

FCIL Newsletter

Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section

Congratulations to Ufuoma Lamikanra!

Teresa Miguel

Ms. Lamikanra is the Readers' Services Librarian at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) at the University of Lagos, whose clientele includes postgraduate law students, legal practitioners, and members of the judiciary.

Ms. Lamikanra has worked at NIALS in virtually every capacity since 1985. She currently supervises senior staff and participates in reference and noter-up services, indexing and abstracting legal publications, and compilation of bibliographies and reading lists. While on leave in 2008, Ms. Lamikanra set up the law library of the newly established Babcock University Law School and taught Legal Methods, Environmental Law, Use of the Li-

brary, and Evidence to first and fourth year college students. She is also an adjunct lecturer in Business Law for the Distance Learning Institute at the University of Lagos. Ms. Lamikanra has authored and edited numerous books and law review articles.

Technology Challenges

Ms. Lamikanra explains that in a developing country such as Nigeria, librarians and library patrons encounter a multitude of problems related to information technologies, such as databases and electronic catalogs, in their libraries. She hopes that AALL will give her an opportunity to learn how law librarians have implemented new ideas for building a legal collection and improving



Ufuoma Lamikanra

information services. She hopes to gain an insight into modern technologies and their applications in law libraries and be in a position to undertake an informed assessment of the technologies which are suitable for use in Nigerian law libraries. "I will return home better equipped to *map our future*

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Special points of interest:

- ALA Annual Meeting, June 24-29 in Washington, DC.
- AALL Annual Meeting, "Mapping Our Future," July 10-13, 2010 in Denver, CO.
- IFLA Annual Conference, "Open Access to Knowledge-Promoting Sustainable Progress," August 10-15, 2010 in Gothenburg, Sweden.
- IALL Annual Course, "Dutch Gateways to International Law," September 5-8, 2010 in The Hague & Rotterdam, Netherlands.

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Visit to Freehills Law library

Marin Dell

Last march, during a trip for an MBA class through the FSU international programs, I had the great fortune to visit the University of Sydney Freehills Law Library in Sydney, Australia. The idea to sneak away and visit the law library began when I emailed the library about visiting their campus. I

corresponded with one of the Australian law librarians, Linden Fairbairn, who was kind enough to show me around their new law library building and narrate their extensive collection of legal materials from around the globe. They even had quite an impressive collection of American legal materials. I think the highlight



of my visit was seeing row

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Inside Story Headline

Marylin Raisch

As we look forward to the Annual Meeting in Denver, a matter of just a few weeks away, I am humbled and excited by the amount of work done by so many over the past year!

We all struggled to make it come together while attending to our daily tasks, and I think we have a superb program this year, as detailed in this newsletter. Some innovations this year: two SIS-sponsored programs are on tap - Indigenous Peoples Interest Group and the Native Peoples Law Caucus present "The Rights of Indigenous People" Tuesday, July 13, 2010 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM, CCC-Room 610 and Roman Interest Law Group presents "F.H. Blume's Annotated

Justinian Code: A Western Classic" Monday, July 12, 2010 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM CCC-Room 606. We have stability and already success for the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians in the form of paperwork and a new campaign to make the grant itself sustainable long into the future; work has begun on revamping a general blog and a new research wiki as we take another look at our FCIL SIS web site and resources linked from it. Last but not least, we have our terrific FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant Recipient for this year, Ufuoma Lamikanra of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.

Don't miss her presentation on her legal system FCIL-SIS Executive Committee Presents Monday, July 12, 2010, 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM, CCC-Room 109. And so that I may publicly thank all the wonderful members who stepped up to lead and participate in the many committees and IGs of the FCIL to make all this happen, do come to the FCIL Business Meeting (agenda to be published by email in advance of the Annual Meeting) FCIL-SIS Business Meeting Monday, July 12, 2010,



Marylin Raisch
FCIL-SIS Chair 2009-2010

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM CCC-Room 604 to warm you up for FCIL-SIS and International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) Joint Reception for Attendees from Abroad (sponsored by Thomson Reuters) Monday, July 12, 2010, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Hyatt-Capitol Ballroom 2/3 and other festivities.

See you on (or at, if you prefer) The Summit, Denver, July 2010!

Attention, Actung, Atención

Calling all FCIL Committee and Interest Group Chairs! Please remember to submit your meeting reports to the FCIL Newsletter after the AALL Annual Meeting.

It's Back—the Foreign Law Collections Database!

Linda Tashbook

At long last, and after many promises, we are rejuvenating the database of Foreign Law Collections in U.S. Law Libraries. Rather than re-posting everything on my law school's server only to lose it in a server upgrade, as we did last time, I have begun posting the data in a blog platform. This blog, <http://foreignlaw.wordpress.com>, is to be a product of our whole SIS where all members can proudly note their foreign holdings. Whether you have resources for a

country already listed in the blog or you have materials for a country that is not yet posted, know that your listings will be appreciated by researchers. For now, I have populated the blog with updated information from the previous database.

How to Contribute

To post to the blog, log-in using **foreignlaw** as the user name and **fcil-sis** as the password. If you are adding your holdings for a country already listed on

the blog, simply open the **posts** and choose that country name. If you need to start a page for a country not yet included in the blog, open the **page** titled "template" and copy the contents of that page onto your clipboard. Then start a new post, using the country name as its title, and paste the template into the body of that post. Fit your library's holdings information as well as possible into that template. You can always call me to coach you over the phone as you add information to the blog.

Discovering Canadian Law

Jennifer Allison

Malibu Visitor

One of the most attractive aspects of our location here at Pepperdine Law School is that the weather in Malibu is lovely and temperate pretty much the entire year. Because of this, lots of people who live in colder places want to spend as much time here as they can. One of those people is the law school's Distinguished Jurist in Residence, The Honorable Allen Linden. Justice Linden, who recently retired from serving on the Federal Court of Appeal in Canada, has been wintering in Malibu and teaching classes at Pepperdine for many years. He is also considered to be the leading expert on Canadian tort law, and is the main author of a major treatise on this subject.

I have been working as a reference librarian at Pepperdine Law School since I earned my JD from here in 2007. As I am the librarian who is mainly interested in FCIL research, I have been tasked with providing research help for Justice Linden. As it turns out, he has become one

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of my best customers. He is always amazed at what I am able to find for him, and is effusively thankful whenever I help him with a project. Recently, he told me that he was a bit worried because he had been asked to produce a new edition of his Canadian torts treatise. "I don't know how I'm going to do the research," he said. "When I was on the court, my clerk helped me with that, but now that I'm retired I don't have a clerk anymore." I assured him that he

should not worry, and that I would help him with whatever research he needed for his treatise.

Online Canadian Research

Since that time, I have been learning about Canadian law and Canadian legal research. Our LexisNexis representative arranged for us to get a trial subscription to LexisNexis QuickLaw, which is their Canadian law database. I enjoyed using this resource quite a bit. In terms of user interface and searching, it is more like LexisNexis Academic than the legal LexisNexis database. I found it to be fairly intuitive, and I used it to find summaries of all of the torts cases issued during the last several years by Canadian courts. I also found that our Westlaw subscription includes a substantial Canadian case law database, which is covered by Westlaw's excellent KeyCite citator service. I also used the Hein Online law review database to find relevant Canadian law review articles for this topic. Justice Linden, who is definitely not a computer guy, commented frequently on how remarkable he thought this was – he said his normal routine is to use the Canadian Abridgment and the Dominion Law Reports, in print, to do this research.

As his confidence in my Canadian legal research skills grew, Justice Linden asked me to help with other projects. One of the most enjoyable for me was to find all of the intellectual property opinions that he had written while he served on the Federal Court of Appeal. I had never read an opinion that was written by someone I knew personally before, and I was glad for the opportunity to learn more about Justice Linden's judicial persona. While there certainly are similarities between U.S. and Canadian judicial opinions, I found that Canadian judges (of which Justice Linden is a fine example) use our common language so



eloquently. In addition, I noticed that the dissenting opinions lack some of the rancor that is too often apparent in American decisions.

New Expert

As it turns out, because of the work I have done for Justice Linden, I started to gain a bit of a reputation as the librarian who could research Canadian law, and I have started to receive Canadian legal research requests from other members of the faculty. I have also compiled what I have learned into a [Canadian legal research guide](#) for our law library.

I suppose, in a way, gaining some Canadian law expertise was somewhat inevitable for me. I play ice hockey as a hobby, and I have been to several women's hockey tournaments in many cities throughout Canada. I have really enjoyed the country and its people every time I have gone there. Canadian law definitely reflects the civility of Canadian society. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to learn more about Canada by researching its laws and legal system, and hope for additional opportunities in the future.

For more information about Pepperdine Law Library, visit their website at <http://law.pepperdine.edu/>

Preserving the Legacy of the ICTR

Claire Germain

Off to Africa

Three of us from Cornell University Library found ourselves in Arusha, Tanzania for a week in June 2009 as United Nations consultants at the invitation of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR). Together with my colleagues Thomas Mills, research attorney and head of collections at Cornell Law Library, and Stuart Basefsky, information specialist at Cornell Catherwood Industrial & Labor Relations Library and director of the IWS Bureau of the Institute for Workplace Studies, I had been invited to provide advice and assistance in helping to preserve the heritage of the Tribunal which was scheduled to close in 2010. We had also been asked to find ways to help raise the profile of the Tribunal in order to sustain its legacy and to explore areas of mutual interest.

While consulting for the ICTR in Tanzania we were able to make short trips to other important organizations including the East African Court of Justice, the African Foundation for International Law, and the East Africa Law Society. They were very interested in hearing about our work for the ICTR and we were equally interested in the work they were engaged in.

Nuremberg Experience

At the Tribunal we learned about the different facets of their work and explained what kinds of things were being done at Cornell. We talked about our experience with the Nuremberg trial transcripts and other materials. It was on the basis of that very experience with the Donovan archive of Nuremberg materials that we had been invited to the ICTR. That and our Liberia collection were of particular importance and relevance to the task at hand.



Stuart Basefsky, Law school intern Chloe Wiatrowski, Claire Germain, Chief Librarian Angeline Djampou, Chief of Evidence Ayodeji Fadugba, Thomas Mills in front of the ICTR building

Our five days at the ICTR were long and filled with meetings, presentations, and excursions to neighboring groups and offices. We were able to provide specific information on the following topics:

- ◇ Our Donovan Nuremberg Collection and the Liberia/Konvitz Collection, what we have in these archives and how they are organized, and what's online.
- ◇ Foundations and organizations with a reputation for funding preservation initiatives and especially for funding projects in Africa.
- ◇ Internet resources for legal research.
- ◇ How to organize online resources, how we organize our web site at Cornell Law Library.
- ◇ The variety of legal research training that can be offered to ICTR staff and their affiliates.
- ◇ How to organize an archive; comparison of materials from the Office of the Prosecutor with our Liberia/Konvitz archive.
- ◇ How to analyze data on Web site usage using methods employed at Cornell Law Library to analyze our homepage usage.
- ◇ Free online legal resources in general and web portals.
- ◇ Large-scale digitization at Cornell, what has been done and what we have learned.



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Judicial Archive

Throughout our visit we were struck by the urgency of the transition prompted by the closing of the Tribunal and the great need to keep genocide information centers available not only in Rwanda but throughout Africa. Archives and the personal papers of judges were of paramount importance.

We met with the President of the ICTR, Sir Dennis Byron; Prosecutor Hassan Bubacar Jallow; staff of the Office of the Prosecutor; Head of the Judicial and Legal Services Division Pascal Besnier; staff of the Defence Counsel and Detention Management Section; members of the Witnesses and Victims Support Section; Chief Librarian Angeline Djampou; Chief of Information and Evidence Ayodeji Fadugba; Senior Legal Officer Roland Adjovi; and still others. We visited the Detention Center.

When we met with President Byron he asked us both to help identify the judges' needs and to assist in conceptualizing the usefulness of an archive of their papers. Stuart explained how the library where the archive is located is responsible for its long term care, but stressed to them that the control of the archives rests with the giver. Based on his experience at ILR he was able to ad-

vice on how to organize their papers and to provide model forms and contracts.

Outcomes and Future Steps

The profile of the Tribunal has already been raised since that trip to Tanzania last June. President Byron was invited to speak to alumni at the Cornell Club in NYC in October 2009, and he was invited by the Cornell Law Avon Global Center for Women and Justice to speak at their spring symposium in Washington, D.C. in March 2010. Chief of the ICTR Information and Evidence Section Ayodeji Fadugba will speak at the upcoming American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) annual meeting in Denver, Colorado in July 2010 and at the upcoming International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) annual meeting in Goteborg, Sweden in August of this year. These meetings alone have extended the audi-

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ence of the work of the Tribunal to scholars and stakeholders worldwide. Stuart Basefsky arranged for the communications division of the ICTR to provide him with press releases for dissemination through his electronic news service, *IWS Documented News*, and through two others services: *Resource-Shelf.com* and *DocuTicker.com*. We also discussed the possibility of archiving the ICTR Web site if permission were granted.

Photos provided by Clair Germain

Have you had an interesting international or foreign library experience? Consider writing a short article for the newsletter telling us about it!



From left: Chief of Information and Evidence Ayodeji Fadugba, Thomas Mills, Stuart Basefsky, ICTR President Sir Dennis Byron, Claire Germain

Roman Law in these United States at AALL in Denver

Lucia Diamond

Continuing Interest

The influence of Roman law on the national jurisprudence of many foreign civil law countries is well known, but why does Roman law hold such interest in our common law country? Why did Wyoming State Court Justice Fred Blume work in his spare time to produce an annotated English translation of the Code of Justinian? Why did other common law lawyers and jurists, including Roscoe Pound and Oliver Wendell Holmes, write on Roman law? Why did Justice Stevens cite Roman law in a 2005 opinion?

Guest Speaker

Come to the Roman Law Interest Group meeting on Monday, July 12 at 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. in the Colorado Convention

Center Room 606. Professor Timothy Kearley, Director of the Law Library, University of Wyoming College of Law, will show us the path by which Justinian's Code and Novels found their way from Byzantium through time and space to the U.S. and a certain Justice in Wyoming. Read also his article "The Creation and Transmission of Justinian's Novels" being published in the Summer 2010 Law Library Journal. Lucia Diamond, librarian for The Robbins Collection, Berkeley Law at the University of California, Berkeley, will highlight other Roman law influences in United States.

Book for Discussion

For our discussion of Roman law in the U.S., please read *Roman law, an historical introduction*, by Hans Julius Wolff (Norman, University of Oklahoma Press [1951]), especially Chapter VI: Codifica-

"Why does Roman law hold such interest in our common law country?"

tion and Chapter VII: Roman Law in Medieval and Modern Times. This book was reviewed by Justice Blume himself who defined it as "a graphic description of the factors whereby the Roman law was molded from the beginning, changed, modified, interpreted, and finally received in whole or in part in a number of the present European countries." in 5 Okla. L. Rev. 264, 265 (1952).

Join Us

Bring your own favorite vignette of Roman law reception to share, and think about suggestions for next year's book to read.

ASIL International Legal Research Interest Group

Wanita Scroggs

For all of us FCIL members who also belong to ASIL, there is going to be a new interest group in town. It is currently in development, so there's no official name just yet. The group will include everyone interested in international legal research: librarians, other information professionals, and any ASIL members who love to dig for information.

Possible Services

The interest group hopes to be able to offer services to other ASIL IGs, and to the organization as a whole. Some of these services might include:

- real-time research assistance at the annual meeting
- provide a discussion forum for legal information professionals

- providing opportunities to share knowledge about resources that are available
- sharing best practices
- organizing presentations and panel discussions
- providing research assistance for other IGs in their own projects
- maintaining a website that reflects the most recent developments in the field
- and providing research as a companion to substantive presentations at the annual meeting.

Elections Next Year

There is currently a steering committee with three co-chairs, a vice-chair for the

newsletter, and a vice-chair for the website. The plan is to have elections online next year. One idea is that we not have traditional officers but maybe subject specialist liaisons to other interest groups. So, if you have a specialty area of research interest, you can sign up to be a go-to person for that subject area.

Sign Me Up!

For all ASIL members who would like to participate in this new interest group, the tentative schedule is that the website will be up and running by the end of May. To sign up, just go to the ASIL website <http://www.asil.org> and under the Membership tab see the link for the list of interest groups on the left, or go directly to: <http://www.asil.org/interest-groups.cfm>.

First Meeting Indigenous Peoples Interest Group at AALL

Joan Policastrì

Distinguished Speaker

Tuesday, July 13, 2010, marks the inaugural meeting of the Indigenous Peoples Interest Group. The focus for the meeting will be on the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We are honored to have as our guest speaker, Associate Professor and President's Teaching Scholar, Glenn T. Morris (Shawnee), of the Political Science Department of the University of Colorado at Denver (<http://clas.ucdenver.edu/polisci/faculty/morris.html>), where he is also the Director of the Fourth World Center for the Study of Indigenous Law and Politics. Glenn is a member of the Leadership Council of the American Indian Movement of Colorado and a graduate of the University of Colorado and Harvard Law School.

Drafting the UN Declaration

Professor Morris has served as a delegate to the United Nations Commission

on Human Rights (now the United Nations Human Rights Council), and the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations, where he provided contributions to the drafting of the U. N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Most recently, Glenn served as a delegate to the 9th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (April, 2010) at the General Assembly in New York. Professor Morris can also speak to the issues involving Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Indigenous Peoples at the United Nations. It is from personal experience that Professor Morris will speak on the history of the Declaration, as well as provide information on where to find documentation.

Varied Research & Interests

Professor Morris has done extensive research on Christopher Columbus and Indigenous Peoples and writes primarily in the area of indigenous people's law

and politics, however, his other areas of interest include: U.S. Public Policy; law and politics; civil liberties; and, racism, sexism, and law. Finally, Glenn is the Indigenous Project Coordinator at the Woodbine Ecology Center in nearby Sedalia, Colorado <http://www.woodbinecenter.org/>. The Woodbine Ecology Center is a place where people and communities of varied backgrounds and histories come together to address the fundamental social and ecological issues of our time.

Jolande Goldberg and I would like to express our appreciation to Marylin Raisch for making this group and this program possible. The meeting will be from 11:45am to 12:45pm in Room 610 of the Colorado Convention Center. We know that many AALL members share an interest in collecting and researching in the area of indigenous issues and we hope you will join us to share your questions and your experiences!

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upon row of the Southern Reporter! It seemed wonderful to me that I had traveled literally around the globe, crossed the international dateline, and wound up viewing some of the very same books that sit right outside my own office in Tallahassee, Florida. It was such a great lesson in how small the world truly is.

New Building

Another exciting aspect to the visit, which I didn't really expect until I got there, was the fact that their library was a relatively new structure; just about a year old. As Linden explained, there was very little that was "Australian" about the new law library. However, just to let me know that all libraries face the same challenges all around the globe, one part of sleek new roof was already the leaking!

Nonetheless, it was an absolutely gorgeous building in different ways. Some parts looked very much like a long upside down bowling alley on the ceiling, and there was a small vaulted chamber which serves as students' study area and reminded me very much of studying in a clock tower. There were also echoes of the familiar, such as book trucks, computer labs and many, many students hunched over their legal materials furiously studying for their next exam. Then there was the more unfamiliar of this stark white glistening building, with its circulation desk so crisp and clean that it reminded me more of a hospital than a library, the gorgeously bright red chairs were the only splash of color amidst all the sleek polished blonde wood and marble.

Cool Collections

There were other interesting things as well, such as the entire Tasmanian statutes, and a wide array of legal materials from the Oceanic and Australasian regions of the world that I probably will never have a chance to see again. All in all, it is an amazing library, with lovely people and impressive architecture. You can read more about the building and its history here: http://www.law.usyd.edu.au/about/new_building_program.shtml. Cheers, mate!

Founded in 1850, [University of Sydney](http://www.usyd.edu.au) was the first university in Australia and contrary to British tradition, students were admitted on academic merit and not by social class or religion.

A Comparison of Oxford Reports and Justis International

Steve Miller

New Online Sources

Oxford Reports on International Law Online and *Justis International Law Reports Online* are two excellent online resources for international law research. *Oxford Reports* groups international law decisions into five modules, which include international courts, criminal law, human rights, domestic courts, and investment claims. One can view decisions by module, subject, or date. Less than two years ago, Justis announced its *International Law Reports Online* and it covers all significant cases of public international law from 1919 onwards, although I found one case from 1906 dealing with repatriation of seamen.

The data provider for *Justis International* is Cambridge University Press on behalf of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law and it appears to have better historical coverage than *Oxford Reports*, but *Oxford Reports* is more current. *Oxford Reports* adds cases monthly, whereas *Justis International* adds content four times a year.

Commentary Comparison

Oxford Reports directly adds commentaries to its current awareness page. Compared to *Oxford Reports*, *Justis* has fewer commentaries added directly to its caselaw unless the case is linked to a related article. Both web products have equivalent features like headnotes, case summaries, citators, search engines, subject search outlines, navigation tools, and delivery options. *Oxford Reports* has over 400 domestic cases since 2000, whereas *Justis* has fewer than 100 domestic cases since 2000. Under a separate subscription agreement, *Justis* users can tap into the larger *Justis'* full text online legal library of EU and UK caselaw dating back to 1163.

Oxford Reports covers international law as applied in the domestic courts of at least 70 jurisdictions and has hundreds more current criminal cases, human rights cases, and investment cases than *Justis*. *Oxford Reports* currently reports on countries from every continent in the world and continues to add new reporters and new jurisdictions. It also translates key parts of all non-English decisions, whereas *Justis* translates fewer cases and those are much older.

Justis has interactive tutorials while *Oxford* does not. Part of the *Oxford* product suite is a new edition of the Max Planck Encyclopedia for Public International Law, which is cross-searchable and includes over 600 of an eventual 1700 new articles that are not available in print until 2011. *Oxford Reports Alerts* are available free-of-charge by RSS feed.

Along with case decisions, *Oxford Reports* adds commentary that is edited and collated by experts. The commentary does not resemble treatise-level analysis that law students are accustomed to seeing when reading Anglo-American law treatises; rather it looks much like footnote commentary that is helpful but not always crucial to the understanding of the case or context.

Headnotes

The *Oxford Reports* includes a headnote, a summary of facts and judicial holding, a full-text of the opinion of the court (English translation if needed), commentary from scholars, and key passages of non-English decisions. The same is provided by *Justis* but not to the same number of cases. All reported decisions in the *Oxford Reports* are linked to the Oxford Law Citator as Oxford University Press is the information provider for the *Oxford Reports*.

Justis also provides a headnote, a case



summary, and related articles to its reported cases. *Justis* uses JustCite as its citator which is provided by Cambridge University Press. JustCite, an outline feature almost identical to LexisNexis, is used to quickly view parts of a case. Document navigation, print, save, email, and interactive tutorial features (which allows the searcher to email their helpdesk whenever searching live) are among the options in *Justis*. Results are sorted by relevancy but can also be sorted by reference, title, and date.

Oxford has focused on relevant cases from the year 2000 to the present for each jurisdiction and it plans to work back through the decisions of earlier years. In the module on *Oxford Reports* on International Courts of General Jurisdiction, I already found one case from 1902, *The Pious Fund of Californias, United States v. Mexico*, Award, Ad Hoc Rules of Procedure, ICGJ 409 (PCA 1902). *Oxford Reports* covers caselaw not only from nation states, but from certain territorial entities that are not generally classified as nation states. This is done because judicial decisions of such territorial entities can be of interest to international lawyers, as recognized by the International Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights.

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in spite of the challenges we face in Nigeria.”

Anticipating AALL

Ms. Lamikanra anticipates that AALL will offer her a unique opportunity to meet and interact with law librarians from the United States and beyond, which will give her an opportunity to network professionally outside Nigeria. She is eager to learn about new technological developments in the law library world which will be beneficial to law libraries and law librarians in Nigeria, with whom she intends to share her experiences upon her return home.

Improving NALL

Ms. Lamikanra is a member of the Nigerian Library Association, Nigerian Association of Law Libraries (NALL), Nigerian Bar Association, British and Irish Society of Indexers, and Legal indexing Special Interest Group. While in Denver, Ms.

Lamikanra plans to study the general structure of AALL as an organization, including its many special interest sections and activities. She plans to improve upon the structure and organization of NALL and its future conferences.

Presentation

Ms. Lamikanra has already given much thought to the presentation she will deliver at **Executive Committee Presents** on Monday, July 12, 2010, 12 noon – 1:15 pm, CCC Room 109. Ms. Lamikanra’s presentation will naturally pertain to the complex Nigerian legal system and its literature. In addition to providing a succinct introduction to the Nigerian legal system, which covers pre-independence and post-independence of the Nigerian State, Ms. Lamikanra will also discuss the complexity of the legal system due to the presence and issues associated with

the influence of English law, customary law, and Sharia law in Nigerian legislation and judicial decision making. Ms. Lamikanra will discuss the administration of justice in Nigeria along with the system of law reporting, including its evolution, trends, and challenges. This segues into a look at the publication of primary and secondary legal materials in Nigeria, and the challenges facing the industry, with suggestions for overcoming these difficulties. Finally, Ms. Lamikanra will share the challenges law librarians face in the acquisition of Nigerian legal materials and attempts made to overcome these problems.

Please join us in welcoming Ufuoma Lamikanra to Denver this summer!

The members of the 2010 FCIL Schaffer Grant Search Committee are Teresa Miguel, Lucie Olejnikova, and Trinie Thai-Parker.

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Useful Features

One can search the whole Oxford Reports database with Quick Search, Advanced Search, or Subject Search. Alternatively, you can view reports by discrete subject area or date by using a box on the left-hand side of the computer screen or with the links on the navigation bar. This is similar although not identical to *Justis*.

Again, both *Oxford Reports* and *Justis International* provide English translations of cases. Oxford offers a PDF option for its international reports. Some decisions on *Justis* from international tribunals are in PDF, and nearly all decisions and instruments from the United Kingdom are in PDF in *Justis’ Full Text* web full text

online legal library (that are not part of the newer *Justis International Law Reports* subscription).

Both *Justis International Law Reports Online* and *Oxford Reports on International Law Online* are excellent resources for international jurisprudence. *Justis International* has a strong historical product, excellent navigation tools, and a good interactive tutorial and citator. *Oxford Reports* appears more current, provides more analysis for its content, and has excellent navigational tools and a good citator. Both have excellent publishers behind their products and both have offered special discount incentive plans for new subscribers of their international law reports.

Next Issue October 2010

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These summaries are very helpful to our colleagues who are unable to attend our Annual Meeting!

What's New With The EU?

Alison Shea

In February, I had the pleasure of attending the European Information Association's training session on how changes emanating from the Lisbon treaty and the redesign of Europa would affect European information professionals. Although travelling to London for this one-day session did seem a bit excessive, I had found the EIA (<http://www.eia.org.uk>) to be a fantastic and extremely helpful organization in my past dealings with them, and I was therefore confident that the time and money I invested in attending would be well worth it.

Great Sessions

I was not disappointed. The sessions were incredibly informative, as both the speakers and the participants had a wealth of experience working with EU information to share and from which to make insightful comments. The morning session was devoted to explaining the main developments in the EU institutions and decision-making processes brought

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about by the Treaty of Lisbon. Of particular interest to legal researchers were the changes within the EU courts structure, including the renaming of the courts, and new jurisdiction for cases arising in the areas of freedom, security and justice. During lunch and tea time I was able to engage the other participants—from places as varied as the Brit-

ish Library, and the Advocate's Library in Scotland—in very lively discussions on the differences between EU and US legal research.

The afternoon session was dedicated to learning about the changes to Europa which, while mostly cosmetic, were made even more relevant by the presence of a member of the EU's Publication Office staff who gave us the “back story” on a number of the changes. The consensus among the information professionals was that the redesign of Europa did not improve our ability to easily and reliably retrieve information. The representative from the EU acknowledged that the changes were driven by the desire to make the portal more user-friendly for the average EU citizen, not for the expert EU researcher. Feedback was given, and we can only hope that improvements will be made in the future!

Useful Tips

There were a number of helpful tips I took away from the sessions, including:

- ◇ All Europa press releases are now required to include links to the documentation which is being discussed in them. For example, although Europa's search engine still leaves much to be desired, a simple search for “bathing water quality” will provide you with a press release that includes the relevant reports and regulatory information at the bottom, whereas trying to directly locate the regulation in question is much more difficult.
- ◇ The Court of First Instance is now called the General Court, and the European Court of Justice is now simply just the Court of Justice; see the relevant press release (<http://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2009-12/>



The EIA is a non-profit organization providing information and training on how to access EU materials.

[cp090104en.pdf](#) for more detailed information.

- ◇ Amendments from the Lisbon Treaty have changed the numbering of both the Treaty on European Union as well as the Treaty establishing the European Community (now renamed Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union); a conversion table is available (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2007:306:0202:0229:EN:PDF>)
- ◇ There is no consensus amongst information providers as to how to refer to these in a bibliographic sense. For example, “old” Article 81 is a frequently-searched key word for those looking to research competition law, but now it has been renumbered as Article 101—to gain a comprehensive review of relevant literature, which of these articles should the researcher search?

Accessing Older OJs

However, the most helpful thing I learned during these sessions was how to pull up old (pre-1998) OJ files. No longer will cite checkers have to trawl through the microfiche collection to find their documents—by knowing where to look, a TIFF file of their desired document can be delivered right to their inbox.



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(<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOIndex.do?ihmlang=en>), the researcher assumes that coverage only extends back to 1998, which is the last year listed; however, simply click on the link for "Search" and you will be taken to a form where you can fill in your citation information for any year.

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Once you input your citation, you will be taken to the familiar search results screen. Most veteran Eur-Lex researchers will note that there is no "PDF" link

available as there is for more recent OJ documents; however, simply click on "Bibliographic Notice" and you will then be brought to a screen where you can select "Text" in either HTML or TIFF.

Quick Delivery

Upon clicking on the "TIFF" link, you will be delivered to a screen entitled "EUR-Lex order from archive" which prompts you to enter your email address. Although it sounds too good to be true, this service is free of charge and will deliver an authentic copy of the OJ document to your inbox within an hour (based on my experience).

A repeat of these training sessions is being offered on June 25, 2010, in Coventry (UK) (<http://www.eia.org.uk/training.php>), but even if attending their events is not possible, I would still highly recommend obtaining a membership in the EIA if your work involves a

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great deal of EU-related inquiries. Even for those with only occasional EU questions, the EIA maintains a large database with very detailed and informative research guides which are available to members only. Personally, my membership in the EIA substantially boosted my ability to provide high-quality instruction in my international and comparative ALR class this semester, and to members of our International Law Journal who were working on a number of EU-based articles, and I do hope it might be able to do the same for you.

Workshop on Researching Native American Tribal Law

Sherri Nicole Thomas

Many people find the substantive area of Indian law confusing when it comes to research, because it includes four general types of law. There is international law, U.S. federal law, state law, and tribal law. Most librarians are familiar with researching the first three areas of law. International law includes treaties and other international documents and agreements. Federal law encompasses United States Indian policies, statutes, case law, and regulations. State law includes state statutes, case law, and agreements with different tribal entities. American Indian tribal law, however, is an area of law that is not well understood, and tribal law research resources are generally limited and little known. Tribal law includes those laws that are created and adopted internally by an indigenous community to protect and promote tribal sovereignty.

Useful Training

A pre-AALL Annual Meeting Workshop entitled, Researching Native American Tribal Law—the Law of the Third Sovereign, will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2010. During this workshop, tribal law research experts and practitioners will share their knowledge about this area of law and guide hands-on research projects using online resources. The workshop will focus on describing, and demonstrating the use of, tribal law resources that are currently available or in development. Participants will also learn about the special legal relationships between sovereign Indian nations, states, and the federal government; why tribes and tribal courts may be reluctant to share their information; the transient nature of tribal governments; and tribal law publication policies and practices. Please see the following website for additional workshop information: http://www.aallnet.org/events/10_workshops-

[wl.asp](#).

Please join me in thanking, David Selden, Law Librarian for the Native American Rights Fund/National Indian Law Library (NARF/NILL), for developing and coordinating this valuable workshop. See the following paragraphs for speaker biographical information:

Speaker Bio Info

David Selden is responsible for the overall direction and management of the NARF and NILL library programs and services. Prior to this position, David was the Research Specialist/Law Librarian at Orr & Reno, PA, a law firm in Concord, NH. At NARF/NILL, David's areas of expertise include legal research and instruction, digitization, web publishing, and project management. David serves in many leadership roles, such as chair of the NARF Web Site and Green Office Committees, and founding member of the American Association of Law Libraries Native Peoples Law Caucus Tribal Law Cooperative. He has also served on the AskColorado Steering Committee. David has been a frequent speaker and program coordinator on topics relating to federal Indian law and tribal law for professional associations. He oversees the development and digitization of the most comprehensive collection of tribal codes and constitutions in the U.S.

Professor **Jill Elizabeth Tompkins**, is a Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the American Indian Law Clinic at the University of Colorado Law School in Boulder, Colorado. She teaches substantive federal Indian and tribal law and lawyering skills in a clinical setting. Professor Tompkins is a graduate of the University of Maine School of Law and she is admitted to practice in the States of Maine, Connecticut, and Colorado, the tribal courts of the Penobscot Nation, Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Mashan-

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tucket Pequot Tribal Nation, and the United States Supreme Court. She has nineteen years of legal and judicial experience garnered through her legal practice, service as a Chief Judge with the Mashantucket Pequot and Passamaquoddy Tribal Courts, and as Appellate Justice with the Mashantucket Pequot, Passamaquoddy, and Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Courts of Appeal.

Professor **Sherri Nicole Thomas** is an Assistant Professor of Law Librarianship at the University of New Mexico School of Law Library. Sherri is a member of the UNM Law Library Faculty; she has created and teaches a one to two-credit-hour Indian Law Research course. Sherri has also been appointed to the Law School's Indian Law Faculty Committee and the Indian Law Certificate Committee, serves as current Chair of the Native Peoples Law Caucus of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), and serves on the Indian Law on State Bar Exams Committee of the Federal Bar Association. Sherri is Black and is an enrolled member of Taos Pueblo (Tiwa); she grew up on the Diné (Navajo) Reservation. Her life in Indian country and her status as an enrolled Tiwa member have cultivated her concerns and interest in Indian law, history, and current issues. Her interests translate into her current scholarship topics of teaching legal research through the scope of federal Indian law, expanding access to trial transcripts of major Indian law cases, and analyzing legal issues surrounding Black and American Indian relations in the United States.

FCIL Relevant Programs in Denver, CO.

Educational

- ◇ After Hotel Rwanda and Welcome to Sarajevo: Preserving Trial Evidence & Documentation in a Multi-Media Age, on Sunday, July 11, 1:30pm
- ◇ A Baobab Grows in Brooklyn: Training U.S. Law Students to Work in a South African Legal Aid Clinic, on Monday, July 12, 10:00am
- ◇ F.H. Blume's Annotated Justinian Code: A Western Classic, on Monday, July 12, 10:45am.
- ◇ The Rights of Indigenous People on Tuesday, July 13, 11:45am.
- ◇ Destination: Treaty! on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 3:30pm.

FCIL Business & Interest Groups

Saturday, July 10, 2010

- ◇ 5:00pm, Membership and Publicity Committee Meeting

Sunday, July 11, 2010

- ◇ 7:00am, Electronic Issues Interest

Group Meeting.

- ◇ 8:00am, Internships and International Exchanges Committee Meeting.
- ◇ 12:00noon, Foreign Selectors Interest Group Meeting.
- ◇ 3:00pm, African Law Interest Group Meeting.
- ◇ 4:15pm, Asian Law Interest Group Meeting.
- ◇ 5:30pm, Eastern Europe Interest Group Meeting

Monday, July 12, 2010

- ◇ 7:00am, Teaching Foreign and International Law Interest Group.
- ◇ 8:45am, Latin American Law Interest Group Meeting
- ◇ 12:00noon, Executive Committee Presents "The Nigerian Legal System & Literature" by Ufuoma Lami-kanra, our Schaffer grant recipient.
- ◇ 5:30pm, FCIL Business Meeting.



The 15th step on the West side of the State Capitol is exactly 5,280 feet above sea level making Denver truly the Mile High City.

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

Tuesday, July 14, 2010

- ◇ 7:00am, Schaffer Grant Fundraising Committee Meeting.
- ◇ 9:00am, SIS Education Committee Meeting

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.

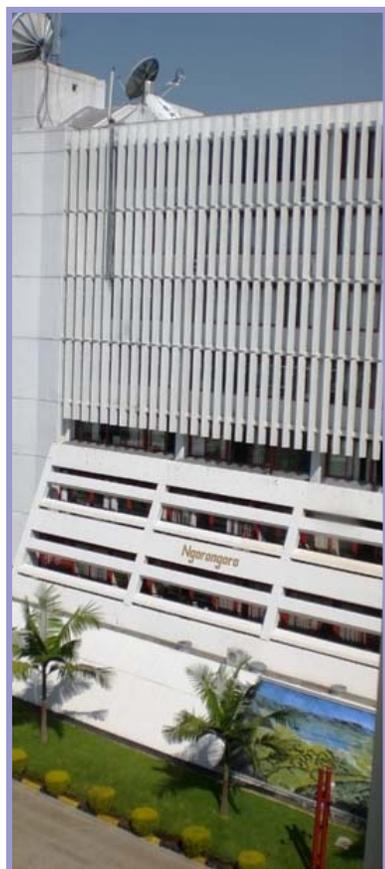
FCIL sponsors a rapidly expanding schedule of educational opportunities through programs, institutes, and workshops each year. The members share expertise among themselves and with other librarians. They write, speak, consult and otherwise provide assistance to others through active discussions and information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



AALL2go, the new online learning center, brings continuing education programming to your desktop, available 24/7. There are already more than 60 free programs for AALL members, with new content added monthly. Look for the 2010 Annual Meeting and Conference programming to be available on August 5.

The Back Page News

- ◆ **AALL Native Peoples Law Caucus Annual Meeting Announcement.** The [Native Peoples Law Caucus](#) (NPLC) membership is delighted to see the FCIL-SIS's development of the Interest Group on Indigenous Peoples. The NPLC and its membership are looking forward to working with the new group, both as a Caucus and as individuals interested in issues affecting indigenous peoples. Please accept my invitation as the NPLC Chair to join us at the NPLC Annual Meeting on Monday, July 12, 2010 from 12:00 p.m. until 1:15 p.m., in room 208 of the Colorado Convention Center, during the AALL Annual Meeting. For more information about the NPLC, please feel free to contact **Sherri Nicole Thomas** at thomas@law.unm.edu. I hope to see you there!
- ◆ Each year, the [AALL Diversity Committee](#) sponsors a symposium with distinguished guests featuring different topics on diversity in librarianship. The AALL Diversity Committee welcomes the FCIL community to the 2010 Diversity Symposium on Saturday, July 10, 2010 in Denver, Colorado. This year's theme will relate to adaptation, including how diversity is changing and being changed by technology and the professional world. The panel members will discuss the role technology plays in providing opportunities for diverse communities, and changes an organization must make to help diverse members and meet the goals of the organization. For more information, please contact **Anne Robbins** at aerobin@law.uiuc.edu.



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Tribunal for Rwanda
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