



**Remarks of Merilin Castillo '19, presenting the
Willis L.M. Reese Prize for Excellence in Teaching
Columbia Law Graduation
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Good evening. My name is Merilin Castillo, and I am honored to present the 2019 Willis L.M. Reese Prize for Excellence in Teaching to the much-respected Professor Zohar Goshen, the Jerome L. Greene Professor of Transactional Law and the director of the Center for Israeli Legal Studies here at Columbia Law School.

Each year, the law school student body votes and selects a teacher whom they believe best embodies the legacy left behind by Professor Reese. Professor Reese was a member of the Columbia Law School faculty who is best remembered for his charismatic style, unwavering commitment to his students, and dedication to teaching not only the letter of the law, but a deeper grasp of its spirit and meaning. The Willis Reese Prize is awarded each year to an exemplary Columbia Law School professor who exhibits a similar passion for educating the next generation of legal scholars and practitioners alike.

Professor Zohar Goshen is one such professor. In fact, he is only the third repeat winner of this teaching prize. After receiving his LL.B. from Hebrew University, his LL.M. and S.J.D. from Yale Law School, and serving on Hebrew University's faculty of law for 14 years, Professor Goshen joined the faculty of Columbia Law School in 2001 as a visiting professor and became a permanent professor in 2004.

As a Columbia Law School faculty member, he has earned the reputation for making corporate law classes accessible, explaining material in a clear matter, ensuring students understand it, and encouraging students to develop critical thinking skills.

It is both my pleasure and tremendous honor to present the 2019 Willis Teaching Prize to Professor Zohar Goshen.