

FCIL Newsletter

Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section

From the Chair

Jonathan Franklin

From the Mississippi to the Columbia.

Thanks to all SIS members for the fantastic showing in New Orleans. From the Educational Programs to the Working Groups to the Strategic Planning Committee, they are all very important facets of the SIS. Some are more visible than others, but our strength is in our depth of knowledge and the ability to create collections, serve the profession and our patrons, and inspire those who will follow us.

Moving forward, here are a few projects that the SIS is working on that you might not know about.

We are working on making the Schaffer Grant into a long-term



Mary Rumsey, Dennis Sears, Jonathan Franklin at the FCIL SIS Business Meeting in New Orleans.

sustainable grant. Currently, the investment strategy of AALL does not generate enough annual return to fund the Grant. For the next few years, the Grant will require funding while we build up the

endowment. The current plan is for the Schaffer Funding Committee to work on constructing a viable funding model for the next few years so that the long-term health of the Grant is assured. Thanks to

Business Meeting Minutes

Dennis Stone

Call to Order

Mary Rumsey, FCIL SIS Chair, welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order. She turned some time over to Jules Winterton, President of the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL), who invited everyone to the IALL Reception.

Old Business

Minutes of 2006 FCIL SIS Busi-

ness Meeting, as published in October 2006 *FCIL Newsletter*: The members approved, by unanimous vote, the minutes of the 2006 FCIL SIS Business Meeting, as published in October 2006 *FCIL Newsletter* (Vol. 21, No. 1).

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented by Dennis S. Sears. The current balance, as of March 31, 2007, was \$17,163.49. This amount included \$1,950 in

donations for the FCIL Schaffer Grant and \$2,000 in donations from Thomson West to sponsor the Reception for Attendees from Abroad. The FCIL SIS also contributed \$500 to the FCIL Schaffer Grant to enable the 2007 recipient to attend AALL.

2007-2008 Election Results: The election of Dennis S. Sears, as the Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and Marilyn J. Raisch, as the Secretary/Treasurer, was announced by Victor Essien, a

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Upcoming Meetings:

- American Society of Comparative Law Conference, November 9-11, 2007 at Cornell Law School in Ithaca, NY.
- [Workshop on Chinese, Japanese, & Korean Online Legal Resources](#), November 11, 2007 at Cornell Law School in Ithaca, NY.
- IALL Annual Meeting, December 1-5, 2007 in Mumbai, India
- ALA Midwinter Meeting, January 11-16 in Philadelphia, PA.

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Dan Wade for heading up this important group.

Much of our education comes from e-mail lists and the Annual Meeting. AALL as a whole is looking into how to provide educational opportunities outside the Annual Meeting. Barb Garavaglia is heading up the ad hoc committee to look into this area, both how we can train each other and how we might be able to help support the rest of the AALL membership with their interest in FCIL topics.

Finally, the draft Strategic Plan 2008-2011 is looking excellent, and should be finalized by the end of the calendar year. It is a

substantive one page plan that will help focus the SIS's efforts in the coming years. Thanks to Molly Brownfield, Victor Essien, Barbara Garavaglia, Carolyn McKelvey, Mary Rumsey, and Dan Wade.

If you have any comments or an interest in volunteering, please let me know.

Have a great autumn!



FCIL Chair, Jonathan Franklin, Associate Law Librarian, Marian Gould Gallagher, University of Washington Law Library

Northeast Foreign Law Librarians Cooperative Group 2006-2007 Activities

Dan Wade

The Group met in the fall at the Harvard Law School on October 23, 2006. Amy Burchfield, Georgetown, reported on the IALL Annual Course in St. Petersburg, and Teresa Miguel shared with the group her attendance at the Spanish Book Fair. The Group discussed several databases: International Law and Domestic Courts and [vLex](#) (Spanish legislation), Aranzadi, Ko-deks, and Indlaw and Manupatra. While virtually all members would have International Law and Domestic Courts, holdings varied with respect to the others.

The Group's spring meeting took place on March 5th at Fordham. Thomas Mills reported that Cornell will host the American Society of Comparative Law Meeting, November 9-11th, 2007. The theme is "Comparative Law and Culture." In an attempt to get librarians more involved,

the third day of the conference will be a workshop featuring Rob Britt and Bill McCloy who specialize in Asian materials at the University of Washington.

A question was raised as to legal translation services. Experience among the group was very limited.

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A lengthy discussion ensued on JurisClasseur. While this seems to be a fine tool for French legal research, many of the group

felt it was overpriced for the amount of use it would get. Victor Essien offered to write a letter to Lexis-Nexis United States explaining the Group's frustrations with the pricing structure.

A number of new legal databases are emerging out of Africa: South-Africa Lexis-Nexis, DataCenta/Law in Ghana, Lawafrica.com, Juriburkina (Center for Legal Information in East Africa), SAFLII (The Southern African Legal Information Institute), ZamLII (Zambia). Lawyee is a new Chinese-only case law database.

Mention was made of Hurisearch.org and the new foreign and international material on HeinOnline.

While the list of the collecting responsibilities is not made available to the public, Yale has made a strong commitment to collect Italy and Spain.

Publishing Opportunity

If you would like to write a book review for the International Journal of Legal Information, the journal of the International Association of Law Libraries, please send an email of interest to Thomas Mills at twm26@cornell.edu for a list of titles.

Reviews are typically between two and four pages in length and are published three times a year. A list of books available for review is sent out at least two months in advance of the deadline for each issue. Once you choose a book to review, it will be sent to you to keep.

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member of the Nominations Committee. Victor also relayed Mirela Roznovschi's appreciation for the opportunity she had to serve as the committee chair

Reports of Interest Groups and Committees:

- ◇ African Law Interest Group: Victor Essien reported that the committee had met this afternoon and had discussed current publications of interest and current sources available on websites.
- ◇ Asian Law Interest Group: Sergio Stone reported that the Asian Law Interest Group met this morning with the FCIL Schaffer Grant recipient. They also discussed various databases.
- ◇ CIS and Eastern European Law Interest Group: Kevin P. Gray had been called away and excused from the business meeting.
- ◇ Clearinghouse for Internships and International Exchanges: David McFadden reported on a new survey. He stated that the world had been divided up to solicit exchange opportunities. He noted that he would like the number of U.S. law libraries that would be willing to participate in exchanges increased. Finally, David stated a desire to change the name of the Clearinghouse. The desired name was Internships and International Exchanges Committee.
- ◇ Education Committee: Jonathan Franklin reported that five out of eleven programs sponsored by the FCIL-SIS had been accepted by the Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC). The Education Committee was scheduled to meet the following day. Program proposals were to be submitted a week before the AALL deadline of August 15th to Dennis S. Sears so that the committee could review them and offer suggestions and assistance in a timely manner.
- ◇ Electronic Issues Group: Marylin J.

Raisch reported that blogs were discussed. She suggested expanding topics discussed by the Electronic Issues Group to include collection development and other issues. She also suggested creating more links on the FCIL-SIS website for educational purposes.

- ◇ FCIL Schaffer Grant Committee: Barbara Bean reported that the Committee had met in March. They had received twenty applications, seventeen of which were on time, from eleven countries. She noted the high quality of the applicants. The recipient of the award this year was Cheng Zhen, Director of the Reference Department, the National Library of China in Beijing.
- ◇ Foreign Selectors Interest Group: Dan Wade reported on efforts to draft a letter to LexisNexis requesting a more reasonable price for French legal materials. He noted that Teresa Miguel of Yale University was compiling a Latin American serials list. Finally, he referred to a draft "profile" of the Lillian Goldman Law Library, which he had authored. He would like to see other universities prepare similar institutional profiles. Southern California will report on their activities next year.
- ◇ Latin American Law Interest Group: Teresa M. Miguel reported on the list of Latin American serials that she was compiling from around the country. She stated that she would publish a link to the list in the FCIL-SIS Newsletter.
- ◇ Membership Committee: Laura Cadra reported on the FCIL table in the exhibit hall, FCIL pencils, and the drawing
- ◇ Publications Committee: It was reported that Linda Tashbook had resigned and that Mabel Shaw had taken over the editorship of the FCIL Newsletter.
- ◇ Strategic Planning Committee: Mary

Rumsey reported that the draft plan would be available in six weeks to two months.

- ◇ Teaching FCIL Legal Research: Tricia Kasting reported that twenty six people were in attendance at the Teaching FCIL Legal Research Interest Group meeting. She encouraged members to continue to submit ideas and tips on how to teach. Tricia noted that few librarians teach long courses—that most teach workshops. She also noted a change in the student bodies—millennials. Tricia stated that for teaching FCIL legal research, pathfinders were great for librarians; however, a take-home exam emphasizing process would be better for law students.

Mary Rumsey recognized Marianne Rogers from York University Law Library, Toronto, Canada; Lesley Dingle from Cambridge University, Cambridge, England; and Jules Winterton from the University of London, London, England.

New Business

"Newest FCIL-SIS Member" prize from Senior Caucus: Mary Ann E. Archer, Yolanda E. Goldberg, M. Kathleen Price, Tom H. Reynolds, and Daniel L. Wade awarded a bottle of wine to Meg Butler from New York Law School Library, a member as of June 30th.

"Spirit of the SIS": Mary Rumsey awarded the Spirit of the SIS Award to Heidi F. Kuehl for work on the website and Victor Essien for his willingness to work on a myriad of projects.

Announcements: Robert H. Hu announced work on a China/U.S. conference, tentatively scheduled for the law week of May 2009.

Mary Rumsey turned over the Chair to Jonathan A. Franklin. Jonathan thanked Mary for her year of service. He solicited ideas from the membership and invited everyone to the IALL Reception

Adjournment: Jonathan A. Franklin declared the business meeting adjourned.

Report On IFLA Meeting in South Africa

Claire M. Germain

I attended the IFLA meeting in Durban, South Africa as the official AALL Representative to IFLA. It was a tremendous learning experience. The newly established Law Libraries Section elected officers: Holger Knudsen (Germany) was appointed Chair, and Claire Germain (USA) was appointed Secretary. Frank Hurinville (France) was appointed Information Coordinator, and Donna Scheeder (USA) Treasurer.

Out of the total 3,100 attendees, a large contingent of 1,300 African librarians were attending. The opening event, in a large amphitheater, was hosted by a Zulu story teller in beautiful traditional dress, surrounded by children and a huge book, which displayed, page by page, the various speakers. Dr. Pallo-Jordan, Minister of Arts and Culture, mentioned the importance of freedom of exchange of ideas and books. In 1994, the segregated library system was reunited, and there is

now a pressing need to develop a reading culture. Justice Abbie Sachs, South Africa Constitutional Court, gave an inspiring and moving speech, explaining that he was arrested in 1963, and put into solitary confinement. It is only through the intervention of a librarian that he preserved his sanity, because they finally allowed him to borrow books from a local library. The Law Libraries Section program focused on open access to legal information, and included four speakers, on the South African Legal Information Institute (SAFLII), the Constitutional Court Library, and on open access to journal literature. A visit of the University of KwaZulu –Natal Libraries, including the Law Library, was particularly interesting.

IFLA represents library and information services interests on a global basis. It was present at the World Summit on Information Society, and is recognized as the public policy forum by such international organizations as UNESCO and WIPO. There is great potential for AALL to be

active in IFLA, and it is hoped that many U.S. law libraries will join IFLA. The 2008 meeting is in Quebec City, a destination easily reachable from the United States. Programs are planned on authentication of official digital law in the U.S., Europe, and Canada, as well as a program on doing research in Quebec law. Alex Byrne, current President, challenged the U.S. and Canada to raise money to sponsor Latin American and Caribbean librarians to attend IFLA in Quebec in August 2008. The Australian library associations raised enough money to sponsor 16 African librarians to the Durban meeting. It might be a nice gesture for AALL's FCIL SIS to sponsor one or two law librarians from Latin America or the Caribbean area to attend the meeting.



Asian Law Interest Group Met in New Orleans

Sergio Stone

The Asian Law Interest Group met on July 16, 2007. Special thanks to Sharon Wang, Assistant Librarian at York University, for her insights about Asian law collections in Canada. We were honored to have the from China attend the meeting: Ms. Lu Liying, Director of the Tsinghua University Law Library, Mr. Zhao Xiaohai of ChinaLawInfo and Mr. Cheng Zhen, Director of Reference at the National Library of China.

Substantive issues discussed at the meeting:

Fond Farewell

Former Asian Law Interest Group Chair, Chenglin Liu, is now an Assistant Professor of Law at St. Mary's University Law School. We all wish Chenglin best wishes on his new career.

Acquiring Materials from Asia

Evelyn Ma of Yale and Trinie Thai-Parker of Harvard provided details of their re-

spective collections and graciously offered to assist others with acquisitions questions.

Harvard is collecting primary legal materials from East Asian countries, including all the official national gazettes. Sharon Wang highly recommended [Frontiers of Law in China](#), published by [Springer](#). This journal offers high quality translations into English of articles from prominent Chinese legal journals.

Evelyn Ma recommended the following book jobbers and publishers for acquiring monographs and serials from China: Lexis Book Co. Ltd. (Taiwan), [China International Book Trading Company](#). Many libraries rely on the Eastview Information Services databases for full-text access to academic journals from China.

Databases

Most users expressed satisfaction with the Manupatra database for Indian legislation and case law. Sharon Wang reported that Manupatra works best with Internet Ex-

plorer, rather than Firefox. Both Harvard and Yale recently cancelled their Indlaw subscriptions in favor of [Manupatra](#). Additional information about Indian publishers and legal databases will be available at the 2007 IALL Meeting in Mumbai, India.

The International Law in Domestic Courts database, which provides translations of judicial opinions involving application of international law in national courts, received mixed reviews. Some criticized the inadequate search interface and others thought the price didn't justify the limited number of cases available. The database probably works best for libraries that have only limited case law collections in vernacular languages. Marci Hoffman's review of International Law in Domestic Courts appeared in 35 INT'L J. OF LEG. INFO. 170.

Trinie Thai-Parker reported that the ISI Emerging Markets database includes a section of national legislation

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Latin American Law Group & Foreign Selectors Joint Meeting

Dan Wade

The Latin American Law Interest Group and the Foreign Law Selectors met together in New Orleans at AALL on Monday, July 16th. Twenty-three law librarians were in attendance.

Dan Wade, Yale, presented a brief report on the activities of the Northeast Foreign Law Librarians (Columbia, Cornell, Fordham, Georgetown, NYU, Penn, Yale, and Harvard ex officio) over the past year and Thomas Mills, Cornell, reported on the CJK conference to be held at Cornell this fall.

Victor Essien, Fordham, presented a letter he had drafted on behalf of the Northeast Group to Lexis-Nexis France decrying the high cost of the online version of Juris Classeur, and requesting a lower price, as it would not receive great use in any of the member libraries. Victor asked those in attendance to join the Northeast Group institutions in signing the letter. The letter was never sent as Dan Wade and Blair Kauffman, Director of the Yale Law Library, spoke to Steve Yandle, formerly Yale Law School's Financial Dean, and now an executive of Lexis-Nexis, who promised to talk to his colleagues about the matter.

Steve will be back at Yale in late October and hopefully report on his discussions.

Teresa Miguel, discussed the launch of her Latin American Law serials holdings list found at www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/Latinamericanjournals/index.html. She invited other institutions to join her in this endeavor.

Dan Wade discussed the possibility of including on the FCIL SIS web page profiles which explain how each academic law library is spending its Foreign Law budget. The meeting of the Foreign Law Selectors could be used to explain these profiles. Next summer's meeting will feature the profiles from Los Angeles County and the law schools of southern California. If you would like to participate, please contact Teresa Stanton at Berkeley.

Pedro Padilla, University of Puerto Rico, reported on the XXXVII ACURIL (Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries), meeting which took place in San Juan, Puerto Rico June 3-9, 2007. At the meeting, it was resolved that a "Subject Content Group" on Law be formed. It will work to create a network of law librarians in the Region, to

share knowledge and information, and to have a special Law related agenda at every annual meeting of ACURIL, including presentations of the legal systems of the countries where the conference meets. Marisol Floren of Florida International University, and Pedro Padilla, will take the initial steps towards the establishment of the network. It seems like the interest group is in full swing, as evidenced by the large number of programs on Caribbean law and the profession of law librarianship at this year's meeting. Two law vendors were in attendance: Luis A. Retta, supplying books from Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina and Cuba; and Libros de Barlovento, supplying books from Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

One feature that it is hoped can be added to next year's Foreign Selector's meeting is the sharing of librarians' favorite selections to their collections over the year: reference books, treatises, etc., e.g., *Rechtswissenschaft und Rechtsliteratur im 20. Jahrhundert: Mit Beiträgen zur Entwicklung des Verlages C.H. Beck/ Ed. Dr. Dietmar Willoweit, Munich: Beck, 2007.*

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Other Items

Online Discussion Lists from Southeast Asia: Malaysian Law Librarians Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MALLawLib/>. Postings in English, Indonesian Law Library Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/perpushukum-net/>. Postings in Bahasa Indonesian.

Mary Sexton and Trinie Thai-Parker recommended the [Chinese Law Professor Blog](#) and [China Law Discussion List](#).

The Asian Law Institute (ASLI) is accepting new members from North America. The University of Wisconsin Law School and the University of Washington School of Law have already joined. Contact Sergio Stone for copies of any of the papers presented at

the 2007 ASLI Conference. Information about ASLI is available at: <http://law.nus.edu.sg/asli/index.htm>

Many thanks to all who attended the early morning session and for everyone's excellent contributions. I look forward to seeing all of you in Portland at the next Asia Law Interest Group meeting.

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Sheffield 2007: BIALL Annual Study Conference

Edward T. Hart

British and Irish Association of Law Librarians (BIALL) is the British Isles counterpart to AALL, and like AALL is a group of legal information professionals who join together for educational and professional development purposes. BIALL members, hold an annual meeting to undertake professional development, hear the latest on products and services, and network with their colleagues. About 600 registrants attended over the course of the most recent meeting, providing a much smaller, more congenial atmosphere than AALL meetings. What also contributed to the closeness was that all the programming was in one venue with only the two evening social functions short walks away in the city center.

The meeting was 14-16 June, in Sheffield, England. Sheffield is England's fourth largest city and is located in Northern England. The city's history is linked to many heavy industries related to its being a center of coal and steel, but it has transformed itself into a hub of light industry and education. For outdoors folks, Sheffield's location on the eastern edge of the Peak District makes it a good starting point for exploring the moors and scenery featured in so many British films.

Importance of Networking

The meeting runs for three days, with the first and third days centered on plenary presentations, while the middle day is one of parallel sessions along the academic and firm tracks familiar to law librarians everywhere. The opening speaker this year was Rob Brown, a relationship and marketing expert, who gave an inspiring talk about networking, called "How to Work a Room." One of the clearest examples of where to start networking that he explored, and that would be used as an opening line at nearly every break and social event, was how to recognize the way people grouped themselves when standing at a function such as a reception.

How people stood in their groupings told whether they were open or closed to additional members. Quick example: two individuals facing each other within an arm's length were probably less open to the introduction of an additional individual, while two individuals standing side-by-side would likely welcome additions to their conversation.

Web 2.0

Other plenary speakers included Derek Law of Strathclyde University, who spoke on the future of libraries and Phil Bradley who talked about "Web 2.0: the Issues and Law Libraries." It was enlightening to hear issues shared with librarians everywhere, discussed from a British and Irish point of view. This continued in the parallel sessions I attended, mostly given by academic law librarians, although one presentation was from information specialists at a Dublin law firm. A common concern of direct interest to American law librarians, was the Anglo-Irish academic law librarians' repeated discussion of how law librarians have the ability to influence research instruction. Librarians from Oxford and Sheffield spoke about adopting and developing electronic platforms to deliver research instruction to their students, both as part of existing courses and as new programs. One aspect touched on by each presenter was the need for law faculty to support programs of research instruction.

Social Events

Many of the vendors we know, Thomson-West, LexisNexis, and Oxford University Press filled the exhibitors' hall with interesting twists on their products. It was informative to see how WestlawUK is adapted for British legal education which is dominated by the undergraduate market. The issues in the UK are less about keyword searching and more about retrieving documents.

The fun side of the conference included two social events which were dinners: one casual with an 80's cover band in a hotel

ballroom, and the other more formal, black-tie optional, in the Cutlers' Hall, home of the Company of Cutlers who govern the cutlers' guild and regulate the quality of Sheffield cutlery.

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One interesting side note: the average age of attendees in Sheffield was lower than one observes at AALL. For a large number of British and Irish law librarians, particularly those in academic settings, law librarian positions are at an entry level that they will move out of if they seek promotion or more responsibility. Only a handful of academic law libraries, such as the Bodleian Law Library at Oxford, have the administrative structure Americans would recognize.

2008

Next year's meeting is 12-14 June 2008 in Dublin at the Royal Dublin Society. If the opportunity presents itself, I highly recommend anyone with interest in Anglo-Irish legal information or comparative law librarianship to attend. And if an additional inducement is needed, Dublin is home to many great cultural institutions, including Guinness.

Next Issue

Our next issue will be in February 2008. The deadline for article submissions will be in mid-January. Please email Mabel at shawm@law.georgetown.edu for more information.

All submissions are welcome!

New Member Profiles

Meg Butler

This issue's *newest* new member is Margaret (Meg) Butler, recently-crowned FCIL librarian at New York Law School (NYLS). She brings to her work a unique combination of previous employment experiences—theater usher, third-grade teacher, lawyer, and West editor.

Originally hired as Evenings and Weekend Librarian at NYLS, Meg is getting up to FCIL speed by reading—blogs, manuals, guides, listservs—and especially by answering reference questions. “Finding answers to questions is a great way to learn,” she notes. Meg also attended as many FCIL programs as possible at AALL in New Orleans, where she also received the FCIL-SIS Senior Caucus's wine prize for the newest member attending the business meeting.

While Meg's least favorite aspect of her job is the feeling that she has “so much to learn to do a good job helping patrons,” she also enjoys “knowing that I am going to learn something new every day,” which augurs well for her future as an FCIL librarian.



Meg Butler in Prague

Meg says she reads and speaks French “passably well,” though she describes her grammar as “pretty atrocious.” She has been reading LeMonde.fr and listening to radiofrance.fr to improve her comprehension.

When not reading LeMonde.fr, Meg is a voracious reader of almost all kinds of

fiction (genres or literary), and reads nonfiction selectively.

Like many FCIL librarians, Meg also enjoys travel. She adds, “In my family, people make lists—often as word play, but sometimes about other things. My aunt recently started a list for us sharing the subway/rapid transit systems we have ridden. My notable contributions to the list included the London Underground, and subways in Paris and Lille, France; Prague, Czech Republic; Taipei, Taiwan; and of course, New York City.”

With luck, next year she can add Portland's glorious light rail and streetcar system to the list. Welcome, Meg!

Trinie Thai-Parker

Many of you have already met one of our FCIL new members, Trinie Thai-Parker. Trinie has worked as a Reference Librarian for Foreign, Comparative and International Law at the Harvard Law Library since January 2006.

Trinie racked up a lot of miles as a child—born in Hong Kong, she grew up “in a number of places, including New Orleans, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei.” She also lived in Beijing for a year before going to the UK for university. She continued that peripatetic pattern as an adult; after getting two degrees in the UK (International Relations, and Law and Chinese Studies) she obtained an LLM at the European Academy of Legal Theory in Brussels. Jobs took her to Taiwan, where she worked as a government editor/translator, and to Atlanta, where she worked on death penalty abolition for Amnesty International.

Trinie received her MLIS at the University of Illinois and worked in the library learning “a great deal” from FCIL librarian Jane Williams. At Harvard, Trinie has continued to learn, including taking foreign language classes. She already reads both full-formed and simplified Chinese, and has a working knowledge of French.

In addition to teaching legal research to LLM students this year, Trinie will also teach workshops on comparative country legal research methodology, and an introduction to international human rights research. Of course, she also has other responsibilities, and this year's main project includes helping to redesign and update the library's FCIL research guides. “I spend most of my time working with students and faculty, both on the reference desk and through individual appointments.”

Asked to say what she likes most about her job, Trinie had this enthusiastic response: “What I love best about this job is that there is always something new to learn. This is particularly true with foreign law, which is such a vast area but usually involves very discrete questions. I also love the interaction that I have with our LLM students and my colleagues. We are a large library with over 100 staff and the diversity of personalities here makes it a real pleasure to work here. Another aspect of my job that I love is being encouraged to learn new languages. Because of the language skills of my colleagues, it also means that I always have someone to practice with, too!”

Although you wouldn't know it from Trinie's slim figure, she “loves to cook and to eat.” She also collects books on cookery and food ethnography. If you haven't yet met Trinie, keep an eye out for her at AALL and other venues.

Wanted: New Members

Please submit your new member profile! We would like to get to know you and welcome you to our SIS. Just tell us a bit about yourself. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Your next opportunity will be in the February issue.

The Back Page News

- ◇ **Julienne Grant**, Loyola University Law Library in Los Angeles, recently received some good news. She is the first U.S. librarian to receive a bursary from the International Association of Law Libraries to attend the 26th Annual Course in International Law Librarianship, *Global Challenges & the Indian Legal System*. She will be heading to Mumbai, India in December to attend this conference. Congratulations, Julienne!



Leifeng Pagoda in Hangzhou, China

- ◇ **Roy Sturgeon**, Touro College Law Library, presented a paper titled "From Lord Shang to Democracy Wall: A Select Annotated Bibliography Exploring 3,000 Years of Chinese Legal History—in English" at the 49th annual conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies to be held at the University of Richmond, Virginia, October 5-7, 2007. This paper is an incomplete draft of a book-in-progress that he plans to finish by 2011. Roy also wrote a short paper in library school about library ethics codes that is scheduled to be published as a feature article in the November issue of *American Libraries*, the magazine of ALA. Roy also visited China this summer. He spent time in Shanghai and Beijing, where he recently lived, worked and studied. Since his last visit Spring 2006, Shanghai has almost topped out what will be one of the world's tallest buildings—the Shanghai World Financial Center (1,614 feet/492 meters). Beijing is still a massive construction site due mostly to the upcoming 2008 Summer Olympics. The ceremonies will begin on 8/8/08. This date was specifically chosen as 8 is a lucky number in China, and the more eights the better. Roy also spent a few days in Xian visiting the terracotta warriors, and Hangzhou, known for the beauty of West Lake and the Leifeng and Six Harmonies Pagodas. I hope to visit China again next summer, exploring the mountainous south and mysterious west.

- ◇ **Victor Essien** and **Heidi Kuehl** were awarded the Spirit of the SIS Award for their exceptional contributions to FCIL. Victor is always willing to volunteer for projects and Heidi maintains our fabulous website. Thanks to the two of them for all their hard work and know that we appreciate you!
- ◇ **Rachael Smith** is now a librarian at the John Wolff International & Comparative Law Library at Georgetown Law Center. She was formerly at Ohio State University Moritz Law Library.



Victor Essien and Heidi Kuehl after receiving their awards at the FCIL Business meeting in New Orleans. AALL Annual Meeting July 2007

FCIL Profile

The Foreign, Comparative and International Law SIS began in 1985, but has been in existence since 1947, albeit under varying names. Our primary objective is to serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on foreign, comparative and international law. The SIS also represents members' interests and concerns within AALL.

FCIL sponsors a rapidly expanding schedule of educational opportunities through programs, institutes, and workshops each year. The members share expertise among themselves and with other librarians. They write, speak, consult and otherwise provide assistance to others through active discussions and information sharing on INT-LAW and the FCIL.

- ◇ **Bill McCloy**, University of Washington Law Library, is a presenter at the Workshop on Chinese, Japanese, and Korean Online Legal Resources which is an overview of online legal resources in the original languages and in English translations, as well as useful print resources for legal research. This workshop is in conjunction with the American Society of Comparative Law Conference at Cornell Law School, November 9-11, 2007.