Mariya Badeva-Bright

The Schaffer Grant journey started off as a very narrowly defined mission - as expressed in my grant application - we had just commenced a new programme to collect government gazettes from African countries to consolidate and digitize the laws of African countries. Our initial research had shown that huge historical collections of gazettes, unavailable even to most government libraries here, are available in the United States among a handful of other developed countries. The matter is urgent, the story needed to be told.

Announcements for the 2019 Annual Meeting and Conference popped up on the Int-Law mailing list. I was curious, but had no funding to travel to the United States, so when the FCIL Shaffer grant was announced, I thought I would give it a try even if I did not fit the traditional law librarian profile. Little did I know that most of the people I would meet in D.C. would defy any stereotypical “profile” - serving in the military, legally representing Hollywood stars, or having studied a variety of subjects in the humanities, were just a few examples of what formed part of some FCIL folks’ progression to the law librarian profession. In hindsight, one of the most valuable parts of the experience of being a Schaffer grant recipient in 2019 was the opportunity to meet such interesting people, and hear about the dedicated work to their field and to serving legal (and often foreign) knowledge to their diverse audiences.

Diversity and richness are probably the two words that best describe the AALL 2019 programme. I expected the conference to be big - after all, I had already downloaded the conference app, and had managed to face my first disappointment at not being able to attend all the sessions I was interested in. If only one could be at two (or three) places at the same time!

AALL 2019 kicked off with a keynote presentation by Shon Hopwood. If one ever needed an affirmation of the importance of law libraries and law librarians - Shon was the poster boy. A convicted felon, he studied law in the prison’s library by reading law reports and started to write briefs by learning from others in what was publicly available to him. He became a jailhouse lawyer to help fellow inmates. Once released from prison, he became an appellate lawyer, and then a professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center. Without librarians and the prison library, Shon said, he would not be there speaking to us. A fascinating and inspiring story of overcoming your circumstances and gaining the community’s support and trusty, that to someone with my background growing up in communist Eastern Europe, was a reminder of the equality and opportunity embodied in the American dream.

Other notable sessions in the programme that I attended were on virtual reality in the classroom, a practical session on deployment of alerts, on engaging public librarians in the access to justice movement, on the AI regulatory landscape across the world, and on the GDPR and its effects on law libraries. The sessions were brilliant and the takeaways will guide me in my work, predominantly as we deal with these issues in daily operations, and as we consider new activities and collections. The exhibition was huge, the stands were fantastic. The programme even included legal research robots wars.

There were two topics, however, that I took away as urgent and which I thought needed to be discussed with law librarian colleagues here in South Africa: the issue of bias in AI...
From the Chair

Loren Turner

Hello, all! Thank you so much for electing me to serve as Chair of the FCIL-SIS for 2019-2020. I am humbled and grateful and ready to put my all into this upcoming year. Speaking of which…did you know that the FCIL-SIS will be turning 35 years old?! We have a lot to celebrate at next year’s AALL Annual Meeting in NOLA, so start getting excited and stay tuned for further details.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Executive Committee
I’d like to thank Catherine Deane for her exceptional leadership this last year. She demonstrated her passion for this SIS and its members with every decision she made as Chair of the FCIL-SIS. I admire her collaborative and transparent leadership style and her thoughtful and conscientious approach to SIS business. Luckily for all of us, she will continue to serve as Outgoing Chair. Additionally, I’d like to thank Sabrina Sondhi for her diligent service as outgoing Secretary/Treasurer. Sabrina’s keen eye and budgetary sense came in quite handy over the last couple of years!

Our new additions to the Executive Committee are Susan Gualtier as Vice Chair/Chair Elect and Jennifer Allison as Secretary/Treasurer. Welcome, Susan and Jennifer!

AALL 2019 (Washington, DC): Programming & Events
The Executive Committee thanks Dennis Sears, Co-Chair of the Education Committee, and everyone who created and submitted programs for the AALL annual meeting. The Executive Committee grants special recognition to Mabel Shaw and Charles Bjork for creating, coordinating, and hosting a fantastic day of preconference workshop programming prior to the AALL 2019 Annual Meeting.

As a reminder, Powerpoint slides and other documents associated with FCIL programming at the AALL Annual Meetings (including preconference workshop programming) are available here on our FCIL-SIS site under the “education & training” tab. Thanks to Lucie Olejnikova, Chair of our Website Committee, for uploading these documents for our use and preservation!

Additionally, below are links to the recordings of FCIL programs given during this year’s annual meeting:

- The Age of AI: Emerging Regulatory Landscape Around the World (Tariq Ahmad, Nicolas Boring, Jenny Gesley, and Laney Zhang)
- GDPR: What your Library Needs to Know (Sara Baseggio, Alison Shea, and Edward McNicholas)
- Schaffer Grant Presentation: African Law for Everyone: AfricanLII and Laws.Africa (Mariya Badeva-Bright). A big (huge) thank you to the members of the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant Selection Committee (Mark Engsberg, Sherry L. Leysen, Joseph Hinger, and Hunter Whaley) and Fundraising Committee (Sherry L. Leysen, Jennifer Allison, Kerry Lohmeier, and Dan Wade).

Moreover, thanks to the exceptional work of our Publicity Committee and its team of contributors, our blog, Diplomatic Dialogues, has recaps of many AALL 2019 programs, including:

- AALL 2019 Recap: FCIL Basics Bootcamp written by Dinah Minkoff
- AALL 2019 Recap: FCIL Advanced Bootcamp written by Meredith Capps
- AALL 2019 Recap: Locating Latin American Legal Sources written by David Isom
- AALL 2019 Recap: FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant Presentation written by Loren Turner

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solutions for legal research, and the issue of how research usage data and patterns on legal research platforms are, or can be, used by information service providers. Both issues impact the users of digital legal research services and are not always obvious to them.

Most legal research platforms, including free access ones like the platform I operate, are experimenting with machine learning and AI to deliver better research experience to users. As we race towards replacing the humble Boolean searches in favour of an assumption that an algorithm would better guess or know the document we look for, are we not compromising the researchers’ abilities to retrieve all that might be relevant to their research question? Is there a potential of creating bubbles that shape the way we interpret the law?

The issue of usage patterns and research trails being used by commercials to data mine and inform product is a much more serious one, yet I stumbled on it outside of any scheduled sessions. Chatting to a colleague in front of the exhibition hall, we were interrupted by a lady who said she spent the previous evening poring through Thomson Reuters’ T&Cs, after a meeting with fellow librarians the previous day discussing data-mining research patterns. There may have been a provider (not TR) tracking when lawyers have been dealing with immigration and asylum cases and passing information on to government. The wording of some of the terms, she said, made it possible for a company to not only make use of data generated by users, but also to obtain it in a non-anonymised form, and to pass it on to third parties. This is something that I will follow up on as we go into the quieter December this year. The thought that legal professionals, judges, prosecutors and other users of databases could be tracked for the research they conduct is very unsettling. Our Free Access to Law community of Legal Information Institutes believes that access to our data must be available to users even without any form of registration or authentication. I believe we adopted this position-part of the Montreal declaration on free access to law-precisely so we would not inhibit the freedom of use of free law collections.

Then the big day came. My presentation was scheduled for the Monday evening. I had already practiced short pitches to the two FCIL meetings I attended earlier during the conference, but seeing the room fill up, I did get the jitters. It was the first time that I presented our new projects to an international audience. I spoke about the dire situation in respect to preserving the legislation history of African countries and how our gazettes.africa project was designed to collect, digitize and publish for free access full gazettes from African countries. The collections, besides being stored at the Government Publications section of the University of Cape Town library, would also be repatriated to government departments and academic libraries in their respective countries to ensure that they are preserved for future generations.

Lack of economies of scale, absence of digitized source gazettes, and record-keeping disrupted by a history of conflict, have left many African nations struggling to update their laws. Building on the gazettes collection, our Laws.Africa platform is being built as an open source free access consolidation platform for African legislation. Laws.Africa aims to solve the problem of lack of digital access to current and historical legislation from African countries. Using digitization and automation, coupled with world-class AkomaNtoso XML standard, the platform is designed to reduce costs and allow African nations to leapfrog into digital legislation. Our platform provides an opportunity for everyone to get engaged and volunteer their time and/or documents to this worthy cause. We will train you to consolidate legislation and let you update laws online. How cool is that? Our contributors have commented how incredibly gratifying it is to see their hard work transform into a country’s only digital legislation corpus.

I thought the presentation went well, the audience was engaged and I did get some traction on possible collaborations that will help with my projects. Mission accomplished!

On the sidelines of the conference, I met amazing people—the Schaffer grant committee, Mrs. Schaffer (can I say for the 10th time - thank you for creating this fund!), Dan (amazing professional and such a gentleman), Lyo, Evelyn, Mark, John, Ed, Kurt, and the list goes on … Do keep in touch, until we meet again! (And don’t forget to keep an eye on African law!!)
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- **AALL 2019 Recap: The Age of AI Emerging Regulatory Landscape around the World** written by Taryn Marks
- **The Dan Wade Book Club at AALL 2019: No Friend but the Mountains: Writing from Manus Prison** written by Marylin Raisch
- **AALL 2019 Recap: Let’s Get Experiential! Creating Strategic Partnerships to Develop Experiential Simulation Courses** written by Meredith Capps
- **AALL 2019 Recap: Growing Out, Not Climbing Up** written by Jennifer Allison
- **AALL 2019 Recap: Polishing Your Public Speaking: Beyond Picturing People in Their Underpants** written by Christopher Galeczka

**AALL 2019 (Washington, DC): Award Winners**

At our business meeting during the AALL 2019 Annual Meeting, we were honored to give out a few recognition awards.

**Julienne Grant** received the **Daniel L. Wade Outstanding Service Award**, which honors a FCIL-SIS member who has made outstanding contributions to the Section in the areas of section activity and professional service.

Julienne has been a member of the FCIL-SIS since 2005 and was Chair of the Latin American Law IG from 2013-2017. As Chair, she spearheaded a collaborative effort to create not one but TWO comprehensive research guides on the legal systems of Mexico and of Cuba. **Research Guide to Mexican Law** was published in Volume 35 of Legal Reference Services Quarterly (2016) and **Guide to Cuban Law and Legal Research** was published in Volume 45 of the International Journal of Legal Information (2017). In addition to publishing these research guides, Julienne also successfully co-proposed and co-presented related programming for the AALL Annual Meetings: **Mexican Law and Legal Research: Overcoming the Challenges** (San Antonio, Texas, 2015), and **Cuban Law and Legal Research: A Snapshot during the Deshielo** (Austin, Texas, 2017). Moreover, Julienne consistently and regularly contributes to both the FCIL Newsletter and the blog, DipLawMatic Dialogues, where she shares her knowledge of foreign legal systems, and her experience touring libraries all over the world. She also writes on FCIL topics in the CALL Bulletin and has had a regular column in the Canadian Law Library Review since 2015. Thank you, Julienne for your outstanding contributions to our SIS and the greater AALL community!

**The Thomas H. Reynolds & Arturo A. Flores Publications Award** honors a FCIL-SIS member who greatly contributes to the professional development of their AALL colleagues during any given year. This year, four FCIL-SIS members received this prestigious award:


**The Spirit of the FCIL-SIS Award** honors members whose work furthers our mission, serves the entire FCIL-SIS, and inspires others to act. This year, three FCIL-SIS members received Spirit Awards:

- **Sherry Xin Chen.** Sherry is the Legal Information Librarian & Lecturer in Law at the Boston College Law Library. She teaches and provides reference services in the area of U.S., foreign, and international law research. Sherry has been an exemplary participant in the FCIL-SIS community. She started as a member of the Electronic Resources Interest Group (ERIG) where she helped to update the Jumpstart page, and then became Chair of ERIG in 2017. As ERIG’s Chair, Sherry led a project to review foreign and international legal research websites and databases for the FCIL-SIS newsletter.
- **Amy Flick.** Amy is the Foreign and International Law Librarian and Adjunct Professor of Law at Emory University School of Law. Amy has been an active member and quiet supporter of the FCIL-SIS for many years. Amy serves as a member of the Nominations Committee and she regularly contributes to the Newsletter and the DipLawMatic Dialogues blog, where she shares her skill and her sense of humor!
- **Hunter Whaley.** Hunter is a Lecturer in Law and Reference Librarian at Columbia Law School, where he provides legal research instruction and reference services. For several years, Hunter was a member of the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant Selection Committee, where he

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helped recruit foreign law librarians to attend the AALL Annual Meeting. He is currently Chair of the International Visits Committee.

Congratulations to Sherry, Amy and Hunter for being great team players, always ready to volunteer and represent the FCIL-SIS, and, through their work, inspire others to act.

The newest FCIL member award honors (you guessed it!) the newest member of our SIS that attends the FCIL-SIS business meeting at the AALL Annual Conference. This year, the winner was Alicia Loo, Director for Library Services at the Supreme Court of Canada. As is tradition, our Schaffer Grant recipient (Mariya Badeva-Bright, below) presented our newest FCIL member (Alicia Loo) with a small welcoming gift.

AALL 2019 (Washington, DC): Schaffer Grant Recipient

The FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians provides financial assistance for foreign law librarians to attend our AALL Annual Meeting. This year, Mariya Badeva-Bright, who leads the AfricanLII project at the University of Cape Town, South Africa (and recently co-founded Laws.Africa, a legislative commons), received the FCIL Schaffer Grant. You can read more about Mariya and her presentation at the 2019 AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., on our blog, DipLawMatic Dialogues.

FCIL-SIS Strategic Plan for 2018-2021: Update

As a reminder, the goals of our Strategic Plan for 2018-2021 are:

1. More Educational Webinars
2. Pre-or Post- AALL Annual Meeting Conference Programs
3. Updating FCIL-SIS Website Content

Thanks to the work of certain dedicated members (who shall be named!), we have met and continue to meet our goals.

Caitlin Hunter, inaugural Chair of our new Committee for Continuing Education, has done a phenomenal job organizing and recruiting speakers for educational webinars on FCIL topics. Last June, Caitlin recruited FCIL-SIS members Erin Gow, Yemisi Dina, and Alex Zhang to host a webinar on Working with Non-English Materials for the English Speaker (access the recording and associated documents here). Additionally, this upcoming December, FCIL-SIS members, Jessica Pienucci, Karina Condra, Heidi Frostestad Kuehl, and Mike McArthur will be hosting a webinar on Cross-Border Cultural Competency: Teaching Foreign Law Students and Training International Lawyers. Register for that webinar here. If you have an idea for a webinar, please contact Caitlin at hunter@law.ucla.edu.

Additionally, thanks to the outstanding efforts of FCIL-SIS members Mabel Shaw and Charles Bjork, Georgetown Law hosted two half-day preconference workshops prior to the AALL 2019 Annual Meeting, that served both novice and experienced FCIL librarians. Joining Mabel and Charles as speakers at the preconference workshops were FCIL-SIS members Heather Casey and Heidi Frostestad Kuehl. The Executive Committee hopes to offer additional preconference programming in NOLA. Stay tuned.

Lastly, Lucie Olejnikova has done an incredible job working with Chris Siwa to update the FCIL-SIS pages of the new AALL platform. Together, they have removed or updated all outdated content, so they are now in maintenance mode. Please reach out to Lucie to request any future updates or edits.

AALL 2019 (NEW ORLEANS, LA)

Many thanks to our Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Susan Gualtieri, and her Education Committee Co-Chair, Dennis Sears, who have already put a ton of effort into designing, coordinating, recruiting, writing, reviewing, and submitting program proposals for the AALL 2020 Annual Meeting. This year, the Education Committee reviewed 11 regular program proposals and one preconference workshop proposal. Of these, the two regular programs that received FCIL-SIS sponsorship are:

- How Codes Are Made: Creating Laws in Civil Jurisdictions, proposed by FCIL-SIS member, Janet Kearney; and
- The Louisiana Civil Code & Other Influences on Civil Law in Latin America, proposed by Susan Gualtieri and featuring FCIL-SIS members Dennis Kim-Prieto and Vicente Feliú as speakers.

AALL 2019 VOLUNTEER! JOIN AND/OR LEAD A COMMITTEE OR INTEREST GROUP

In this edition of the FCIL Newsletter, you’ll be able to read all of the FCIL-SIS Committee and Interest Group reports. I’d like to thank all of you who have taken on leadership roles in the FCIL-SIS Committees and Interest Groups. Your time and service is extremely valuable to our SIS. Thank you so much.
Minutes of AALL FCIL-SIS Business Meeting, July 14, 2019

Sabrina Sondhi

The FCIL-SIS business meeting was called to order at 12:45pm on Sunday, July 14, 2019 by FCIL-SIS Chair Catherine Deane. Other members of the executive board in attendance were Loren Turner (Vice Chair/Chair Elect), Alex Zhang (Immediate Past Chair), and Sabrina Sondhi (Secretary/Treasurer). In total, there were 36 people at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Attendees were reminded that the meeting minutes from 2018 had been published in the October 2018 issue of the FCIL-SIS newsletter. Copies of the minutes were also available on the tables in the meeting room. There was a motion to approve the 2018 minutes and that motion was passed.

Sabrina delivered the Treasurer report and shared that the FCIL-SIS account balance as of May 31, 2019 was $15,377.76. She reminded everyone that our major yearly expenditures (i.e. the Annual Meeting) were not included in this figure. For comparison purposes, she shared that the account balance as of September 30, 2018 was $13,673.85.

Sabrina then delivered the 2019 election results. There were 306 eligible members who could cast votes and 25% of them did so in this uncontested election. Susan Gualtier, Reference Librarian at Biddle Law Library at University of Pennsylvania Law School, will be the next Vice Chair/Chair Elect. Jennifer Allison, Librarian for Foreign, Comparative, and International Law at Harvard Law School Library, will be the next Vice Chair/Chair Elect. Jennifer Allison, Librarian for Foreign, Comparative, and International Law at Harvard Law School Library, will be the next Secretary/Treasurer. Congratulations Susan and Jennifer!

INTEREST GROUPS

The various interest groups have all been creating resources, revising websites, blogging, and updating material. Those groups with a representative present made brief reports.

- African Law IG – represented by Yemisi Dina
- Asian Law IG – represented by Evelyn Ma
- Customary and Religious Law IG – no report given at the meeting this year
- European Law IG – represented by Erin Gow
- Electronic Research IG – represented by Sherry Chen
- Foreign Law Selectors Group – represented by Marci Hoffman
- Indigenous Law IG – no report given at the meeting this year
- Latin American Law IG – no report given at the meeting this year
- Roman Law IG – no report given at the meeting this year
- Teaching Foreign and International Legal Research – represented by Beau Steenken

AWARDS

Next, Deane announced the annual FCIL-SIS award recipients and thanked Dennis Sears for coordinating the purchase of the gifts for recipients.

- **Newest FCIL-SIS Member**: Alicia Loo, Director for Library Services at the Supreme Court of Canada was awarded this title.
- **Spirit of the FCIL-SIS Award**: This award is presented to members whose work furthers our mission, serves the entire FCIL-SIS membership, and inspires others to act. This year there were three recipients:
  - Sherry Chen, Legal Information Librarian & Lecturer in Law at Boston College Law Library
  - Amy Flick, Foreign & International Law Librarian at the Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library at Emory University
  - Hunter Whaley, Head of Public Services & Lecturer-in-Law at the Arthur W. Diamond Law Library at Columbia University
- **Daniel L. Wade Outstanding Service Award**: This award recognizes an FCIL-SIS member who has made outstanding contributions to the SIS in any number of areas. The award was presented to Julienne Grant, Reference Librarian/Foreign & International Research Specialist at Loyola University Chicago School of Law Library
- **Reynolds and Flores Publication Award**: This award recognizes FCIL-SIS members who have created a publication that enhances the professional knowledge and capabilities of law librarians. Three publications were chosen to receive this year’s award:

REPORTS ON OTHER CONFERENCES

- The 38th Annual Course of the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) will take place in Sydney,
Australia October 27-30, 2019. Larissa Reid said a few words encouraging FCIL-SIS members to attend.

- The 85th International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) General Conference and Assembly will take place in Athens, Greece August 24-30, 2019. Marisol Floren, Assistant Director for Library Services and Foreign & Int'l Law Librarian at Florida International University’s College of Law Library, said a few words encouraging FCIL-SIS members to attend.

GAVEL PASSING
After a few remarks, Deane passed the gavel symbolizing leadership of this SIS to Loren. Loren passed the Parliamentarian book to our new Vice Chair, Susan. Loren and Deane both acknowledged and thanked the various committee and interest group chairs and the other members of the executive board.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 1:33pm.

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If you would like to join and/or lead an FCIL-SIS Committee or Interest Group, please let me know (ltturner@umn.edu). And, of course, please contact any of us on the Executive Committee if you have ideas on how to improve our SIS.

Last but not least, special thanks to our Newsletter Editor, Melissa Abernathy, and Copy Editor, Carmen Valero, for their excellent work on the FCIL Newsletter, which is the archive of our SIS. Melissa is always looking for submissions, so contact her to contribute: maber-nathy@sandiego.edu.

European Law IG Report

Erin Gow

UPDATES IN EUROPE
Many countries in Europe have experienced political upheavals during the past year, following a trend toward right-wing nationalism over the past few years (www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36130006). While recent scandals involving political leaders in the far-right party elected as part of a coalition government in Austria in 2017 (www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-48031971) led some to hope these trends may be reversing (www.euractiv.com/section/eu-elections-2019/news/european-mainstream-politicians-see-hope-in-downfall-of-austrian-far-right-leader/), evidence from elections in countries such as Greece indicate continued support for right-leaning policies (www.bbc.com/news/world-48902766).

Concerns about immigration and asylum appear to be behind many of the changing political trends across Europe, and have generated intense scrutiny of European Union policies, which were widely debated in the lead-up to the 2019 EU Parliamentary elections. These elections highlighted many of the changing trends and issues of concern across the EU, including immigration concerns. For an analysis of trends in the EU elections, and implications for the future, see: www.npr.org/2019/05/27/727293356/4-takeaways-from-the-european-parliament-election-results. For more about EU migration policies, see the Agency for Fundamental Rights’ website: fra.europa.eu/en/theme/asylum-migration-borders.

BREXIT UPDATES
The plan for the British withdrawal from the EU (Brexit) continues to remain uncertain, although the exit date has been revised from March to October 31, 2019. The British government remains in turmoil, however, with the resignation of Prime Minister Theresa May in June. The legal, political, and economic implications of Brexit are vast and wide-reaching; luckily, incoming European Law IG chair, Alison Shea, has compiled a handy guide to “Locating UK and EU Guidance on Brexit” (fcilsis.wordpress.com/2019/02/27/locating-uk-and-eu-guidance-on-brexit), and Marilyn Raisch has shared a report on a panel from ASIL on the impact of Brexit.
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A new collection of “EU Legislation and UK Law” has recently been added to the UK’s National Archives’ website, which provides reliable and continuously updated access to primary law: www.legislation.gov.uk/eu-legislation-and-uk-law. Alison introduces this resource as part of her summary of the discussions on the legal implications of Brexit that took place at the 2019 BIALL conference: fcilsis.wordpress.com/2019/07/03/despatches-on-brexit-from-biall-2019/.

INTEREST GROUP UPDATES

The outgoing chair of the European Law IG, Erin Gow, participated in a panel with Yemisi Dina and Alex Zhang for a webinar on “Non-English Materials for the English Speaker” on June 6, 2019. European, African, and Asian resources were discussed, and the recording is available online: www.aallnet.org/recording/non-english-materials-for-the-english-speaker. Special thanks to Caitlin Hunter of the FCIL-SIS Continuing Education committee for making this webinar happen!

The following European Law-related posts appeared on the FCIL-SIS’s blog DipLawMatic Dialogues or in the FCIL-SIS Newsletter (www.aallnet.org/fcilisis/resources-publications/newsletter) in 2018/2019:

- Julienne E. Grant, “A Taste of Scots Law (But Hold the Haggis Please),” 33(2) FCIL Newsletter 1 (February 2019
E-Resources IG (ERIG) Report

Sherry Xin Chen

THE “RESOURCE REVIEWS” PROJECT
Starting in October 2017, the FCIL E-Resources Interest Group undertook a new project to evaluate and review new, popular or useful e-resources and publish the results in the “Resource Reviews” column on the FCIL Newsletter. The project’s purpose is to provide some useful information about resources to both FCIL and general law librarians. Each review is individually authored and the opinions expressed in the review are the author’s own.

Here are the resource reviews already published:

*FCIL Newsletter* (October 2017):
- The Foreign Law Guide;
- GlobaLex.

*FCIL Newsletter* (February 2018):
- The United Nations Treaty Collection;
- HeinOnline’s World Constitutions Illustrated;
- HeinOnline’s World Treaty Library.

*FCIL Newsletter* (May 2018):
- Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals Case Law Database;

*FCIL Newsletter* (October 2018):
- UN iLibrary (Yemisi Dina);
- The Constitution Project (Christopher Galeczka).

*FCIL Newsletter* (February 2019):
- EUR-Lex (Erin Gow);
- Encyclopedia of Private International Law (Jessica Pierucci).

Future Candidates for Resource Reviews are:
- Global Regulation (subscription);
- Library of Congress, International Tribunals Archive (free);
- OUP Max Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional Law (subscription);
- HeinOnline’s Multinational Sources Compared (subscription);

THE FCIL JUMPSTART LIST
Since the FCIL Jumpstart List was last updated in July 2016, ERIG has not made major changes to the list in the past year. However, as many of the experts on the current list are approaching retirement age, time seems ripe for another revamp of the list. We will move it up to the top of our priority list in the 2019-2020 calendar year.

OTHER PROJECTS
FCIL’s Website Committee has contacted ERIG to take on a new responsibility: updating the FCIL Online Discussion Forum, [https://www.aallnet.org/fcilsis/resources-publications/research-resources/online-discussion-forums](https://www.aallnet.org/fcilsis/resources-publications/research-resources/online-discussion-forums)

We will discuss how to proceed with this project at our interest group meeting on July 15, 2019.

Publicity Committee Report

Alyson Drake

The Publicity Committee had another busy year. In addition to soliciting, formatting, and uploading weekly content to DipLawMatic Dialogues, our members prepared for CONELL and the Exhibit Hall at the Annual Conference.

Our blog numbers were down a bit this year, due to a scarcity of regular volunteers from our membership. As such, we’re very thankful to our “heavy hitters” who posted monthly or bimonthly throughout the year: Amy Flick, who did a great job with the From the Reference Desk column; Sarah Reis, who wrote the New FCIL Librarian column this year, and Loren Turner, who does the Member of the Month feature. We’ve been reaching out to members through MyCommunities, direct emails, and the int-law list serv, and we’re on track to have more regular content for 2019-2020. If you’d be interested in doing a post for us, please reach out to Alyson Drake at alyson.drake@ttu.edu or the new co-chair of the FCIL-SIS Publicity Committee for 2019-2021, Jessica Pierucci at jpierucci@law.uci.edu.

Many thanks to Katie Ott, who took the lead on preparing the Exhibit Hall and CONELL materials for the conference in Washington, D.C.—they looked amazing. Thanks also to Kevin Rothenberg, who helped Katie put up the display. We’re also grateful for the help given by Sherry Leysen and Alison Shea, who worked the FCIL table at the CONELL marketplace; the Executive Board will be reaching out to new members and connecting them to the IGs and committees in which they expressed interest.

Finally, the Publicity Committee would like to thank Susan Gualtier for her years of leadership. We literally wouldn’t have a DipLawMatic Dialogues blog without her.
Schaffer Grant Selection Committee Report

Mark Engsberg

The FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians Selection Committee members for the 2019 conference in Washington, DC are:

Sherry Leysen, Chapman University Fowler School of Law, Orange, CA
Hunter Whaley, Columbia Law School, NY
Joe Hinger, LLMC Digital, Eagan, MN
Mark Engsberg, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA, Chair

The committee for the 2020 AALL conference in New Orleans retains the same membership.

The committee began its work in October 2018 to market the grant opportunity and solicit applications for the grant. We advertised the grant globally, dividing the regions as follows:

Hunter Whaley
Europe
Russia
Sherry Leysen
Asia
Australia
Africa (Shared with Joe)
Int-Law
Joe Hinger
Latin America
Africa (Shared with Sherry)
Mark Engsberg
Canada
Oceania
Caribbean

The application deadline was set for January 18, 2019. After a slow start, the committee eventually received a total of seventeen applications. This was up from just 11 applications the previous year. The applicant pool was strong. Applicants represented twelve different countries in five geographic regions: Africa, Asia and Southeast Asia, Europe, Oceania, and North America. The following is the country-by-country breakdown:

Africa
Nigeria (2)

Asia and SE Asia
Pakistan (1)
China (1)

Europe
France (1)
Belgium (1)
Russia (1)

Oceania
Australia (1)

North America
Canada (2)

The committee met via conference call on Thursday, February 21 to discuss the applicant pool and narrow the number of applications down to three finalists. The finalists eventually selected included He Tian (China), Ezra Okot (Uganda) and Mariya Badeva-Bright (South Africa). The committee then proceeded to obtain references for each of the three finalists.

On Tuesday, March 19, 2019, the committee met again via conference call to discuss the three finalists and to rank them in order of preference. All three finalists had very strong applications, but through discussion of the relative merits of each finalist, the committee’s eventual, unanimous, choice was Ms. Mariya Badeva Bright, from South Africa.

Ms. Badeva-Bright lives and works in Cape Town, South Africa. She is a technology lawyer with an LL.M in Law and Information Technology from Stockholm University. The Schaffer Grant Selection Committee chose Ms. Badeva-Bright in part because of her work with legal information outside of traditional librarianship. She leads the AfricanLII (https://www.africanlii.org/) project at the University of Cape Town. She is a veteran open access activist, having worked on free access to law in Africa since 2004. She was also involved in the creation and development of the South African Legal Information Institute, SAFLII (https://www.saflii.org/). Since 2010, Mariya has helped build free access law portals in 13 African countries and co-founded

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the AfricanLII as a resource and a community hub for free access to law in Africa. Most recently, she co-founded Laws.Africa (https://laws.africa/), a legislation commons, built and supported by a dedicated community, that aims to make African legislation freely available to everyone.

A first-time attendee at the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference, Ms. Badeva-Bright was excited to meet law librarians from the United States and other countries. On her return to South Africa, she plans to "present to the law librarians at the University of Cape Town and University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg." She also plans to blog about her experience at AALL, and publish in the Organisation of South African Law Libraries quarterly newsletter, on the AfricanLII website, and in newsletters for other LIIs in Africa.

Ms. Badeva-Bright's presentation topic covered "the AfricanLII collections, and more important – [the] Laws.Africa project, which proposes a new approach to sustainable revision and consolidation of legislation in Africa." As part of her presentation, she described the "volunteer model, incentives, community, editorial processes, [and] quality assurance steps," and she also invited FCIL-SIS and all AALL attendees to participate in this important new endeavor. Ms. Badeva-Bright's presentation took place on Monday, July 15, 2019, 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. in the Magnolia Room of the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC Hotel.

Ms. Badeva-Bright made excellent use of her attendance at AALL. She attended one of the pre-conference workshops, many sessions, all or nearly all of the social events, and she introduced herself to many AALL attendees. She told me that one of her goals was to build networks of potential colleagues – and I believe she succeeded in that goal. Her presentation was very successful, and committee members heard from numerous attendees how much they enjoyed learning about Ms. Badeva-Bright’s work in Africa.

Below are some of what the group was able to accomplish:

- Gabriela Femenia, assisted by contributors from the IG, continued to provide weekly updates on Latin American Law from a variety of news sources. This is a very useful feature that the IG has been providing, and other groups have expressed an interest in it.
- Cate Kellet and Teresa Miguel were aiming to update the Table of Latin American Vendors, since this resource had last been updated in 2015.
- After the devastation of Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria, members of the group and I tried to reach out to law librarians in Puerto Rico to see how we could help. Damage to communication infrastructure hampered our ability to do much, and no members of the IG were able to visit Puerto Rico. However, our colleague, Eduardo Colon, kept us updated on the situation there.
- The IG website was updated to reflect the change in leadership, and to add handouts from the Cuban Law presentation at the 2017 annual meeting.

Some of the future projects proposed for the 2018-19 year that did not get off the ground, but could be focused on in the future, are:

- Create a Legal Research Guide on Puerto Rico or the Dominican Republic.
- Form an outreach team to connect and collaborate with other librarians/libraries in Latin America.
- Have a few IG members work the CONELL Marketplace and other events/receptions aimed at newer librarians.
- Collaborate with the Caribbean Association of Law Libraries (CARALL).
Continuing Education Committee Report

Caitlin Hunter

The FCIL-SIS Continuing Education Committee was created in December 2018 to provide additional FCIL continuing education opportunities outside of the annual AALL meeting. The committee’s web page, available at https://www.aallnet.org/fcilsis/education-training/continuing-education/, includes information on upcoming events and handouts, slides, and other materials from past events. This year, the committee presented a webinar and an in-person event, and planned two additional webinars.

WEBINAR ON WORKING WITH NON-ENGLISH MATERIALS FOR THE ENGLISH SPEAKER

The committee’s first webinar on Working with Non-English Materials for the English Speaker took place on June 6, 2019 and featured Yemisi Dina (Osgoode Hall Law School), Erin Gow (University of Louisville School of Law), and Alex Zhang (Washington & Lee School of Law). Slides, a handout, and a recording are available on the committee’s webpage. Jessica Pierucci (UC Irvine School of Law) recapped the event for DipLawMatic Dialogues, https://fcilsis.wordpress.com/2019/06/25/webinar-recap-working-with-non-english-materials-for-the-english-speaker/.

LECTURE ON WHAT’S NEW WITH UN RESOURCES

On June 27, 2019, Susan Goard (UN Dag Hammarskjold Library) provided a free lecture on What’s New with UN Resources at Fordham Law School. The lecture was attended by 22 people, with light refreshments funded by the FCIL-SIS board. Janet Kearney (Fordham Law School) organized room reservations, refreshments and logistics at Fordham, and Marty Witt (Columbia Law School) assisted on the day of the event. LLAGNY co-sponsored the event and LLAGNY’s Mary Matuszak (New York County District Attorney’s Office), Marijah Jan Sroczynski (Morrison & Foerster LLP), and Marshall R. Voizard (Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP) assisted with registration and publicity. Slides are available on the committee’s webpage.

UPCOMING WEBINAR ON TEACHING FOREIGN LAW STUDENTS

All FCIL-SIS and ALL-SIS members are welcome to join the committee for our next webinar on teaching foreign law students, co-sponsored with ALL-SIS. This webinar will take place on December 5, 2019, 12pm - 1pm US/Central and will feature Jodi Collova (Berkeley Law), Karina Condra (University of Denver), Heidi Frostestad Kuehl (Northern Illinois University), and Mike McArthur (Duke University School of Law). Jessica Pierucci planned, coordinated, and will moderate the event. All panelists have extensive experience teaching students from other countries studying at U.S. law schools and will provide practical tips for effectively teaching legal research to foreign LL.M.s, S.J.D.s, and exchange students. Register now at https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1071002791493804299.

PLANNED WEBINAR ON RESEARCHING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S LAW

The committee has begun planning for a webinar on Researching Indigenous People’s Law, tentatively slated for early August 2020, just before or after the UN’s International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples. Currently slated speakers are Chris Dykes (University of Houston Law Center), Victoria Szymczak (University of Hawai’i, Richardson School of Law), Kurt Meyer (LLMC), and Dr. Jolande Goldberg (Library of Congress). Darla Jackson (University of Oklahoma Law Library) will moderate and coordinate the webinar. Lucie Olejnikova (Yale Law School) proposed the event and suggested panelists and FCIL-SIS Indigenous Peoples Law Interest Group Chairs Dr. Goldberg and Joan Policastric (CU Boulder) helped identify additional speakers.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OTHER CONTRIBUTORS

The committee extends its thanks to everyone previously mentioned who spoke at, organized, and promoted the committee events. Thanks also to the FCIL-SIS board, Celeste Smith and Chris Siwa of AALL, and all of the FCIL-SIS Committee chairs who have helped promote our events: FCIL-SIS Website Committee Chair Lucie Olejnikova, FCIL-SIS Publicity Committee Chair Alyson Drake (Texas Tech University School of Law), and FCIL-SIS Newsletter Committee Chair Melissa Abernathy (University of San Diego).

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SUBMITTING IDEAS FOR FUTURE EVENTS

The committee is always looking for new ideas! If you have an idea for an FCIL event outside of the annual AALL meeting, please reach out to Caitlin Hunter at hunter@law.ucla.edu.
Marci Hoffman

I. Introductions

The meeting opened with introductions by the attendees. The Schaffer Grant Recipient, Mariya Badeva-Bright, was introduced and she talked a bit about her experience.

II. Library Collection updates

Harvard Law Library (Jennifer Allison)

Budget
- Our acquisitions budget is flat and not decreasing.
- We are adding about 14,000 titles to the collection annually.

Acquisitions
- Acquisitions services are provided, as part of a package of technical services, to the law library by the Harvard Library (hereinafter “the Center”) under an MOA. This setup has been in place since 2012.
- Practical effect: acquisitions personnel are employed by, and take their directions from, the Center, not the law library.
- All Harvard Library technical services functions, including acquisitions, were impacted by the Harvard-wide migration from Aleph to Alma in the summer of 2018, which resulted in significantly slower processing times. Since we do not have approval plans for all the jurisdictions we collect for, and do a lot of firm ordering, copy catalogers were called on to assist with the placing of orders to make sure they were completed on time.

Cataloging
- The law library only has 1.5 professional law catalogers left to do the work due to recent retirements. The catalogers who retired will not be replaced by the Center. However, there are still several copy catalogers working on law materials.
- Copy catalogers are prohibited by their union rules from doing original cataloging.
- Since the ordering has not abated, having fewer catalogers has resulted in a significant backlog, especially of Spanish, Italian, and German titles. Books in the backlog have only minimal records (author/title) that were entered in the catalog when the book was received.
- The Aleph to Alma transition has resulted in a delay of Harvard Library catalog records being uploaded to WorldCat, and at least a year’s worth of records have not been uploaded. For current holdings information about Harvard Library titles, use our catalog (https://hollis.harvard.edu) or email us for more information.

Physical Space Issues
- In February 2018, the law school took over one of our two library buildings, the Lewis building (also called the International Law Center). This building had four floors of stacks, call numbers KG to Z. The bibliographers went through all the books in the building to decide which would be sent to offsite storage (Harvard Depository, HD for short) and which would be moved into the library’s one remaining building, Langdell. Approximately 250,000 books were sent to HD during this three-year project, which means that about 80% of our collections are stored offsite in closed stacks.
- There is a significant space problem at Langdell for the books in the call number range that used to be in Lewis. So the bibliographers are going through the books that were moved to Langdell from Lewis and making an additional determination about what else can go offsite. There will be a relatively strict date-split of 5 years for these books, especially for the titles in the KZ call number range.
- The law library is also exploring ordering additional titles in electronic format only. We already do this for Elgar. We also arranged with Bloomsbury to get a 10-year backfill of eBooks published by Hart. We continue to consider this option for other publishers, including Oxford, Cambridge, Brill, and Intersentia.
- We are also running out of space in HD, and Harvard has made it clear that there are insufficient funds to build an additional module. We have entered into an agreement with ReCap in New Jersey to store some books there. We are exploring various options for reducing our HD footprint, including de-duping titles that are also owned by other Harvard libraries, and withdrawing and discarding print journals currently in HD that are available online.

Law Library of Congress (Kurt Carroll)

Staffing
- The Law Library of Congress remains committed to building its print collection. Foreign legal databases tend to be added based on research needs of individual staff legal specialists. Continuing deposits of US and some foreign publishers have allowed us to keep foreign approval plan allocations stable despite a stagnant book

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budget ($2.7 million) which has not been increased since FY2015.
- There are currently eighteen recommending officers selecting specific foreign jurisdictions. Selections are made to satisfy current Law Library of Congress research and writing, and build a representational collection of foreign countries. Additionally, three librarians recommend material from any FCIL jurisdiction, and one curator is dedicated to rare book acquisitions.
- There were two staff departures in 2018. The first recommending officer (RO) selected material for Turkey while the second selected from the jurisdictions of Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, and non-US South Pacific Islands. The loss of the RO for Turkey comes at a time when we have noticed a significant uptick in legal publishing in Turkey. Despite current selection guidelines, our Cairo Field Office has requested an additional $19,000 to cover Turkish approval plan acquisitions. Australia is proving problematic as the vendor-select approval plan has essentially been Library of Congress-select.

Book Budget
- The book budget saw a slight increase which was more of a credit for missed/canceled orders in the prior fiscal year. The Library has instituted a new fiscal policy that requires all monograph orders to be received before payment can be made. This can be problematic for foreign acquisitions. At the close of the last fiscal year (September 30) we had several shipments from Asia en route. All invoices were canceled and the unspent funds wiped from the book budget. The Law Librarian worked with our fiscal office to add additional funds to this year’s book budget to cover these orders.
- The Law Library book budget is healthy in contrast to LC’s general collection budget which is actually lower than its allocation for 2010. The Library is submitting a request to Congress for an increase in book budget funds for both the General Collection and Law Library. If approved, the Law budget could see an increase of 33%.

Bibliographic Control
- We are facing a growing backlog of new cataloging as LC pursues a BIBFRAME pilot. Several catalogers are required to devote two-days per week on this pilot, reducing their time for cataloging new receipts.
- Retrospective reclassification of collection materials from the old LAW class system into the K Class continues to be a priority. We have classed over 25,000 volumes since October 1st, the beginning of our fiscal year.

It is estimated 258,000 volumes remain under the old system. Jurisdictions receiving attention included Bolivia, Bulgaria, Brazil, Burma, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Soviet Union, and Thailand. All serial holdings in Bengali, Tamil, and Sanskrit have been completed.
- We expect to award a contract for a rare book classifier in August.

Shelving
- We continue a compact shelving replacement project in the Law Stacks. The new shelving has allowed us to eliminate all overflows for KG and KH material.
- Transfer of older titles to offsite storage continues with 34,000 monographs (mostly foreign) sent to our facility in Cabin Branch, MD. These items will eventually be transferred to a planned expansion of the Library’s facility at Fort Meade, MD. Selections for offsite storage are made following consultations with Law Library legal specialists and recommending officers.
- The Law Library took occupancy of a second rare book secure storage facility (SSF) in early July. The new SSF has state of the art humidity, temperature, and fire suppression systems. It incorporates compact shelving to maximize the Law Library’s rare book shelf space as the collection continues to grow. This new space will allow us to relocate rare and special collection items which are in shelving areas across the institution.

Los Angeles County Law Library (Dinah Minkoff)
- Preserve and maintain primary law throughout all countries in the collection. For FY18, no cuts were made to the collection.
- Our CD philosophy continues to strive to maintain resources from every country both primary and secondary. Our Global Reading Room (GRR), functions as a microcosm of that philosophy. It consists of circulating items, and functions as a ready-reference resource for our users as legal practice becomes increasingly globalized. Although the GRR does not have items representing EVERY jurisdiction in our Collection, we have materials representing about 100 countries. We specifically focus on countries for which the library commonly receives reference requests such as Canada, Mexico, England, Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, South Africa, France, and Germany. Users can access primary law from around the word, such as codes and statutory compilations and US treaties, multi-jurisdictional compendiums, dictionaries, and directories.
- We updated titles in the Global Reading Room collection

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- Over the past year we undertook a project to review and update the materials on the 170 shelves in the GRR. We compiled a complete shelf list, and then reviewed every monograph from 2016 or earlier for a newer edition.
- We also took the opportunity to review materials from global publishers to see where our collection needed to be augmented. This included investigating if new topics existed where we needed to start collecting (e.g. Brexit, GDPR.)
- For all these materials, a decision needed to be made whether the new acquisitions belonged in the closed stacks or the GRR.

Examples of New Global Titles Purchased FY2019

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Internal Projects and Creative Collaboration

- Global Law Binding Study – Considering reinstating binding or digitization of the primary and important secondary resources in the Global Law collection. Preservation of publications from damage due to excessive handling and potential environmental conditions.

Information Sharing and Collaboration

- LA Law Library continues to work with LLMC to house and collaborate on the integration of items in the foreign and international law collections of different jurisdictions.
- If your institution is cutting print FCIL materials specifically, let us know and we might be interested in accepting it as a donation due to an ongoing collaboration with LLMC. We have a relationship with LLMC whereby LLMC

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and LALL have entered into a progressive storage and scanning program that will facilitate digitization and preservation of a large quantity of FCIL materials. As libraries are forced to downsize their holdings, LALL provides storage of titles that have become homeless elsewhere while they await digitization by LLMC.

- We will also be in discussions, and potential participation/partnership, with LLMC re their digitization project. Fall is slated to begin discussions and formulating ideas.

- Similarly, what LALL would love to know from everyone here: are libraries changing their collections due to loss of space or other reasons? If you’re thinking of getting rid of big chunks of your collection, send Linda Heichman (L.Heichman@lalawlibrary.org), our Senior Librarian for Collections, a title list as there may be gaps in our collection that we may want to fill in.

- We have two membership programs that offer a physical and virtual home for legal researchers looking for affordable access to a unique law collection.
  - Our current Members Program has three levels which offer numerous benefits including priority document delivery via email or fax at a reduced price of up to 50 pages for $12.00 as opposed to our general rate of $20.00 for the 25 pages.
    - The Bronze level, a.k.a our Organizational Membership, may be of particular interest to academic libraries because of its very moderate annual cost.
  - We have an all-inclusive Platinum Membership program that is an annual flat rate program offered to law firms that offers unlimited access to the LALL collection. It offers “just in time” expedited request turn around.
    - We are exploring modelling a global program on the domestic Platinum Project. Currently domestic law firms that are Platinum Members and have cut their library materials budgets, can indirectly retain access to materials since LALL sends content on an on-demand basis.
  - I have information bulletins / flyers on both programs that I’ll pass out and anyone interested can take one.

- With that in mind, if everyone could share:
  - What are the areas (jurisdictions) in which your collection is struggling due to budget con-straints or space loss, but where there is still demand?
  - Is there a particular country that you would like to be sure we continue to update?
  - As I mentioned above, we are considering developing a special Members Program for Global Law materials.
    - Where do you ILL from – Source? How many days per month? What is your general expenditure for ILLs?
  - Let me know if you’d be interested in a partnership with LALL regarding reference help and document delivery. If you are, and would like to chat, we can set aside a few minutes sometime during the conference.

LLMC Digital (Kurt Meyer)

Progress in the past year, strategic plan going forward, new opportunities:

- Foreign legal and government information continues to be an integral part of the LLMC Digital service.

Top foreign collections viewed:
  - Canadian Provincial
  - Haiti
  - India
  - Cuba
  - British Empire Studies
  - South Africa
  - Egypt
  - Mexico
  - Chile
  - Argentina

- Sizeable collection additions in the past year include:
  - Mexico
  - Chile
  - Cuba
  - Germany
  - Canada
  - United Kingdom

- Specifics:
  - Latin America: Mexican state and federal laws/codes, Peruvian laws, Uruguay codes.
  - United Kingdom: LLMC fiche collection which includes nominative reporters and maritime cases; other treatises and trials.
  - Canada: Provincial compiled statutes & session laws; provincial gazettes.
  - Germany: Ongoing projects with the Berlin State Library and University of Pennsylvania are producing historical treatises and dissertations.
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- Cuba: Historical legal periodicals, laws, and session laws.
- Poland: session laws.
- At any time, from our LLMC website, you can view and sort the current title list. You may also download it as a spreadsheet.
- New document viewer.
- 2019-20 initiatives include:
  - Deepening Canadian coverage: Digitizing provincial gazettes from film; partnership with British Columbia Queen’s Printer (Historical Orders in Council, Consolidated Regulations, etc).
  - Berlin State Library: Rare lander/principality-level treatises from the 18th and 19th centuries.
  - University of Pennsylvania: Doctoral dissertations from late 19th/early 20th century (e.g. Germany, France, Italy, and Sweden).
  - Gazettes: Collaboration with Google, CRL, University of Michigan, and LOC to digitize large number of gazettes from around the world. Focus on Africa and Latin America.
  - Partner with CRL for additional Latin American, Eastern European, and South Asian coverage; troubled nation gazettes.
  - 19th century Chile trials.
  - Cuba: Collaboration with FIU, Columbia, University of Florida, Miami, and DLOC to contribute.
  - Privy Council Judgments.
  - UK: Digitizing Non-CLA Fiche collection which includes a variety of historical reporters and Inns of Court materials; also some United Nations materials.

- Requests help us prioritize what is processed and what we seek out.

- Finally, please think of LLMC if you are withdrawing print foreign titles.

NEFLLCG (Gabriela Femenia)

The Northeast Foreign Law Librarians Cooperative Group held its fall meeting at NYU in November, and its spring meeting at Harvard in June. The participants gave updates on databases and vendors; shared information on collection budgets, space issues and other concerns; and continued the discussion about the functions and membership of NEFLLCG.

A few highlights from the meetings:
- Discussion of new databases or changes to current ones:
  - Dalloz Law Databases: Dalloz now provides a comprehensive research platform (Dalloz.fr) and a separate journals database (Dalloz Revues). NYU has a single-user login to Dalloz Law and Penn subscribed to Dalloz Revues in order to withdraw print. Contact: Jean-Marie CLOP, jm.clop@dalloz.fr
  - JADE Pro: An Australian law open access database with a PRO version offering improved functionality. Yale has a ten-user license.
  - Brill International Encyclopedia of Comparative Law: Penn and Georgetown picked it up for improved searchability. Other members are considering it.
  - Westlaw Middle East: Reprints the old loose-leaf set with updates. Members have looked at it but the cost is prohibitive, relative to likely use.
  - ThomsonReuters LAWnB: A Korean-only database picked up by NYU and Yale.
  - LegitQuest: A new Indian law database aimed at practitioners and judges. NYU and Penn trialed but did not purchase because it lacks indexing, operates only by keyword searching, and has no statutory content. Contact: Karan Kalia, karan.kalia@legitquest.com
  - vLex: LC reported that in addition to the Justis acquisition, they are developing a new product (Vincent) with supposedly enhanced features.
  - Yale and Fordham both reported access problems with BeckOnline.

- Current projects:
  - Yale South Sudan and North Korea projects: Yale has an open-access Dropbox-based repository for all the laws they can scan from South Sudan, and is continuing its North Korea Information Project. (Both are linked from the respective guides in Globalex.)
  - Penn-Hein Indian Treaties Indexing Project: At the prompt of a Penn faculty member, Penn is working with Hein to create metadata for Indian treaties already within Hein, so that the content can be integrated into the World Treaty Library. In future stages, gaps in the Hein content may be filled in by hiring a contract researcher to find missing treaties and work with the document holders (including Library of
Congress and NILL) to incorporate them.

- The group is preparing a position paper for the directors covering what we collectively understand Vigorous Collecting Responsibility to mean, whether to expand the membership, and what criteria to use if we do expand.

Our next meeting will be hosted by Fordham in Fall 2019.

**Yale Law Library (Dan Wade)**

The Yale Law Library is focused on particular jurisdictions (about twenty) and particular subjects, such as constitutional law, human rights, environmental law, legal history, and books about the legal system of a given jurisdiction. France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the United Kingdom are the most heavily collected European jurisdictions, while Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela are the major ones for Latin America.

We have a staff of five foreign law selectors, while Fred Shapiro is responsible for American law. John Nann is responsible for the English speaking jurisdictions of the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, Ireland, India, and the European Union; Cate Kellett, Iberia and Latin America; Evelyn Ma, East Asia including Singapore and Malaysia; Lucie Olejnikova, Germany, Luxembourg, and F/I electronic databases; Stacia Stein, Austria and Switzerland, and Dan Wade, the rest.

This year was marked by the several month absence from the Library of the Curator (and major selector) due to illness. This relieved the usual budgetary pressure and allowed us to order a number of German law commentaries (the Library does not subscribe to Beck-online.) Second copies of English language commentaries on the major international legal instruments were also acquired. To provide some sense of the intensity of our activity, we collected easily over a thousand German law titles and hundreds for the other major European jurisdictions. Of course, for most jurisdictions of the world, very few titles may be collected. Currently, monographs are not collected from Russia or the other Slavic speaking jurisdictions of the world.

Towards the end of the spring semester, special effort was made to bolster our Judaic Law collection. Several bibliographies were reviewed to locate essential and classic titles that should be added to the collection. This section of the collection has not received as much attention as Islamic law and requires further work.

Complementing the monographic collection is the wide array of databases available to Yale researchers. Two were added to our collection this year: Jade Professional, an Australian law database going back to 1903, with its own citator and advanced search tools. For more information see [https://jade.io](https://jade.io). Sovereign Limits, the second acquisition, is a visualization and documentation database relating to land and maritime boundaries. More information can be found at [https://sovereignlimits.com/](https://sovereignlimits.com/)

We would also like to highlight the work of our Head of Foreign and International Law, Lucie Olejnikova’s editorship of GlobaLex. This past year 48 articles were published, and the publication received close to a million hits. We are all be grateful to its many contributors.


Significant additions have been made to the esteemed Yale Law Library Rare Books collection under the guidance of our Rare Books Librarian, Mike Widener. 140 titles were added to the special collection of municipal Italian statutes. For a number of these the Yale copies are the only known copies in the United States, and there may be only one other copy in Europe.

Mike has a penchant for illustrated rare books. Two particularly noteworthy titles added to the collection this year are Francesco degli Allegris’s Tractato nobilissimo della prudentia et iustitia (Venice, 1508) with its 18 allegorical woodcuts, including one of the author dressed as Dante (only copy in the United States); and Ulrich Tengler’s Layenspiegel (Augsburg, 1512) with 40 woodcuts, 33 of them full page. The edition of the latter reveals Tengler’s final corrections to his important work on German law.

In addition to selecting materials for the collection, the Yale Foreign and International Law Collection Staff promote their new acquisitions through exhibits. The following are the subjects of this year’s exhibits:

- Of Bees and Law (June-October 2018)
- The Inquisitor and the Witch: Trials in Early Modern Italy (October-November 2018)
- Rafael Lemkin: On the Criminalization of Geno-
The last exhibit is especially interesting, as we currently collect only in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish (with the exception of Chinese, Japanese and Korean), yet the curators found books in fifty-five different languages in the collection. Such is the power of time and generosity in collection development!

The Yale Law Library considers itself a national and international resource. Its foreign collection development policy makes sense only if others make use of them. We invite you to do so!

III. Updates: Foreign Law Guide and Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals (Marci Hoffman)

Foreign Law Guide, since last year’s AALL meeting.

New:
- Colombia
- Congo
- Dominican Republic
- Kenya
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Finland
- Russia
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Tanzania
- Turkey
- Uruguay

Updated:
- Argentina
- Australia
- Canada
- China
- Hong Kong
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Japan
- Luxembourg
- Morocco
- Singapore

Coming Soon:
- Botswana
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Israel
- Ivory Coast
- Taiwan

Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals (IFLP)
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Recently added titles:
- Asian Journal of Law and Society (UK)
- Asia-Pacific Journal of Ocean Law and Policy (The Netherlands)
- Asia-Pacific Journal on Human Rights and the Law (The Netherlands)
- Business and Human Rights Journal (UK)
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- European Journal of Migration Law (The Netherlands)
- Haramaya Law Review (Ethiopia)
- International Journal of Online Dispute Resolution (The Netherlands)
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- Nnamdi Azikiwe University Journal of International Law and Jurisprudence (Nigeria)
- Revista Catalana de Dret Públic (Spain)
- Santander Art and Culture Law Review (Poland)
- University of Bologna Law Review (Italy)
Melissa Abernathy

The FCIL Newsletter continues to thrive as both a source for communicating news to our membership and archiving important milestones of our SIS. This year we successfully published all three issues of volume 33. Our largest issue was the October 2018 issue (vol. 33, no. 1) which highlighted the IFLA WLIC 2018 conference in Kuala Lumpur, reviewed the UNiLibrary and Constitution Project databases, and republished the 2018 FCIL-SIS Business meeting minutes.

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SUBMISSION DEADLINES
February 1st, May 1st, and October 1st. A reminder is sent to the listserv a month before each deadline.

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Please contact me with articles, pictures, and/or suggestions for the newsletter. I am always open to hearing how to make the FCIL Newsletter even better! Melissa Abernathy mabernathy@sandiego.edu or (619) 260-4734.

had another active year.

Sherry Leysen

This year, Jennifer Allison, Kerry Lohmeier, Daniel Wade, and I had the privilege of serving on the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians Fundraising Committee. Our work centered on raising awareness of the Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians and expanding our Roll of Donors. To that end, we updated and shared our promotional materials including the testimonials document, What Do the Recipients Have to Say?, and the 2019 Schaffer Grant Fundraising Brochure featuring our most recent recipient, Mariya Badeva-Bright. Through targeted communication with colleagues and friends, along with SIS announcements, we concentrated efforts on encouraging new and continuing financial support of the Grant. As of May 31, 2019, the Schaffer Grant Fund balance was $82,685 ($52,000 Endowed Corpus (restricted) + $30,685 (excess)). We encourage all to promote and donate to the Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians so that it can be self-sustaining in the future. Your generous support makes a difference. As always, we are extremely grateful to Ellen Schaffer for her continued support and encouragement.

Loren Turner reporting on behalf of Lucie Olejnikova

AALL migrated to a new environment, which offered an opportunity to review all our pages. Thanks to Chris Siwa, migration was smooth and complete. Thank you Chris! In consultation with respective members and chairs of individual interest groups and committees, outdated pages have been either removed or updated. Lucie, with Paul Moorman from USC Gould School of Law, began implementing Goal 3 of the current Strategic Plan. Lucie encourages all members to continue to work with her and let her know of any changes, updates, deletions, or modifications to be made to any of our pages. In advance, thank you!
African Law IG Report

Yemisi Dina

Yemisi Dina participated on the AALL webinar panel "Working with Non-English Materials for the English speaker" on June 6, 2019. Her presentation was titled “Lost in Translation: African Legal Materials”.

At the FCIL-SIS Jurisdictions Interest Group Joint Meeting at the 2019 Annual Meeting, the African IG hosted Yuksel Serindag of the Lillian Goldman Law Library, Yale Law School who made a presentation on the research database-Global Online Access to Legal Information (GOALI).

Asian Law IG Report

Anne Mostad-Jensen

The group had a relatively inactive year. We did co-submit a proposal for the annual meeting, but it was not accepted. We hoped to do a reading group/informal discussion, but because I transitioned to a new job right at the time it would have been organized it did not happen. As chair, I did get a couple of questions from people who were looking for information about Asian jurisdictions and I forwarded them to sources and appropriate people.

The group charge is:
1. Provide a forum for the exchange of legal information related to Asian law.
2. Provide an informal environment for FCIL and non-FCIL librarians to discuss current trends and issues in Asian law.
3. Complete Asian law legal information related projects as resources and time allow.

Teaching Foreign & International Legal Research IG Report

Paul Moorman & Amelia Landenberger

During the past academic year, the Teaching Foreign & International Legal Research IG primarily accomplished two things:
• The creation of a distinct community for the IG on AALLnet’s “My Communities”;
• Hosting a fruitful discussion session on assessment within F&I research classes at the AALL annual meeting in Washington, D.C. The session was joined by FCIL-SIS’s VIP guest, Nadeem Ahmad of the Justice Department. Points covered by the discussion included:
  • Creating realistic assignments on which to base assessment as required for experiential courses under A.B.A. standards;
  • Complying with other A.B.A. standards for experiential course;
  • Incorporating Outcomes-Based Assessment into Foreign & International Legal Research courses; and,
  • The challenges of meshing Foreign & International assessment goals with broader law school programmatic goals.

Education Committee Report

Loren Turner

The membership was very active this year in submitting proposals for the AALL Annual Meeting. Dennis and I were delighted when AALL’s Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC) accepted the pre-conference workshop proposals created by Georgetown Law’s Mabel Shaw and Charles Bjork (FCIL Bootcamp: Basic Training & FCIL Bootcamp: Advanced Training). Thank you to Mabel and Charles for designing, coordinating, and hosting the workshop, as well as for serving as instructors during the workshop! Also, special thanks to FCIL members, Heather Casey and Heidi Kuehl, for teaching individual modules during the workshop. As you know, the success of this pre-conference workshop supports the second goal of our FCIL SIS Strategic Plan 2018-2021. In addition to the pre-conference workshop, the AMPC accepted one of the two regular program proposals sponsored by the FCIL (The Age of AI: Emerging Regulatory Landscape Around the World) as well as programs submitted by our members, Alison Shea and Marcelo Rodriguez. For more information about this year’s FCIL-related conference programming, follow this link.
Our SIS is fortunate to include in its ranks exceptionally talented and enthusiastic writers. With this feature, we are happy to spread the word of their recent publications.

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