Congratulations to the YLS Class of 2018

Staff Highlight

Cesar Zapata
Collections & Access Coordinator

Cesar has been an avid Philatelist (stamp collector) since the age of 8, and by his last count his collection consists of over 2 million stamps worldwide, but his main collecting topics are the International Red Cross and Prisoner of War correspondence. If you'd like to see a particular country's stamps from his collection, email him.

Cesar has been very fortunate to have traveled to many parts of the World while in the Colombian Naval Academy onboard the Tall Ship “Gloria.” After his time in the Colombian Navy, he moved to the States and joined the U.S. Army. He did his basic training during the months of June, July, and August at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He quickly realized that the Southern part of the U.S. is hotter in the summer than Colombia year-round.

Cesar's favorite food is anything with pineapple on it: Hawaiian pizza at Wall Street Pizza; Cheesburger with pineapple at Box 63; Hot Dogs with crushed pineapples (only in Colombia for now).

Other than stamps and pineapple, he loves working at the Lillian Goldman Law Library, interacting with students, faculty, staff, and providing the best customer service everyone deserves.

Important Dates

- **5/21** Yale Graduation
- **5/24** Academic year carrel assignments end
- **5/24** Summer carrel sign-ups: Email Cesar.Zapata@Yale.edu
- **8/20** Summer carrel assignments end

New Acquisition

This woodcut initial is from a 1726 dissertation for a law degree at the University of Leipzig. It is part of a growing album of "Decorative Initials" on the Rare Book Collection’s Flickr site, https://www.flickr.com/photos/yalelawlibrary

Fourth Annual Yale Law School Short Story Contest

This year’s winner is Colson Lin ‘18

On behalf of the judges of the fourth annual Yale Law School Short Story Contest, we would like to congratulate Colson Lin ‘18 for his dazzling story, Men o’ War. We have found it to be a powerful and haunting piece, to which we have returned again and again, and found new aspects to enjoy with each rereading. We suspect we will be attending Colson’s book signings in the not-too-distant future.

Huge congratulations must also be extended to Serena Candelaria, Paul Martin, Ryan Thier, Taylor Lessard, and Julia Wang, all of whom were finalists in the last round of judging, and all of whom are wonderful writers. You will enjoy their work immensely. Finally, thank you to all of our entrants to the competition, whose voices and stories still swirl in the judges’ heads, and make us look forward with excitement to next year’s contest.

The judges of this year's competition were: Bob Bookman ’72, Lincoln Caplan, Miriam Gohara, William Eskridge ’78, Stacia Stein, Julian Aiken.

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