



2017 FCIL-SIS SCHAFFER GRANT FOR FOREIGN LAW LIBRARIANS

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Rosemarie Rogers

"I am the River and the River is Me"

Monday, July 17, 2017, 4:45 p.m.

Austin Convention Center Room 8C - Austin, Texas



Ms. Rogers is a law librarian/Information Services Advisor at Buddle Findlay, one of New Zealand's leading commercial and public law firms with offices in Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch.

Her background is in special libraries, working for government departments (health, defence) and then moving into legal information at the Canterbury branch of the New Zealand Law Society.

Ms. Rogers has been at Buddle Findlay since 2004. In the last ten years, her responsibilities as a law firm librarian have changed dramatically. The same research and retrieval responsibilities remain but the way of delivering information has changed. She now takes part in the firm's intranet development and has been known as the "Wiki Ninja" for her advocacy, support, and maintenance of collaborative systems.

A member of the New Zealand Law Librarians' Association (NZLLA) since the early 1990s, she has been a regional convenor, and part of the organizing team for several national symposia and the joint NZLLA-ALLA (the Australian Law Librarians' Association) conference held in Melbourne, Australia in 2010.

She also is involved with local organizations related to the environment, film, and health and fitness industries.

A first-time attendee at the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference, Ms. Rogers is looking forward to meeting law librarians from the United States and other countries, and is especially interested to talk to law firm librarians about advancements in technology.

On her return she plans to talk about her AALL experience at the September 2017 NZLLA symposium in Wellington.

Ms. Rogers' describes her presentation topic thus: "In 2014 Te Urewera (formerly a national park) was declared a legal entity or person. The legal personality resonates with the Tūhoe (Mā ori iwi or tribe) view of Te Urewera being an identity in and of itself, rather than a thing that can be owned. Further, the Whanganui River was recognised as 'Te Awa Tupua', a legal person with rights and liabilities. New Zealand is the first country in the world to assign a legal identity to natural resources."

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2016

Rheny Pulungan

*Liaison Support Librarian
University of Melbourne Law School Library, Australia*



"As an early career law librarian in Australia, I always look for professional development opportunities. Presenting and attending the AALL Annual Meeting was one of such opportunities. I felt energized to be part of an important meeting hosting hundreds of law librarians and legal information specialists in one place."

2015

Atarino A. Helleisar

*Chief Law Librarian
Supreme Court, Federated States of Micronesia*



"I am happy to say I made many connections that will likely last throughout my career. The opportunity to connect with government and special law librarians...enhanced the value of the experience."

2014

Irene Kraft

*Associate Library Officer
International Criminal Court Library
The Hague, Netherlands*



"I very much appreciate [FCIL-SIS members'] genuine interest in my own professional context and their generosity in sharing their experiences."

2013

Bård Sverre Tuseth

*Academic Law Librarian
University of Oslo Library, Oslo, Norway*



"The AALL Annual Meeting is unmatched for professional development, sharing new ideas and improving law libraries. My library will benefit from the new ideas that I brought with me from Seattle."

2012

Priya Rai

*Deputy Librarian in Charge
Justis T.P.S. Chawla Library
National Law University, Delhi, India*



"AALL provided a platform to share digital initiatives being done by governmental and non-governmental organizations on legal information and research in India."

2011

Gloria M. Orrego Hoyos

*Biblioteca Max von Buch,
Universidad de San Andrés, Buenos Aires, Argentina*



"Winning the grant was the high point of a journey that began years ago. . . . I always look for an opportunity to legitimize my work and to publicize professional librarianship in Latin America."

2010

Ufuomo Lamikanra

*Institute of Advanced Legal Studies
University of Lagos, Nigeria*



"By working with the contacts I have made at the conference, the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies is [cooperating] with a U.S. legal publisher to preserve Nigerian legal materials."

2009

Ahmadullah Masoud

*Law Library/Legal Research Advisor
Rule of Law Stabilisation Program, Afghanistan*



"Participation in the AALL conference's workshops and trainings has proved to be vital and very fruitful for me, since regular training is non-existent in my country[.]"