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GREETINGS FROM YALE

Our favorite holiday card this winter came from Femi Cadmus, Associate Law Librarian for Administration and Lecturer in Legal Research at Yale Law School. The fine print on the card's back describes the picture on its front:

A recent addition to the Lillian Goldman Law Library's collection of illustrated law books is Johann Werle's *Album Juridicum* (Augsburg, 1733), a collection of legal maxims arranged by topic. The frontispiece depicts the author seated in his library as a latterday St. Jerome. He points to a diagram outlining the book's contents. At the top of the diagram is the Latin maxim, "Bibliotheca sola non sufficit; unde disce piger", which, roughly translated, means "A library alone is not enough; learn, you lazy man!"

Rare Book Librarian Mike Widener (who tactfully suggested a space between "disce" and "piger" above), tells us Yale's copy came from the Lawbook Exchange, which described it as the "Third and final edition of a work first published in 1722... This must have been a useful tool for lawyers who needed to appear learned."