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2015 FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant Recipient

**“The Federated States of Micronesia
Supreme Court Law Libraries:
Bridging Legal Information in the FSM
States & Beyond”**

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Marriott Grand Ballroom Salon D
Philadelphia, PA

Mr. Atarino A. Helieisar is the Chief Law Librarian of the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Law Libraries. He is responsible for overseeing the operations of its four library locations in the FSM island states of Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap, and Kosrae. In this capacity, he ensures that the FSM Supreme Court Law Libraries provide current and comprehensive legal reference and information services to the judiciary, bar members, and the public throughout the four FSM states. Comprised of 607 islands, FSM is located in the Caroline Islands Archipelago, just above the Equator.

Proficient in the languages of Chuukese and Pohnpeian, Mr. Helieisar received his education in education and business at the College of Micronesia, and served as Library Technician (Coordinator) of U.S. government documents, UN Documents and FAO Collections at the college's Learning Center prior to accepting his current position at the Supreme Court library in 2007. Throughout his career as a librarian, he has been an active member of IFLA, ALA, the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives and Museums (PIALA) and numerous other library associations, enthusiastically participating in regional and international meetings, often serving as an official delegate and presenter.

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*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."

2011

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*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. As an immigrant, I always looked for an opportunity to legitimize my work and to publicize professional librarianship in Latin America."

2008

Leanne Cummings

*Manager
Australian National Library*



"I have acquired a broader understanding of issues and trends in law libraries across the globe and [can now] anticipate similar challenges and or trends occurring within the Australian landscape."

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

2013

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2010

Ufuomo Lamikanra

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



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

Cheng Zhen

National Library of China

2007

"The FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Librarians was so important for me; without it, I would never have had the opportunity to work with... librarians from other countries."



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."

2009

Ahmadullah Masoud

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



"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[.]"

2003

Emmanuel M. Darkey

University of Ghana Law Library



"The conference greatly improved my skills, and 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 access valuable information."