Warwick, 1818). Rare Book Collection, Lillian Goldman Law Library.

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Important Dates

- 12/23-26 Christmas Holiday – Library is closed.
- 12/31 – 1/1 New Years Holiday – Library is closed
- 1/15 MLK Day – Library is open 8:00 a.m. – 12 Midnight

Student Snack Break

Student Snack Break for Finals- Coffee, tea, and homemade treats!
Tuesday, December 12 in the Student Lounge.
Starting at 8:30 am until supplies run out.
Courtesy of the Law Library Staff.

Library’s Extended Hours During Reading and Exam Period:
From Tuesday, December 5th thru Tuesday, December 19th
Mondays – Fridays 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Midnight
Sundays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.

Recess and Holiday Hours (see library’s website for details)
December 20th thru January 15th

Regular Hours Resume on Tuesday, January 16th, 2018.