GPO DIRECTOR NAMES YALE LIBRARIAN AS SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

WASHINGTON – U.S. Government Publishing Office’s (GPO) Director Hugh Nathanial Halpern has named Scott Matheson as the new Superintendent of Documents for the Agency. As Superintendent of Documents, Matheson will lead the Agency in providing public access to Government information published by the U.S. Congress, Federal agencies and the Federal courts. Matheson will also focus on modernizing the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) in cooperation with Congress and GPO’s library partners. He also oversees the Agency’s Publication and Information Sales unit and GPO’s distribution warehouses in Colorado and Maryland. He will join the Agency in October.

“We are thrilled to welcome Scott to GPO as the Superintendent of Documents,” said Director Halpern. “Scott’s extensive experience in Government information makes him a major asset to our team. He has been a valued member of the Federal Depository Library community for years. Most importantly, he has worked with the GPO team and understands the important work we do for the Federal Government. We are excited to have his support in realizing GPO’s vision of an America Informed.”

Matheson has over twenty years of experience in libraries working both directly with researchers and managing library staff. He began his career as the Depository Coordinator at the Lillian Goldman Law Library at Yale Law School then worked at the University of Colorado before returning to Yale University Library. More recently, he served as Associate Law Librarian for Technical Services at the Lillian Goldman Law Library, commonly known as the Yale Law Library.

Matheson is active in professional associations and has worked with the Preserving Electronic Government Information Project, which aims to ensure that “born-digital” web-based public information is preserved for future researchers. Matheson taught Government information for seven years at the University of Illinois’ Library School and represented the library community on GPO’s Depository Library Council, serving as chair from 2016–2017. He currently serves on the Director’s Task Force on a Digital Federal
Depository Library Program, which will make recommendations on the evolution of this flagship public information program.

Matheson studied journalism at the University of Alaska and earned Law and Library degrees from the University of Washington and a Master’s in Public Administration from the University of Connecticut.

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