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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOCUS

Der Functio non solus Jean Calais (1780)

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One of the Law Library's recent acquisitions is the first edition of Christian Felix Vitruvius's *Der Functio non solus* (Jean Calais), published in 1780. The only copy of the work owned by a law library in the United States, it is a welcome addition to our growing collection of some twenty-two works inspired by one of the most notorious and politically-loaded murder cases of the eighteenth century, a case that combined religious conflict, fears of conspiracy, and debates over the legitimacy of heretic still resonant today.



"The 'Great Death' Calais refers both to the wheel in London, March 25, 1780, 'Investigation of an English Magistrate'." (continued on page 2)

KEEPING TRUE SCHOLARSHIP ALIVE: The Richard & Diane Cummins Legal History Research Grant for 2012

GW Law has invited applications for the inaugural Richard & Diane Cummins Legal History Research Grant. The first grant recipient will begin research in the Law Library's Special Collections in 2012.



Richard and Diane Cummins on location in London, August 2011.

The Cummins Research Grant provides a stipend of \$10,000 to support short-term historical research using Special Collections at the Law Library, which is noted for its continental historical legal collections, especially its French Collection, with strengths in Roman and canon law, church-state relations, and international law, and its many manuscript holdings.

The grant is awarded to one doctoral, LL.M., or S.J.D. candidate, postdoctoral researcher, faculty member, or independent scholar. The successful candidate may come from a variety of disciplines, including, but not limited to, law, history, religion, philosophy or bibliography. Interested scholars submit an application, research proposal, and letters

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CONGRATULATIONS TO SEYMOUR WEINBERG (LEFT) OF THE EMERSON, RICHARD & DIANE CUMMINS LEGAL HISTORY RESEARCH GRANT.

Professor Seymour Weinberg, of the University of Minnesota's Faculty of Law, plans to use the grant to examine the works in Special Collections to research his proposed subject, "The Emergence of Law: Law and the Common Law in the Middle Ages in France during the 'Great Death' (1780-1781) in the context of CPG Law during part of the spring 2012 semester."

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