

# FCIL Newsletter

*Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section*

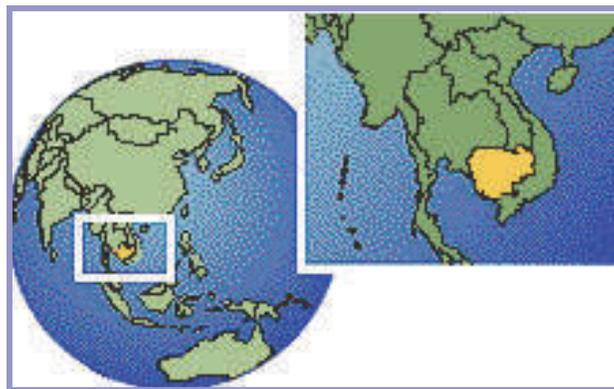
## ECCC Library in Cambodia

*Trinie Thai-Parker*

With the support of the Harvard Law School Library, I spent ten weeks this past summer helping to set up a library for the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia.

### Tribunal Library

The ECCC is the international criminal tribunal established jointly by the Government of Cambodia and the United Nations, to bring to trial the top leadership of the Khmer Rouge for serious crimes committed between 1975 and 1979. Although technically a national Court, it relies on the participation of international judges, prosecutors,



and administrators working alongside their Cambodian counterparts.

The ECCC depends heavily upon voluntary financial contributions from the international community for its day-to-day operations, and their lack of funding

partly explains how I came to be invited to help with the library.

### Human Rights at Harvard

As part of my responsibilities as an FCIL librarian, I serve as the liaison for the Human Rights Clinical Pro-  
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## Welcome to Ahmadullah Masoud!

*Christopher O'Byrne*

Ahmadullah Masoud has been awarded the 2009 FCIL Schaffer Grant. Mr. Masoud is a reference librarian at the [Independent National Legal Training Center Law Library](#), funded by the [USAID Afghanistan Rule of Law Project](#), in Kabul, Afghanistan. His pri-

mary reference responsibilities range from providing patrons with print and electronic reference assistance to designing a formal legal research curriculum and training materials for Afghan and U.S. Military attorneys, judges, professors and INLTC students

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**Ahmadullah Masoud**  
From Kabul

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### Upcoming Meetings:

- ALA Annual Meeting, July 9-15 in Chicago, IL.
- AALL Annual Meeting, "Innovate," July 25-28, 2009 in Washington, DC.
- IFLA Annual Meeting, "Libraries Create Futures: Building on Cultural Heritage," August 23-27, 2009 in Milan, Italy.
- IALL Annual Course on International Law Librarianship & Conference, "Turkey in a Global Context: Law and Legal Information," October 11-15, 2009, Istanbul, Turkey.

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## From the Chair

Dennis Sears

This winter semester, I taught an advanced legal research course on international legal research. I teach this course every other year, in the odd years, opposite another advanced legal research course I teach in the even years. Given the constant and rapid evolution of the availability of international legal materials, especially online, I found the resources available through the FCIL-SIS homepage invaluable as I was editing and updating the information I presented during my lectures. We are so fortunate to be part of an organization, such as the FCIL-SIS, whose members are so committed and willing to make information about foreign and international legal materials available to the legal com-

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munity, as a whole.

### Annual Meeting

As we approach the Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., I appreciate all those who proposed programs last August. We have some great opportunities to expand our horizons with the programs that will be presented. We also have some great excellent opportunities to tap into resources available in the D.C. area that our Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Marilyn J. Raisch is coordinating. I encourage you to give some thought to programming that

you would like to see in 2010 in Denver and bring those ideas with you to this year’s Education Committee meeting. Remember, the program offerings will only be as good as we make them.

### Winding Down

As my term year begins to wind down, I express my appreciation to my fellow officers, the committee chairs, the chairs of interest groups, and the membership of the FCIL-SIS as a whole. It is so gratifying to be part of and affiliate with such a professional group of people as yourselves. It is you, who have made my service both enjoyable and fulfilling.

### Many Thanks

I especially thank Marilyn, who has been a constant source of valuable counsel and support as I have had to complete various assignments and address a number of issues facing the SIS. Heidi Kuehl has been stalwart in performing her responsibilities as Secretary/Treasurer, especially running a flawless election this year. Jonathan Franklin, as the Immediate Past Chair, has been a constant source of experience that I could turn to as issues arose.

I appreciate Anne Chase and Teresa Miguel for their work on the website. They were exceptionally responsive in keeping the website current. Mabel Shaw was absolutely dependable in turning out the Newsletter.

With regards to the FCIL Schaffer Grant, I appreciate Chris O’Byrne, who chaired the Schaffer Grant Selection Committee, and who along with



**Dennis Sears**  
Brigham Young Law Library

his committee, Rob Britt, Teresa Miguel, and Lucie Olejnikova, were so diligent in seeking out applicants for the FCIL Schaffer Grant. Barbara Bean has chaired the FCIL Schaffer Grant Fundraising effort, along with her committee, Tom Kimbrough and Mary Strouse, who have developed some great ideas for fundraising that will be forthcoming. Last, but certainly not least, Ellen Schaffer and Mary Strouse have been invaluable in working through many of the issues concerning the FCIL Schaffer Grant.

### DC Happenings

I look forward to seeing you all in Washington, D.C., where one of the highlights will be our visiting foreign law librarian, Ahmadullah Masoud, from Afghanistan.

Thanks again so much for your service and for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

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gram at the Law School. In recent years, there has been a significant increase in our students' interest in learning more about international human rights. In fact, enrollment in the International Human Rights Clinic has increased 300% in the past four years.

Moreover, many students also participate in HLS Advocates for Human Rights, a student organization that provides students with the opportunity to work on human rights advocacy projects. A lot of this work is being carried out in the field of international criminal law, and international criminal litigation, in particular.

As the clinical projects assigned on this topic tend to be quite open-ended, I found that our students required a lot more guidance and support in this work compared to re-

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searching international criminal law from a purely doctrinal perspective. I came to realize that I would be more effective in teaching our students to carry out such complex FCIL research if I had a greater understanding of how international criminal tribunals work in practice.

### **Invitation to Phnom Penh**

When I contacted the ECCC to find out what I could do to gain such experience, they responded by asking me if I would be willing to come to



**Trinie's neighborhood while living in Phnom Penh**

Phnom Penh to assist them in establishing a central library for the Court.

When the Court first opened in 2005, each office was expected to be responsible for its own research, including the acquisition and management of any resources that they needed. However, the administrators of the Court soon realized that this was not sustainable, as the Court's limited budget could not even cover the purchase of multiple copies of the same books. Nor did they have the funds necessary to hire a full-time professional librarian.

With the assistance of a part-time library consultant based in Phnom Penh, the ECCC had already adopted an open source integrated library management system called NewGenLib, but they were not able to renew the consultant's contract, so my job was to continue where the consultant had left

off.

This involved everything from assessing and consolidating the collection (the books were spread across all the different offices in the Court and no one was willing to give them back without a fight) and cataloging materials, to training a Cambodian library assistant, promoting the use of a central library among members of the Court, and making recommendations for future acquisitions – with the expectation that funds would be available in the future.

### **Rebuilding a Legal Foundation**

An equally important aspect of this experience for me was the opportunity to contribute to the Court's efforts to rebuild capacity in Cambodia. As a result of Khmer Rouge rule, no lawyer in Cambodia has a stand-  
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## Law, Crime & Society in Ancient Rome

*Karen Beck*

On a picture-perfect sunny spring day in April, ten librarians made their way to Berkeley from around the country to discuss Roman law. We gathered in the conference room of The Robbins Collection, a world-renowned collection of religious and civil law materials housed in UC Berkeley's law library. Surrounded by magnificent Roman law books, we were introduced to The Robbins Collection and some of its treasures by our host, Lucia Diamond, The Robbins Collection's Senior Reference and Collection Development Librarian, and Jennifer Nelson, Reference Librarian of The Robbins Collection. I was particularly enchanted by a group of books labeled "The Tinies", a large collection of beautiful miniature Roman law books housed on little tiny shelves in the closed stack area!

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ing of longer than 10 years. For the same reason, none of the Cambodian judges actually had any legal education before joining the ECCC. They are being trained as they prepare to preside over these trials.

Because the Court is based in the country where the crimes took place and is committed to drawing on the local population for its staff, I was able to visit local libraries and meet with emerging library professionals. Although the Court's legacy issues have not yet been finalized, the hope is that after the trials are completed the library's collection together with the electronic catalogue will be do-

### History of Roman Law

We were next treated to a fascinating lecture on the history and evolution of Roman law by Professor Laurent Mayali, Director of the Robbins Collection. Professor Mayali accomplished the remarkable feat of lecturing for exactly 45 minutes without once referring to notes, stumbling, or rambling off-topic – and we were all galvanized by his presentation. He reviewed the Romans' various conceptions of law, including *ius natura*, the law of nature which includes all living things; *ius gentium*, the law of persons; and *ius civile*, the law that applied only to Roman citizens. One pithy nugget from Professor Mayali's lecture was his characterization of the basic thought underlying much of Roman law: "What do I own? What do you own? What does nobody own, and how can I get it?"

The participants had received a read-

nated to a local legal institution.

By working with Em Chanthy, the library assistant who was hired to oversee the library after I left, I was also able to share our model of reference services and other library practices with him, while at the same time learning from him about his country and culture.

### Great Experience

Cambodia is a beautiful country with remarkable people and it was a true pleasure and privilege to be able to spend time there using the skills of my profession. I learned a great deal about the research needs of the various of-

ing list in advance of the seminar, and we all had done our homework and were ready to talk. Before and after a delicious lunch at the Berkeley Women's Faculty Club, we discussed selections from Jill Harries' book *Law and Crime in the Roman World*, Henry Hart's article "The Aims of the Criminal Law," and Edward Peters' book *Torture: Expanded Edition* (1996). Much of our discussion centered around the use of judicial torture as a means to gather evidence, and the way the Romans expanded the groups of people that were subject to such torture over time.

### New Interest Group

In the final session of the afternoon, we discussed the formation of a new Roman Law Interest Group that we hope will meet on a regular basis. The goal of this group is to share

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fices of the Court, which included serving not only the legal offices but the translators, court administrators and court reporters, too. I would highly recommend this experience to anyone who has the time and interest to volunteer.

If your institution isn't able to support the full cost, there is a volunteer program run by the United Nations that will provide you with reimbursement for travel and a modest stipend to cover your basic living expenses. To find out more information about this, you can visit their website: <http://www.unv.org/how-to-volunteer/unv-volunteers.html>.

## FCIL Relevant Programs in Washington, D.C.

### Educational

- ◇ D6: Beyond the Walls of the United Nations: Exploring U.N. Databases on Monday, July 27, 8:45am.
- ◇ F2: Law Librarians Abroad: Is a Foreign Study Program for You? on Monday, July 27, 10:45am.
- ◇ H4: Thinking About Treaties: Interpretation, in Force and Internet on Tuesday, July 28, 9:00am
- ◇ K3: Researching International Tax Law, on Tuesday, July 28, 3:30pm.

### FCIL Business & Interest Groups

#### Sunday, July 26th:

- ◇ Asian Law Interest Group, 7:00am.
- ◇ Electronic Issues Interest Group, 8:00am.
- ◇ African Law Interest Group, 3:00pm.
- ◇ Schaffer Fund Committee, 4:15pm.
- ◇ FCIL Business Meeting, 5:30pm.

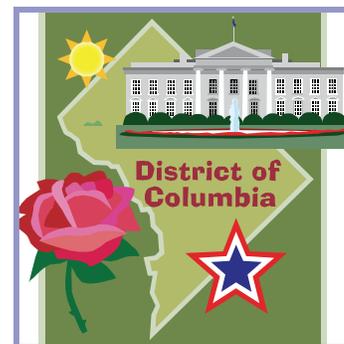
- ◇ FCIL & IALL Joint Reception, 6:30pm.

#### Monday, July 27th:

- ◇ Teaching Foreign & International Law Interest Group, 7:30am.
- ◇ Roman Law Interest Group, 10:00am.
- ◇ FCIL Membership Committee, 12:00noon.
- ◇ FCIL Education Committee, 4:00pm.
- ◇ FCIL Publications/Public Relations Committee, 4:00pm.
- ◇ CIS & East European Law Interest Group, 5:30pm.

#### Tuesday, July 28th:

- ◇ FCIL Internships & International Exchanges Committee, 7:00am.
- ◇ Latin American Law Interest Group, 8:00am.
- ◇ Electronic Issues Interest Group,



**The Library of Congress has 650 miles of bookshelves with 142 million items**

10:45am.

- ◇ Foreign Law Selectors Interest Group, 10:45am.
- ◇ FCIL Strategic Planning Committee, 12:00noon.
- ◇ FCIL Executive Committee Presents: The Past, Present and Future of the Law Library and Librarianship in Afghanistan, by Ahmadullah Masoud, 4:15pm.

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(future judges, prosecutors, and attorneys). To learn more about Mr. Masoud, please see his biography at <http://aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/masoud.html>.

### Diverse Applicant Pool

The FCIL Schaffer Grant Search Committee is not only pleased to help bring Mr. Masoud to AALL this summer, but also to report that the trend of well-qualified and increasingly larger applicant pools continued in 2009. The Search Committee received a total of thirty-four applications from twenty-four countries: Australia, Afghanistan

(2), Argentina (3), Botswana (2), Burundi, Canada, Chile (2), Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Fiji, India, Jamaica, Japan (2), Latvia, Mexico (2), Nigeria (2), Palestine, Peru, Philippines (2), Saint Lucia (West Indies), South Africa, Spain (2), Trinidad and Tobago, and Turkey. The Committee is encouraged by the fact that several of these applicants intend to reapply next year. We believe that next year's applicant pool will include many stimulating candidates who are eager to share their global perspectives with AALL attendees.

### Schaffer Grant Background

The FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians was established in 2001. Since then it has brought seven librarians from outside the United States to AALL to participate in collaborative learning and professional development opportunities with American law librarians and other legal information professionals.

2009 FCIL Schaffer Grant Search Committee Members: Rob Britt, Teresa Miguel, Christopher O'Byrne (Chair), and Lucie Olejnikova.



## D.C. Dining Tips

- ◇ Perhaps you are interested in where **Barack Obama** eats? One of the president's first stops after arriving in January, was [Ben's Chili Bowl](#) located at 1211 U Street NW. He had a chili half-smoke and sweet tea. Ben's is a Washington institution and has been featured in several movies. During that little thing called the inauguration, the line for Ben's stretched around the block and the wait was 90 minutes! **Obama and Biden** recently ventured over to Arlington's **Ray's Hell Burger**. There is no sign, but it is located at 1713 Wilson Blvd between the Rosslyn and Courthouse metro stations. No website and no one answers the phone (703-841-0001) but the answering machine will give you the hours. **Michelle Obama** reported that she snuck out and went to [Five Guys](#) for a burger. This is a small local chain that has great burgers and fries. They even tell you what kind of potatoes they are serving as fries. There is one near the convention center at 808 H Street NW. It looks like the Obamas enjoy a great burger!!
- ◇ **Joe and Jill Biden** have been spotted at [Café Milano](#) in Georgetown at 3251 Prospect Street, NW. This is the place to see and be seen in Washington, DC and most A-listers (**Michael Jordan, Jlo and Marc Anthony, Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones, Tom Cruise and Suri, Vernon Jordan**—just to drop a few) dine there when in town. You'll have to take a cab and reservations are recommended (202-333-6183).
- ◇ Near the Convention Center, there is [Ella's Pizza](#) on 9th St NW (between F & G Sts NW) offering yummy thin crust pizza baked in a wood-fired oven. [Zaytinya](#) is a chic restaurant serving Mediterranean *mezze* from Greek, Turkish, and Lebanese cuisine. Reservations are suggested (located at 9th and G Sts NW, 202-638-0800). [Teaism](#) is located a bit further away at 400 8th St NW (corner of 8th and D NW) and is a less expensive option. They also offer breakfast and finding a place outside of the large hotels for breakfast on Sunday will be a challenge! The food is Asian inspired and they have a great selection of teas. A cold ginger limeade from Teaism is delightful on a hot and humid afternoon.
- ◇ [Jaleo's](#), [Oyamel](#) (both on 7th NW) and [Café Atlantico](#) (on 8th NW) offer Spanish, Mexican, and Latin American menus. Jaleo's has Spanish tapas which are fun for large groups to sample. All these restaurants are affiliated with Jose Andres whom you might have seen on PBS. Nearby is [Rasika](#) which is an upscale Indian place (633 D St NW).
- ◇ The Washington Post recently gave a fairly positive review to the [Fire & Sage](#) restaurant at the Marriott conference hotel. Thumbs up for the artichoke crab dip, tea-smoked halibut, and the fresh roasted turkey sandwich. Flat breads and potato chips were not so inspiring. [Vegetate](#) is a vegetarian restaurant located near the Convention Center at 1414 9th St NW. It was recently voted best vegetarian restaurant by the City Paper.
- ◇ *So many restaurants...so little space...stop by the hospitality both for more information. Enjoy!*

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ideas that will help the law librarian who gets very few Roman law questions each year, and who wants to learn more about the topic in a pressure-free setting. The next meeting will take place at the AALL Annual

### Next Meeting

Meeting in July 2009, Monday July 27 from 10-11 a.m. As the topic of Roman law crosses two of AALL's Special Interest Sections, Legal History and Rare Books and Foreign, Comparative and International Law, we are hoping for a good turnout. Please join us! We will discuss Law and Crime in the Roman World (Cambridge University Press, 2007), and will select the following year's book as well. The group's conveners are Lucia Diamond ([ldiamond@law.berkeley.edu](mailto:ldiamond@law.berkeley.edu)) and Dan Wade ([daniel.wade@yale.edu](mailto:daniel.wade@yale.edu)). They will be happy to answer any questions about this new group.

Many thanks to Lucia Diamond and her colleagues at The Robbins Collection for sponsoring, organizing, and hosting a day that was letter-perfect from start to finish, with ample opportunities to exchange ideas, socialize, learn new things, see new sights, and gorge ourselves on delicious food. It was particularly gratifying for members of the LHRB-SIS and FCIL-SIS to be able to cross-pollinate, exchange ideas, and make new friends. Everyone who participated had a wonderful time!

Participants included: Lucia Diamond (host – The Robbins Collection), Karen Beck (Boston College Law Library), Elizabeth Haluska-Rausch (University of Texas, Tarlton Law Library), Jennifer Nelson (The Robbins Collection), Christopher O'Byrne (Notre Dame, Kresge Law Library), Marilyn Raisch (Georgetown Law Library), Sabrina Sondhi (Columbia University, Diamond Law Library), James Spohrer (UC Berkeley, Doe Memorial Library), Katherine Topulos (Duke University, Goodson Law Library), and Daniel Wade (Yale Law School, Goldman Law Library).

