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As a librarian there since 2004, she helps patrons find domestic and foreign law; oversees the library’s legal database subscriptions; organizes, promotes, and delivers library instruction to the university community; maintains and updates the online reference service; and is involved in a project to create a unified citation system. As a Professor of Law since 2008, she teaches legal research and is responsible for ensuring legal information literacy.

Ms. Orrego Hoyos has published significant scholarship, has contributed as a researcher to the scholarship of colleagues, and has translated from Spanish to English the scholarship of others.

Ms. Orrego Hoyos eagerly anticipates the opening session with keynote speaker Dahlia Lithwick, someone whose work she closely follows.
What Past Recipients Have to Say

2009 - Ahmadullah Masoud from Afghanistan is currently Law Library and Legal Research Advisor at the US AID funded Afghanistan Rule of Law Stabilisation Program: “Participation in the AALL conference, its workshops and trainings have proved to be vital and very fruitful for me, since regular training is non-existent in my country; it was the best chance for me to gain practical experience.”

2003 - Emmanuel M. Darkey from Ghana is currently at the University of Ghana Law Library—Faculty of Law: “The conference I attended greatly imparted new ideas and improved my skills. The various activities, the visits, and the interactions with senior colleagues gave me encouragement and determination to do something new for my library. Now, my library has computers and online materials. I feel satisfied to see our students being able to access valuable information.”

2007 - Cheng Zhen is currently at the National Library of China: “The FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Librarians was so important for me; without it, I would never have had the opportunity to work with so many law librarians from other countries.”

2008: Leanne Cummings from Australia is currently the Australian National Library Manager: “From this experience, I have acquired a broader understanding of issues and trends in law libraries across the globe and am more attuned to changes abroad and with the view to anticipate similar challenges and or trends occurring within the Australian landscape.”

2010: Ufuomo Lamikanra from Nigeria is currently heading the Readers’ Services Section at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies at the University of Lagos in Nigeria: “By working closely with the contacts I have made at the conference, the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies is working in close cooperation with a major U.S. legal publisher to preserve Nigerian legal materials … In the not too distant future. Nigerian legal materials and possibly some African legal materials will become more easily accessible to legal researchers on electronic databases.”

2001 - Sonia Battalova from Kyrgyz Republic is currently the Director of Information Resources and Technology at the American University of Central Asia: “With all my confidence I can say that winning the Ellen Schaffer Grant was a great step ahead in my professional career development, and the ideas I was inspired with at the conference influenced the library services development in my country …. The experience and knowledge I shared with my colleagues after the conference helped us to organize and develop a network of law libraries which has now covered all regions in our country.”

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