

**Foreign, Comparative and International Law (FCIL-SIS) Annual Report 2020-2021**  
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The members of the FCIL-SIS Executive Committee for 2020-2021 were: Loren Turner (Immediate Past Chair), Susan Gaultier (Chair), Hunter Whaley (Vice Chair/Chair-Elect), and Jennifer Allison, (Secretary/Treasurer).

In the summer of 2020, the FCIL-SIS announced that it would be forming a Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to create a charge for a new committee to work on these issues. After a year of hard work, the charge has been drafted and submitted to the Executive Committee. The new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee will be formed in the coming months.

The FCIL-SIS also formed a new Appointments Committee to streamline its committee and interest group appointment process. We hope that the new process will help alleviate some of the workload that has at times been placed on chairs and co-chairs, offer newer members opportunities for involvement, and lead to greater diversity in committee and IG placements.

The FCIL-SIS made the most of the pandemic by hosting a wide range of virtual happy hours, discussions, and online programs throughout the year. Visit our [Continuing Education Committee Page](#) for a list of past webinars with links to videos and handouts (where applicable), and the [Annual Meeting Programs Page](#) for a list of past programs with links to accompanying materials (where applicable).

The FCIL-SIS presented the following awards to several outstanding SIS members. **Lucie Olejnikova** received the [Daniel L. Wade FCIL-SIS Outstanding Service Award](#) for her lifetime service to the SIS. **Lyonette Louis-Jacques** received the [Thomas H. Reynolds & Arturo A. Flores FCIL-SIS Publications Award](#) for her decade-long contributions to the “Slaw” column, which was compiled into an open access [International Legal Information E-book](#), and **Melissa Abernathy, Yasmin Morais, and Abby Dos Santos** received the [Spirit of the FCIL-SIS Award](#). The FCIL-SIS also recognizes **Amy Flick** for the Blog Post of the Year for her “[From the Reference Desk](#)” column on the [DipLawMatic Dialogues blog](#); **Caitlin Hunter** for the Newsletter Article of the Year for her article, “[Helping Foreign Students Thrive in U.S. Law Schools](#)” in 34(2) [FCIS-SIS Newsletter](#) (February 2020); and **Sherry Xin Chen and Alex Zhang** for the Interest Group/Committee Project of the Year for the [Asian Law Interest Group’s COVID Monitoring Project](#).

The FCIL-SIS are currently preparing for the AALL Annual Meeting, which will be held virtually this year. Its business meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2021 at 2:00 PM Central Time. Due to COVID-19, we were unable to welcome the [FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians](#) recipient this year, but we encouraged our foreign colleagues to consider re-applying in the future.