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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

BIALL Conference, "The Value of Change," June 9-11, 2016 in Dublin, Ireland.

AALL Annual Meeting, "Make It New," July 16-19, 2016 in Chicago, IL.

IALL Annual Course, July 31-Aug. 3, 2016 in Oxford, England. For more information, see page 12.

IFLA World Library and Information Congress, Aug. 11-18, 2016 in Columbus, OH. For more information, see page 11.

## Proposing an FCIL Research Course as a Non-FCIL Librarian

Alexis Fetzer

As law librarians, we are professional legal researchers. While many of us are specialists in particular areas of law, all of us are routinely called upon to research unfamiliar topics. But how often are we called upon to teach legal research specifically in an area outside our expertise? Can we? Is it appropriate for us to propose teaching a subject specific legal research course when we cannot tout any specific credentials other than routine research in such an area of law?

I work as a Reference & Research Services Librarian at the University of Richmond School of Law. By my very title you can see that I am employed as a generalist, however

over the past few years I have become the resident FCIL "pseudo" specialist. Our law school does not have a robust collection of international or foreign material and, while we offer several international and comparative law courses, few if any of our graduates at UR will be pursuing careers in international law. Nonetheless, there are several reasons why our students would be interested in learning to research foreign and international law.

Courses in specialized advanced legal research topics allow students to hone their research skills generally while also mastering research within a specific legal field. In the case of FCIL research, students have

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The University of Richmond's Carole Weinstein International Center (Alexis Fetzer)

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the benefit of being exposed to researching in a variety of sources to which they would otherwise not be accustomed. Furthermore, as the area of international law continues to grow and today's legal practice has the potential of extending beyond borders, it is now more relevant than ever that students understand sources of foreign and international law.

With these reasons in mind, I proposed a specialized advanced legal research course in foreign and international law to our law school curriculum committee during the Summer of 2014. Before making my proposal, I spent more than a month drafting my proposed syllabus and composing a memorandum addressed to the committee in support of my course. The FCIL-SIS Syllabus & Course Materials Database was vital to my planning process. With ample examples of what other instructors are doing across different law schools, I was able to develop an idea of how my course should be structured.

In addition to consulting the FCIL-SIS website, I reached out to experts in the field. I solicited the advice of two FCIL librarians: Susan Gaultier at LSU Law and Alison Shea at Fordham Law. Both were essential in helping me develop my course plan and were gracious enough to share their teaching materials.

I approached my course proposal with the attitude that faculty may be suspect of my credentials in teaching an FCIL legal research class. While that attitude inspired me to put in as much preparation as possible into my syllabus and course plan, it turned out that faculty were very receptive to the idea of such a course and of me teaching it. I had the benefit of having already conducted research for many faculty members on the committee in the area of international law. Those faculty could attest to my skill in the area and were eager to have their students and future research assistants take such a course.

I believe another factor contributing to faculty receptiveness of my proposed course was the ongoing demand for more skills-based law courses. This appears to be a trending demand for law schools across the country. With this in mind, law librarians are in an excellent position to propose new subject specific legal research courses.

Course approval by the faculty was just the beginning. After having my class approved in the Fall of 2014, I was immediately scheduled to teach the following spring semester. This is where the real work began. With each class I taught I felt as though I was mastering the subject for the first

time. The material and assistance I had from other FCIL librarians was crucial, but also necessary was the support I had from librarians within my own institution. As anyone teaching a course for the first time knows, it is incredibly time consuming. This meant that many of my other responsibilities, such as supporting faculty members' research requests, had to be shifted onto other librarians. I am grateful to work in such a supportive environment and to have coworkers who never hesitated to offer assistance. Certainly one benefit of working in a service oriented profession is that you are always surrounded by colleagues willing to help.

In conclusion, teaching advanced legal research in foreign and international law as a non-FCIL librarian was a challenging but rewarding endeavor. There are indeed additional obstacles a non-specialist must overcome in order to effectively teach the subject matter, but as an experienced law librarian with adequate support I was posed to overcome those hurdles. I would encourage other non-FCIL librarians with experience and interest in the area to consider proposing their own subject specific legal research course.

## FCIL Newsletter

*FCIL Newsletter* is a publication of the Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries. It is published in February, May, and October of each year. Current and past issues of *FCIL Newsletter* are [available on our website](#). We welcome submissions. Contact us for more information.

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**Lucie Olejnikova,**  
**FCIL Chair**

## From the Chair

Lucie Olejnikova

It's already May – we are less than two months away from our Annual Meeting in Chicago, and I am writing my last “From the Chair” message.

Although we all continue to finalize plans for this year's meeting, I am happy to share that from the plans so far, we do have quite the line-up to

look forward to thanks to the hard work of all our volunteers. It has been a wonderful year and an absolute privilege to work with you all. We continued to implement our **strategic plan**, reviewed our bylaws, discussed online continuous education, and we have a fantastic program ahead of us in Chicago.

Our 2016 Summit Task Force lead by Thomas Mills arranged an FCIL pre-conference workshop entitled **Two Sides to the United Nations: Working with Public and Private International Law at the UN**, which will be held at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law on Saturday, July 16, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. This event features two expert speakers: Susan Goard, a librarian at the United Nations, and Vikki Rogers, Director of the Institute of International Commercial Law at Pace University's Elisabeth Haub School of Law and frequent representative to UNCITRAL. I would like to acknowledge the co-sponsorship of **ASIL's International Legal Research Interest Group (ILRIG)**; without it, registration for this workshop would have been much higher than the listed \$50. We are very excited about this partnership and are confident we can continue to cooperate with ASIL in the future. I hope to see many of you there and would like to encourage you all to spread the word as this event is structured to appeal to librarians beyond the FCIL world. Thank you 2016 Summit Task Force and ASIL for making this workshop a possibility for all of us.

Our 2016 FCIL Schaffer Grant Selection Committee led by Sherry Leysen worked tirelessly this past year to review over 40 applications, and we are thrilled to welcome the **2016 FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarian Recipient - Ms. Rhenny Pulungan of Indonesia** who currently works at the University of Melbourne's Law School as the Liaison Support Librarian. She will deliver a talk entitled **The Legal Research Landscape in Indonesia: Limitations and Possibilities** during our annual FCIL Schaffer Grant Presentation event on **Monday, July 18, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in Hyatt-Columbus GH**. Our thanks go to the Selection and Fundraising Committees for their work.

Additionally, we have a number of programs to look forward to as well as a number of substantive presentations planned out during our group and committee meetings. See page 4 for the as-of-now full schedule. For those who'd like to participate in Dan Wade's annual book discussion, keep an eye out for his emails about which book is the “chosen one” this year as well as when and where the group will meet for discussion; feel free to **contact him** for more information. A big thank you to all the speakers, coordinators, and moderators who took the time to plan out events that we all can enjoy.

### COMMITTEE AND IG LEADERSHIP

Over the last month I asked for volunteers to assume different member or chair positions of our groups and committees. I am happy to share with you the following **list** of our continuing and incoming chairs. The website will be updated with names of incoming chairs shortly after our July meeting. Thank you everyone for your service!

- African Law IG: Yemisi Dina (2016-18)
- Asian Law IG: Eugene Hsue (2015-17)
- Customary & Religious Law IG: Susan Gaultier (2016-18)
- European Law IG: Alyson Drake (2015-17)
- Electronic Research IG: Jim Hart (2015-17)
- FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarian Selection Committee: Mark Engsborg (2016-18) joined by members Hunter Whaley, Steven Alexandre da Costa, and Sherry Leysen
- FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarian Fundraising Committee: Sherry Leysen (2016-18) joined by members Jim Hart, Jennifer Alison, and Dan Wade
- Foreign Selectors IG: Marci Hoffman (2015-17)
- Indigenous Peoples Law IG: Joan Policastri (2015-17)
- Internships & International Exchanges Committee: Marty Witt (2016-18)
- Latin American Law IG: Julienne Grant (2015-17)
- Nominating Committee: Dan Donohue (2015-17)
- Newsletter: Deborah Schander (2015-17) with Carmen Valero
- Publicity Committee: Susan Gaultier (2015-17); Alyson Drake (2016-2018)
- Roman Law IG: Marylin Raisch (2016-18)
- Strategic Planning Committee: Thomas Mills (2015-17)
- Teaching Foreign & International Legal Research: Catherine Deane (2015-2017)
- Website Committee: Ryan Harrington (2015-17)

Congratulations to Alex Zhang, University of Michigan Law Library, on being unanimously elected as the incoming Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect. The membership is in excellent hands next year with Alison Shea, Alex Zhang, and Loren Turner.

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Big thanks to Loren Turner, now at University of Minnesota Law Library, for running a smooth election despite moving across the country.

Congratulations to Deborah Schander and Carmen Valero on receiving the **2016 AALL Best Newsletter Award** – a well-deserved recognition for their fantastic work and continuous effort to produce a high quality publication! We all are so happy for you!

Anyone interested, please consider getting involved by joining any of the above groups. One does not have to be a chair or co-chair to be involved. One may be a member of multiple groups or committees, if so desired. Feel free to contact the chairs of individual groups or anyone of the Executive Committee to find out more information, attend the scheduled individual group and committee meetings at AALL in Chicago, or come by our Business Meeting to get to know people and get involved.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind all groups and committees that you all have a space on our website (your own page) that you should feel free to utilize as you see fit. Please work directly with our fantastic webmaster, **Ryan Harrington**, to update your pages, let the membership know what your mission is, what might be some of the projects you are considering, and how potential new members can get involved.

### A FEW THANKS

A big thank you goes to one of our many all-stars, Dan Wade, for volunteering to staff our FCIL table at this year's CONELL event again – CONELL is a wonderful opportunity to meet new attendees, and let them know about our group and invite them to our programs. Anyone interested in joining Dan, reach out to the Executive Committee or to **Dan** directly.

Also a big thank you goes to the Bylaws Taskforce led by David McFadden which reviewed the FCIL-SIS bylaws to ensure they are in compliance with AALL's latest guidelines. Please see page 6 to read the notice of the proposed bylaws amendments. In line with Article VII of the FCIL-SIS bylaws, the membership will vote on the amendments during the FCIL-SIS Business Meeting scheduled for Monday, July 18, 2016 from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. (CDT) in the Hyatt Wrigley. For those members who do not plan to attend this year's AALL Meeting in Chicago but still wish to vote on the amendments, you will be able to submit a proxy vote to the Secretary/Treasurer (Loren Turner) no later than 7:30 a.m. (CDT) on Monday, July 11, 2016. Please **contact Loren** for

specifics of this procedure.

We thank Thomas Mills for leading the Strategic Plan Committee through to 2017 – which reminds me that it is almost time to begin forming the next Strategic Plan Committee, as our current plan ends in 2017. Anyone interested in joining this group should contact **Thomas Mills** of Cornell Law Library.

My sincere thanks go to Teresa Miguel-Stearns for the time, support, and guidance she has been tirelessly offering throughout the year. Many thanks to Alison Shea and Loren Turner for their service and support! Thank you team – Teresa, Alison, and Loren! And most of all: thank you all for making this past year a great fun!

## FCIL-Related Programming at the 2016 Annual Meeting

### SATURDAY JULY 16

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Two Sides to the United Nations: Working with Public and Private International Law at the UN** (IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law)

Coordinated by Thomas Mills, et al. and co-sponsored by the International Legal Research Interest Group (ILRIG) of ASIL and the FCIL-SIS. Two specialists, Susan Goard of the UN and Vikki Rogers, Director of the Institute for International Commercial Law at Pace, will engage the audience in an intense full day workshop addressing the major functions of the UN, documentation of the main bodies and specialized agencies, the CISG and its application in international trade, and available UN related research platforms.

### SUNDAY JULY 17

12:30 - 2 p.m.

**FCIL-SIS Jurisdictions IG Joint Meeting** (Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe, Indigenous Peoples, Customary & Religious Law, Roman Law) (Hyatt-Water Tower)

Meeting Topics:

- Welcome and Intro (Susan Gaultier, Louisiana State University School of Law Library) – 5 minutes
- European Law: Recent Developments in German Law Related to Asylum and Refugees: A Brief Overview for Law Librarians (Jennifer Alison, Harvard Law School Library) – 20 minutes
- Latin America: Cuban Legal Research Guide (Julienne Grant, Loyola University Chicago Law Library, et al.) –

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- Africa: Updates of the Digitization Case Law Project from South Western Nigeria (Yemisi Dina, Osgood Hall Law School Library) – 20 minutes
- Indigenous Peoples: Indigenous Peoples and DNA Testing: Friend or Foe? (Steven Perkins, Greenberg Traurig, LLP) – 20 minutes
- Individual Interest Groups business meetings – 15 minutes

4 - 5 p.m.

**Asian Legal Information in English: Availability, Accessibility, and Quality Control** (Hyatt-Columbus EF)  
Coordinated by Alex Zhang, participants will learn about resources, tools, and tips for finding existing official English translations of primary legal materials in major Asian jurisdictions, the speakers will address the pros and cons of English translations and how to discern when English translation is not readily available.

5:15 - 6 p.m.

**FCIL-SIS Foreign Law Selectors IG Meeting** (Hyatt-Comiskey)

6 - 6:45 p.m.

**FCIL-SIS Standing Committees Joint Meeting** (Publicity Committee, Internships & Exchanges Committee, and Electronic Research IG) (Hyatt-Field)

Meeting Topics:

- Welcome and Introduction (Loren Turner) – 5 minutes
- ERIG: ICRC Customary International Humanitarian Law Database (CIHL database) (Ismael Raboud, ICRC) – 15 minutes
- ERIG: LOC Indigenous Law Portal (Steve Perkins, Library of Congress) – 15 minutes
- Individual Standing Committees business meetings – 10 minutes

### MONDAY JULY 18

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

**FCIL-SIS Business Meeting and Breakfast** (Sponsored by Bloomberg Law, LexisNexis, Thomson Reuters, and Wolters Kluwer) (Hyatt Wrigley)

3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

**FCIL-SIS Teaching Foreign & International Legal Research IG Meeting** (Hyatt-Michigan B)

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarian Recipient's Presentation** – Rhenny Pulungan of Indonesia, currently at the University of Melbourne's Law School

Library will deliver a talk entitled "The Legal Research Landscape in Indonesia: Limitations and Possibilities" (Hyatt-Columbus GH)

5:45 - 6:45 p.m.

**International Attendees Joint Reception (AALL/FCIL/ IALL)** (Hyatt-Crystal Ballroom C)

### TUESDAY JULY 19

7:30 - 8:15 a.m.

**FCIL-SIS Education Committee and 2017 Summit Task Force Joint Meeting** (Hyatt-Skyway 265)

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

**Roman Law, Roman Order, and Restatements** (Hyatt-Columbus EF)

Coordinated by Marilyn J. Raisch, participants will learn about digitization of historical documentation, assess the role of Roman Law and codification's impact on American legal taxonomies, and explore the influence of Roman Law on Restatements.

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

**Poster #24: Are Self-Paced Pre-Recorded Modules Better than Live Instruction for Teaching Basic Legal Research Concepts?** (Exhibit Hall)

Created by Lucie Olejnikova and Jane Bahnson, this poster session will be on display starting Sunday, July 17, 2016 through Tuesday, July 19, 2016. During the scheduled Tuesday session, presenters will be available to answer questions. This poster features a study carried out in Duke's LLM Legal Research and Writing Course intended to measure students' information retention when subject material was delivered in traditional live in-class lecture as compared to when the same material is delivered via self-paced pre-recorded online module.

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Vanishing Online? Legal and Policy Implications for Libraries of the EU's "Right to be Forgotten"** (Hyatt-Columbus KL)

Coordinated by Michael G. Bernier, the attendees will be brought up to date on the status of data protection laws and their allocation outside the EU, understand the obligations under the "right to be forgotten" principle for libraries making personal information public, and consider the line between protecting personal privacy against the public's right to access data.

### Schaffer Grant Column

**Do you have a story about how you or your library have worked with a Schaffer Grant winner? Send your notes to either **Lucie Olejnikova** or **Teresa Miguel-Stearns** for the next issue.**

## Proposed Bylaws Amendments: Text and Comments

Adhering to the **FCIL-SIS Bylaws Article VII**, please take a notice of the following proposed amendments to the FCIL-SIS bylaws. The proposal was presented to AALL in April 2016, which expressed no objections. All members are encouraged to review and vote. Those attending 2016 Annual Meeting in Chicago will have an opportunity to vote on the amendments during the FCIL-SIS Business Meeting (Monday, July 18, 2016 at 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.). Those not attending the Annual Meeting will have the opportunity to cast their vote by proxy to the Secretary/Treasurer, Loren Turner, by Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. (CDT). Please contact **Loren Turner** or any member of the Executive Committee for more information about voting by proxy.

### PROPOSED FCIL BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

(to be considered at the FCIL Business Meeting in Chicago in July 2016)

The following proposed bylaws amendments will be considered for approval at the Annual Meeting in Chicago in July 2016.

**Add a new Article III dealing with Anti-Discrimination and re-numbering all subsequent articles.**

#### ARTICLE III. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

Participation in any activity of the Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Section shall not be denied or abridged to any individual on account of race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

#### COMMENT:

**This amendment is a modified anti-discrimination clause as required by the AALL Bylaws and Resolutions Committee. It is intentional that it doesn't mention "membership" since this is not under the control of the SIS.**

**Amend Article V. (current numbering), Section 4 to give term limits to Standing Committee chairs.**

#### ARTICLE VI. ~~V~~. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

##### Section 4. Committees and Interest Groups

There shall be a Nominating Committee and such other Standing Committees, Special Committees, and Interest Groups as the Executive Committee or the membership shall create.

Interest Groups leaders **and Standing Committee** chairs shall have two-year terms. The Executive Committee will

publicly announce which terms are ending by April 1, via the list and the newsletter, and request volunteers for the position to submit their names to the Committee by May 1. The Executive Committee can post the names to the SIS and request feedback from the SIS membership if they so desire. The Executive Committee will select and announce the new Interest Group leaders **and Standing Committee chairs** by June 1. Repeat terms will be permissible. The Executive Committee will follow a similar procedure in filling a temporary Interest Group coordinator vacancy, but need not wait until April.

#### COMMENT:

**This gives Standing Committee Chairs term limits. It allows for repeat terms for Standing Committee Chairs just as it currently allows this for Interest Group Leaders.**

**Amend Article VI (current numbering), Section 2 to change the time table for nominations.**

#### ARTICLE VII. ~~VI~~. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

##### Section 2.

The Nominating Committee shall submit the names of candidates together with their written acceptances to the Chair in sufficient time to enable the Chair to inform the members of the nominations via publication in the February issue of the SIS newsletter, which may be sent solely in electronic format. ~~In the event of nominations for the office of Chair after distribution of the February issue of the SIS newsletter, such notification may be limited to the actual ballot itself along with an explanation for the exigent circumstances.~~

Further nominations may be made upon written petition of five members. Such petitions, with the written acceptances of the nominees, should be filed with the Secretary/Treasurer not later than ~~April 12~~ **March 15**. The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare an official ballot, including nominations by petition.

##### Section 3.

The election of officers will be conducted every year by ~~mail~~ **or** electronic ballot. The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare an official ballot, including nominations by petition. The professional position of each nominee shall appear on the ballot. ~~In the event paper ballots are used, the newsletter editor shall include a copy of the ballots section in the Feb-~~

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February issue of the newsletter. The newsletter editor will notify the section members when the newsletter is available and inform the section members that the issue contains the ballot. Ballots shall be marked, sealed in a plain envelope, and returned to the Secretary/Treasurer before March 31, in covering envelopes bearing on the outside the name and address of the member voting. The Secretary/Treasurer shall verify the validity of all votes against a list of individual voting members and shall count and tabulate all votes cast. In the event electronic ballots are used, the details of conducting the election shall first be approved by the Executive Committee. The Committee shall ensure that an election conducted by electronic balloting is fundamentally fair and preserves the right of secret ballot. The election shall be scheduled to be completed prior to April 15.

The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected and shall be so reported at the annual meeting by the Secretary/Treasurer. All candidates shall be notified of the results of the election by the Secretary/Treasurer at the earliest possible time. In case of a tie vote, a run-off election shall be held at the annual meeting. Run-off elections shall be by secret ballot. The ballots shall be immediately counted and the candidate with the largest number of votes declared elected, provided there is a quorum. Should the run-off election result in a continuing tie, the candidates shall be named co-officers. In the event the Secretary/Treasurer is a candidate, the Chair shall appoint another member to perform all election-related functions with the exception of the preparation and distribution of the ballot.

Any vacancy occurring after distribution of the ballots and before April 15 shall be filled by a special election. The Sec-

retary/Treasurer shall prepare the special election ballots in the manner described in the first paragraph of this Section. The Secretary/Treasurer shall distribute the special election ballots. The special election ballots shall be returned to the Secretary/Treasurer before May 10, in the same manner as described in the first paragraph of this Section. Any vacancy occurring after April 15 shall be filled by nomination from the floor and election at the annual meeting. The candidates with the largest number of votes shall be declared elected, provided there is a quorum.

### COMMENT:

**This amendment maintains the current main nomination schedule but eliminates the mail option which is no longer used. The current April 12 is too late for petitions. March 15 still gives 15 days or so after the February Newsletter comes out for petitions and allows for an election starting in late March. It is also consistent with existing provisions about the timing of special elections.**

**Amend Article VII (current numbering), Section 2 to clarify the procedure on members unable to attend the Annual Meeting.**

## ARTICLE VIII. ~~VII.~~ AMENDMENTS

Section 2.

~~If the bylaws will be amended~~ **If a vote on proposed by-laws amendments is scheduled to be taken** at the AALL Annual Meeting, members unable to attend may submit proxy votes to the Secretary/Treasurer no later than 7 days prior to the Business Meeting.

### COMMENT:

**The current language can be interpreted to mean that the bylaws must be amended. This amendment corrects that.**

**Amend Article VIII (current numbering), to update the title of the parliamentary code.**

## ARTICLE IX. ~~VIII.~~ PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

~~Sturgis' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure~~ **The AIP Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure**, in the latest edition, shall govern all deliberations of the section when not in conflict with the Bylaws of the section. The Executive Committee shall appoint a member in advance of the annual meeting of the section to serve as parliamentarian.

### COMMENT:

**This reflects a change in the title of the parliamentary authority used by AALL.**

## Submissions For Next Issue

**FCIL Newsletter is looking for submissions for our next issue.**

### ARTICLES

**Conference reports, library visits, exhibit descriptions, resource reviews, member news, etc. Open call for authors.**

### SUBMISSION DEADLINE

**October 1, 2016.**

### QUESTIONS?

**Contact Deborah Schander.**

## Going to Chicago? Here's My "Top 10"

Julienne Grant

Chicago is coming into its own. "That city" between NYC and LA is now on the map with a global identity and a brashness and boldness that are hard to forget. The politics here are admittedly harsh, and the streets can be tough and unforgiving, but Chicago is a city with grit and determination that thrives on survival. This is the birthplace of the Chicago Blues—deep on the south side—where you don't hear it much anymore, but you can definitely still feel it. I have lived in Chi-town for over 20 years; I know this city, and I love it. I've been in every neighborhood and on every el line. I've been to City Hall, the DMV, and the notorious Auto Pound #6 (don't ask). I've seen the Chicago Symphony, the Chicago Shakespeare Theater, the Chicago Cubs, and the Chicago Bulls (including Jordan). I've eaten *gambas* at Ibérico, *tzatziki* at Rodity's, *kulcha* at Tiffin, and *churrasco* at Tango Sur. I've heard jazz at The Green Mill, blues at Buddy Guy's, and I've laughed roaringly at Second City where our politicians are lampooned.<sup>1</sup> From all of this experience, I have somehow compiled a "Top 10" that I now very willingly share. In no particular order, they are:

### WRIGLEY FIELD

Wrigley Field aka "The Friendly Confines" is near and dear to the hearts of Cubs fans everywhere. Despite the metal detectors and the eyesore ads, you can sense the presence of the great ones—Banks, Santo, and Sandberg. Grab a cold one, a hot dog, and a frosty malt and head for the bleachers. If you run into Ronnie "Woo Woo" (or even hear him, for that matter), you have completed the experience.<sup>2</sup> As Harry Caray would say, "Let's get some runs!"

### MILLENNIUM PARK

When former Mayor Richard Daley (the second one, not the first) proposed this park in the 1990s, people thought he was nuts. This 24-acre space, however, is now Chicago's public playground, and we can't imagine the city without it. Jaime Plensa's Crown Fountain beckons and teases with its parallel towers of projected faces (all Chicagoans, I might add). Then there's Anish Kapoor's "Cloud Gate" (aka "The Bean"), a shimmering polished steel sculpture that ingeniously warps the reflection of the cityscape. Pritzker Pavilion is signature Frank Gehry, with its stunning metal ribbons that curl upwards and outwards; there is no better venue for live music on a warm summer night. It's not Central Park, but Millennium, and it's Chicago's very own space.

### EATALY

If you can get past the rather contrived name, Eataly is two



Chicago's Millennium Park

stories of Italian joy at the corner of Wabash and Ohio. From the decadent pastries, to the Nutella bar (yes, that's right, Nutella), to the *prosciutto* and *Prosecco*, Eataly is paradise. Step up to the coffee bar on the first floor, and you're likely to run into homesick Italians (I'm not kidding). Buon Appetito!

### CAF BOAT CRUISE

There is something special about a river that is dyed green for St. Patrick's Day by members of the Chicago Plumbers Union (even Irish tourists are puzzled by the spectacle). The Chicago River is indeed part of Chicago's lore, but it also provides the best vantage point for experiencing the city's renowned architecture. Shell out the dough for the Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF)'s river boat cruise, as the full spectrum of the city's architecture is showcased port and starboard. From the innovative *Aqua* (Studio Gang Architects) to the AMA Plaza (Mies van der Rohe), each of Chicago's buildings is unique; somehow, however, they all fit together in an eclectic mix that just works.

### DEVON AVENUE

Devon runs east-west between Lake Michigan and the city's western border, but it is a special four-block segment that makes my list. Home to an abundance of Indian and Pakistani establishments, a walk through "Little India" attests to the global city that Chicago truly is. Explore the aisles of the Patel Brothers grocery store, duck into Sahil to eye the gorgeous saris, and savor the exquisite flavors at one of the neighborhood's restaurants. The aromas and colors that inundate these blocks are enticing and, momentarily at least, make you forget you're in West Rogers Park.

### THE LAKEFRONT

We Chicagoans love our Lakefront Trail—all 18.5 miles of

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it. Get a Divvy bike and ride it, or just pick a segment and walk it. From the South Shore to Rogers Park, the scenery changes with the neighborhoods, the seasons, and Lake Michigan's mood.

### THE SIGNATURE LOUNGE

Bypass John Hancock's Observatory Deck (360 Chicago) on the 94<sup>th</sup> floor, and head up to the Signature Lounge on the 96<sup>th</sup>. From here, you can sip a cocktail and enjoy the absolutely breathtaking views. (I do admit that \$17 for a *mojito* is a bit much, but for nine bucks you can get a raspberry fizz with club soda. Believe me, it's worth it.)

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MEXICAN ART (NMMA)

Chicago is a city of immigrants, and Pilsen has always been home to many; it is one of Chicago's most vibrant neighborhoods, and this museum is its hub. An homage to both indigenous and immigrant Mexican art, the NMMA doesn't disappoint. Enjoy the exhibits, then check out the museum's Tienda Tzintzuntzán where you can buy a *recuerdo* of

your visit. Out in the streets of Pilsen, there's much to see and do—grab a refreshing fruit *paleta* and then just wander as the neighborhood's own gallery of street art unexpectedly unfolds.

### KENWOOD/HYDE PARK

The Obamas still maintain their home here, and with good reason. The University of Chicago campus and its immediate environs provide a respite from what can be the chaos of Chicago's streets. There's Rockefeller Chapel, the Smart Museum, and the Oriental Institute. While you're in the neighborhood, don't miss the Robie House on S. Woodlawn that Frank Lloyd Wright designed. Be sure to leave time for Medici on 57<sup>th</sup> St. where you can snag a sweet at the bakery, or grab a bite where the Obamas used to hang.

### THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO (AI)

This is Chicago's crown jewel; you can't leave the city without a stop here. The AI dazzles, from Monet to Pollock, from Seurat to El Greco. Enter on Michigan Ave. where the iconic AI lions greet you, and exit north through the extraordinary Renzo Piano-designed Modern Wing. If you get tired in between, take a break *al fresco* in the AI's lovely center courtyard. Not to be missed: "American Gothic" (Grant Wood); "The Bath" (Mary Cassatt); "Nighthawks" (Edward Hopper); "Old Man with a Gold Chain" (Rembrandt); and "Two Sisters" (Renoir). Need I say more?

I thus invite you to Chicago for the Art Institute, of course, but there's also art to be seen in the alleys, the parks, and in the plazas. The architecture here is modern and functional – beautiful, and even whimsical; it continually evolves to reflect the city itself—its river, its commerce, and its history. Get on the el in the Loop where the trains meander and squeeze between buildings, or get on a boat that follows the curves of the river, or get on an elevator that shoots like a bullet to the top of the Hancock. Chicago is alive and welcoming and is in a class unto itself.

<sup>1</sup> Second City e.t.c.'s current show is "A Red Line Runs Through It." According to the *Chicago Tribune's* Chris Jones, the hilarious revue "mostly runs right through Mayor Rahm Emanuel" and includes the cast singing an original ditty, "Rama Lama Ding Dong." (May 1, 2016, <http://www.chicagotribune.com/entertainment/theater/comedy/ct-a-red-line-runs-through-it-second-city-ent-0502-20160501-column.html>).

<sup>2</sup> Ronnie "Woo Woo" Wickers has been a fixture in the bleachers at Cubs games since the late 1950s. His nickname derives from his unusual cheer that, to me, sort of sounds like a train whistle. For more on Ronnie, see the entry in *Wikipedia*, "Ronnie Woo Woo," [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ronnie\\_Woo\\_Woo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ronnie_Woo_Woo).



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## Transitions: From Research Source Class to Scholarly Seminar

Debra Denslaw

*Nothing is constant but change.* - Heraclitus of Ephesus (c. 535 B.C. – 475 B.C.)

After the fourth iteration of Valparaiso University Law School's one-credit research course on international and foreign law, it is being converted into a two-credit seminar for Fall 2016: Researching Current Issues in International & Foreign Law. This means that the work now done in a seven week period must be translated into a 14 week semester, and that I will assign, help design, and grade the 25 page scholarly writing equivalent that is the heart of the seminar. Instead of six discrete assignments that tended to segregate source material throughout the semester, scholarly writing invites synthesis. And that seems to change everything. These are some of my thoughts on what that transition will entail.

The doubling of class sessions and the scholarly writing component together mandate that the work be deeper, more rigorous, and more cohesive for students. I had started to pull the research course together, even finding sure footing on a few sources like international organizations and monographs and periodicals. But I see the expansion of the course as an opportunity for much greater depth on treaties, business law and arbitration, and major organizations like the United Nations. Standing on the shoulders of experienced colleagues, I learn how to teach what I know – and what I don't know yet. The change has forced me to reconsider even the order of sources presented; in light of the new seminar's learning objectives, some resources may be most useful early on.

Even the title signals a twist. Still research, but now focused on current issues. Not surprisingly, almost every student in my previous terms *has* selected as a topic (for the final four-page research report) something from the news. Going forward, in their expanded 15-page seminar papers, students will be able to document in their work the history that led us to current events, not to simply provide an overview of the issue. Building the paper on one of the two annotated bibliographies and a research plan gives students a valuable iterative process of their own. Pieces of the complicated story of humanity and human nature will be shared publicly through their research when they present the discovered knowledge to their peers. And greater depth on their research topics will give them more interesting material from which to choose when they summarize the semester's work for others – teachers for the moment.

So often their passions are fired by the most dramatic human rights issues. We don't want to discourage that interest

and potential involvement on a personal level. Many of our students have had prior international experiences through education or mission or service work. However, my responsibility is to help them explore the entire universe of international law, especially topics that they don't know exist, rather than to allow them to lean on a general inclination or a long-held interest. I want them to create well-designed research plans, and my solution is in the scholarly writing equivalent. As a librarian, I'll enjoy working with students on the annotated bibliographies and research plans. Creating annotated bibliographies in library school boot camp taught me how to evaluate and use the scholarly writing of others.

To give students that broader perspective on international and foreign law and public and private international law, the bibliographies – as the bases for scholarly writing – must be on distinct if not disparate topics. For example, one could be on human rights and the other on business (although I acknowledge that those topics are not unrelated). The seminar format and a long-form writing requirement encourages students to explore current events with an historical lens. Raising this aspect in class discussions and on electronic course pages will bring them back to the monograph and journal research. The papers require some reflection on the background and an understanding of the topic's past and future.

Used with great success in several exercises and assignments in the course, I will keep the *Christian Science Monitor* and other news sources in the curriculum as a teaching tool. *CSM's* highly regarded coverage of current issues and world events – the defeats and successes in our attempts to live together peacefully – is peppered with maps, photographs, statistics, geographic highlights, and references (but not citations!) to international and domestic organizations, treaties and other documents, significant individuals, legal cases, “foreign” domestic laws, and the work of important bodies like the United Nations.

In the first classes students explore news articles and browse the library's monograph collection to help them identify international law and the domestic laws relating to the topics that spark their interest for further research. I'll add to my material scholarly journals in all disciplines and current awareness sources. My scholars will find these sources, recognize their value, and cite them properly in the annotated bibliographies, research plans, and seminar papers.

Some of these new ideas are creeping into the older format summer class, but I know these students, and I expect they are willing to go along.

## IFLA World Library and Information Congress, 82nd General Conference and Assembly, Aug. 13-19, 2016

Sally Holterhoff, Anne Burnett, Yolanda Jones & Marisol Floren

In just a few months, thousands of librarians from countries around the world will be coming to the Midwestern United States for a full week of events exploring the issues around the central theme of this year's conference "Connections. Collaboration. Community." They will be learning, networking with colleagues, and discussing global challenges. The 2016 meeting of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions will be held in Columbus, Ohio, August 13-19. It has been 15 years since IFLA last met in the U.S. (Boston in 2001). This year's meeting will be a wonderful opportunity for U.S. librarians to attend an IFLA conference "in our own backyard" while also welcoming thousands of colleagues from around the world, showcasing libraries in our country, and exchanging ideas. The 2017 meeting will be held in Wroclaw, Poland.

More than three thousand delegates will meet in Columbus, Ohio, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center (GCCC). This modern complex, designed by renowned architect Peter Eisenman and winner of several awards, provides a unique setting to exchange experiences, debate professional issues, see the latest innovations of the information industry, and experience the culture and traditions of the United States. The different events will include pre-conference satellite meetings, workshops, open sessions, poster sessions and library visits. Furthermore, there will be business meetings of IFLA's professional committees and standing committees discussing IFLA's strategic directions and key initiatives for the future, and regional sections' meetings addressing the needs and concerns of all kinds of organizations in the library and information sector for the regions.

Several members of AALL are currently serving on the **IFLA Law Libraries Section Standing Committee**, including officers Sonia Poulin (Chair) and Marisol Floren (Information Coordinator), along with Anne Burnett, Carole Hinchcliff, Sally Holterhoff, Margo Jeske, Yolanda Jones, Teresa Miguel-Stearns and Radu Popa. We hope to see our FCIL-SIS colleagues in Columbus, and please contact any of us if you have any questions.

The IFLA Law Libraries section program in Columbus will include the following events:

(1) a preconference **satellite meeting** on the management of human resources in libraries in the 21st century, which will

be held at the University of Toronto, August 10 – 11;

(2) an open session discussing innovative methods of collaboration between law librarians and public librarians in support of access to justice and the rule of law. This first session is chaired by Yolanda Jones, the Director of Florida A&M University, College of Law Library. The program will explore how collaboration among law librarians and public librarians, along with other innovative initiatives, are serving to connect people with the legal information that they need.

(3) a second open session chaired by Robert Newlen, Library of Congress Chief of Staff, on privacy law in the digital age. Speakers will compare and contrast privacy laws in different countries and regions and will consider how these differences are affecting access to information policies and the public's right to know;

(4) the Law Libraries Section Standing Committee will hold two business meetings to discuss strategic plans and objectives for the section, and the program for next year's conference in Wroclaw, Poland.

The Law Libraries Section will also host a reception at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 15, in the beautiful **Native American Lobby** at the Moyer Judicial Center, which houses the Ohio Supreme Court. A special thanks to Hein for their generous sponsorship of this year's reception. Thanks also goes to the law librarians at Ohio State University and the Ohio Supreme Court Library, who have provided valuable assistance in planning this event.

In addition to the events sponsored by the Law Libraries Section, other topics of interest during the conference include sessions on (a) privacy and the right to be forgotten; (b) past, present, and future of government information publishing programs, addressing the evolving nature of government publishing and depositories, the changing formats of government publishing, and the preservation of government content in an era where most government information is born digital; and (c) the changing landscape of document delivery and resource sharing, focusing on cooperative collection development, direct borrowing, and shared licensing and purchasing of electronic resources, and the challenges and solutions to sharing electronic resources such as e-books and e-journals including digitized works.

For the full **conference program**, registration, and information on other events and accommodations, see <http://2016.ifla.org/>.

## IALL Annual Course, July 31 - August 3, 2016

IALL's 35th Annual Course on Law and Legal Information will take place in Oxford, England from July 31 - August 3, 2016. This year's theme is "Common Law Perspectives in an International Context," and papers will cover topics such as common law issues across jurisdictions, comparisons with civil law systems, current international law issues, and English legal history, among others.

The conference will take place at Keble College, founded in 1870, and one of Oxford University's 39 colleges. The conference is hosted by the Bodleian Law Library.

More information about the conference, program, venue, and registration is available on the [IALL website](#). Conference registration closes June 30, 2016. Questions can be directed to [Ruth Bird](#), the conference contact.



Keble College's chapel. Image by Flickr user Lawrence OP and shared under a [Creative Commons license](#).

## Member News

### YASMIN MORAIS

Yasmin Morais recently won first prize (£500) in the Commonwealth Legal Education Association's (CLEA) 2014 Essay Competition. The winners were announced in late 2015. Her essay, "Can the Commonwealth (Latimer House) Principles on Three Branches of Government 2003 Serve as an Effective Framework for Safeguarding Democracy and the Rule of Law in Commonwealth Countries?" can be [read online](#).

### LOREN TURNER

The University of Minnesota Law Library is pleased to announce that Loren Turner has joined its staff as Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Librarian.

Loren comes to her new position from the University of Florida Levin College of Law where she worked closely with law faculty to support their scholarship and teaching, served as liaison to the Florida Journal of International Law, and taught legal research. Loren also co-coached the school's William C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition team. Prior to joining the library faculty at the University of Florida, Loren worked at Northwestern University School of Law's Pritzker Legal Research Center.

Loren's primary responsibilities at the Law Library include supporting the research and curricular needs of the FCIL

faculty; providing FCIL research assistance to law students; teaching an upper-division seminar on FCIL research; serving as liaison to the Minnesota Journal of International Law; and participating in the development of the Library's extensive foreign, comparative, and international law collections.

Loren currently serves as AALL's FCIL-SIS Secretary/Treasurer and as Co-Chair of the FCIL-SIS Publicity Committee. She also is co-administrator and developer of the FCIL-SIS blog, [DipLawMatic Dialogues](#).

### JENNIFER ALLISON

Jennifer Allison recently attended the German national library conference (*Bibliotheks-kongress*) and book fair (*Buchmesse*) in Leipzig, Germany. She was one of six U.S. librarians to [receive a travel grant](#) to attend the conference from the Center for Research Libraries' German North-American Resources Partnership (GNARP). At the conference, she attended programs discussing information literacy, preserving and curating cultural artifacts in library collections, the history of German legal book publishing, and the impact of German law on libraries.

Jennifer's chapter on law librarianship was also recently published in the library science book *Mastering Subject Specialties: Practice Advice from the Field*.

### OTHER MEMBER NEWS

Do you have news for the next issue? Submit your announcements to [Deborah Schander](#).