Technical Services reorganization. An effort to reorganize YUL Tech Services has been a major focus for the department in the last year. The report linked here has guided the initiative: https://yale.box.com/s/oahyxu2eijhmlsja1x8qf9f351e4icr6u. Phase I of the reorg, as described in the report, began May 30, 2017. The next step in the process is a coordinated recruitment to fill the three YUL-TS director positions that report to the AUL for Tech Services: the Director of Monographic Processing Services, the Director of Electronic Resources and Serials Management, and the Director of Resource Discovery Services. Phase II of the reorg will begin after the director positions are filled.

Backlog project. We’re continuing to manage a project in which Backstage Library Works is cataloging YUL materials from the old YUL-TS backlog area in the basement of Sterling Memorial Library. The materials cataloged as part of this project are then being sent to the YUL Library Storage Facility. The project was funded by one-time monies allocated to fund YUL-TS’s move in April 2016 from Sterling Library to our current location at 344 Winchester Ave.

Librarian recruitment. YUL-TS conducted two successful librarian searches in the last year. Jia Xu is our new Chinese Technical Services Librarian and Timothy Thompson is our new Discovery Metadata Librarian.

Casalini SHARE-VDE initiative. YUL-TS and Beinecke Library Technical Services are participating in Phase II of this linked open data initiative. We just submitted 10M YUL MARC bibliographic records and 3.5M MARC authority records, which SHARE-VDE technologists will convert to BIBFRAME, enhance, and add to the SHARE discovery environment where the Yale data will commingle with the data of the other Phase II participants.

LD4P prospectus preparation. YUL-TS and Beinecke Library Technical Services are also working together to prepare a prospectus for YUL’s planned involvement in the next cycle of the Linked Data for Production effort. We are framing our proposal to involve the Yale Center for British Art as well. Specific objectives are still being defined—we hope to have them finalized soon.

Various catalog management projects. As usual, YUL-TS has a few catalog management projects in various stages of development. Last fall and winter, we began a triage project to achieve greater bibliographic control of the American Oriental Society collection, which has resided in Sterling Library for many years without formally being a YUL collection. YUL is currently negotiating the disposition of the collection with AOS. If it does become a YUL collection, we’ll do further work to bring it under greater control. Two other projects are in planning stages. In the first, after the Yale Film Study Center becomes part of YUL administratively on July 1, 2017, we’ll coordinate a project to brings its collection of ~30K DVDs and VHS tapes under full bib control. In the second project, we’ll participate in a project to transfer ~400K titles classified in the “Old Yale” classification system from Sterling Library to the Library Storage Facility. YUL-TS’s role in the project will be to catalog titles that were missed in YUL’s retrospective conversion projects over the years and to enhance the cataloging of previously under-cataloged titles.