

# FCIL Newsletter

FOREIGN, COMPARATIVE, AND INTERNATIONAL LAW SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION

## Joint Study Institute 2013 Reports

*FCIL Newsletter* is pleased to bring you two reports on the recent JSI in Australia. Thomas Sneed, Associate Law Librarian for Research and Electronic

Services in the MacMillan Law Library at Emory University School of Law, writes about the experience of attending his first FCIL conference. Alison Shea, Refer-

ence Librarian/Foreign & International Specialist in the Leo T. Kissam Memorial Library at Fordham University School of Law, won an FCIL-SIS bursary to attend.

## Australian Law, Libraries, and Barbeque

*Thomas Sneed*

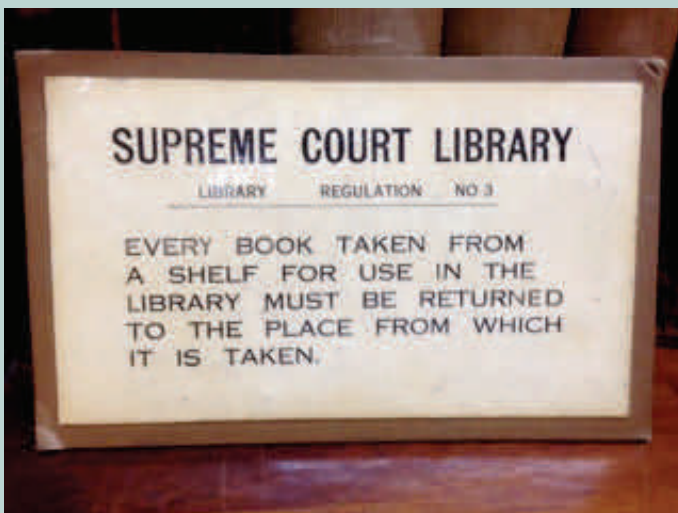
First, I want to thank the FCIL Newsletter for giving me this opportunity to write about my experience at the Joint Study Institute. As for the article, I wanted to give it a catchy title such as “Stranger in a Strange Land” in a nod to one of my favorite rock bands, but I decided an obscure song from the 80s might not make for a great article title. However, it accurately described my situation. I was not only on a

trip to a different continent, but it was also a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn more about the law of another country while interacting with law librarians from other parts of the world.

The Joint Study Institute, hosted by the University of Melbourne, was a four-day event featuring sessions on various aspects of Australian law and legal research. The majority of the meetings were discussions by Melbourne Law School profes-

sors on areas of Australian Law, such as Refugee Law and the issue of dams in Australia. Beyond the substantive law topics, there were opportunities to learn more about vendors working in the Australian legal research market, such as CCH, Justis and Jade, and to hear from local law librarians about legal research in Australia. For me, one of the highlights was a joint presentation with Professor Mark McMillan of the University of Melbourne and Steven Ellis, law librarian at Boston University, on the issue of Indigenous Australians in the Commonwealth Constitution and comparisons to similar situations in the United States.

Beyond the sessions, there were numerous networking opportunities. These included the opening reception at the Supreme Court of Victoria Library, a dinner in the Red Rotunda Room at the State Library of Victoria (<http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/services/functions-venue>



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### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

BIALL Annual Conference,  
June 13-15, 2013 in Glasgow, Scotland

AALL Annual Meeting,  
“Rethink Your Value,” July 13-16, 2013 in Seattle, WA.

IFLA General Conference and Assembly, “Future Libraries: Infinite Possibilities,” August 17-23, 2013 in Singapore.

IALL Annual Course on International Law and Legal Information, “Catalan Law and Legal Information in a Global Context,” Sept. 15-19, 2013 in Barcelona, Spain

ALLA Annual Conference, Sept. 23-25, 2013 in Sydney, Australia

## From the Chair

*Heidi Frostestad Kuehl*

As my term comes to an end, I send sincere thanks to all of the FCIL-SIS membership for giving me an opportunity to serve as Chair. I am deeply humbled by all of your service and would like to thank everyone who volunteered to serve on a committee or interest group, proposed an Annual Meeting program or workshop, or made suggestions to improve the FCIL-SIS. I especially wish to extend my warm gratitude for the extraordinary work of Don Ford, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Lucie Olejnikova, Secretary/Treasurer, Sergio Stone, Deborah Schander, Gabriela Femenia, Kristina Alayan, Alison Shea, and Teresa Miguel. I could not have asked for a more perfect FCIL-SIS team for various FCIL-SIS projects and while planning the annual meeting programming and other events this year. Working with such amazing colleagues is one of the main honors of serving in an SIS leadership position.

Congratulations to Teresa Miguel-Stearns, the newly elected Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and Roy Sturgeon, our newly elected Secretary/Treasurer, who will join Don Ford (incoming Chair for 2013-2014) to create a stellar Executive Board next year.

The Seattle meeting is less than three months away and final preparations for the Schaffer Grant presentation, five FCIL programs, and other events are kicking into high gear. Let me count the top five reasons that you should attend AALL in Seattle this year:

### 1. AN EXCELLENT SLATE OF PROGRAMS

- A-6: Lifting the Veil: How to Effectively Research Foreign Customary Laws (Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:15 a.m.)
- B-2: FCIL Librarianship Core Competencies Roundtable (Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2 p.m.)
- D-7: WHO and ICRC: They Stand for Free Public Health Law (Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.)

- G-5: PAC-Rim Legal Values: A Primer on Unique Legal Resources from Non-English Speaking Jurisdictions (Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10:15 a.m.)

- I-2: Beyond Digitization: Designing and Marketing a Collaborative Online Experience Using the Tokyo War Crimes Trial Papers (Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 3:45 p.m.)

### 2. PRESENTATION BY A FOREIGN LAW LIBRARIAN

Mr. Bård Sverre Tuset, Law Librarian at the University of Oslo Library in Norway, will speak at the “Executive Committee Presents” on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. This will be a unique opportunity to learn about Nordic legislative cooperation and its impact on researching law from this region. This event is open to the entire AALL community.

### 3. RECEPTIONS AND NETWORKING

Please join your FCIL-SIS colleagues and our foreign guests on Monday evening, July 15<sup>th</sup>, after the business meeting for the International Attendees Joint Reception (AALL/FCIL/IALL). Thank you to the generous sponsorship of Bloomberg Law/Bloomberg BNA, LexisNexis, Thomson Reuters and Wolters Kluwer Law & Business for their support for our reception this year. It is sure to be a delightful evening filled with engaging and lively conversation and a great networking opportunity for FCIL-SIS members!

### 4. FCIL-SIS MEETINGS

Participate in the many engaging morning or evening meetings for our Committees and Interest groups during the AALL conference. This is a great way to exchange ideas and volunteer for committee work during the upcoming year. Even if you are a newer FCIL-SIS member, you are welcome to attend these meetings and learn more about volunteer opportunities and FCIL-SIS initiatives. Be sure not to miss the business meeting on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> @



**Heidi Frostestad Kuehl, FCIL Chair**

5:30 p.m. to hear the reports of all of the committee and interest group meetings.

### 5. REDESIGNED FCIL-SIS WEBSITE

Be sure to check out the newly redesigned FCIL-SIS website (<http://www.aallnet.org/sections/fcil>) for all of the latest news about the AALL Conference in Seattle including the Schaffer Grant recipient and FCIL-SIS programs and events. My thanks go to Teresa Miguel and the website committee for spearheading this transfer of content and redesigning the structure of our site to fit within the AALL template. Please contact Teresa ([teresa.miguel@yale.edu](mailto:teresa.miguel@yale.edu)) if you'd like to volunteer to help with the website content during the upcoming year.

Throughout the year, it was hard for me not to always have the strategic plan on my mind. I look back over the last ten months and believe that progress has been made in implementing many of our goals. This progress is due to your generous donation of time and talents while

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## *Australian Law, Libraries, and Barbeque, cont. from p. 1*

hire/red-rotunda), and a barbeque dinner at the University of Melbourne Graduate House. These events are the heart of the conference, as they provide the opportunity to be among library counterparts from all over the world in a social setting. Academic, law firm, and court librarians from all corners of Australia and New Zealand were in attendance, and I believe I have met most of the law library community in Australia. As for the foreign and international librarians, it was a very collegial group. Everyone seemed to know everyone else, and there was a comfort level with asking others for help even in casual networking situations.

One small part of the Institute provided an unexpected learning moment. Anyone who has done any foreign law research knows that this can often be a complex task. Different languages and lack of access are common. During the tour of the Supreme Court of Victoria Library, the guide pointed out the heavy use of certain older editions of the Victorian law reports series. To my initial surprise, he indicated that these documents were not available in any electronic format – therefore, the heavy and regular library use. His response: why would anyone digitize materials for such a small market segment? It was a strong reminder of the relative ease of availability of most US legal research materials.

Obviously, I can't write about an excursion half way around the world without talking about the location itself. I knew



Sydney Opera House, After Being Up For 30 Hours

I would only have a bit over a week for the trip so I decided to focus on a few places and spent a few days in Sydney before heading to Melbourne for the conference. I did the touristy things in Sydney, such as taking my picture by the Opera House and walking across the Harbour Bridge, along with just wandering around the city and trying to find new adventures without getting too lost. One of the highlights of Sydney was seeing the excitement on the face of the attendant at the Museum for the Reserve Bank of Australia when someone actually came in, and I ended up spending a fascinating 15 minutes learning about the history of Australian currency. Mel-

bourne too is a wonderful city, and a great place to enjoy a beautiful afternoon trying to figure out cricket in the massive Melbourne Cricket Grounds. I also learned Joel Madden (the lead singer of Good Charlotte and husband to Nicole Richie) is a major celebrity in Australia, and I enjoyed the first season of *Rake* on my Virgin Australia flights. Just don't ask about the 30 travel hours or the horrible turbulence coming home. I don't want to think about the negative of such an amazing experience.

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## **FCIL-SIS Election 2013 - Winners**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS!**

**Vice-Chair/Chair Elect - Teresa Miguel, Lillian Goldman Law Library, Yale Law School**

**Secretary/Treasurer - Roy Sturgeon, Law Library, Tulane University Law School**



## Joint Study Institute 2013, cont. from page 3

Alison Shea

Thanks in part to the generosity of the FCIL-SIS, I was able to attend the 2013 Joint Study Institute, organized by the Australian Law Librarians' Association and hosted by the University of Melbourne at their campus this past February. In addition to the wonderful hospitality shown by everyone involved, it was equally wonderful to be able to experience Australia during their summer, especially given the blizzards that were occurring back home while I was away!

The Joint Study Institutes were first envisioned in 1995 by the presidents and chairs of the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians (BIALL), the Canadian Association of Law Libraries/Association Canadienne des Bibliothèques de Droit (CALL/ACBD), and AALL as a series of small conferences focusing on the legal research techniques and laws of their respective legal systems. The Australian Association (ALLA) joined the group in 2004, and this is the second JSI they have hosted.

Much like International Association of Law Libraries conferences, the aim of the

JSI is to feature programming by experts about the host country's legal heritage and traditions. The sessions at this conference included, among others, topics on refugee law, Australian constitutional rights, environmental law, and financial services. It was very interesting to get a comparative background from the Australian perspective, as many students often write papers on these topics and Australia makes a wonderful comparative jurisdiction for them given its common law background and its language.

A few interesting things I learned that I felt were worth sharing:

- Although there was no single program dedicated specifically to indigenous law, many speakers touched on this aspect. I was surprised to learn that there was never any language built into the Australian constitution to acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population, and the Australian Parliament has very recently passed legislation<sup>1</sup> to call for a Constitutional Referendum on recognition for these groups.<sup>2</sup> A growing movement within Australia is to acknowledge the rights of the indigenous groups by

placing signs (as seen outside a coffee shop) or by starting their talks with an "acknowledgement of country", which many speakers at the JSI did.<sup>3</sup>

- Did you know that Australia has 4,891 islands as part of its territory but *not* part of its official migration zone? The policy of excising these islands means that any refugees who land there are effectively barred from making a valid visa application to remain in Australia.<sup>4</sup>

- Australians suffered from much of the same poor financial regulation as the United States did leading up to the 2008 global crisis; the outcome of which is a case against Lehman Brothers<sup>5</sup> which could make a great comparative securities paper topic!

- An excellent overview on Australian legal research was given, the key takeaways being:

- While AustLII is good for case law, it is not the best option for searching legislation

- To locate legislation, Lawlex has a free powerful search engine,<sup>6</sup> and the government's ComLaw<sup>7</sup> is the most comprehensive and up-to-date collection of legislation.

- Another favorite resource was BarNet JADE,<sup>8</sup> which started as an intranet of annotated case law amongst barristers and is now a very powerful case search engine, much of which is accessible for free. It contains a citator and will soon include PDFs of the *Commonwealth Law Reports*.

- Australian animals can be very adorable, especially the quokka, a tiny marsupial that lives almost exclusively on Rottnest Island off the coast of Perth. Absolutely worth the 14-hour plane ride.

Aside from the interesting topics discussed during the programs, there were a number of well-organized social events including a tour and reception of the Supreme Court of Victoria library and a lovely dinner at the



Acknowledgement of Country Sign, Seen Outside a Coffee Shop

State Library of Victoria. Also similar to the IALL conferences, the attendance was around 50 participants which allowed for good interaction between attendees, most of whom were from Australia and New Zealand.

As is the case with many international conferences, I was able to make many connections with librarians both within the region and outside it, including some old (and new!) friends from AALL and BIALL. If networking is an important and enjoyable part of your professional development, future JSIs should definitely be on your agenda—although at this time there is no word on when and where the next JSI will be held, they are generally held every two years, and information is disseminated widely through the participating organizations.

<sup>1</sup> See [http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Bills\\_Legislation/Bills\\_Search\\_Results/Result?bId=r4943](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bId=r4943)

<sup>2</sup> See the Expert Panel Report, available here: <http://www.recognise.org.au/expert-panel-report>

<sup>3</sup> See here for a more detailed explanation, as used specifically by the University of Melbourne: [http://www.murupbarak.unimelb.edu.au/files/mup/Cultural\\_Protocols\\_University\\_Council%20](http://www.murupbarak.unimelb.edu.au/files/mup/Cultural_Protocols_University_Council%20)

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<sup>4</sup> See this fact sheet for a description of this policy: <http://www.immi.gov.au/media/fact-sheets/81excised-offshore.htm>.

<sup>5</sup> *Wingecarribee Shire Council v Lehman Brothers Australia Ltd* [2012] FCA 1028 (Aus.); see report on this case

here: <http://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=eb9fe559-6a35-4dfe-9476-0dcd77e95241>

<sup>6</sup> See [http://my.lawlex.com.au/content/search/search\\_advanced.asp](http://my.lawlex.com.au/content/search/search_advanced.asp).

<sup>7</sup> See <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/>.

<sup>8</sup> See <https://jade.barnet.com.au/Jade.html>.



A Quokka, Which Lives Almost Exclusively on Rottnest Island

## FCIL @ AALL 2013

### SUNDAY, JULY 14

7:15 a.m.

- Asian Law IG Meeting
- Internship and International Exchanges Committee Meeting

11:15 a.m.

- A-6: Lifting the Veil: How to Effectively Research Foreign Customary Laws

12:30 p.m.

- Teaching FCIL Research Group Meeting

2 p.m.

- B2: FCIL Librarianship Core Competencies

5:30 p.m.

- Foreign Law Selectors IG Meeting

### MONDAY, JULY 15

7:45 a.m.

- Electronic Issues IG Meeting
- Latin American Law IG Meeting

11:45 a.m.

- FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant Recipient Presentation: Mr. Bård Sverre Tuseth, Law Librarian at the University of Oslo Library in Norway

1 p.m.

- D-7: WHO and ICRC: They Stand for Free Public Health Law

5:30 p.m.

- Business Meeting

6:45 p.m.

- International Attendees Joint Reception (AALL/FCIL/IALL)

### TUESDAY, JULY 16

7:15 a.m.

- Education Committee Meeting
- Schaffer Grant Fundraising and Selection Committee Meeting

10:15 a.m.

- G-5: PAC-Rim Legal Values: A Primer on Unique Legal Resources from Non-English Speaking Jurisdictions

3:45 p.m.

- I-2: Beyond Digitization: Designing and Marketing a Collaborative Online Experience Using the Tokyo War Crimes Trial Papers

## FCIL Moments

### KRISTINA ALAYAN

*Foreign & International Law Reference Librarian*

*Goodson Law Library, Duke University*

As someone who is still relatively new to the profession, there is no shortage of a-ha moments! The one that first comes to mind actually begins shortly before I became a professional law librarian. After accepting my offer to start at the Goodson Law Library, I was still in the process of completing my graduation requirements. The previous FCIL librarian had retired nearly 6 months before my start date, and projects and deadlines were piling up in anticipation of my arrival. One project, in particular, involved multiple faculty members and demanded working with and finding legal materials from Haiti.

My first day on the job, I was asked to set up a meeting with the faculty member spearheading the project. I learned that I would be asked to find a copy of the existing laws in Haiti (ideally online and in English), models of domestic violence laws from similarly situated countries, and to compile a research guide for students completing an ad hoc seminar that semester. As an FCIL librarian with only one week on the job, I hoped finding the relevant materials

wouldn't be as ambitious as it sounded. Even though I had no illusions about my "expertise," finding similarly-situated countries and compiling a research guide didn't prove to be as difficult as I had anticipated. Finding a complete, current copy of Haiti's Code in French (let alone in English) was far more challenging

It was at this juncture that I tapped into the phenomenal network of FCIL librarians around the world. I was surprised to discover not only the breadth and depth of this network, but also the enthusiastic willingness to help a complete stranger. The first request I submitted was to the Law Library of Congress. Nicole Atwill (now retired) was instrumental in helping me identify relevant decrees, and even went so far as to digitize relevant articles. The second request went out to the int-law listserv. Though I received greetings and responses from law librarians all over the country and world, two law librarians from the University of Puerto Rico (Samuel Serrano and Pedro Padilla) were especially generous with their time and resources. Thanks to their efforts, which included checking microfilm and digitizing the index, we were able to identify potentially relevant provisions in the copy of their

Code, which they digitized as well. Notably, Pedro was helping to coordinate these efforts while attending a conference abroad. In a serendipitous twist, a law librarian from Haiti, Elizabeth Pierre-Louis, was also in attendance, and he enlisted her help as well. She provided additional expertise, and was able to connect me with a colleague directly involved in the women's movement in Haiti. Thanks to their help, I was able to provide materials above and beyond what had been originally asked of me.

In the most fundamental way, this experience shaped how I understand my role in the legal profession, and law librarianship more specifically. This project was more than an academic exercise. The students in the ad hoc seminar were working in conjunction with individuals and organizations in Haiti advocating for laws to protect women against violence. The material we were providing allowed them to draft laws that were submitted to the Haitian Parliament and had the potential to effect real change for women and families in Haiti. Being involved with this project was an inspiring and humbling experience, and I look forward to any opportunities over the course of my career that might allow me to assist others in a similar fashion.

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## COLUMN: How the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians Positively Impacts U.S.

### Priya Rai Continues to Assist U.S. Legal Researchers, This Time at Cornell

*Lucie Olejnikova & Teresa Miguel-Stearns*

*We are happy to share yet another smile-striking story about the impact our most recent grant recipient has had on her U.S. counterparts. Additionally, our 2008 recipient has enthusiastically shared with us with her reflections 5-years post-attendance at the AALL Annual Meeting. From India to Australia to Ithaca (NY) and the rest of the United States, the benefits of the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians is far-reaching and long-lasting.*

*As you already know, Priya Rai received the 2012 FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians to attend the 2012 AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. Her engaging presentation along with the accompanying slides is preserved on the [FCIL website](#). Priya coupled her conference attendance with visits to various northeastern law libraries, and in the last FCIL-SIS Newsletter, we learned about her work with a Fordham law professor and class in India. Additionally, Priya visited Cornell Law School. Join us as [Amy Emerson](#), Assistant Director for Access Services & Lecturer in Law at the Cornell Law Library, takes us through Priya's visit. Thank you Amy for sharing this experience with all of us.*

Following the 2012 AALL Annual Meeting, the Cornell Law Library was privileged to host Priya Rai as our special guest. Her visit was brief but valuable and provided ample opportunity for mutual exchange of information.

On the afternoon of her arrival, Priya was welcomed to Cornell by a diverse group of librarians from around the Cornell campus, as well as two Indian librarians who happened to already be

visiting Cornell from Banaras Hindu University. Over an outdoor serving of coffee and pastries, the group introduced Priya to the lovely Ithaca summer climate and our University Library system.

The next afternoon, Priya shared her presentation entitled *Access to Legal Information in the Digital Age: A Comparative Study of Electronic Commercial Databases and Public Domain Resources in Law* with law school faculty at a catered luncheon. The portions of Priya's presentation that focused on her research involving law students and faculty from law schools in India were of particular interest to the audience because Cornell Law School recently established partnership with the Jindal Global Law School in the National Capital Region of India. A Q&A session after the presentation provided the faculty with further opportunity to learn from Priya about what they might expect to find in a law library when they visit India.

Other highlights of Priya's day included individual meetings with Tom Bruce, Director of Cornell's Legal Information Institute, and Sital Kilantray, Associate Clinical Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Avon Global Center for Women and Justice, both of whom were eager to speak with her regarding initiatives to promote open access to legal information for Indian citizens. Priya had previously contributed to the Legal Information Institute of India Project and was therefore able to share her unique perspective of what's happening "on the ground" with regard to open access in India.

Priya additionally met with and observed the law library's access services and information management departments, where staff provided her with a personal introduction to our services and procedures, and she in turn shared insight into the workings of her library. It was both fun and educational for our staff to compare and contrast Indian and U.S. law libraries.

Of particular value to all of us at Cornell was the insight Priya provided regarding Indian legal materials and databases. It is a rare treat to have someone give an insider's perspective on what's reliable and what to avoid. Priya did so not only as part of her presentation, but also in her conversations with librarians throughout the day.

That evening, Priya and her husband joined several law librarians for dinner in town. It was a pleasure for all of us to be in the company of Priya's unflagging energy and genuine passion for learning, and it was fun to see our city through her eyes. Priya was a gracious guest who strove to give as much of herself as she could in the short time she was here. We're grateful to the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians that made her trip to the U.S. possible.

Priya's visit to Cornell was sponsored by the Bitner Research Fellows Fund, an endowment designed to expose foreign law librarians to Cornell Law Library's resources and the expertise of its librarians, while learning about advanced legal research in a global context.

## COLUMN: How the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians Positively Impacts U.S.

### Leanne Cummings, Five Years Later

*Lucie Olejnikova & Teresa Miguel-Stearns*

*We are happy to bring to you a submission from Leanne Cummings whom, you might remember, was the 2008 recipient of the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians. Leanne travelled to us from Australia and has since become a colleague we can call on anytime. Thank you, Leanne, for all you do for us! Please join Leanne as she reflects on the lasting impact the grant has had on her career:*

Continual learning and professional development is the key to establishing a sound platform for a progressive and rewarding career in any industry, especially when change continues to accelerate more change. The FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians provides an opportunity to attend the AALL Annual Meeting, which is a highly informative platform to equip law librarians with a plethora of new learning and insight into practical experiences and innovations from around the globe. Specifically, the AALL Annual Meeting offers a first-hand view of the key drivers of change affecting our industry, management of change, and best practices.

Change in the law librarian industry, like so many other industries, is influenced by a myriad of factors including legislative updates, economic forces, technological advances, and client needs. In particular, there has been a significant transformation in law firm operations moving from regionalized to globalized enterprises. Over the past four years, countless mergers have taken place between Australian, American, Canadian, South African, Asian, and European law firms, thus funnelling the synchronization of globalized systems, services, content, and structure.

Our workplaces will continually adjust to trends in human resourcing and economic cycles with re-structures, mergers, de-

mergers, and adjustments to resource levels. New laws will be enacted while existing laws are amended or repealed. Research platforms will continue to upgrade existing technologies with new developments whilst clients continue to shift their expectations of services provided by law librarians.

Our roles are constantly evolving but will we as individuals keep pace with these changes or, more importantly, lead the change?

There is nothing more empowering for you and your team than to lead a change within your organization. It is more effective to lead a change than to be told to change. Why run the risk of providing an opportunity for someone who may lack an understanding of law librarianship to drive a poorly executed change and leave you with a mess to manage at the end of it?

You will be more successful in your place of work where stakeholders refer challenges and projects to you because they view you as the 'expert' in your field for your workplace. Stakeholders delegate to staff who are progressive, highly informed, and competent. Stakeholders understand that change needs to be driven by people who are not afraid to make the tough decision.

Change and information go hand in hand and successful change merchants are always armed with the right information to make informed decisions at the right time. Law librarians are in a prime position to be the "first receivers" of information, more so than anyone else in our organizations. We receive newly created content/news across a range of areas, evaluate it, and action-content it for processing or dissemination. As the "expert"

in our field, it is important to not only be the first receiver of information within our field but to also be the "first responder" in actioning the good and the not-so-good news stories.

For example, a publisher has announced their online subscriptions will increase by 18% (*sound familiar?*) which will have a significant impact on your budget. It is only a matter of time before this news filters to key stakeholders within the workplace, such as a finance director. As a first receiver, a first response would be a communication to your manager, finance director, and other stakeholders advising of the change with the proviso that a report will follow from you that will identify the impact of the increase and options available to best manage the increase.

The next step to take is to call upon your network of colleagues across other organizations and industries, both domestic and international, to understand how they have managed or intend to manage the change.

In leading a change, you need to provide an informed appraisal and offer your stakeholders reference points of current and/or past practices undertaken by others. The most powerful points of reference are references to road maps of successful actions that have been implemented by others; and just as important are cautionary references to failed actions or roads blocks.

Law librarians who have a strong network of peers attend conferences and keep up to date about domestic and international legal affairs. They are highly equipped to identify and lead change and they are empowered, therefore, to make informed decisions and become leaders within their workplaces and within the industry.

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## *Leanne Cummings, Five Years Later, cont. from page 8*

The FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians provides an exciting and unique opportunity for a law librarian to attend the AALL Annual Meeting and therefore network with delegates from around the world. The FCIL programs feature speakers who offer an insightful view of international laws, trends, influences, innovations, technology, and the successes and challenges they face in their roles. With hundreds of delegates and vendors converging

into one space, what better opportunity do we have to enhance our network and become more informed about laws and the profession on an international level?

I was most fortunate to be the 2008 recipient of the FCIL Schaffer Grant and, through my attendance at the AALL Annual Meeting, gained a unique understanding of law librarianship and global practices. Joining AALL and the FCIL-

SIS has been the most inspiring professional development of my career to date by assisting me to understand the dynamic and ongoing evolution of our industry. Specifically, it has enabled me to lead change within my workplace in preparation for the globalization of Deacons Law Firm which since that time has merged numerous times and is now known as Norton Rose.

## Consider Contributing to the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant

*Amy Emerson & Lucie Olejnikova*

It is the time of the year when many of us begin our preparation for the AALL Annual Meeting. This year, along with us, a librarian by the name of Bård Sverre Tuseth is also beginning to prepare for the meeting in Seattle, WA. His excitement is particularly high because, but for the assistance of the **FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant**, he would not be able to attend and join us in Seattle for one of the largest gathering of law librarians in the world.

Mr. Tuseth is an academic law librarian at the University of Oslo Library in Norway, and he follows in the footsteps of other law librarians from around the world, including the Kyrgyz Republic, Ghana, the Philippines, Georgia, Egypt, China, Australia, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Argentina, and India. Each year, the FCIL Schaffer Grant provides financial assistance to one foreign law librarian to attend the AALL Annual Meeting where the recipient delivers a presentation to the AALL membership about librarianship and/or legal research in his or her country. The recipients' informative and often riveting presentations have enriched our overall conference experience for the past twelve years and the FCIL-SIS is pleased to provide an archive of those **presentations**. Accom-

panying handouts of presentations are available for the past twelve years and for the past four years presentations are available in a podcast downloadable format.

This grant has made a personal and professional impact in the lives of many fellow colleagues around the world. Please take a moment to **learn how past recipients valued this experience**, and let's not forget that this grant has also had a profound impact on all of us. To celebrate this grant's influence, we are pleased to highlight the newly created FCIL Newsletter column titled, "How the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians Positively Impacts U.S." Here, we can all share our heart-touching stories of global cooperation and collaboration stemming from this grant. (See **February 2013** page 9, **October 2012** page 10, and page 8 of this issue).

Attendance by an FCIL Schaffer Grant recipient has become a special tradition that is welcomed and valued by our membership. Today we ask you to help carry forward this tradition by contributing to the ongoing effort so that law librarians from around the world may continue to attend the Annual Meeting for years to come. Contributions may be made securely through the AALL website at <http://aallnet.org/top-menu/>

[givingopportunities/contribution](http://www.aallnet.org/about/giving_opportunities/contribution) where you will be asked to log in and allocate your gift to the FCIL Schaffer Grant. If you prefer to make your donation by mail, please fill out the form and follow the instructions at [http://www.aallnet.org/about/giving\\_opportunities.pdf](http://www.aallnet.org/about/giving_opportunities.pdf). Donations may be made by check payable to "AALL" or "American Association of Law Libraries," and please write "FCIL Schaffer Grant" in the "For"/"Note" portion of the check. Checks, together with completed forms, may be mailed to: AALL, 105 West Adams St., Suite 3300, Chicago, IL 60603.

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Your contribution is sincerely appreciated! As a small token of appreciation to all who donate, we invite you to pick up a ribbon at the AALL registration desk or the FCIL table indicating that you are an FCIL Schaffer Grant Donor. We hope that you will have an opportunity to meet Mr. Tuseth and attend his presentation on the topic of Nordic legislative cooperation and its impact on researching law from that area, scheduled for Monday, July 15, 2013.

## From the Teaching FCIL Research Interest Group

*Alison Shea*

### TELL THE WORLD ABOUT YOUR FCIL CLASS!

As Vicki Szymczak has **recently demonstrated**, having a central repository of other FCIL classes currently being taught can be very useful for those of us wishing to propose new classes in this area. To follow up on Vicki's survey, I would invite anyone who teaches a stand-alone FCIL class to submit a brief course description, or a link to one on your institution's website, to help populate the list of at least 32 schools who currently offer FCIL instruction. This information will be added to the **main Teaching FCIL page**.

### IT'S NOT SILLY TO SHARE YOUR SYLLABI!

We are once again looking for members

to contribute instructional material they have created relating to FCIL topics to help populate our **Syllabi and Course Materials Database!**

We are especially interested in material created for any stand-alone modules that could be incorporated into a general Advanced Legal Research course, as well as material prepared for instructional sessions given in a law firm or other practitioner-based setting. Also, to help ensure the relevancy of the material, we encourage current authors to contribute updated versions of previously submitted material.

We welcome as much as you would like to contribute, from just a syllabus to PowerPoints for the entire course, so please send whatever you can to Alison

Shea ([aashea@law.fordham.edu](mailto:aashea@law.fordham.edu)) by June 30, 2013.

### INNOVATIONS IN TEACHING FCIL RESEARCH – AALL 2013 TEACHING FCIL RESEARCH IG DISCUSSION

The Teaching FCIL IG is soliciting 3-4 volunteers to share innovative new ideas they have employed in their FCIL teaching, at our 2013 IG meeting in Seattle, to be held Sunday, July 14 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in Sheraton-Redwood AB. Following the **Ignite format**, each participant will spend no more than 5 minutes taking us through their innovative teaching idea. Please contact Alison if you would like to participate. All members are invited to attend this meeting; a short Q&A and business meeting will follow.

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serving on FCIL-SIS committees or other special projects! Special thanks also go to our Nominations Committee, Jootaek (Juice) Lee (Chair), Eugene Hsue, and Xiaomeng Zhang, for selecting Teresa Miguel-Stearns as our next Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect. Teresa's experience with the Schaffer Grant Committee and other FCIL-SIS Committees and Interest Groups (as well as her terrific work on the website!) will be invaluable during her

term. Under the Executive Committee leadership of Don, Teresa, and Roy, the FCIL-SIS is sure to have a wonderful array of initiatives in 2013-2014 leading up to the Annual Conference.

Have an enjoyable summer and see you in Seattle!

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Heidi

## Writers Wanted

### AALL REPORTS

**All committee and interest group chairs, please plan to submit a written report about your AALL 2012-2013 activities.**

### SUMMER CONFERENCE REPORTS

**Open call for authors (accompanying photos welcome)**

### ARTICLES/MEMBER NEWS

**Open call for authors**

**If you are interested in writing on one of these topics, contact Deborah Schander ([dschander@gsu.edu](mailto:dschander@gsu.edu)).**

**Submission deadline:  
October 1, 2013**

## The Power of the Schaffer Grant

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**-Gloria Orrego Hoyos, 2011 Grant Winner**

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