New Exhibit, "Trial by Media: The Queen Caroline Affair"

Two centuries ago, Queen Caroline of England was put on trial for adultery by her husband George IV, provoking an unprecedented media frenzy. Two Yale libraries, the Lewis Walpole Library and the Lillian Goldman Law Library are marking the bicentennial of the trial with a joint exhibition, "Trial by Media: The Queen Caroline Affair."

The colorful exhibition is on display September 9 through December 19 in the Lillian Goldman Law Library, Level 2. It is co-curated by Cynthia Roman, Curator of Prints, Drawings, and Paintings at the Walpole, and Mike Widener, Rare Book Librarian at the Law Library.

Drawing on the Lewis Walpole Library’s strengths in graphic satire and the Law Library’s collections of trial accounts and illustrated legal texts, "Trial by Media" examines the role of print media in documenting the Queen Caroline affair and shaping public perceptions. The items range from mocking caricatures to political screeds and sober, journalistic accounts. Today these sources serve as a lens for studying gender roles, class divisions, publishing, political satire, and British politics.

Important Dates


10/24 Movie Night: “The Insulte” (L’insulte, 2017) presented by Harley Etienne, MSL 2020, SLB 128, 6:10 pm.

10/29 Book Talk: Justin Driver “The Schoolhouse Gate: Public Education, The Supreme Court and the Battle for the American Mind.”

New Exhibit on Level 1


New Staff Arrival: Eduardo Colón-Semidey (Reference Librarian)

Eduardo comes to the law library from Puerto Rico, where he has been working toward his Ph.D. He has a wealth of legal and library experience including a JD and MLS. He has worked in both reference and cataloging, and in multiple languages. Previous positions have included adjunct lecturer and catalog librarian at Florida International University College of Law, as well as assistant librarian in Puerto Rico. He speaks English, Spanish, French and has working knowledge of Portuguese, Italian, and Latin.

Eduardo’s favorite foods include Italian, Spanish, Mexican, seafood, pizza, chocolate and red wine. After meals, a good “sobremesa” is always welcome! On his days off he loves going to the beach, visiting art galleries and museums, playing Spanish guitar, genealogy, coin collecting and traveling. He is looking forward to seeing a lot of our glorious New England.

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