Meet Our New Associate Dean, Clement Lau!

On April 1, 2016, the Zach S. Henderson Library welcomed Mr. Clement Chu Sing Lau as the new Associate Dean of the Library. Clement comes to us from his most recent position as Associate Librarian for Technical and Collection Services at Hong Kong Baptist University Library in Hong Kong. In this senior leadership position, Clement reported to the University Librarian and managed the library division responsible for collection development, acquisitions, cataloging, gift exchange, serials, electronic resources management, collection maintenance, technical processing, bindery and repairs, and materials budgeting. He hired, supervised, and evaluated five professional staff and twenty-seven support staff. He also oversaw library assessment and the liaison librarians program. As a member of the library’s senior management team, he participated in strategic planning, and in formulating and administering library policies.

Clement played a key role in library facilities management, including the planning of a remote storage facility and the construction of a new learning commons. He served as the library’s representative to the Hong Kong Joint University Librarians Advisory Committee (JULAC) Integrated Library System Working Group, and the JULAC Distributed Print Journals Project.

Before joining Hong Kong Baptist University, Clement was the Associate Director for Technical Services and Administration at the University of Baltimore Law Library. He was responsible for managing the law library budget, technical services operation and planning, collection maintenance, personnel recruitment and training, facility maintenance, and technology. He was also involved in the University and Law School's strategic planning, budgeting, and staff training efforts, as well as University System of Maryland Libraries' consortium projects. Between 2009 and 2013, he implemented several initiatives associated with the new law library’s construction. They included the application of Radio Frequency Identification technology to the new library, withdrawal of library materials (over 120,000 volumes), and surplus books donations, in addition to assisting with space planning and design, collection de-selection and the overall library move.

Clement earned his Master of Library Science degree from the University of Maryland at College Park. He also holds master degrees in non-profit organization management, in business administration, and in management information systems, all from the University of Maryland University College. In addition to his
leadership positions at Hong Kong Baptist University and the University of Baltimore Law Library, he has served in librarian positions at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, Trinity College in Washington, D.C., and Mount Vernon College, also in Washington, D.C.

As the Associate Dean of the Library, Clement will assist the Dean in all aspects of leading the Zach S. Henderson Library. He will have particular responsibility for project management and library assessment.

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**Henderson Library Receives the Institute of Turkish Studies Library Grant**

It is my pleasure to inform Georgia Southern University Community that Zach S. Henderson Library is the 2015-2016 recipient of the library grant awarded by the Institute of the Turkish Studies (ITS). Based at Georgetown University, the Institute of the Turkish Studies was founded in 1982. One of its main goals is to assist American universities to develop their library resources in the field of Turkish Studies. We have applied to this grant to expand our existing collection on Turkey. Recent events in the Middle East have focused international attention on Turkey and thus scholars and students in various departments of Georgia Southern University increasingly find it necessary to better understand both the past and present of Turkey to make sense of European, Middle Eastern and international politics.

With this grant, Zach S. Henderson Library is able to acquire more than seventy books on Turkish and Ottoman Studies covering a wide variety of fields including history, political science, sociology, linguistics, anthropology, religion, and gender studies. A number of them are authoritative works that our library has long needed. Other titles are more recent monographs highly praised in academic journals. Most of them are published by prestigious academic publishing houses. Thank to this grant, Zach S. Henderson Library will provide access for the entire community to these essential old and new titles on Turkey that will open doors to better understanding among faculty, students, and area residents. These new resources will truly address our library’s goal of “empowering our learners.”

On behalf of GSU students and scholars, I wholeheartedly thank the Institute of Turkish Studies for their generous contribution to Georgia Southern University and Zach S. Henderson Library. There are several people who deserve credit for this grant. Mrs. Ann Hamilton, Associate Dean of the Library emerita, and Dr. Jacek Lubecki, Associate Professor of Political Science and International Studies, helped me write the grant proposal. Mrs. Melissa Nease, Senior Grant Coordinator at the Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs, reviewed the application materials and officially submitted them. Mr. Paolo P. Gujilde, Coordinator of Collection Development in our library, worked tirelessly to acquire
all the books through the US and international book vendors. I hope the books we have got through the Institute of Turkish Studies grant will be beneficial for our students, scholars and area residents for years to come.

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**Summer Reading?**

Traveling this summer? Have some time to read leisurely? OverDrive @ Georgia Southern is just the right one for you. OverDrive is a platform with fiction and non-fiction electronic books and audio books. You can read or listen to books on your internet browsers and through OverDrive apps. If you have not set-up an account, here’s a FAQ webpage with instructions on how to begin with OverDrive.

Start your summer with Zach S. Henderson Library!

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From monetary donations to material gifts, Henderson Library added valuable resources for students, faculty, staff, and the community. Library collections from our supporters include general and popular books, women and gender studies, sociology and anthropology, business and economics, mathematics, history, political sciences, and many others. Additionally, some faculty have elected to add library collections through their internal and external grants. These new additions to the library has contributed to the library’s mission of supporting the curriculum and scholarship pursuits of the university. Furthermore, these donations and gifts have added to the diverse library collections at the library.

Thank you for continued support of Zach S. Henderson Library!