New Librarian and Executive Director of the Lewis Walpole Library

The Yale University Library announced this week the appointment of Nicole Bouché as the new Librarian and Executive Director of the Lewis Walpole Library. She will begin her new position in Farmington, CT on August 18th.

Nicole is currently the Director of the Albert & Shirley Small Special Collections Library at the University of Virginia (UVA). In this position she oversees a staff of 17 (plus students and volunteers) who are responsible for curation, outreach and instruction, reference and research services, metadata and collections management, preservation and general administration. Under her leadership the Library expanded its curating and collection development capacities, revitalized its exhibitions program and enhanced faculty and donor outreach. Nicole has also worked with the Rare Book School and UVA's vibrant digital humanities program.

The Lewis Walpole Library is a research center for the study of the eighteenth century. Part of the Yale University Library system, it is based away from the central Yale campus, in Farmington, CT. Its collections are centered around the life and times of Horace Walpole, with strong collections of books, manuscripts and prints. Reporting to the Director of the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Nicole will be responsible for establishing a vision for the Lewis Walpole Library and for setting priorities that support the teaching and research mission of Yale, as well as supporting scholarship about eighteenth-century Great Britain. She will oversee all administrative aspects of the Library, including public services, collection development, digital collections, technical services, academic programs, exhibits, personnel management and facilities management.

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