Dan Wade entered the profession in 1982 after earning his library degree from the University of Illinois. At that time, Dan already had experience working with Cherif Bassiouni and was working in six different languages; coupled with his law and library degrees, law librarianship was a good fit. His first position was at Vanderbilt Law School library working with Igor Kavass, which was a deep dive into foreign and international legal bibliography. Subsequently, Dan worked as the international law librarian at the University of Houston focusing on building their Mexican law collection. In 1987, Dan joined the Lillian Goldman Law Library at Yale Law School where he served until 2020. At Yale, in addition to some reference and teaching, Dan was the curator of Yale’s nationally renowned foreign and international law collection. When Dan first joined the profession, the FCIL-SIS was just being formed. Dan was drawn to the SIS because of his strong interest in foreign and international law. Dan recalls Judith Wright’s 1991 work, Training the Future Generation of Foreign and International Law Librarians, as the first effort to bring international and foreign law specialists together. Dan was also inspired by the work of Claire Germain who developed the draft plan for educating the next generation of foreign and international law librarians. Dan championed this effort over the years by recruiting, mentoring, and welcoming law librarians into this specialty. In fact, at each FCIL-SIS Business Meeting, Dan would take time to recognize all the new F/I law librarians present in the room and he would have a memorable gift for the newest one. It has been an informal way of welcoming all of our new colleagues into the specialty.

Over the years, Dan has contributed to the SIS and its individual committees and interest groups more times than one can count. He served as the Chair in 1988-1989. In 1987, the FCIL-SIS published the inaugural issue of its newsletter and Dan served as the first editor. In 1988, Dan expressed his hope that “our SIS will sponsor a number of working groups to meet … around se-

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9 AALL, FCIL-SIS, Leadership.

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lected topics,”11 which was the foundation for our committees and interest groups. In 2003, Dan drafted a proposal for a new series of FCIL workshops to be held in conjunction with AALL annual meetings.12 In 2006, Dan Wade, as the first recipient, received the FCIL-SIS Outstanding Service Award, which was rightly named after him.13

More recently, Dan founded the FCIL-SIS Book Club; Dan’s way of bringing us all together for a thought-provoking conversation.14 Dan has chaired the FCIL-SIS Foreign Law Selectors group for more than a decade, leading national discussions about foreign law collection development. One of Dan’s many efforts was to promote a collaboration among law libraries engaging in vigorous foreign law collecting to build foreign and international law collections, not only for the immediate use, but more importantly for future generations. To further this effort, Dan was one of the co-founders of the Northeast Foreign Law Librarians Cooperative Group (NEFLLCG) that focuses on collaborative effort to build and maintain a foreign law collection.

Dan Wade, Yale Law School, November 17, 2010 (photo by Shana Jackson)

Dan has contributed to legal research and law librarianship scholarship. To name a few publications:

- Szladits’ Bibliography on Foreign and Comparative Law: Books and Articles in English (Daniel L. Wade, S. Blair Kauffman, & Tracy L. Thompson eds. 1991-1992)

Dan spent time passing on his legacy to all of us, formally and informally, and he also spent time recording his experience and memories of the profession and its development:

- Introducing Dan Wade as the September 2014 FCIL Librarian of the Month, DipLawMatic Dialogues (August 29, 2014) (the inaugural post in the series of introducing F/I librarians and members of the FCIL community).

Dan passed away on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at home surrounded by his family. Now, we come together as a community to honor and remember Dan – our colleague and friend. We may not be able to physically gather in one place and light a candle in his memory, but we can share our remembrances in this tribute. Dan, we thank you for paving the way and taking us all along on this journey. Your spirit will keep bringing us light as we continue to build on your foundation.

Lucie Olejnikova
Yale Law School

11 Id.
12 Id.
13 Daniel L. Wade FCIL-SIS Outstanding Service Award.
Inaugural Issue of the FCIL-SIS Newsletter: Editor Dan L. Wade

Our “trompetero” heralds the inaugural issue of this newsletter, while the demure Japanese figure gazes in wonder at its appearance. In this issue you will find our Secretary’s report of the last meeting in Washington, our Chair’s comments about work in progress, and announcements about next summer’s AALL meeting in Chicago, the post-meeting workshop, and the IALL pre-meeting course on international law. A special feature is the piece by Fred Chapman of Harvard on “Alternative Means of Obtaining the Documents of the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal”.

By the grace of providence, this spring there will be at least one more issue of this newsletter, which for the moment must be considered an “irregular” serial. Your contributions are earnestly sought, both for the newsletter, as well as the SIS column in the AALL Newsletter. Only by your participation can our SIS reach its full potential.

The editor wishes to thank all those who contributed to this first issue, as well as Robert Downie and his staff at Baker & Botts who so ably prepared the typescript.

From the Chair
by Linda L. Thompson

This is the first issue of the SIS Newsletter since the 1986 AALL annual meeting in Washington, D.C. I would like to express my thanks to the outgoing Chair, Claire Germain, for launching this SIS and giving it the momentum to carry on. She did a fine job of establishing contacts and sorting out some administrative problems.

Your officers this year are Ellen Schaffer, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, and Jeanette Yackie, Secretary/Treasurer. Jeanette is covering last summer’s SIS meeting for you elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Dan Wade has agreed to be the editor of this SIS Newsletter as well as to continue producing the monthly SIS column for the AALL Newsletter, so please send your newsworthy contributions to him (University of Houston Law Center Library, 4800 Calhoun, Houston, Texas 77004). Dan also produced the SIS membership directory last spring.

Last spring, the SIS acquired the Special Committee on International Placements, and I appointed Robert Shaffer to be Chair for this year. See her item in this Newsletter regarding CIP information and its name change. All CIP members must now be members of this SIS, and anyone in the SIS who is interested in working on the CIP can do so without payment of additional fees.

Jolande Goldberg and Maio Bernal have agreed to work on a publicity brochure for this SIS which can be displayed at the SIS Council booth next summer in Chicago. If you have any catchy ideas for logos or color or content, please contact them at the Library of Congress. I am sure they would welcome your suggestions.

Last summer’s meeting also produced a lot of enthusiastic volunteers who agreed to do three programs and a workshop at the 1987 meeting in Chicago. Two programs and the workshop were approved by AALL so I hope to see you in attendance. These are written up elsewhere in this Newsletter.

At this time, we have 116 members. There was a mix-up regarding dues for this SIS in the invoices mailed by AALL for 1986/87, and some names of people who were members last year and who thought they were members this year do not appear on the membership list. If you know of anyone who did not receive this Newsletter who should have, please tell them to call AALL Headquarters to sort things out. The staff there are aware of the problem and have tried to help.

A Nominating Committee has been appointed to select candidates for next year’s officers. If you have an interest in running for office, or if you would like to take on responsibility for a special committee or project, please let me know. Some ideas were proposed at last summer’s meeting for committees and projects, and they are still under consideration.
Individual Tributes

My first memory of Dan is when he handed me the “Newest Foreign and International Law Librarian” award in July 2010. I’ve always said that I’ve never felt a warmer welcome than when I joined the ranks of FCIL librarians, and Dan Wade was one of the central figures that went out of his way to make sure I found my way. Later that year, Silke Sahl was hosting me as a law library intern. During that time, I was thrilled to learn that she had made arrangements so that I could join her for a visit to Yale. I was lucky enough to get a tour of Yale’s campus from Dan. Everywhere we went he shared details about the architecture, craftsmanship, and design. Over the years, he went out of his way to catch up with me over coffee at the AALL annual meetings. As a new professional, I was sensitive to being a burden on my more experienced colleagues. As a quintessential mentor, he managed to be approachable, and genuinely curious about, and invested in, the success of newer law librarians. I’m not sure if it started over coffee or Facebook, but once we learned we both loved gardening, we started exchanging photos and updates of the seasonal developments in our backyards. One year, he planted a pink Rhododendron, a Solomon’s Seal, and a Jack in the Pulpit—a Father’s Day present. I can’t imagine how difficult this time is for Dan’s loved ones, but I hope they can take comfort not only in the garden he tended, but also in those of us who treasure his legacy and are committed to maintaining the ambitious standards he set as a mentor, colleague, and friend.

Kristina J. Alayan
Howard University School of Law

Dan was always gently reminding us all that we should read more. He was never a scold about it, more like the voice of one’s better angel. He was right, of course.

He and Susan Gualtier started that wonderful FCIL book group at the AALL annual meeting, and I really enjoyed the times I was able to attend.

These days, whenever I decide to read a book instead of looking at my phone or watching TV, I do so with Dan in mind. I imagine that is a legacy he would greatly appreciate having left.

Rest in peace, my friend. We miss you.

Jennifer Allison
Harvard Law School

I met Dan during my first AALL meeting back over 20 years ago. I was attending a FCIL-SIS function. Dan recognized a new face and promptly came up and introduced himself. Dan was known to shepherd and welcome warmly new librarians interested in foreign and international law. His wine bottle award at FCIL receptions at AALL was a regular feature. I kept in touch with Dan over the years, mainly through AALL annual meetings. He always had time for a conversation on some interesting topic. His loyalty and steady service to the FCIL section will be missed.

Duncan Alford
University of South Carolina School of Law

I was very sorry to learn about Dan’s passing. I was just starting my career when Dan showed up at my office one day and introduced himself, and that was the beginning of our friendship. Through the years I learned to appreciate what a gentle and caring person he was. I lose not only a fellow librarian, but a dear friend I loved. I will always miss him. My heart and prayers go out to his girls and wife.

Francisco Avalos
Retired, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law

I met Dan last year in July at the AALL conference. He was there with his wife and with his Yale colleagues. I quickly came to know that Dan was well-known and highly respected by his FCIL colleagues. But it was not until my visit to New Haven a few days later, that I understood just how extraordinary he was. Dan was clearly not in his best health, but despite this limitation, he was there to meet and greet me, and even arranged to stay over in the evening and show me the New Haven commons. We walked slowly that evening, him showing me churches, and telling the history of the City, his country, his time at Yale. We had a cup of coffee at Atticus – last customers for the day, we drank it outside,

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still chatting away, waiting for the summer rain to stop, so he could walk me back to The Study. Dan was a gentleman. Dan was curious to know about me, South Africa, my home country, and my family. He couldn’t wait to show me his part of the library the next day but lamented that he was not fit enough to take me around town. The next day, after my visit to Yale library, he passed me a hand-written note, describing in detail the places I would visit this day. I recall asking with slight incredulity if Dan had considered taking a break—surely a well-deserved retirement, working on his garden. His colleagues prized his contributions to the library. Dan had more life and curiosity in him than many my own age. I am fortunate to have known you, Dan, even if it was just for a few days.

Hamba kahle.  

Mariya Badeva-Bright  
AfricanLII Programme Director, University of Cape Town

I had the opportunity to have met Dan Wade during my time as a Fellow Reference Librarian at the Yale Law Library during the fall 2019 through the spring of 2020. On several occasions, Dan invited me to presentations, activities, and other events held at Yale. Sometimes he spoke with me about free topics and materials in Spanish and French and, much like several other colleagues at Yale, Dan was always checking that I didn't feel alone during the Holidays.

Eduardo Colon  
Formerly at University of Puerto Rico

Dan was a genius at making people who felt like interlopers immediately become insiders. I first met him when I attended the FCIL SIS business meeting during the AALL annual meeting in Indianapolis, which was the first AALL meeting where I wore my FCIL hat. I did not know a single person, but Dan greeted me so warmly and kindly. He went out of his way to talk to me after the meeting, and before I left Indianapolis, I was the SIS’s new newsletter editor. See what he did there? He also had a way of responding to listserv pleas for help with a high level of expertise but never, ever coming across as a know-it-all. His vast knowledge, great sense of humor, and overall kindness are so very much missed.

Anne Burnett  
University of Georgia School of Law

I first met Dan Wade in July of 2014 at the annual business meeting of the FCIL-SIS. I had started my first full-time job as an FCIL librarian at Georgetown less than five months earlier, and I was still feeling a bit wet behind the ears. I was the only member of my department willing to brave the triple digit temperatures of San Antonio in the summer. So it fell to me to attend the business meeting.

I was pleasantly surprised to discover that the SIS has a longstanding tradition of recognizing the newest FCIL librarian at the business meeting and presenting that person with a gift from the recipient of the Schaffer Grant. After determining that I was, in fact, the newest FCIL librarian in attendance, Dan asked me to stand and presented me with two lovely gifts supplied by Irene Kraft, the associate librarian at the International Criminal Court in the Hague. The first was a short biography of Bertha von Suttner, the first female recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. The second was a set of note cards from the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam.

Since it directly followed the presentation of the Spirit of the FCIL-SIS award and the Outstanding Service award (fittingly named after Dan), my unexpected recognition at my very first business meeting felt entirely undeserved. Dan was so kind and welcoming that my embarrassment at having received an award for just showing up quickly faded. A few months later, Dan very graciously selected me as the subject of one of the very first FCIL Librarian of the Month profiles for the DipLawMatic Dialogues blog. So I’m not exaggerating when I say that Dan was the one who introduced me to the wider FCIL community.

What I will remember most about Dan is his boundless curiosity and eagerness to learn. I don’t think anyone looked forward to attending conferences more than Dan, not just for the social aspects, but for the opportunity to expand his knowledge and understanding of the world around him. That spirit of inquisitiveness is something that I aspire to emulate in my own career. My only regret is not having gotten to know Dan better during the six years that followed our initial meeting. He was such a fixture in the FCIL community that it seemed as if he would always be there. Now that he is gone, our little world of FCIL librarianship is a whole lot smaller.

Charles Bjork  
Georgetown University Law Center
The AALL Annual Meeting is always on top of my to do list for the year. I look forward to participating in the variety of options available in the programme as well as meeting up with colleagues to learn and share from their experiences.

Dan Wade was one of those colleagues as he was a permanent figure at all the FCIL-SIS meetings and events. We had met at the IALL conferences but my first close interaction with him was when he approached me after one of the FCIL-SIS African IG meetings. His comments to me were that I should ensure that Nigerian vendors are more proactive in making legal publications from that jurisdiction available and accessible to academic libraries overseas. I found Dan’s comments to be very genuine and honest coming from a librarian with a passion for what they do!

During the free time we managed to have in between sessions at AALL, I watched from a distance but with admiration how Dan and Victor Essien (Former Chair of the African IG) discussed American politics and social justice issues.

The FCIL-SIS Book Discussion Group started in 2014 by Dan Wade was something I looked forward to at the AALL Annual Meeting. In as much as I didn’t have time to sit down with others to review the books, I found the selection of books very stimulating and enlightening! An exemplary leader who treated everyone with respect, Dan would sit at whatever corner in the Convention Centers and engage participants of the Book Discussion Group.

Rest in peace Dan Wade, I pray that your family find comfort in the good deeds you left behind!

Yemisi Dina
Osgoode Hall Law School (Canada)

I was introduced to Dan Wade seven years ago, just after I first started work as a FCIL librarian. As soon as he heard that I was new, Dan immediately made me feel welcome, gave me advice on being a better librarian, and shared stories that both entertained everyone present and encouraged us to share his love of the profession. And then he never stopped doing any of those things for as long as I knew him.

I've spoken to many more librarians since I first met Dan, and in all that time I've never heard him so much as mentioned without someone saying something similar to one of the things I just wrote; it never failed to impress me that this is who he was to all of us. He will definitely, absolutely be missed.

Daniel Donahue
Georgetown University Law Center

Dan was one of the first to support whatever excited his colleagues. For me, this showed through his full-hearted commitment to DipLawMatic Dialogues. Each year, Dan was always one of the first to volunteer to write a post for the blog and to encourage his team at Yale to contribute. I encourage you to re-visit Dan's FCIL Librarian of the Month post, the first recognized, which was posted back in August of 2014. In it, Dan shared what mattered most to him: his dear family and "the training of the next generation of foreign and international law librarians, because they can help others." We certainly try to, and a large part of us being able to help is because Dan helped all of us.

I always appreciated how warm and welcoming he was to all those interested in FCIL librarianship—whether they had that FCIL Librarian title or not. For an early career librarian, it can be easy to question whether you belong, but Dan always made it clear that we all do. I’m thankful for that.

Alyson Drake
Fordham University School of Law

Dan Wade, Yale Law School, April 10, 2017 (photo by Shana Jackson).
I met Dan Wade while I was still a graduate student in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. At that time, I was working part time as a graduate assistant at the UIUC law library and Dan was there to consult about the library’s foreign law collection. We were introduced and it was immediately clear that he knew everything there was to know about foreign law resources. He was also extremely warm and friendly. Dan took an interest in my background and studies, and he encouraged me to apply for a forthcoming position at the Yale Law Library where he had been working. Luck and circumstance eventually brought me to Yale several months later.

My work at Yale was initially as a reference librarian, but I saw Dan almost daily and he was always the same, warm, caring, intelligent person I had met in Illinois. After about two years in general reference, I ended up as an FCIL librarian at Yale. I relocated to a different office on a different floor in the library and ended up just two doors down from Dan. His office was, well, legendary for its messy accumulation of books, journals, papers and other material. But somehow, he knew where everything was. As head of the FCIL department, he became one of my mentors and I embarked on a new and exciting aspect of my career. It wasn’t long before I knew without a doubt that in terms of my profession, I was home! Part of that homecoming feeling was due to the welcome I received from Dan.

Dan took an active interest in my development as an FCIL librarian, and he helped provide opportunities for me to grow professionally. After several years at Yale, my career took another turn and I ended up as the new library director at Emory, about a thousand miles from New Haven. Dan and I kept in touch over the ensuing years. We met at AALL, FCIL-SIS events, and other meetings and he never failed to send a Christmas card with news of his family, his genuine concern for the problems of the world, and his very kind inquiries into the lives of my own family.

While I could recall a number of specific “Dan stories,” they would likely have little interest to anyone else. What I most want to convey in this brief memorial is my memory of Dan as a steady heartbeat of kindness and compassion; he was a gentle, genial, congenial, and powerfully intelligent force. His knowledge of foreign, comparative, and international legal resources was encyclopedic and second to no-body else’s. He had an unflappable, steady goodness that I recall the most. How he lived his life and how he interacted with others helped shape my own world view, and he helped make the world a better place. While it is still difficult to contemplate his passing, I try to be thankful for the privilege of knowing and working with Dan Wade.

Mark Engsberg
Emory University School of Law

I first met Dan through my participation in the North East Foreign Law Librarians Cooperative Group, so he always epitomized the spirit of sharing, mutual support, mentoring and collective responsibility the group was designed to foster. At every meeting, he was thoughtful, knowledgeable and encouraging, and facilitated the discussion with his insightful questions that always cut to the heart of the issue and brought in more we had not thought of. This spirit of inquiry, growth and sharing also demonstrated itself annually at the FCIL-SIS reading group he started for the AALL annual meetings, during which we would explore the most difficult and timely questions in international law and international relations through a book carefully selected through the consensus he was always able to create around him. I will miss terribly his gift for simultaneously challenging us to be our best intellectually while treating each other gently.

Gabriela Femenia
University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School

Dan Wade was the dean of FCIL librarians. I met Dan at my first COALL in Orlando in 2002. Dan was a COALL facilitator, and he eagerly welcomed me to the law librarian profession. Over the years Dan helped me and other University of Iowa law librarians with FCIL and collection development issues. He was a real friend of Iowa, and we were honored to host Dan and his wife when they visited Iowa City. From my first meeting I saw that for Dan, FCIL librarianship was a vocation. His dedication was total.

Don Ford
University of Iowa College of Law
Dan Wade and Claire Germain, San Francisco, CA, 1992 (photo by Stuart Basefsky)

Dan Wade was a terrific librarian, I called him a gentle giant. We collaborated a lot on the development of the FCIL-SIS and all foreign and international law research matters. He was always kind and full of useful information to share. He was generous, and he had the soul of a poet. I remember that, during the IFLA/IALL meeting in Paris in 1989, we went together on an excursion to the Monet Gardens in Giverny. There, he gave me a copy of *Linnea in Monet’s Garden*, a book that he particularly enjoyed. I will miss Dan, his generous mind and his thoughtfulness. His personal achievements and his professional contributions to the profession will stay with us, as well as his marvelous spirit.

Claire M. Germain
Emeritus, University of Florida Levin College of Law

I was a latecomer to law librarianship and even more so to FCIL librarianship. In all honesty, I was intimidated by the knowledge and skills of my new colleagues, and I made very little effort to network.

I fondly remember an interaction I had with Dan at one of my first AALL meetings (perhaps around 2008). I was parked in the Wolters Kluwer area in the Exhibit Hall (undoubtedly munching on something with loads of sugar), and Dan approached me. Recognizing I was a newbie, he introduced himself and immediately put me at ease. We then began a lively conversation about topics ranging from the Chicago Cubs to our newly recognized mutual interest in Latin American legal materials.

After that conversation with Dan, my anxiety and discomfort as a new FCIL librarian dissipated a bit, and I thank him for that. As the years rolled on, Dan and I always caught up at AALL, and it was during these conversations that I truly recognized Dan’s kindness, dedication to peace and justice, and his lifelong love of learning.

Last year, I was honored to receive the FCIL-SIS’ Daniel L. Wade Outstanding Service Award, which was truly one of the highlights of my career. This award was made all the more special as it carried Dan’s name. He was an absolute treasure and will truly be missed.

Julienne E. Grant
Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Dan Wade, Yale Law School, April 10, 2017 (photo by Shana Jackson).
I worked with Dan from 2008-2016. I have so many memories of him: the first-year orientations, collection development discussions, our American History book club, conversations about religion in New England, Carol picking him up … and also his dialysis appointments.

I liked to be in the office early, so nearly every morning I would see Dan emerge from the elevator and greet him as he passed through the international law stacks on the way to his office. Most mornings we would chat about what was going on in the news for a few moments. I would accompany him onward occasionally, if the conversation warranted. We were colleagues and the relationship was ordinary, nothing sacred, nothing to be revered. On Tuesday mornings, however, we worked together on collection development. This is when he trained me on purchasing German materials and when we spent the most time together, just the two of us. This was when Dan was Dan, I was just Ryan.

We had in place a collection development policy for foreign materials, but there was some (generous) leeway. At a place like Yale, human rights and investment dispute resolution were always popular and we had a rich collection to maintain, but research interests of the faculty (and students for that matter) were not static there. If a book on the German judiciary, for example, had a novel description or focus, we would discuss it and he would more likely than not encourage me to purchase it for our users. Some of these publications were meant not only to assist the researcher, but to stimulate as well. We would later curate display cases of our titles for this exact purpose.

Later, when I was working at the United Nations, I was assisting with a proposal by the government of Italy for the UNCITRAL Commission to take up work on providing guidance for the legal creation of informal networks of businesses (imagine a host of vintners working together one year to create one massive label). Up until that time, there was no international guidance on such an arrangement. There was therefore essentially one book on the matter, written by an Italian in 2011. When I looked to consult the book, there was no copy anywhere near me in Vienna, but sure enough… Yale owned it. Business Associations was not really a main focus of the collection, but from our conversations I can easily picture him reviewing the Italian slips, considering the title and its implications for comparative legal research, and deciding to acquire it. He of course was right that this would turn out to be a very important book.

I didn’t know Dan well. I just knew him from the FCIL-SIS Foreign Law Selectors Interest Group meetings that he chaired, from serving with him on the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians Fundraising Committee and receiving the award in his name. I value this award greatly but particularly because it has his name on it. He was a scholarly bibliographer. The ranking of a colleague’s law school meant nothing to him. He treated everyone equally, gracefully and respectfully. I might add, that his humor was out on the table for everyone to enjoy. He took joy in his work, in his colleagues, and in welcoming new people to FCIL.

I shall remember him as I remember my own colleagues who have passed away, inside and quietly as I experienced him.

Ryan Harrington
Formerly at Yale Law School

Dan Wade, Julie Krishnaswami, and Ryan Harrington, Mory’s in New Haven, CT, October 2016 (photo by Cesar Zapata)
When I joined the FCIL SIS (dinosaurs still roamed the earth), Dan was one of the first people to welcome me to the group. He always had a smile and warm welcome when our paths would cross at various meetings and events. In particular, I remember the first AALL Winter Institute on Foreign Legal Systems at the Law Library of Congress back in February 1993 where Dan discussed foreign law collection building. All I could think is that I would never know as much as Dan. Twenty-seven years later, I still don’t know as much as Dan, and I never will. But that’s okay since I cherish my memories of him, what I learned from him, and thinking of him makes me smile. Rest in peace, Dan.

Marci Hoffman
UC Berkeley School of Law

I enjoyed Dan enormously and was greatly saddened to learn of his passing, so I naturally volunteered to add my little bit to whatever tribute the FCIL-SIS created in his honor. As it turns out, however, I’m somewhat chagrined to confess that I can’t honestly recall any particularly striking stories or funny incidents in my relationship with him. Dan was chair of the FCIL-SIS in 1988-89, and I interacted with him a good deal in the course of his handing the gavel over to me for my stint as chair in 1989-90. He was helpfulness personified in that process, which created a lasting bond between us. I have vague recollections of serving on panels with Dan and of talking with him at many FCIL programs and of always being impressed at the range and depth of his knowledge. But my clearest, most immediate response to the stimulus “Dan Wade” is simply “what a wonderfully kind and gentle human being.” Oh, but there was the FCIL meeting when Dan presented his paper entitled “The Wade Vade Mecum on Comparative Law,” and he referred to the work as his wadeI vadeI . . . never mind, I guess you had to be there (and know Latin, which was just one of the many languages Dan had mastered).

Timothy G. Kearley
Emeritus, University of Wyoming College of Law

I met Dan Wade when I first became one of the International and Foreign Librarians at New York University School of Law in 2016. I had occasion to make his acquaintance at a meeting of the Northeastern Foreign Law Librarians Cooperative Group. I had little experience doing collection development for civil law jurisdictions, and I was eager to learn.

Dan Wade was everything I believe a librarian should be. He was not only extremely knowledgeable, but he genuinely cared about sharing his extensive experience with others. He was active in the profession when he didn’t need to be, when he had significant health challenges. He gave so much of himself.

It was because of colleagues like Dan that I was able to gain my footing and feel more confident about my new job duties. What a gift. Rest in peace, Dan. We will miss you, and we will do our best to exemplify your generosity and commitment to community.

Sarah Jaramillo
NYU School of Law

Dan was such a warm, welcoming figure at the law library. When I joined the collection development team, he immediately shared his vast knowledge with me. I had no idea he was such a giant in the FCIL field—he was that humble and unassuming. Socially he was always up for football games, law school picnics, and anything else that brought us all together. Some of my brightest memories are from times spent with his family outside of work. He always had a bright aura around him. The office won’t be the same without Dan.

Cate Kellett
Yale Law School
A TRIBUTE TO DAN, MENTOR EXTRAORDINAIRE

Dan was a legend and a gem in the foreign, comparative, and international law field. I was in awe of his knowledge from our first conversation at a 2002 AALL Annual Meeting. As a newer law librarian, I had great trepidation even approaching him and introducing myself at an early morning FCIL committee meeting. After a few minutes, though, I knew that I had found a kind new mentor, guru of FCIL work, and kindred spirit. He had a quick, relatable wit and unparalleled acumen. He immediately gleaned his connections to me with my Indiana law school background near his birthplace, coupled with mutual Chicago law firm experience. A powerhouse collector of FCIL materials, Dan carved out time and careful dedication toward educating the next generation and encouraging them along. I remember him regularly checking in on me when I began my FCIL law librarian career, and then checking in periodically to show he cared. He further reached out to me out of the blue when I assumed a director job, and educated me about his director having served at my school. He seemingly had a fact and connection for every occasion. Many brilliant folks miss the nuances of shared humanity and acts of kindness, so Dan always stood out to me as a genuine and reliable star mentor. I read his article, The Wisdom from Mount Nebo (Hiei): Advice to a Young Person Aspiring to Become a Foreign and International Law Librarian, like the Bible of FCIL literature. I read it over and over early in my career to inspire me, again during my mid-career, and I recommend it to newer FCIL librarians to pass along the nuggets of wisdom. Dan will be sorely missed for all of the devotion, dedication, love, and service that he showed to his colleagues in FCIL work and during service initiatives. The award in his name codifies the next generation of leaders and mentors to carry on his work and passion for FCIL collection development. Our FCIL profession is an exciting lifelong journey and, as Dan once said, happy running! May we always inspire and instill confidence in the next generation of new FCIL librarians as Dan would trust and encourage us to do.

Heidi Frotestad Kuehl
Northern Illinois University Law School

I met Dan for the first time in Seattle in 2013 at a FCIL booth for a CONELL fair. I was still a junior librarian who had just started as a FCIL librarian in Boston in 2011 after having served 2 years in Miami as an instructional services librarian. I had a lot to learn and was concerned about the future direction of my career. Dan listened to me and gave me advice on my career as a FCIL librarian. Later, as vice president of the Asian American Law Librarians Caucus (AALLC), I invited Dan to the diversity program meeting at the AALLC, where chairs of the Black Law Librarians Caucus and the AALL Diversity Committee also spoke. Dan came to our meeting even though he met me only one time. He was one of a small group of attendees. I was surprised to see him there and really appreciated his attendance and attention. He really listened to us. He was the kind of person who was humbly interested in and supportive of diversity in the librarian world. I will miss him a lot.

Jootaek Lee
Rutgers Law School

I will always remember Dan for his kind heart and generous spirit. Dan made people feel welcome. One way he did this was by reaching out to each year’s recipient of the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians before the AALL Annual Meeting and inviting them to bring a special gift to be given to the newest FCIL Librarian. This gifting is one of my favorite traditions at our annual FCIL-SIS business meeting, and Dan is the one that made this happen! Over the years, many Schaffer Grant recipients had a friend in Dan before the Annual Meeting even started.

A few years ago, I enjoyed learning more about Dan when he was featured as the September FCIL Librarian of the Month on DipLawMatic Dialogues. I reread it recently, in which Dan said, “When I go to heaven, I hope to have a root beer float!” If I could speak to Dan again, I would tell him to enjoy as many root beer floats as he could get his hands on, and thank him for being such a caring person and thoughtful colleague.

Sherry Leysen
Chapman University Fowler School of Law
I described Dan Wade to an aspiring FCIL librarian recently as a “Pied Piper” – someone who leads us all, but to something good, not bad. Dan was one of the first people I met when I became an FCIL librarian back in the late 80’s. And I got to benefit from his mentorship, wisdom, pioneering projects, and kindness. And to try to continue his initiatives.

Dan also spearheaded efforts to continue the formal educational programming to train the future/next generation of FCIL librarians started with the AALL/Oceana Institutes in the early 90’s. He helped develop a series of full-day workshops for FCIL-SIS members to continue our professional development.

Dan also started the FCIL-SIS interest groups that we have today. They were called “working groups” back then, in 1988. I tried to continue them too when I was FCIL-SIS chair by adding an International and Intergovernmental Issues WG to cover IGOs & NGOs, but it didn’t stick. However, because of Dan, and active and engaged FCIL-SIS members, we have thriving jurisdictional and subject IGs to this day.

It was also Dan’s idea to have the FCIL-SIS “Senior Caucus” gift bottles of wine to the newest members of the FCIL-SIS at the annual business meeting.

Dan was a welcoming presence to new FCIL-SIS members, a mentor to us all, and a friendly, kind presence whenever we met.

Early in my career, Dan told me I should “read,” which I’ve tried to do. I was able to read at least one book a year when Dan started the FCIL-SIS AALL annual meeting book discussion group in 2014. Our book club came with donuts.

Dan was always encouraging of my FCIL initiatives and exploits. In 2014, I received the Daniel L. Wade Award for Outstanding Service to the FCIL-SIS. I am very proud to have received something that means I am continuing Dan’s great legacy of service to our FCIL community. He gave us so much. Thank you, Dan, for always having been there to support and help us. Thanks for all the ways you’ve enabled us to connect with each other and share our special FCIL expertise.

Lyonette Louis-Jacques
University of Chicago Law School

Dan started the “Jumpstart” guide in 1993. He called it "List of Foreign and International Law Librarians Who Have Expressed a Willingness to Help Non-Experts" (FCIL Newsletter, Feb. 1993, at 19-28). I continued it a decade later as the “Jumpstart” guide to foreign, comparative, and international legal research. And evolved it into a directory of contacts that included pictures of everyone who volunteered to help other librarians with FCIL questions (including Dan). Mary Rumsey took over updating the “Jumpstart” guide, and it’s now maintained by the FCIL-SIS Electronic Research Interest Group.
TRIBUTE FOR DAN WADE

Lucie asked me if I would write a tribute for my colleague Dan Wade, just around the time when the spring bi-annual meeting of NEFLLCG (Northeast Foreign Law Librarians’ Cooperative Group) took place. Dan was a founder of the group, a forum made up of librarians-selectors of academic libraries of the Northeast, in addition to Law Library of Congress, who meet to discuss issues relating to foreign law collection development. I thought it would be meaningful that I share with you my memories of Dan’s trip when he attended his last NEFLLCG meeting on a wintry day last December.

The day before the meeting, Dan and I exchanged phone numbers and train information. We did not pre-arrange a time to meet but we ran into each other at the New Haven Union Station. He was in good spirits, not frazzled by the bustling commotion on the platform or in the crowded commuter train. We chatted and he asked how I was going to get to the mid-town Manhattan campus of Fordham Law Library. He was going to get a cab, or walk, he said. I told him I would be taking the subway train from Grand Central – which would involve taking the cross-town shuttle train, finding the way in the station’s underbelly labyrinth, and going up and down the many stairs leading up and down the platforms. He said he would travel with me. Having been aware of his health, I was worried for him, but at peak rush hour on a December morning, neither walking nor hailing a cab was a viable alternative. We soldiered on.

Once the train pulled into Grand Central Station one could feel the infectious energy of the city. Dan looked energized, not overwhelmed. For the rest of the journey, I would lead the way, stop, wait for him to catch up, and we continued with the trip. On our journey back to New Haven, he easily got past the subway station turnstile, but I got stuck due to a malfunctioning ticket. When I managed to get a replacement ticket in the nick of time, just as our downtown train pulled into the station, Dan was elated. We finally got settled on our seats in a somewhat packed Metro North train. Dan looked tired, but happy and gratified, pulled out a book from his tote bag and read.

At the time I did not understand why he was so determined to attend the meeting in spite of its physical toll on him. Two weeks ago, at the latest NEFLLCG meeting, some 30 librarians shared experiences of how the Covid lockdown has impacted their library budgets, collections and services. A recurring theme in the discussions was the desire and need for collaborative collection development. In these uncertain times, reasons for so doing are plenty and pressing, be it for collecting primary sources of politically unstable countries to ensure access to information about foreign institutions, governments or the law, or for preservation of an institution’s collection foci by digitization, or for keeping commercialism at bay and minimizing the prohibitive cost increases by vendors. I could not but feel a renewed appreciation for Dan’s dedication to the group and the vision of the founders of NEFLLCG as a forum where these conversations can take place and be translated into coordinated, meaningful and productive collaborations.

Evelyn Ma
Yale Law School

Dan Wade was a force in my life from the moment I met him during my interview at Yale in the summer of 2005. He asked a question I did not know the answer to during my presentation to the library staff! And so it would be for the next 15 years – Dan would pepper me with questions to which I did not know the answers, but would need to search and discover. That was just one of Dan’s methods of pushing me to constantly learn and be better. Dan would nudge me along in other ways, too. He liked to delegate.
I was very saddened to hear of Dan’s passing. He was an extremely kind and caring person and will be missed. Although I would only see him once a year at AALL meetings, he was always interested in how I was and what I was doing. And he never failed to ask me questions about the United Nations, even after my retirement from the organization.

Also, I have to credit Dan for introducing me to the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL). When IALL held its meeting at Yale in 2002, the optional day excursion was a day at the UN, and Dan called and asked me if I would help to arrange a speaker from the Library. Everything else was already taken care of. I ended up helping out all day and was so impressed with the group from IALL that I eventually joined and now regularly attend their meetings.

My condolences go out to his family and friends. Dan was a very special person and will definitely be missed by us all.

Rosemary Noona
Retired, United Nations Dag Hammarskjold Library

People were what was important to Dan. In no way do I want to denigrate any of Dan's collection building and scholarly work, but everything Dan did was for people. His passion for social justice is well known, as is his unrivaled community building. FCIL and LHRB? Really! I feel inadequate to mark the ways that Dan impacted so many. I’ve deleted many sad attempts.

Rather than list some of Dan's accomplishments, I thought that I would mention two skills that I think made Dan so powerful. First, he cared about people. He cared a lot about a lot of people. Second, he built communities. It seems so simple, care about people and cooperate. But, that’s what Dan taught me.

Dan was very smart and he worked hard, but what always shone through for me was Dan’s goodness. Hard work and brains aren’t that common, but they are a lot more common than goodness. Dan was a fundamentally good person and the world is much less bright without him. I am sure that’s not how he would take it. He would encourage us to bring people together and work for the world that we want.

I will miss him.

John Nann
Yale Law School
I first met Dan about fifteen years ago at AALL CONELL. I wasn’t even an F/I librarian then but wanted to be, and so I volunteered for all I could, including staffing the FCIL-SIS CONELL table. And there was Dan – the quiet and generous giant of our profession. Of course, I didn’t know that at the time. He struck a conversation and made me feel very welcome. As the Annual Meeting went on, I kept seeing Dan at almost all FCIL meetings. The Foreign Selector’s Meeting was particularly telling as he seemed to be in his element. By the close of the conference, it was clear to me who Dan Wade was. At that moment I was even more appreciative of the way he welcomed me into the SIS and how he went out of his way to introduce me to everyone. I felt energized and connected, and I was beyond grateful to Dan for facilitating such a warm welcome into the F/I world.

I stayed in touch with Dan over the years and would see him at subsequent meetings, always looking forward to learning something new from him. I wished to have the opportunity to work with him directly. He had this way of sharing information and teaching without being a know-it-all. In 2017, when I joined Yale, I had the first-row seat to the magic Dan spread around. His knowledge was inspiring, his unwavering passion and commitment to the profession and to the idea of creating a state-of-the-art F/I collection for future generations was infectious, and his kindness was unmatched. We would take care of business during our meetings, but what I am most grateful for are the moments of laughter and informal chats we shared. He took life as it came at him and never wasted a minute.

I was so blessed to know Dan, the peacemaker. Whether on a small scale in the office, or on the big stage when advocating for social justice and equal rights for all, as one of his lifelong commitments was to peace. His book displays were curated with a well thought out and articulated message furthering this goal. From time to time, we would find a bowl of chocolates in the F/I area – that was Dan’s way of bringing awareness to us and the students about an important International Day. He would bring newspaper and magazine clippings of topics he knew were of interest. Just being next to Dan, one would always learn a life-lesson.

Thank you, Dan, for your open heart, your bright mind, your sharing spirit, and inspiring outlook on life. I will miss you. May your kind soul rest in peace.

Lucie Olejnikova
Yale Law School
A GREAT COLLEAGUE AND MENTOR: DAN WADE

I first met Dan Wade in 1989, at the AALL Convention, in Minneapolis. He was very easy to approach; his kindness and warmth were very encouraging for me as I was at the beginning of my career in the field of International, Foreign, and Comparative Law librarianship. I will always remember him, with a United Nations Flag, leading the way for the FCIL Librarians towards their table at the AALL’s Conventions Luncheon. He always had an interesting story to tell, a good word to address. I also remember him as one of the founders and most active members of the North-Eastern Group for Foreign Law, the initiator of the VCR’s, and a bright, creative mind within the group. His intellectual curiosity was endless, from International, Foreign, and Comparative Law, to History and Theology.

Dan Wade will be dearly missed as both a great colleague and mentor.

Jonathan Pratter
University of Texas School of Law

Dan Wade was one of the first people to make me think that I had a contribution to make to FCIL librarianship. He saw that before I did. Dan was good at encouraging people. He was collegial. He understood that FCIL librarianship was a multi-dimensional pursuit that calls on the best of what it means to be a law librarian -- it is both an intellectually stimulating and a helping profession.

Radu D. Popa
NYU School of Law

Dan Wade always entered a room with modesty, carrying with him a set of challenging ambitions for what he wanted to see accomplished there. That is how I recall meeting Dan at Yale Law School decades ago; I think I was still working at New York Law School and we were on a staff “field trip” there. This pattern continued as Dan arrived over the decades in countless rooms at the Annual Meeting of AALL, chairing the Foreign Law Selectors group and attending other FCIL gatherings. Dan was respectful and affectionate towards everyone in the room just as surely as he also meant business. Out would come his well-crafted handouts for circulation, and he had listed jurisdictions and legal resource types for us to study and to which we might commit our institutions. He assumed we shared his desire to see the rule of law advance globally through access to information. That was Dan as my teacher and inspiration on a professional level.

Dan entered social gatherings spaces with enthusiasm but also an underlying purpose. He made no secret of his desire to see minds and hearts opened and won over by, once again, access to information about legal systems and international organizations that would promote justice and human rights. Over lunch or in an exhibit area, either at AALL or at the annual meeting of the American Society of International Law (ASIL), Dan would suggest new projects or approaches to getting us all cooperating and building the information infrastructure of a better world.

The last phase of my knowing Dan, and of owing him so much gratitude for his role in my life as an inspiration and a gatherer of detailed sources for our institutions, was characterized by his intellectual curiosity. In the big room of the exhibit halls, the Dan Wade Book Club became, as we now say, a “thing” at AALL where we read non-fiction and even some memoirs that really touched subjects such as foreign policy and as always, human rights. We read and discussed titles such as In the Shadow of Korematsu: Democratic Liberties and National Security, by Eric K. Yamamoto and lastly, in 2019, No Friend But the Mountains: Writing from Manus Prison, by Behrouz Boochani, either with or without Dan’s being able to join us. He was always there in spirit.

The last room I occupied with Dan was a lunch together at last year’s 2019 ASIL Annual Meeting. The Hilton lobby was not very friendly to someone moving very slowly, with a frail grandeur, but at a free table we shared what would be our last conversation about life and work. We were not sure if we were getting smarter; we were sure we were not getting younger; but we both surveyed the crowd of engaged international lawyers, at least some of whom probably wanted to change the world for the better. Dan accomplished that for his part of the world, proving that the heart has its own agenda, one that he carried out from Yale Law School and in his New Haven community. A librarian can do this, and Dan Wade showed us the way.

Marylin Raisch
Georgetown University Law Center
Dan was one of two reference librarians I knew who had worked for Igor Kavass at Vanderbilt Law Library (this goes way back). The other was Howard Hood. Howard and Dan became friends. Perhaps it was the meeting of two people who each thought it was important to have meaningful avocations outside of law libraries. Perhaps it was because they both genuinely enjoyed getting to know people (and who knows, maybe they also reminisced about Prof. Kavass).

After I moved to NYC, Howard would get in touch with me when he came to attend the Met (Opera). When he could, Dan would take the train to NYC so that he could catch up with Howard and go to the Met (Museum). Just another example of how Dan would go the extra mile for a friend. When I think of Dan, it is that he was gracious and kind to everyone in the room, no matter their rank in a law library.

My sincere sympathies to his family.

Jeanne Rehberg
NYU School of Law

I first got to know Dan Wade at my very first meeting of NEFLCOCG, perhaps at Yale or Columbia, in the fall of 1991. He was warm and welcoming and always supportive, sharing his knowledge of the Foreign Law collections in the US. In the process of visiting libraries as I familiarized myself with the varied collections, Dan was my first stop. Bob Buckwalter insisted that Dan would be the best place to begin and sent me down to Yale to spend some time with him. I will always be grateful for the help he provided as I found my feet.

Dan had a passion for sharing knowledge and teaching the new FCIL librarians. He was a driving force behind the foreign law interest groups, creating places for us all to share information. Getting together at least twice a year at meetings and occasionally for dinner in Cambridge with his wife Carol, we shared the stories of adopting and child rearing. We had a lot of fun at IALL and AALL and at NEFLCOCG sessions in New York.

I last saw Dan at the Fordham NEFLCOCG meeting in November 2019. He wasn’t well, but he was determined to come and contribute. We were still working on the collection collaborations that had been his inspiration in the 1980s and which are even more important now.

He was a good friend and I will miss him!

Bridget Reischer
Harvard Law School

Many people will remember Dan Wade as a leading specialist in foreign, comparative, and international law librarianship, as a stalwart supporter of the FCIL SIS, as a helpful colleague, and as a mentor, and he was all that. But I will remember him primarily as a man deeply concerned about others. This is partly exemplified in his commitment to human rights, peace, and justice, but it is also demonstrated by the fact that he became a friend with so many people with whom he came into contact.

When I started my library career at Yale, the foreign/international collection was housed in a three-story underground Annex. In addition to stacks and a small reading room, the Annex also contained closed carrels that were assigned to graduate law students, most of whom came from other countries. Dan encouraged the graduate students to use the reading room as a place to interact with one another. There were frequent conversations among the students, usually friendly but sometimes heated, and Dan would often join in. (One of the more heated conversations I remember took place at the outset of the Gulf War. Dan was on the anti-war side.) He learned to know many of the students individually. Probably due to his Midwestern roots, he wanted them to experience American hospitality, and he often invited groups of foreign students to his home for holiday meals. I experienced the same hospitality when my mother visited New Haven a few months after my father passed away, and he and Carol invited us to dinner, along with a Norwegian doctoral student (and his wife) who was spending a few weeks at Yale conducting dissertation research. After I left Yale, we would meet to catch up at the Annual Meeting. He was always looking for ways to connect with the people around him.

Dan was my mentor in FCIL librarianship, but he was also my friend. And not just my friend, but a friend to so many with whom he came into contact. While the profession has lost a giant, we have all lost a friend.

Kenneth Rudolf
Emeritus, University of La Verne College of Law
Dan Wade has been one of my most respected and valuable colleagues and peers during the years I worked as the Reference Librarian for International and Foreign Law at the NYU Law Library. Even though he has been at Yale, we cooperated all the time as members of many professional groups and committees. Dan had always encouraged me at the beginning of my career. He always gave me so much comfort during difficult times. I was a fortunate recipient of his generosity. I want to recall a few instances when Dan not only had acknowledged my work but had been unconditionally on my side, giving me strong support and motivation to continue my work.

On July 16, 1999 during the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) 92nd Annual Meeting we attended Meet the Legal Specialists: Expert Advice on Research and Acquisitions of Foreign Law in the Vernacular. The workshop was held in the National Digital Library Learning Center. After the workshop Dan Wade and I joined by Victor Essien had a private meeting with the Law Librarian of Congress at that time, Rubens Medina. During the meeting I evaluated the Global Legal Information Network (GLIN). It came after much work with the GLIN search engine and back and forth communications with GLIN representatives. During the meeting Dan endorsed all my findings. His presence gave me the courage I needed. After that meeting GLIN underwent many changes and GLIN was released with new interface in 2006. GLIN was unfortunately discontinued in 2012.

At the 2006 AALL Annual Meeting in Saint Louis, MO, during the FCIL-SIS Foreign Law Selectors Meeting—Dan Wade asked the group to take a minute to congratulate and acknowledge “Mirela Roznovschi’s work on the web relating to foreign and international law research. 2006 marks the tenth anniversary of her Guide to Foreign and International Legal Databases.” I was totally surprised. I had no idea that Dan counted the years of the guide being there. In the handout Dan had even inserted a snapshot of the Guide. When Dan learned that I was retiring, he reached out and suggested we meet for lunch or dinner together with his wife, Carol. It just happened that during the AALL in July 2013, I received the Daniel L. Wade FCIL-SIS Outstanding Service Award. I was so honored and humbled receiving an award named after someone I admired so much. Finally, in November 2013 Dan, Carol, and I had an early dinner at the Olive Tree Café (a Cellar with Middle Eastern cuisine, Chaplin films & chalkboard tables) on MacDougal Street, near NYU Law School. We had a wonderful visit although I found out more about Dan’s health. He was not supposed to travel, however he did, to see me. Whenever I published a book, Dan bought it. He was an avid reader. He was a man of generosity, curiosity, looking far ahead of the profession, nurturing generations of law librarians, and encouraging them to properly advance in the uncharted waters of the digital era. Dan Wade is a luminous presence in our field, a rare pious soul and a Christian of an unmatched generosity. I feel my world is poorer without Dan. A part of my personal continent has disappeared.
Dan was a remarkable person. In addition to being intensely interested and versed in so many subjects, he was interested in people, their lives, their families, their traditions. The one story that comes to my mind, therefore, has more to do with Dan as a caring thoughtful friend than as a professional colleague. After I was married almost 33 years ago, my husband and I received a surprise gift from Dan and Carol. It was, and remains, a beautifully illustrated book on Jewish Ketubahs. We now remember him, thankful that we knew him and grateful for his friendship over these 37 years.

Ellen Schaffer
Retired, U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago, Chile

What I remember most about Dan was his kind and caring nature. When I was first assigned responsibilities for foreign and international law, I asked him about collection development. Without hesitation, he took time for a novice and gave me some basic guidance. Over the years, he continued to take an interest in the development of my skills in foreign and international law. Dan was always willing to take time to visit and share his wealth of knowledge and experience. He will be missed greatly.

Dennis Sears
Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School

Dan Wade! I heard and saw this name quite often as I started attending conferences of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) in the early 2000s. I was studying international law at the time so I joined the Foreign, Comparative, and International Law group. Soon I realized that I was in the minority because, unlike everyone else, I did not have a law degree. Needless to say, I was quite sheepish in the group. I would go to the meetings, learn as much as I could, and exit. Dan observed this and, while in the exhibit hall, struck up a conversation with me. He inquired about my background and interest. I told him that I was interested in marine environment. I added that I was working on my masters’ thesis on the ballast water convention. He became really enthusiastic! Told me that this was an upcoming area of the international law which I should pursue.

After hearing the words from a person of such stature — professional as well as physical — I barely managed to thank him and moved on to the other areas of the exhibit hall. His encouragement and inspiration did their magic. I finished my thesis in due course and managed to present it at the Annual Meeting of the Indian Society of International Law and Nagpur University Law School in 2004. Upon learning this, Dan persuaded me to send a proposal to AALL. The proposal was accepted, and the topic was presented in 2005.

During the question and answer session that followed the presentation, Mirela Roznovschi of the NYU Law school, asked me if I could submit it to Globalex, — an online publication — which she was publishing. I answered affirmatively and the article was published. It has been updated periodically. The most recent update was done more than three years ago. I heard of the sad demise of Dan while contemplating the next revision. That shock propelled me to get on with the update.

None of this would have happened if Dan — the “Big Man” — did not inspire me. The “Big Man” had a big heart and strong helping hands. I owe a lot to this great personality. The question is not how I remember him but how can I forget him? Dan, you will be missed.

Arundhati Ashok Satkalmi
Retired, St. John’s University School of Law
I was sorry to hear about Dan. It was announced on one of the FCIL Librarian message boards. As sad as I was to hear the news, I couldn't help but feel so grateful that I had the opportunity to work with him. It was one of his articles that helped to encourage me to take the leap into law librarianship and I was always a little star struck by him -- but he went out of his way to be kind and welcoming. The Yale library won't be the same without him -- but because he was such a vital part of the community, I know his spirit is still very much there.

Stacia Stein
Formerly at Yale Law School

I only really had one meeting with Dan Wade, but it meant the world to me. In spring 2006 I was studying in China and about to return home to the US to seek my first FCIL librarian job. I'd read his article "Wisdom from Mount Nebo (Hiei): Advice to a Young Person Aspiring to Become a Foreign and International Law Librarian" and emailed him to let him know that I enjoyed it. He soon replied and we exchanged emails a couple more times. By coincidence, we were going to be in Des Moines, Iowa, at the same time in June: he to attend a church conference and me because I'm from there and was using it as my job search base. He offered to meet me for lunch at a downtown cafe to discuss job-hunting strategy. We chatted for around an hour before he had to go back to his conference. He was so kind and funny. I remember thinking then how incredibly lucky I was to be speaking with him because he was an FCIL librarian legend and a super busy guy. I was just an aspiring FCIL librarian with time on my hands. But he didn't mind. He genuinely wanted to help. That was classic Dan, part of what made him so great.

Two months later I landed an FCIL librarian job. I've happily been an FCIL librarian ever since. I ran into Dan briefly once or twice at AALL in the late 2000s-early 2010s. We lost touch after that. Like countless others in our profession whom he touched and inspired, I was saddened recently to learn of his death. My condolences go out to his family. I still cherish that day he and I met in June 2006 and have tried over the years to pay forward the generosity he showed me. And I'll keep doing so for the rest of my life.

Roy Sturgeon
Tulane University Law School

Dan Wade's generosity of heart helped define the spirit of FCIL librarianship. Dan not only built wonderful law collections, he was, more importantly, the consummate curator of law librarians. He welcomed all newcomers to the world of foreign and international legal research as cherished colleagues and friends. Interacting with Dan at the annual AALL meeting was always one of the highlights of the year. Dan shared his knowledge liberally and always with good cheer.

Dan challenged us to critically analyze authors, databases, and legal resources. He gently, but firmly, encouraged us to evaluate our collections and services in order to better serve our patrons and our fellow law librarians. He also reminded us that legal materials are not only important for legal research, but also for promoting the commonweal.

Thank you Dan for being such an inspiring role model. Let's work together to build on the outstanding legacy that Dan bequeathed us.

Sergio Stone
Stanford Law School

My first interaction with Dan Wade was an email that he sent to me, saying that he and Marylin Raisch wanted to meet with me at the upcoming AALL Annual Meeting. THE Dan Wade and THE Marylin Raisch, luminaries in the field, wanted to speak with me about a portal that I was developing to identify collections of foreign law in U.S. libraries. He was completely gracious and welcoming in that note, in our meeting, and in every communication that we ever had after that. Always generous with his time and attention, he was my go-to source for information back when I was available to be more involved with the FCIL-SIS. I credit him with setting the supportive tone that continues to identify our SIS and I hope to always emulate his good qualities.

Linda Tashbook
University of Pittsburgh School of Law
A GOOD MENTOR IS LIKE A MARATHON MONK*

I first met Dan I was so honored to be asked to take this opportunity to think and write about the importance of mentorship in one’s life, and in particular about my own experiences. I have never been part of a ‘formal’ mentor/mentee relationship, one established under the aegis of a ‘mentoring program,’ but I’ve been fortunate to benefit on both sides of the equation in a more casual way. I suspect this is the case with many people. Those who contributed to your success may not even realize the impact their good advice and counsel has had for you. But if you view them as a mentor, you clearly recognize some deep and lasting effect of the relationship you had at some crucial point in your career.

By the time I came into law librarianship I was in my late 30s, a Navy veteran, married, with one child and another on the way. Not your typical young professional with little to no life experience, I was probably not a good project for a mentor. And I had no expectation of being mentored. In my previous life, trained as an electrician, I worked in factories and production environments; mentorship was not a stock-in-trade in that world. But as luck would have it I landed in a place that taught me the value of mentoring.

My first law library job was as International Law Librarian at Yale. I am fortunate to count many of the current and former library staff members at Yale as mentors and trusted advisors, including (The Great) Morris Cohen, Blair Kauffman (The Optimist), Ken Rudolf (The Diplomat), Fred Shapiro (The Quotable), Lisa Spar (The Inscrutable), Laura Orr (The Tenacious), Marie Whited (The Stickler), Mary Jane Kelsey (The Rock), Joanne Giamattei (The Mayor), to name a few. However, only Dan Wade (The Reverend), Curator for Foreign & International Law and my director supervisor during those years, deserves the title of Mentor with a capital ‘M.’

Dan taught me, in his inimitable way, what it means to lead a balanced and fulfilling professional life. I learned that professional success is built on personal relationships, with family, friends and colleagues. Dan’s greatest contribution is not as a curator of law, but of people. Through Dan, I’ve made lasting personal and professional connections.

Dan also helped me to understand my responsibilities as a librarian to the enterprise, which in our case included the law library, the law school, the university, and the profession. From my earliest days on the job, with the law library mired in a major renovation project which had us hunkering down in makeshift offices coated in construction dust that appeared like dew each morning, Dan was intent on making sure I saw beyond the reference desk. He insisted that I spend an hour at the end of each day on professional reading. With Blair Kauffman, Dan drew me in and entrusted me as a co-editor of the Szladit’s Bibliography. He threw me into the deep end at every turn, encouraging me to participate and volunteering me when I hung back. He propelled me forward, making sure to introduce me to anyone and everyone, and ensuring all and sundry that I was highly qualified and extremely competent for whatever task was at hand. The more he said it, the more I came to believe it. And that belief in myself and my own capabilities has been a great gift that continues to serve me well. I hope I am able to pay it forward in some small measure. Thank you, Dan. Peace!

*Dan would know. Everyone else, LOOK IT UP!

Tracy L. Thompson
Principle of Healthy Organizations

Dan Wade with a student, Yale Law School, August 24, 2010 (photo by Shana Jackson)
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Stefanie Weigmann
Boston University School of Law

I met Dan for the first time when I agreed to staff our FCIL-SIS table at CONELL. I was in my second or third year of law librarianship by then and, despite not yet having a FCIL title, I attended all FCIL events and already knew who - and what - Dan was. I was so nervous when I realized we would be staffing the CONELL table together! What was I going to talk about with this brilliant man? This legend of our community? How was I going to avoid making an utter fool of myself for the whole hour that I had to share the table with him?

Well, I had barely approached the table and introduced myself when Dan, with child-like glee, launched into an explanation of why there was a giant tropical-themed display on our CONELL table, which, distracted by my own insecurities, I hadn’t even noticed until then. Our Schaffer Grant recipient this year, he explained to me and later to the CONELL participants who stopped by our table, was Atarino Helieisar from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and this display was in his honor. Right now, as I sit here writing this, I cannot remember what was in the display, nor can I remember if it was a display Dan created or one that he asked Atarino to bring with him from FSM. But, the details aren’t important. What I remember most vividly is the way Dan made me feel immediately at ease while simultaneously stunning me with his knowledge of the FSM and his marketing skills to the newbie law librarians. The hour flew by.

My experience with Dan was not a blip. He was always like that. Every subsequent interaction I had with Dan in the years that followed felt similarly invigorating and yet also comfortable. Like talking to a person I had known far longer than what my calendar claimed. And I saw the way that you, our members of the FCIL-SIS community, reacted to Dan. Your faces just lit right up and your countenance changed from a worried/pained expression as you rushed around a convention center into a sincere smile. You paused to say hello. Dan made us pause.

Not many people consistently offer superior intellect and genuine warmth, but Dan did so, effortlessly. We are so blessed for that. We are also lucky that a video of Dan, talking animatedly about his life and career, is available for us in perpetuity.¹ I recommend watching that video whenever you feel uninspired. Dan’s energy and passion for the work we do will light you right up, all over again.

Loren Turner
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¹ Patrick Kehoe, Oral History of Law Librarianship, Daniel L. Wade, available on Spinelli’s Law Library Reference Shelf via HeinOnline.

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As a new law librarian focusing on foreign and international law, Dan became a mentor to me. He was always energetic and interested in what I was doing, even if it was painfully mundane. His interest in and support for new FCIL-SIS members is one of his many enduring legacies. Years ago, working on the FCIL-SIS strategic planning committee with Dan, I learned so much about our section’s history and the work of other FCIL colleagues. We lost a pillar of our FCIL community, but more importantly, we all lost a friend.

Jean M. Wenger
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To this day, I still clearly remember my first couple of meetings with Dan, which provided a long-lasting influence on my interest and passion for FCIL law librarianship. Back in 2010 in Denver, during my first AALL annual conference, I walked into an Asian Law Interest group meeting and sat next to a gentleman, who later I found out to be Dan Wade from Yale. Although I had already heard a lot of great things about Dan from my mentors and colleagues at the University of Michigan, even before going to the conference, it was still fascinating for a young librarian like me to meet a legend in our profession finally. I remember feeling so inspired walking out of the meeting. Then I went to another meeting for the foreign law selectors, and it turned out that Dan was the chair of the group. The foreign law selectors group meeting has since become the one meeting that I will always try my very best not to miss, because I have learned so much from Dan and other FCIL librarians over the years that missing even one such meeting would be a detriment to me.

Since then, my growing responsibility in the FCIL area gave me the luxury to work with Dan on multiple occasions and projects. I learned something new and enlightening every time I interacted with him. As many of us already know, Dan was the sponsor of AALL FCIL-SIS's Newest FCIL Librarian Award. The award enables the Schaffer Grant recipient to bring a gift from his or her country to our newest FCIL member each year. Even in the last few years, when Dan could not make it to the conference or the business meeting for health reasons, he would still make sure the award was presented in time. Presentation of the newest FCIL Librarian award is always a fun moment of our business meeting.

I feel very fortunate to have had many great mentors in the FCIL law librarianship field throughout my career. Dan is undoubtedly one mentor who shaped my career through his breadth and depth of knowledge, enthusiasm and passion, positive and calm attitude, and his willingness to inspire others.

It is absolutely a significant loss for our profession. Our profession would not be the same without Dan’s participation and guidance. However, I humbly ask all of us to carry the torch of his legacy and work even harder! Because we have to work harder without Dan. Rest in peace Dan! We will miss you very much!

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THANK YOU

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Most importantly, we send our deepest sympathies to Dan’s family, Carol and children. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We thank you for sharing Dan with us all these years and allowing us all to be so close to the greatness that Dan so graciously spread around.

Now, we encourage everyone to go and take action in support of social justice, in Dan’s name!

Sincerely,

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