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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- AALS Annual Meeting, "Freedom, Equality, and the Common Good," January 5-9, 2022 (Virtual).
- ALA Midwinter Meeting & Exhibits, January 21-24, 2022 (Virtual).
- ASIL Annual Meeting, "Personalizing International Law," April 6-9, 2022 in Washington, DC.

## Have a Wonderful Retirement, Marilyn!

Mabel Shaw, Heather Casey, and Charles Bjork

Have you ever played "six degrees of separation" with friends? And have you met Marilyn Raisch? This means that you are within two degrees of Queen Elizabeth II! Marilyn met the Queen while getting her masters of English at Oxford. This is just one of many entertaining facts I learned about Marilyn in the years we worked together at Georgetown Law Library. Heather, Charles, and I would like to share our memories of working with Marilyn. Have a wonderful retirement, Marilyn!

### FROM MABEL

Marilyn is well known in our FCIL community for her contributions to the profession and she serves as a role model for many people. Her deep knowledge of FCIL sources and vendors along with her professional connections to librarians around the globe are invaluable and irreplaceable. Marilyn has boundless energy for professional activities. It was common for her to be chairing an SIS subcommittee, moderating an AALL program, planning a group dinner out with colleagues, and attending training sessions to further her own knowledge – all at the same time.

I wanted to write about some of our adventures while working together at Georgetown. Marilyn came to Georgetown in February of 2004 when we were scheduled to move the entire FCIL collection to a separate library in a new building six months later. She arrived in the thick of our planning and jumped right in. We had many long days, long meetings, and long laughs about how crazy our world was at the time. There was the professor who showed up in the middle of the move and asked if we could look on the truck for the

book he needed. Or how we spent part of the move wearing hard hats until the official certificate of occupancy came through. Or how we hired a new FCIL librarian whose first day was the exact first day of the move. I'll also never forget being at the AALL West party and looking over to see Marilyn smiling and dancing to Bon Jovi's *Livin' on a Prayer*. Good times!

As Marilyn moves on to her next adventure in life, we extend our very best wishes for her new chapter. Always the learner, she is pursuing a degree of Doctor of Liberal Studies, and true to form, she has already mapped out her thesis topic. My advice to her fellow classmates: make friends with Marilyn, since she takes the most detailed and meticulous notes! We could always rely on her meeting notes for specific details on what was discussed and decided even years later. This was very useful because we have lots of meetings at Georgetown. I used to tease her that she must have been super popular in law school!

### FROM HEATHER

Marilyn was always very supportive of her staff. I remember, when interviewing for my current position here at Georgetown, she asked me to name a database I would use to look for a particular piece of information. Caught off-guard, I listed a couple of different places and admitted I wasn't sure they were what she was looking for. Without belittling me, she was able to explain why the databases I'd mentioned weren't the most efficient ones to use and she laid out which database she would use in the situation.

That's one thing I've always admired about Marilyn; she's very willing to share her

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## From the Chair

Hunter Whaley



It is my honor to serve as the FCIL-SIS Chair for 2021-2022. I take the helm at a time of transition and possibility. Transition from primarily remote work, back to face-to face or hybrid environments. As our libraries reopen to our users, we can take this opportunity to reflect on past practices, internalize changes we've made throughout the pandemic, and focus on the possibilities of creating better services and programs for our users, and better collaboration with our colleagues. As your Chair, I hope that you will reach out to me should you need any assistance during the coming year!

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

First of all, please allow me to extend my sincere appreciation to Susan Gualtier, the immediate past Chair for her extraordinary leadership during an unprecedented time. Throughout the last year, Susan used the challenges of the pandemic to create opportunities for the FCIL community to come together year-round through workshops, book discussions, and happy hours. Luckily for all of us, she will continue to serve as Outgoing Chair. I would also like to thank the entire executive committee for their positivity and creativity over the past year. Thank you to Jennifer Allison, our immediate past Treasurer, for all the hard work she did to make sure our organization was financially healthy in the last two years.

I am looking forward to working with this year's executive board, Susan Gualtier, Marcelo Rodriguez as Vice Chair/Chair elect, and Caitlin Hunter as Treasurer.

### 2021 AALL ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMMING

The Executive Committee thanks Dennis Sears, Co-Chair of the Education Committee, and everyone who presented and moderated programs in Cleveland from the comfort of their homes. We had numerous members presenting on a variety of FCIL and non-FCIL topics, with FCIL highlights being:

[Facing Challenges: Access to Justice in a Global 'Virtual World'](#). Coordinated by Dennis Sears and moderated by Alison Shea.

[The Ins and Outs of India Legal Research: Learning How to Find India Primary and Secondary Law](#). Coordinated by

Many Lee

[Sovereignty, Native America, and Legal Culture: Why Accessing and Understanding Tribal Law Just Became More Important](#). Coordinated by Darla Jackson

I would also like to recognize those members that coordinated, moderated, or presented at this year's Annual Conference, but not on an FCIL focused topic. This community's breadth of knowledge continues to amaze and inspire me!

### AALL 2021 AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

At our business meeting during the 2021 AALL Annual Meeting, we were honored to give out the following recognitions and awards.

[Lucie Olejnikova](#) 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.

[Lyonette Louis-Jacques](#) received the Thomas H. Reynolds & Arturo A. Flores Publications Award, which honors a FCIL-SIS member who greatly contributes to the professional development of their AALL colleagues during any given year.

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:

[Melissa Abernathy](#)  
[Yasmin Morais](#)  
[Abby Dos Santos](#)

[Caitlin Hunter's](#) article [Helping Foreign Students Thrive in U.S. Law Schools](#) was recognized as Newsletter Article of the Year. This recognition honors an FCIL-SIS member who contributes an outstanding article to the [FCIL-SIS Newsletter](#) during the previous year.

Amy Flick's blog column, From the Reference Desk, was recognized as Blog Post of the Year. This recognition honors an AALL member who contributes an outstanding blog post to the [DipLawMatic Dialogues](#) blog during the previous year.

The Asian Law Interest Group was recognized for its [project on monitoring legal responses to COVID-19 pandemic in Asia](#). This recognition honors the FCIL-SIS committee or Interest Group that produces an outstanding project for the benefit of the FCIL-SIS and /or AALL members during the previous year.

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### CONCLUDING REMARKS

I'd like to thank everyone for their roles in the [FCIL-SIS Committees](#) and Interest Groups. Volunteers who have dedicated their time, service, and talent tirelessly and selflessly are the main driving force of our organization. It is never too late to volunteer. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge, experience, and expertise with us, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Last but not least, special thanks to Melissa Abernathy, Janet Kearney, and Carmen Valero, for their excellent work on the FCIL Newsletter, which is the archive of our SIS. The Newsletter is always looking for submissions, so please contact [Melissa](#) if you have anything

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knowledge without judgment. I always knew I could go to her if I had questions about a topic or data-set, and I never worried that she would chide me for not knowing the answers myself. It meant a lot to me as a newer librarian that Marylin was willing and able to help me learn how to be a better librarian. She was also a good model for me in terms of learning to say, "I don't have the answer right now but I'll take a look and get back to you." I really appreciated the lessons I learned from Marylin in regards to communicating about complex topics effectively with others.

### FROM CHARLES

I will always be grateful to Marylin for inviting me to co-teach "Research Skills in International and Comparative Law," the course that she developed for the Georgetown Law curriculum. Marylin extended the invitation to teach with her less than one year after I began my career as an FCIL librarian at Georgetown. As excited as I was to be teaching an FCIL-focused research course, I also felt completely out of my depth and inadequate to the task at hand. My prior teaching experience was limited to supporting 1L research instruction at the University of Illinois Law Library, where I worked as a graduate assistant during library school, and to teaching foreign-trained LLM students at Georgetown the basics of U.S. case law research.

Fortunately, Marylin's syllabus provided a roadmap not just for teaching, but also for more fully understanding how the various branches of international law have evolved over time and interact with and influence each other. As we

worked our way through the syllabus, dividing up the lectures and deciding which electronic resources to demonstrate in class, Marylin helped to fill many gaps in my knowledge. She also emphasized the need to develop research exercises drawn from real-life scenarios that would engage students intellectually and emotionally while helping them to hone their information-seeking skills. Teaching with Marylin helped me to grow professionally more than anything else I have done in my career.

Another benefit of working with Marylin was being able to draw upon her knowledge of the civil law tradition, which she acquired when pursuing her JD at Tulane University. When Father Les Orsy, the only Jesuit priest on the faculty at Georgetown Law, offered to teach a six-week seminar on Roman law for faculty members, Marylin encouraged me to attend the seminar with her. Having never taken a class in Roman law or civil law, I was intrigued, but also a bit intimidated. It turned out to be one of the highlights of my time at Georgetown. Father Orsy, who was then 93 years old and still actively teaching, impressed me with his depth of knowledge and enthusiasm for the subject. Marylin's insightful questions enhanced the experience. This seminar inspired Marylin to organize a panel at the 2016 AALL conference in Chicago on Roman law, one of many examples of Marylin's willingness to share her knowledge and expertise with her FCIL colleagues.

### Janet Kearney

A friendly face and a welcoming question are all it takes to invite people into a profession. When I first started attending FCIL-SIS events at conferences, all of five years ago, I was nervous and scared - it felt like everyone knew each other, that I was late to the clique. But Marylin saw an unfamiliar face and decided to greet me. She said hi, she asked me where I worked (Loyola New Orleans at the time), which led to a discussion about New Orleans and Tulane Law. (Come to find out, we have a shared alma mater - roll wavel) That little bit of interest meant a lot and was a first introduction to the group. I've had the opportunity to interact with Marylin at various professional events in the last few years, and her enthusiasm for the work is compelling. At the last in-person AALL conference, the planning meeting for the New Orleans conference the following year was way too early in the morning, but Marylin was there, with all of her excitement for NOLA and the rich legal culture, and we were so excited to dive into the possibilities. It will always feel like I missed a certain opportunity to have that conference in person, where we could go back to our alma mater as colleagues. I have no idea where life will take me, but if I can share Marylin's kindness and welcoming spirit, perhaps I will have succeeded. Marylin will be remembered for her many contributions to the FCIL library community, but I will never forget when she said hello.

# Minutes for the FCIL-SIS Business Meeting, July 15, 2021

Jennifer Allison

Minute-taker: Secretary/Treasurer Jennifer Allison  
([jallison@law.harvard.edu](mailto:jallison@law.harvard.edu))  
Called to order at 3:02pm EDT

Susan Gaultier, Chair, called to order.

Good to see everyone in a rough year. Very proud of all of you and all the work that you were able to get done. Special thanks to the volunteers for the DEI taskforce and nominations committee. Thanks also to those who contributed to social events, continuing education events, blog posts, etc. Introduction of executive committee: Hunter Whaley, Jennifer Allison, Loren Turner.

## CURRENT BUSINESS

1. **Approval of minutes** from 2020 business meeting, moved and seconded. Hunter was counting the votes and requested thumbs up or hand raise emojis. You must clear your emoji unless you are voting twice. Motion passed.

2. **Secretary/Treasurer report** given by Jennifer Allison. Provided statement FCIL-SIS and Schaffer Grant accounts, thanked those who donated to Schaffer Grant in the last year, and gave election results (Marcelo Rodriguez: Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Caitlin Hunter: Secretary/Treasurer).

3. **DEI Taskforce committee** report given by Erin Gow. The group was chaired by Errol Adams and Dennis Pietro-Kim, and also included Erin, Melissa Abernathy, and Abdullah Amir. They met virtually several times, generated charge (get this from Erin Gow). Question from Lyo Louis-Jacques: did you discuss decolonization? That could be something that the standing committee could address too. Erin: we didn't put it in the charge, we were more focused on the activities of the FCIL group. We wanted to deliberately leave the charge more open.

4. **African Law IG**, Yemisi Dina. Been busy: participated in collaboration with Errol Adams, chair of Black Caucus in webinar in January; applied for grants related to a project that they are working on with Alison Shea at Cornell, and received two of them totaling nearly \$4K; were able to hire a student to do work on a database, looking for a software to build database; facilitated session last week on legal information of Côte d'Ivoire; African print law holdings are keeping group busy, keep looking for members to help the group, please volunteer.

5. **Asian Law IG**, Alex Zhang. Focusing on tracking Asian legal responses to COVID; able to track 28 countries in Asia. Hope is to expand to all Asian countries.

6. **CARLIG** – Lyo Louis-Jacques. Met on July 7, talked about Buddhism and Law bibliography project that will cover multiple branches of Buddhism, still need a volunteer to cover southeast Asian branch. Lyo discussed a comparative constitutional law workshop and mentioned there will be a book published by CUP on that topic in 2022. Book group: American Sutra, by Duncan Williams (October 2021). Also had ideas for educational programs: judaic divorce law and canon law webinars. Looking for program for AALL in Denver.

7. **European Law IG** – Alison Shea. Sent email last year asking for contributors to write blog posts for the COVID European reactions, published on the blog. Busy and strange year, did not schedule an IG meeting. If anyone is interested in writing please contact Alison.

8. **ERIG** – Erin Gow. Published two resource reviews in newsletter in 2021: Janet Kearney created subseries (standard academic subscriptions in WL and Lexis – coming for that are ICJ, EU). Also updated FCIL jumpstart page, had a lot of help from Lucie to update the website.

9. **Foreign Selectors IG** – Silke Sahl. They met today and the best thing about it was seeing what everyone was up against. Stephen Wiles is coordinating and there will be individual reports in the newsletter.

10. **Indigenous People IG** – Joan Policastri. She was having some audio problems.

11. **Latin American IG** – Marcelo Rodriguez. IG has been very busy this year with the COVID 19 project. We have 60 reports in the project, many from librarians who are based in the jurisdictions reported on. Recently, they've been in touch with a librarian in Haiti. They received a grant from AALL/Bloomberg Law to hold a conference. Marcelo shared a website for the conference but asked for it not to be shared yet. Please attend and show support for the librarians in that region! New chair: Juan Andrés Fuentes. He will be in touch with the members. Another project that Abby is working on: US<>Brazil Network, hoping to have a panel, do not have to speak Portuguese to be a part of it.

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12. **Roman Law IG** – Marilyn Raisch. Could not be here to give the report.

13. **Teaching Foreign and International Legal Research** – Paul Moorman. We had two big projects. Earlier in the year updated syllabi and course materials website. Will take submissions at any time. Also did a roundtable: how you handle and manage teaching FCIL. Thank you to all who participated: journal training, clinics, videos, and moot courts. Next year's chair is Alyson Drake.

14. **Appointments committee** – David Isom. Survey was done in the spring. Questions similar to last year's survey. There were 18 results. 8 people volunteered for committees, other people wanted to be in an IG. All respondents were FCIL-SIS members.

15. **Continuing Education Committee** – Caitlin Hunter. Three events this year: Indigenous Law; Access and Preservation in US Territories; and Origins of End SARS in Nigeria. Thanks to publicity and website committees for help getting the word out. Welcome any other ideas and those who want to get involved and contribute. Upcoming webinar: foreign and international ILL by copyright committee.

16. **Education Committee** – Dennis Sears. We have a few programs this year: P11 (Alison Shea moderating, speakers are IFLA members); D1 (India research program, July 21). Committee met on July 9. If you have programming ideas please share them. Idea Scale (AALL must have programming resource where people can vote for program ideas) – put your ideas there and continue to vote.

17. **Schaffer Grant Selection** – Mark Engsborg. Great to see so many FCIL friends and colleagues. Wish we could all be together in person. Includes Sherry Leyson, Joe Hinger, and Paul Moorman. Hunter Whaley rotated off. Past two years we suspended the work of the committee. The grant is intended for an in-person experience, plus international travel was very difficult for people. We will be looking to get the work started this fall. We usually start in October and work through early months of the new year to select a grant winner.

18. **Schaffer Grant Fundraising** – Sherry Leyson. Welcome, Evelyn Ma. Thank you for continuing donations and support.

19. **International Visits** – Alex Zhang. We did not do too much in the last year, but we met yesterday and made a lot of progress. Looked at survey and made some updates

(look at updated version on website). Will work with AALL to create a community website for the survey that will give us a permanent place to store everything. Will expand publicity about survey to listservs from multiple groups. Hope that US colleagues can also provide hosting opportunities to librarians from outside the US.

20. **Nominating Committee** – Gabriela Feminia. Nominated Marcelo and Caitlin, approved by the membership. It was a tougher than normal year, we did not receive any nominees in the previous cycle, but we started keeping a pool of people last year so we were able to draw on that. Will be sending out a call after the conference for additions to that pool. Not a commitment to run, just a commitment to being amenable to being contacted by the committee.

21. **Newsletter** – Melissa Abernathy. Continued to work on the newsletter. October 2020 had COVID response info and business meeting minutes. We are looking to highlight retirements this year. Please send articles on your favorite colleagues our way and we'll compile them.

22. **Publicity** – Jessica Pierucci. Thank you to contributors: Tracy Emerson, Amy Flick, Jonathan Pratter, Loren Turner, and everyone else who recapped virtual conferences and webinars. We posted a lot of timely topics – teaching and doing reference remotely and IG reports re COVID responses. Blog views: 22K views in 2020, posted 124 posts. This year: 9K views, 58 posts. We are on our way to see similar numbers as last year, viewed by both US and international librarians. Could not do exhibit hall but we did attend CONELL and spoke to one new FCIL librarian. Thanks to Marcelo for all the work he did this year.

23. **Website** – Lucie Olejnikova. Most of the things have already been mentioned. We are continuing to work to update pages in line with strategic plan. Website update work has been done throughout the year. Handful of pages still need to be updated, they will be the focus of the work for the upcoming year. See the emails that Lucie was sending during these reports to the individuals who are in charge of IGs and committees.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Taskforce and DEI committee:** Thanks to people who volunteered to be on the taskforce this year. Will finalize the committee membership, please contact Hunter or Susan if you are interested in volunteering.

### 2. Awards

a. New Member recognition – is anyone here a new member having joined the profession (FCIL) in the last year?

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Please introduce yourself! Josh Freeman, graduating from UW law librarianship program, will be incoming FCIL librarian at LSU.

- b. Dan Wade award – Lucie Olejnikova.
- c. Reynolds and Flores award – Lyo Louis-Jacques, SLAW column contributions.
- d. Spirit of the FCIL-SIS award – Abby Dos Santos, Melissa Abernathy, Yasmin Morais.
- e. Blog post of the year award – Amy Flick.
- f. Newsletter article of the year – Caitlin Hunter.
- g. IG committee project of the year – Asian Law IG.

3. **Conference updates:** IALL completely canceled in 2020, this year (Mark Engsberg) October 4-7 virtual conference, both live and recorded sessions, registration open; IFLA (Anne Burnett) cancelled in 2020 in Dublin – rescheduled to be live in 2022, will be online for 2021, registration is open, pre-recorded programming (because of time-zones) that will stream at certain times, some followed by live Q&A (Law Library program at noon on August 18); ASIL (Alex Zhang) working on getting programming in fall or spring.

### WRAP UP

Please submit reports to Melissa for newsletter. Thanks to executive committee for work and support this year. Susan: loved being the chair and wanted to be it for a long time. Thank you for trusting me with this position. With that, passing the gavel to new chair Hunter Whaley.

Hunter – Thank you so much for everything you have done for the last year. I have had a fantastic year working with Susan, Loren, and Jennifer. Really admire the energy Susan brought to the position. Changes to our future, coming off the pandemic, AALL live conference, changes the game a little. It will be a different normal. I'm looking forward to seeing what kind of positive changes we can make and continued energy we can bring.

Moved/seconded that we adjourn, so adjourned (4:12pm EDT).

## Website Committee Report

Lucie Olejnikova

The website committee has continued its work to update the FCIL pages in line with the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan. The frequently updated pages include About US and its subsections, Awards pages, and Annual Meeting and Continuing Education pages. In addition, working with individual FCIL members, the Jumpstart, Syllabi and Teaching Materials Repository, Publication Opportunities, and Online Discussion Forums pages have all been updated. There are a handful of pages remaining to be updated, including the Latin American Journals and Serials, and the History portion of our website. To all committees and interest groups: please continue to reach out to me with any updates to your pages, and if anyone is interested in being involved in an updating project (specifically for the History portion of our pages), please reach out to Lucie Olejnikova. Big THANKS to everyone!

## Submissions For Next Issue

*FCIL Newsletter is looking for submissions for our next issue.*

### ARTICLES

Conference reports, library visits, exhibit descriptions, resource reviews, member news, etc. Open call for authors.

### SUBMISSION DEADLINE

February 1, 2021

### QUESTIONS?

Contact [Melissa Abernathy](#).

## E-Resources IG (ERIG) Report

Erin Gow

In 2021, the group published two resource reviews in the FCIL Newsletter, with another two due to be published in October. Many thanks are due to Janet Kearney for leading the effort to create a new subset of reviews on FCIL materials available through standard academic subscriptions to Westlaw and Lexis databases.

2021 Resource Reviews:

- International Materials on Westlaw and Lexis: An Overview by Janet Kearney
  - [https://www.aallnet.org/fcilsis/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2021/03/FCIL\\_vol35no2\\_February2021.pdf](https://www.aallnet.org/fcilsis/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2021/03/FCIL_vol35no2_February2021.pdf)
- United Kingdom and Ireland Materials on Westlaw and Lexis by Erin Gow
  - [https://www.aallnet.org/fcilsis/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2021/05/FCIL\\_vol35no3\\_May2021.pdf](https://www.aallnet.org/fcilsis/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2021/05/FCIL_vol35no3_May2021.pdf)
- Mechanism for the International Court of Justice case database by Juan Fuentes
  - Forthcoming in October newsletter
- European Union materials on Westlaw and Lexis by Meredith Capps
  - Forthcoming in October newsletter

In the fall of 2020, the group was also actively involved in updating the FCIL-SIS Jumpstart page with the help of Lucie Olejnikova. Many thanks to all those who helped with this project by submitting updated information for the list, and especially to Lucie and Sherry Xin Chen who helped to confirm contact information and thoroughly revise the list.

## Publicity Committee Report

Jessica Pierucci

The Publicity Committee had a busy year focusing on soliciting, formatting, and uploading regular content to DipLaw-Matic Dialogues blog. Given the virtual format of the 2021 AALL Annual Meeting, the committee did not prepare the FCIL-SIS Exhibit Hall exhibit for a second time this year, but we plan to continue this tradition for future in-person meetings. We did represent the FCIL-SIS at virtual CONELL.

The blog had just over 22,000 views and 124 posts published in 2020, an increase from 2019. By the time of the July 2021 FCIL-SIS Business Meeting, the blog had over 9,000 views and 58 posts published in 2021, on the way to as many if not more views and posts than 2020. Also as of the business meeting, the top seven posts of the past 365 days each had over 350 views, and the top thirty-three posts each had over 100 views.

To make these views possible, the committee would like to particularly thank our 2020-2021 regular scheduled contributors. Traci Emerson Spackey wrote for the New FCIL Librarian Series. Amy Flick and Jonathan Pratter both wrote for From the Reference Desk. Loren Turner continued the Member of the Month feature. Many additional volunteers helped recap conferences, meetings, and webinars. In light of COVID-19, the blog also featured the excellent work of FCIL-SIS Interest Groups tracking pandemic developments worldwide. We also featured a wide array of one-off posts or mini-series on topics of interest to FCIL librarians throughout the year, including on such timely topics as adapting teaching to the remote environment.

A huge thanks goes to Marcelo Rodriguez for his tremendous work as FCIL-SIS Publicity Committee co-chair for the past year! His ideas brought wonderful new content to the blog and other publicity efforts.

If you would like to contribute a post for the blog or have anything else to share with the 2021-2022 committee, please reach out to the continuing chair, Jessica Pierucci, [jpierucci@law.uci.edu](mailto:jpierucci@law.uci.edu).

## Continuing Education Committee Report

Caitlin Hunter

This year, the committee presented three webinars. Recordings, handouts, and materials for the webinars are available at <https://www.aallnet.org/fcilsis/education-training/continuing-education/>.

### WEBINAR ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' LAW

On October 29, 2020, the committee presented a webinar on Traditional Law in a Modern World: Researching Indigenous Peoples' Law. The webinar provided an overview of the best resources for researching indigenous peoples' law and legal rights of indigenous peoples worldwide, with an emphasis on the laws of indigenous peoples of the Pacific Islands and North and Central America. Panelists were Chris Dykes (Head of Public Services, University of Houston Law Center), Victoria Szymczak (Law Library Director, University of Hawai'i, Richardson School of Law), Kurt Meyer (Assistant Director, Global Content Development & Preservation, LLMC), and Dr. Jolande Goldberg (Senior Law Classification Specialist, Library of Congress).

### WEBINAR ON LAW OF U.S. TERRITORIES

On December 9, 2020, the committee hosted a webinar on Access and Preservation of Legal Information in U.S. Territories. Aesha Duval (U.S. Virgin Islands Branch Librarian, U.S. Courts for the Third Circuit) and Geraldine Cepeda (Compiler of Laws, Supreme Court of Guam and Executive Director/Librarian of the Guam Law Library) discussed systemic issues and current experiences in preserving and providing access to their territories' legal materials. Victoria Szymczak (Law Library Director, University of Hawai'i, Richardson School of Law) described a successful academic partnership at the University of Hawai'i Law School that can serve as a model for law libraries in other jurisdictions. Marcelo Rodríguez (Foreign, Comparative and International Law Librarian, University of Arizona) coordinated the webinar.

### WORKSHOP ON #ENDSARS2020

Finally, on January 21, 2021, FCIL-SIS and the Black Law Librarians Special Interest Section co-hosted a webinar on The Origins and Progression of the #EndSARS2020 Movement in Nigeria. The webinar reviewed the origins and development of Nigeria's #ENDSARS2020 movement, including information on government responses to the movement and background on police brutality in Nigeria. It featured panelists Femi Cadmus (Associate Dean and Director of the J. Michael Goodson Law Library, Duke Law; Former AALL President) and Oludayo Bamgbose (Law Librarian, Ajayi Crowther University; Interim President, Association of

African Law Library and Information Professionals). Errol Adams (Reference & Scholarly Services Librarian, Hofstra Law), Yemisi Dina (Chief Law Librarian, Osgoode Hall Law School Library), and Susan Gualtier (Reference & FCIL Librarian, Penn Law) also coordinated and presented. The FCIL-SIS newsletter published an article on the webinar in its [February 2021 issue](#).

### COPYRIGHT COMMITTEE WEBINAR ON INTERNATIONAL INTERLIBRARY LOAN

The committee does not currently have any upcoming webinars scheduled but I and several other FCIL-SIS members helped plan an upcoming Copyright Committee webinar on When Illiad Becomes an Odyssey: Obtaining and Using Copyrighted Materials From Foreign Countries. The webinar will feature Oludayo Bamgbose (returning after his excellent January presentation), Hilary Thompson (Director of User Services & Resource Sharing, University of Maryland Libraries), Adam Woellhaf (Assistant Librarian, Middle Temple in the City of London), and Loren Turner (Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Librarian, University of Minnesota Law School). FCIL-SIS members Sarah Reis (Foreign & International Law Librarian, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law) and Erin Gow (Online Services Librarian, Brandeis Law Library) helped plan the webinar, as did Copyright Committee members Matt Braun (Associate Director for Administration, University of Illinois College of Law) and Leslie Street (Director of the Library, Clinical Professor of Legal Research at William and Mary School of Law). We encourage you to [join us](#) on September 30, 2021!

### FUTURE EVENTS

I welcome ideas for new webinars and volunteers to assist in organizing webinars. Next year, I plan to produce a four-part series suggested by Lyonette Louis-Jacques (Foreign and International Law Librarian, University of Chicago) on pursuing an FCIL career, teaching FCIL research, FCIL collection development, and the history and future of FCIL librarianship. If you are interested in participating in or assisting with these webinars, have suggestions for speakers or topics you'd like to see covered, or have any other idea for an FCIL event outside of the annual AALL meeting, please reach out to Caitlin Hunter at [hunter@law.ucla.edu](mailto:hunter@law.ucla.edu).

# Foreign Law Selectors IG Meeting, July 15, 2021

Stephen Wiles

## I. Introductions

During the virtual meeting we discussed the following: Institutional Reports from the Law Library of Congress, UPenn, Columbia, Yale, and Harvard. Others present were invited to share as well.

## II. Library Collection updates

### Columbia Law School Library (Silke Sahl)

Due to budget constraints relating to Covid, Columbia Law School Library has unfortunately been able to buy very little foreign law in the past two years. In fact, for at least a year, we were only buying foreign law titles on patron request. Thankfully, our budget constraints seem to be easing up. We have begun to buy a small number of foreign law titles again in addition to the on-request titles. We are hopeful that we will return to more robust foreign law collecting by the end of the year. I anticipate submitting a more positive report next year.

### Lillian Goldman Law Library at Yale Law School (Lucie Olejnikova)

Similarly to other libraries, the Yale Law Library has felt the impact of COVID-19. The library continues to re-evaluate its collection development priorities. It is facing the challenge of balancing the patrons' desire for new formats with its commitment to continue extensive collecting of print, all while meeting the demanding research needs and traditional expectations of our patrons. Although its collection budget remains flat, the library continues to meet its print collecting commitments and focuses on purchasing e-formats. In addition to several e-packages in place, including Oxford, Cambridge, and Elgar, the library is buying a greater number of "one-off" e-books to meet the needs of our faculty and students. We expect our collection to continue to be hybrid with increasing funds devoted to e-formats. We are also implementing some planned cancelations, mainly focused on print serials and looseleaves.

Our F/I collection efforts focus on about twenty jurisdictions and a set of subjects, including but not limited to constitutional law, legal history, human rights, environmental law, international criminal law, international commercial law, and books about the legal systems of the world. France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the United Kingdom remain the most heavily collected European jurisdictions, while Argen-

tina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela are the major ones for Latin America. We actively collect in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Chinese. We also occasionally acquire items in Japanese and Korean via gifts or ad hoc purchases. Although not as vigorously, we collect monographs in English for any jurisdiction in the world. Our F/I collection team of only four selectors remained unchanged from last year.

The law library prepared for in-person experience in the Fall semester of 2021. Although many changes implemented during and as a result of COVID-19 remain in place (i.e. contactless check outs, virtual research help and consultations, and increased e-format spending) we expect to teach in person, welcome patrons to the library, and resume work with our print collection.

One of the major milestones of the year was the retirement of our Rare Book Librarian, Mike Widener, in the Spring of 2021 who curated our rare book collection for fifteen years. In the Summer of 2021, we welcomed our new Rare Book Librarian, Kathryn James, who joined us from the Yale Beinecke Library bringing a wealth of experience and passion. Due to COVID-related budgetary exigencies we suspended rare book purchases almost entirely, but now expect to return to ambitious rare book collection development.

Dan Wade received posthumously the *Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award* recognizing his extended and sustained service to law librarianship, particularly to the Legal History and the Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Special Interest Sections, and for his exemplary service to the Association. Dan Wade was also honored by his Yale colleagues in the *LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL* 113(1) (2021), *Memorial: Daniel Wade (1944-2020)*,<sup>1</sup> to which several current and former Yale colleagues contributed.<sup>2</sup> Dan's life, mentorship, and love for law librarianship was also celebrated by the members of the FCIL-SIS, which published a Special Issue of its Newsletter in July 2020 titled *Remembering Dan L. Wade – The FCIL Giant (March 6, 1944 – May 28, 2020)*.<sup>3</sup> The *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEGAL INFORMATION* 48(3) (2021) also published a dedicated piece to Dan Wade titled *In Memoriam: Three Tributes to Dan Wade*.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Compiled by Fred Shapiro.

<sup>2</sup> Fred Shapiro, Lucie Olejnikova, John Nann, Evelyn Ma, Cate Kellett, Maryellen Larkin, Yuksel Serindag, Teresa M. Miguel-Stearns, Mark Engsborg, Tracy Thompson, Kenneth Rudolph, James J. Silk, and Carol Wade.

<sup>3</sup> Compiled by Lucie Olejnikova, Loren Turner, Jennifer Allison, Melissa Abernathy, and Carmen Valero.

<sup>4</sup> Contributions by Mary Rumsey, Jennifer Allison, and Marilyn Raisch.

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Lucie Olejnikova received the 2021 FCIL-SIS Daniel L. Wade Outstanding Service Award for her outstanding contributions to the FCIL Special Interest Section. Lucie was also recognized for her GlobalLex editorial work by the International Legal Research Interest Group section of the American Society of International Law that awarded the 2020 Jus Gentium Award to GlobalLex.

Yale acquired The Wire China and South China Morning Post to meet the needs of our researchers. We continue to acquire a print as well as an e-copy of major commentaries on multilateral international treaties to meet the research demands of our patrons. To manage the students' sudden need for remote access to our popular and traditionally print study aid collection, we acquired access to the West Academic Study Aid Collection. We also acquired PLI Discover Plus providing e-access to the PLI print collection.

Lillian Goldman Law Library remains committed to the vision of maintaining a state of the art foreign and international law collection not only for the use of our current primary patrons, but also for future generations and the national and global communities. It continues to participate in NE-FLLCG and remains committed to its vigorous collection responsibilities. It highlights its foreign and international law collecting and continues to build a well-balanced hybrid collection of all formats. Our more recent effort focuses on reviewing our collection for utility and accessibility.

To quote our late colleague Dan Wade: "The Yale Law Library considers itself a national and international resource. Its foreign collection development policy makes sense only if others make use of it. We invite you to do so!"

### Law Library of Congress (Kurt Carroll)

The Law Library of Congress continues to develop its foreign law collections. There are currently twenty-two foreign law selectors. Most have specific country, region, or language specific responsibilities, three recommend globally, and one selects for our rare and special collections. The Library collects at the national level for all nations if possible. There is a more concentrated effort to collect those jurisdictions for which we have assigned legal specialists in support of their work for Congress.

The Law Library was shocked earlier this year by the death of Jane Sanchez. In addition to being the 25th Law Librarian of Congress, Jane was also serving as the Deputy Librarian for Library Collections and Services. A lecture will be presented in her honor in November.

Following Jane's passing, Aslihan Bulut has been appointed Acting Law Librarian while maintaining her position as Deputy Law Librarian for Collections.

Also in staffing news, Lindsey Braddy joined the Library of Congress as the head of the Law cataloging team. Lindsey was formerly at the Jenkins Law Library in Philadelphia.

We were happy to launch our new Foreign Legal Gazettes Database in December. This finding aid for the Law Library's official gazettes collection indexes our analog and electronic holdings. Users can see the progression of gazette titles (and regime change), and are directed to bibliographic records in the catalog. A webinar was held to introduce this database and a recording can be viewed on our website.

Last year, I reported that we are digitizing our historic staff reports, most of which were written by legal specialists for Congress, or U.S. federal agencies on foreign, comparative, and international law. That work has been completed, including a crowdsourcing project to transcribe the text that failed OCR capture. These items are available as one of our digital collections under the title Publications of the Law Library of Congress.

### Book Budget and Acquisitions

We are fortunate to have had a stable book budget through the pandemic period, and expect the same for the next fiscal year. This means we have not had to cancel any continuations, serials, or integrating resources due to budgetary constraints. However, during the pandemic a full budget did not guarantee normal acquisitions. I will note strengths in collecting from Argentina; Canada; Ireland, UK; Israel; and from Europe – Belarus, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain, and Ukraine. Areas where we would like to improve are most of Central America and the Caribbean. Mexico has always been a challenge for us and this year was no exception. In Africa, we collected below expectations from Nigeria and South Africa. In Europe, Hungary and Moldova posed the most challenges.

For the field offices, some of these news may affect those of you who use the Cooperative Acquisitions Program; results were mixed and the same is expected for the coming fiscal year.

Islamabad: the office is recommending a reduction to their FY22 budget as they had an extremely difficult year in acquiring publications from Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan. This was especially due to shipping challenges from Afghanistan and Iran. For Pakistan, staff have not been able to make acquisitions trips this year. These issues are not ex-

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pected to be resolved in the coming months.

Jakarta: also asking for a budget reduction, partially due to the transition from print to electronic resources with academic publishers. The office will capture or harvest open access material.

New Delhi: requesting an increase in their budget due to currency fluctuations.

Cairo and Nairobi: Ed Minor has returned to the US and is no longer serving as the field director for Nairobi. William Kopycki of our Cairo office is acting field director for Nairobi and is shuttling between the two offices. Cairo spending was down but they have asked to maintain their full budget in FY2022 and felt optimistic about regional acquisitions following the Cairo Book Fair earlier this month.

One of the more pleasant aspects of building our law collection is the acquisition of rare books. Our rare book curator, Nathan Dorn, presents several new acquisitions that he is especially pleased to have added to our special collections.

Buno, Johannes; Justinian, I., Emperor of the East. *Memoriale Juris Civilis Romani... Bound with] Memoriale Codicis justiniani, Authenticarum seu novellarum et consuetudinum feudorum...* Hamburg: 1673-1674. Folio, 2 volumes in 1. This remarkable book contains two parts of a series of educational works that Johannes Buno designed to teach the contents of the *Corpus Juris Civilis* through the use of elaborate visual and verbal mnemonic aids. It contains hundreds of cleverly devised illustrations and explanatory notes. Its acquisition builds the Law Library's collections of historic editions of works on legal education and renaissance treatises on European law.

SKÅNSKE LOV (LAW OF SCANIA). Hær begynnes skonska logh paa rath danska - och ær skiffit i xvii bøger oc hwer bogh haffuer sith register - oc ær wæl offuerseeth och rættelighe corrigeret. (Colophon:) Køpenhaffn (Copenhagen), gotfrid aff gemen (Gotfred af Ghemen), 1505. 4to. This item is the first edition of "Skånske Lov", one of the earliest printed Danish language books and one of the very first Danish law books written and printed (the first together with "Jyske Lov" from 1504 and "Sjællandske Lov" from 1505).

Passageri, Rolandino de'; Unzola, Pietro da. *Flos*

*Testamentorum cum Additionibus Petri de Unzola.* [Venice: S.n., c.1490]. Not in Goff. This title in its Venice printing, was a popular and renowned guide to drafting wills and contracts. It was originally published in 1482, and saw four editions before 1500 as well as a number of editions and adaptations over the course of the following century.

Grotius, Hugo. *De Jure Belli ac Pacis.* London: 1655. In English. Trans. Barksdale. Small octavo. Acquisition of this title fills a gap in the Library's collection of international law's most important author, Hugo Grotius, with a copy of an extremely scarce early English edition of this groundbreaking work in that field.

Our reading room has reopened to the public. A reservation system is being used which allows for a full reference interview before patrons come onsite and provides plenty of time to retrieve collection items for researchers.

Looking up and looking forward to the coming year!

### Harvard Law School Library (Stephen Wiles)

As a result of the pandemic, Harvard Law School Library saw a 10% reduction in budget during the course of the fiscal year. In anticipation of a low return on endowments, we had already begun a continuing resources cancellation project. Completing these cancellations during the first months of the pandemic allowed us to end the fiscal year with a spent out budget but no overage.

During the past year we have set up approval plans for Armenia, Georgia, Greece and Mexico. The first shipments from these vendors were delayed by lockdowns but they have been received and the APs seem to be working well. There was one very unique acquisition this year that was not hampered by the pandemic. Through former SJD contacts, we were able to acquire a complete set of the laws of Ethiopia in force (in Amharic published by the Ministry of Justice).

## Customary and Religious Law IG (CARLIG) Report

Lyonette Louis-Jacques

CARLIG was started in 2014 by Susan Gualtier and Kelly Buchanan, and had about 20 members initially. They met at AALL in San Antonio, Texas, and discussed possible projects and programming, such as creating bibliographies of core customary and religious law resources, sponsoring educational programs at the AALL Annual Meeting, having coffee talks, and book discussions. This year, the CARLIG eCommunity had 30 members.

Because the CARLIG's July 2020 Business Meeting at the AALL annual meeting was a program on customary law in Africa and Jewish law, CARLIG Chair, Lyonette Louis-Jacques, scheduled another virtual business meeting for October 21, 2020. The agenda was as follows:

- **Call for volunteers and ideas for activities, other topics?**
- **Report on bibliography on Buddhism and the Law.**
- **Monitor religious law responses to COVID-19. Governments, religious communities, and COVID-19 law.**
- **Create a CARLIG COVID-19 law-related bibliography/LibGuide.**
- **Pursue the CARLIG educational goals from 2014 including creating a bibliography of core CARLIG resources, coffee talks (may be virtual in 2021?), and book discussions.**
- **Goals related to the 2018-2021 FCIL-SIS Strategic Plan.**
- **More education webinars?**
- **Pre- or post-annual meeting conference programs?**
- **Updating and/or creating the FCIL-SIS CARLIG website content – Resources Page.**

In tandem with the AALL July 2021 virtual annual meeting, CARLIG held its business meeting on July 7, 2021. CARLIG Chair, Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Foreign and International Law Librarian and Lecturer in Law, D'Angelo Law Library, University of Chicago Law School, ran the meeting. The agenda was as follows:

- **Introductions**
- **Summary of activities this year:**
  - **Buddhism and the Law bibliography project (Alex Zhang, Eduardo Colón, Marylin Raisch, Renu Sagreiya)**
  - **[Buddhism and \(Comparative\) Constitutional Law](#) workshop series (Lyonette Louis-**

**Jacques)**

- **CARLIG Book Discussion Group (Renu Sagreiya)**
- ***American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War* by Duncan Ryūken Williams (2020)**
- **Volunteers to update CARLIG website? Add content?**
- **Other topics? Projects for next year related to customary law and religious law. Program ideas for 2022 in Denver? Possible AALL/non-AALL collaborations and partnerships.**

The Buddhism and Comparative Constitutional Law virtual workshop series took place from January 14, 2021-April 30, 2021. It was hosted by the University of Chicago, the American Bar Foundation, and the University of Otago, New Zealand. It was made possible by a grant from the National Science Foundation. It featured presenters and commentators such as Christian Lammerts, Rebecca French, Cuilan Liu (who gave an intriguing talk on "Buddhist Monastic Law and Inheritance Law in China"), Richard H. Helmholz, and Winnifred Sullivan.

The papers from the Buddhism and Constitutional Law workshop series will be published by Cambridge University Press. The organizers of the workshop, Tom Ginsburg and Benjamin Schonthal, will also serve as book editors.

CARLIG members Eduardo Colón, Marylin Raisch, Renu Sagreiya, and Alex Zhang, continued work on a bibliography on "Buddhism and the Law" which will be posted on CARLIG's Resources page when completed. It will cover Theravada, Mahayana, and Vajrayana Buddhism. The possibility of a CARLIG Book Discussion in conjunction with the Buddhism and the Law project was discussed.

Lyonette Louis-Jacques asked for volunteers to update the FCIL-SIS website with information about the history of CARLIG.

In terms of CARLIG educational program ideas, Renu Sagreiya mentioned that Mr. Brody Hale, Esq., had offered to speak at a CARLIG webinar on Canon Law in the fall, and suggested a CARLIG webinar on Jewish divorce law, with a focus on get refusal and domestic violence.

## Appointments Committee Report

David Isom

Created by the Executive Board this year to formalize the process of soliciting and assigning membership positions to FCIL-SIS' committees and interest groups, the Appointments Committee—co-chaired by myself and Alison Shea, along with committee member Meredith Capps—had a busy Spring.

The committee created and publicized the annual volunteer survey, which was open April 19–30. Eighteen people responded—one more than last year—and all but one confirmed an interest in serving on committees or joining IGs. Everyone who responded was already a member of FCIL-SIS, and a majority had served on FCIL-SIS committees or IGs previously, but we did have a handful volunteering for the first time. Eight people volunteered to serve on committees, with the remainder interested only in joining IGs. The committee members worked to balance the interests and preferences expressed in survey responses with the needs of the committees and IGs, completing the work by the end of July.

We welcome suggestions on how the committee's work can be improved in future years—we'd be particularly interested in hearing any thoughts on how the publicity and reach of the survey could be broadened. Please contact me ([disom@sandiego.edu](mailto:disom@sandiego.edu)) or Alison ([aas425@cornell.edu](mailto:aas425@cornell.edu)) with any suggestions.

## Newsletter Committee Report

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 34. Our largest issue was the October 2019 issue (vol. 34, no. 1) which highlighted our Schaffer Grant recipient, Mariya Badeva-Bright, and included our 2019 Business Meeting Minutes, Committee, and IG reports from the Annual Meeting.

**New Member:** 2019-20 the Newsletter Committee consisted of myself and Carmen Valero (copy editor). Moving forward we are adding Janet Kearney as a co-editor.

**Mailing List:** The FCIL Newsletter is currently distributed through the FCIL-SIS listserv and cross-posted to the CONE (Council of Newsletter Editors) list-serv.

**Publication Schedule:** The FCIL Newsletter is published three times a year in February, May, and October. The newsletter is distributed electronically to FCIL-SIS members and an archived version is placed on the FCIL-SIS website here <https://www.aallnet.org/fcilsis/resources-publications/newsletter/> by Chris Siwa.

**Special Issue:** In July 2020, the Newsletter Committee, in conjunction with Loren Turner, Lucie Olejnikova, and Jennifer Allison, put out a special issue commemorating the life of FCIL legend Dan L. Wade.

**Article of the Year:** This year the Newsletter Article of the Year Award went to Julienne Grant, *An Introduction to Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Legal Heritage & Carpenter v. Murphy*.

**Submission Deadlines:** February 1st, May 1st, and October 1st. A reminder is sent to the listserv a month before each deadline.

I'd like to acknowledge Mariya Badeva-Bright, Loren Turner, Sabrina Sondhi, Erin Gow, Sherry Xin Chen, Alyson Drake, Mark Engsborg, Yasmin Morais, Caitlin Hunter, Marci Hoffman, Sherry Leysen, Lucie Olejnikova, Yemisi Dina, Anne Mostad-Jensen, Paul Moorman, Amelia Landenberger, Jessica Pierucci, Alex Zhang, and Jingwei Zhang for their photographic and written submissions this year.

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](mailto:mabernathy@sandiego.edu) or (619) 260-4734.

## Roman Law IG Report

Marylin Raisch

In this second year of the pandemic and online conferencing, the Roman Law IG remained minimally active beyond monitoring the publication of major titles in the English language. The emphasis in acquisition and recommendation is on those titles which would have broader potential use in a general law collection and in a law school library of a school where the teaching of Roman law has moved out of the law school proper.

Chair Marylin Raisch retired at the end of June 2021, and it would be appropriate to find a new chair at this time, even though the intention is to remain active as a retired member of AALL. While CARLIG is adjacent to some of the interests of Roman law and its relationship to the emergence of canon law in the Christian era, it is the wish of CARLIG to remain separate since religious law in general is already a broad topical area. However, changing the IG name and focus to Ancient Law might be an idea worth considering, given that the ancient Near East, especially Egypt, has emerged through archaeology as an important source for legal anthropology and in particular ancient treaties and agreements. Inevitably, academic law libraries will be the principal collectors in these areas, and coordinate with general collections of the university. However, as Professor Timothy Kearley has shown, practitioners and judges, in the course of American and certainly British legal history, have shown an interest in Roman law and in using the classical western context as part of legal history where relevant.

This annual report, therefore, takes the form of a brief bibliography of titles in English:

- Bell, Sinclair and Paul J. du Plessis. 2020. *Roman law before the Twelve Tables: an Interdisciplinary Approach*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.
- Brouwer, René. 2021. *Law and Philosophy in the Late Roman Republic*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Czajkowski, Kimberly, Benedict Eckhardt, and Meret Strothmann. 2020. *Law in the Roman Provinces*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Dari-Mattiacci, Giuseppe and Dennis P. Kehoe. 2020. *Roman Law and Economics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- ————. 2020. *Roman law and economics. Volume I, Institutions and Organizations*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- ————. 2020. *Roman law and economics. Volume II, Exchange, Ownership, and Disputes*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

- Frier, Bruce W. 2021. *A Casebook on the Roman Law of Contracts*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
- Spagnolo, Benjamin and Joe Sampson. 2020. *Principle and Pragmatism in Roman Law*. Oxford: Hart Publishing.
- Ziogas, Ioannis. 2021. *Law and Love in Ovid: Courting Justice in the Age of Augustus*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (also available in OSO: Oxford Scholarship Online).

## Teaching IG Report

Paul Moorman

The Teaching Foreign, Comparative, and International Legal Research Interest Group, co-chaired for a second year by Paul Moorman and Amelia Landenberger, on July 7, 2021 hosted a lively Zoom roundtable on short-format FCIL teaching, with the assistance of discussion facilitators Rick Buckingham, Brian Flaherty, Beau Steenken, and Jennifer Allison. We also updated some of the outdated content on the [website](#) with the assistance of Lucie Olejnikova. After a significant update last year, we did not make any significant changes to the [FCIL Syllabi and Course Materials Repository](#); however, we encourage anyone with new course materials to send them to the new chair, [Alyson Drake](#). Paul and Amelia are pleased to pass the baton on to her with confidence, knowing the Teaching IG is being left in good hands.

## Member Publications

**Have you recently published an article or blog post? We would love to highlight it in our Recent Member Publications.**

**Send your information to [Jingwei Zhang](#) for the next issue.**

# Resource Reviews: EU Legal Materials in Westlaw and Lexis

Part of series of reviews prepared by the Electronic Research Interest Group

Meredith Capps

## INTRODUCTION

In this newsletter's installment of resource reviews, I continue our look at foreign and international materials available in Westlaw and Lexis, focusing on European Union law.

## HOW WELL-KNOWN IS THE SOURCE?

Given how readily accessible European Union materials are publicly on the web in the EU's own EUR-Lex database, some researchers may not realize that the U.S. versions of major commercial platforms do, in fact, hold much of the content available in EUR-Lex. As with most other foreign and international materials, researchers must first select the International Materials heading in Westlaw, or the International heading in Lexis, followed by All Countries, to navigate to the European Union databases; the EU databases are not linked from the home page in the default layout for U.S. researchers.

## HOW ACCESSIBLE IS IT?

As with all foreign and international materials, neither platform allows researchers to locate EU materials via citation or keyword searches from the main search bar; as noted above, they must navigate first to the international content or a narrower database (for example, searching "European Union Cases" from the search bar in Westlaw to navigate specifically to that content). Users must also, of course, have a subscription that includes international materials to access the content.

## HOW AUTHORITATIVE IS IT?

Both vendors source primary materials directly from EU lawmaking entities via EUR-Lex.

## HOW CURRENT (UP-TO-DATE) IS IT?

Both vendors source primary materials directly from EU lawmaking entities via EUR-Lex.

## HOW COMPREHENSIVE IS IT, IN TERMS OF ITS CONTENTS?

Both platforms are reasonably comprehensive with respect to EU primary sources, though there are some differences in coverage between the two with respect to resources and dates. Westlaw's databases include Cases, Legislation, Treaties, Preparatory Acts, Information and Notices, and a handful of secondary sources in the form of treatises and journals. The accompanying scope note indicates that Westlaw offers case law from EU courts (Court of Justice entities and

the Court of Justice of the European Free Trade Association States (EFTA)) dating to their inception, primary legislation (i.e. treaties) and secondary legislation from the early 1950s, preparatory acts from 1974, and the EU's Official Journal from 1990.

Lexis's coverage differs somewhat. With respect to case law, Lexis also offers Court of Justice decisions from 1954 on, though it does not cover the EFTA. Within its EU Cases database it also offers, as noted above, decisions of the non-EU European Court of Human Rights, decisions of EU intellectual property boards, and EU court decisions as published in the All England Law Reports. In its Statutes & Legislation database, Lexis divides legislation into categories: Consolidated Versions, Decisions, Directives, Regulations, and Non-binding instruments. Available scope note information indicates that this content dates to 1998, suggesting that Westlaw offers superior coverage for EU legislation.

## HOW EASY-TO-USE (USER-FRIENDLY) IS IT?

Though researchers in both platforms can search across EU materials or within categories of materials, and advanced search functionality is available, researchers cannot readily browse any category of material. Lexis does provide options to browse legislation by year, but the hyperlinks provided from the EU content page direct researchers instead to an Advanced Search page, so the browsable menu tree is only available to researchers who first selected a piece of legislation from search results, and then opened the Table of Contents from that document.

U.S. researchers will also note that certain features and enhancements commonly provided for U.S. materials are absent. For example, while for some documents the platforms provide hyperlinks to internally cross-referenced content (whether in the text or the footnotes), this practice is unfortunately not widespread or consistent across available EU content, such that researchers may need to construct a new search to locate case law or legislation mentioned in the document they are reviewing. Neither platform provides post-search date filters or date sorting menus for EU search results.

Lexis, confusingly, classifies EU search results as "UK Statutes & Legislation" under its Category and Content Type

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heading, which may prompt astute researchers to reconstruct their search process (or at least question their database selection!).

Users who prefer reading formatted PDF documents will note that Westlaw does offer at least some links to PDF versions of material available in the Official Journal, but researchers seeking PDF versions generally will find them far more readily in EUR-Lex and the EU's own sites.

### HOW USEFUL IS IT IN TERMS OF ITS ABILITY TO ANSWER BOTH COMMON AND RARE (DIFFICULT-TO-FIND) QUESTIONS?

For most EU-related questions, researchers will find that free resources on the web provide a superior alternative to these commercial tools. EUR-Lex's coverage is as, and in some instances more, comprehensive, and its search features are as or more robust. EUR-Lex and CURIA (the EU's case law database) also provide better options for browsing content, and EUR-Lex provides the equivalent of legislative history materials, which are not available in Westlaw or Lexis, along with background and procedural information for legislation, and oftentimes links to helpful guidance from the European Commission directed at those impacted by legislation.

## Task Force on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Report

The task force was co-chaired by Errol Adams and Dennis Prieto, and had three additional members: Melissa Abernathy, Aamir Abdullah, and Erin Gow. We met virtually several times, and in consultation with the FCIL-SIS executive board generated the following charge for the new standing committee:

The FCIL-SIS Standing Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion will identify opportunities for FCIL-SIS to support diversity initiatives within the organization and beyond. Such support will not be limited to financial support.

The CHARGE of the Task Force on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is to:

1. Review the FCIL-SIS webpages and all documents

therein with the aim of analyzing use of language that does not foster diversity (e.g., replacing gendered pronouns with non-binary pronouns & considering disabilities), and make recommendations to the FCIL-SIS Executive Committee about such webpage content.

2. Review all past programming sponsored by the FCIL-SIS for the Annual Meeting and/or produced as a webinar or online event, to consider and reflect the backgrounds of all members and make recommendations to the FCIL-SIS Executive Committee about such programming.
3. Look at international events and consider their effects upon FCIL-SIS members and their sense of diversity and belonging, and make recommendations to the FCIL-SIS Executive Committee about such events and potential impact on membership.
4. Explore the idea of creating a scholarship or award to candidates from around the world who may be considering law librarianship as their career, and make recommendations to the FCIL-SIS Executive Committee on funding the scholarship or award.
5. Review the membership of all FCIL-SIS Committees and Interest Groups, and make recommendations to the FCIL-SIS Executive Committee on diversifying membership of these groups.
6. Examine the documents that set up and maintain the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant. Establish a joint effort with the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant Selection Committee and make recommendations to the FCIL-SIS Executive Committee on ways to ensure that diversity, equity, and inclusion are taken into account during the selection process.
7. Address additional questions of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as they arise and make recommendations to the FCIL-SIS Executive Committee as appropriate.

# Resource Reviews: Mechanism for the International Court of Justice Case Database

Part of series of reviews prepared by the Electronic Research Interest Group

Juan-Andres Fuentes

## INTRODUCTION

The MTICJ case database – Mechanism for the International Court of Justice, available at <https://www.icj-cij.org/en/cases>, provides access to all cases discussed before the International Court of Justice (ICJ). It is important to remember that only States can litigate in this forum; the Court, in its turn, will issue binding decisions.

On the other hand, the organs of the United Nations and its specialized agencies can request an advisory opinion about legal issues from the ICJ. As their name implies, the advisory opinions issued by the Court may or may not be complied with.

## HOW WELL-KNOWN IS THE SOURCE?

Because the ICJ is a very specialized forum, the MTICJ law database is very well-known among public international law attorneys and academics. With that being said, some efforts could be made to improve general public awareness about its existence. For instance, its order of appearance in popular search engines could be optimized when looking for international law case databases.

## HOW ACCESSIBLE IS IT?

The MTICJ case database is an online resource which is available for free. Its website is suitable for computers and cell phones; the website loads very fast and the resolution of its images is high.

## HOW AUTHORITATIVE IS IT?

As the main judicial body of the United Nations, the ICJ has done a great job creating and administering the MTICJ case database; it is a reliable resource for anyone interested in learning about the work of the Court.

## HOW COMPREHENSIVE IS IT, IN TERMS OF ITS CONTENTS?

One of the main strengths of this database is that it contains all the cases discussed before the ICJ since it began its work in 1946. Thus, all contentious cases between States, and all advisory opinion requests submitted by United Nations bodies and agencies, can be found there.

Furthermore, as the Permanent Court of International Justice was the predecessor of the existent Court between 1922 and 1946, it is possible to have access to the cases discussed

before that forum through the ICJ website (there is a tab at the top right corner).

## HOW EASY-TO-USE (USER-FRIENDLY) IS IT?

The database is user-friendly. First of all, the “Cases” tab is easily seen in the main screen of the ICJ’s website. Under “Cases”, there are sub-tabs that directly take the user to useful links such as “[pending cases](#)”, “[contentious cases](#)”, “[contentious cases organized by State](#)”, and “[advisory proceedings](#)”, which would help limit the user’s search.

When the user clicks on a particular case, there is a summary of it, a list of documents presented by the parties, all the decisions issued by the Court concerning that case (including separate and/or dissenting opinions), as well as a section on the latest developments.

The information is available in the two languages admitted before the Court: French and English. In general, the way the information is arranged and displayed makes it easy for the user to find it.

## HOW USEFUL IS IT IN TERMS OF ITS ABILITY TO ANSWER BOTH COMMON AND RARE (DIFFICULT-TO-FIND) QUESTIONS?

The MTICJ case database has basic features such as search by State and type of case, among others that help answer common questions users have.

Concerning rare questions, the database has a feature to find specific decisions issued by the Court about a case, by either choosing the type (judgments, advisory opinions and orders), and/or the year issued. Having said that, this database does not have an advanced search feature. Implementing key word searches and classifying cases in accordance with the topics covered would be of much help to the user.

## HOW CURRENT (UP-TO-DATE) IS IT?

The MTICJ case database meets the expectations of the legal and academic community providing current information, which is fundamental for transparency purposes. This database definitely contributes to strengthening the role of the ICJ of maintaining peaceful relationships among States, as well as advancing public international law.

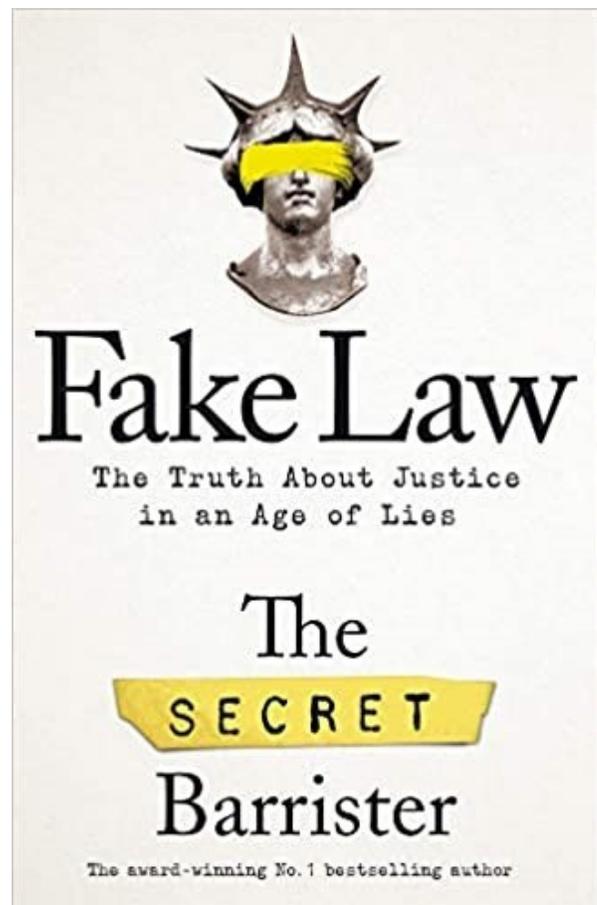
## *Fake Law: The Truth about Justice in an Age of Lies*

Edward T. Hart

The Secret Barrister is on the roll again. As a reminder to readers of my prior reviews in the FCIL Newsletter, Secret Barrister (SB) is the pen name of an actual English barrister. He, and we do know he is he, was described by the Financial Times as an individual between 30 and 40. He attended “comprehensive school, law degree — not Oxbridge — followed by Bar school and nearly a decade as a jobbing criminal hack.” Even after his successful first best seller, self-titled, *Secret Barrister*, the author remains unnamed, arguing to maintain his secret identity protects him and allows him to provide unrestrained criticism of the system that provides his daily living.

His latest book has a closer connection to the author’s other writings, which routinely are published as columns in British papers or on his blog, *The Secret Barrister*. The blog has for a number of years been his primary platform to share his experiences about his cases and give insights on current cases making headlines in the popular press. More often than not, he pops the bubble of the news coverage colored by the media companies, who are catering to their political audiences. As proclaimed on the book’s jacket, “The Secret Barrister returns to debunk the biggest lies of our time.”

With the overreaching connection of fundamental rights, many we Americans consider constitutional rights, SB covers the topics of self-defense, family law, compensation for medical injuries, right to work, human rights, access to justice, liberty, equality and due process, and democracy. Looking at family law as an example, SB looks at the recent cases of children with terminal illnesses. The parents, with support of elements of the press, argue for every possible treatment, whether scientifically proven or not, even ones not medically allowed. But further treatment is denied by the medical officials, their decisions supported by court order. SB carefully lays out the procedural steps, the study of a child’s medical record and all possible medically proven alternative treatments, carried out by the medical authorities, before they make their decision that there is no longer any treatment available that will help the child. When the families challenge these decisions, the medical caregivers’ decisions are reviewed by the courts. The courts make their own evaluations based upon the evidence presented to them by the parties, and, often, by additional experts called by the courts. Nonetheless, certain elements of the press and politicians advocate that the State and hospitals are killing the children. Parents are not allowed to make decisions about the care of their children. Parents, press, and politicians point to this fake law that parents always know best, and no



one should ever stand in the way of parents’ choices.

One connecting theme that spans these areas of law is the protections that the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Court of Human Rights provide. First, SB reminds the reader that neither this treaty nor its enforcement body are part of the European Union. Thus, not part of the Brexit referendum, and not an international institution that U.K. will be withdrawing from in the near future.

The title *Fake Law* is a clear spin on the trending topic of recent political cycles: fake news. And there is much overlap. *Fake Law*, very much like *Secret Barrister*, is a powerful read filled with lessons for the British and other nations whose principles of democracy and justice are being undermined by politics and catering to the masses.

For the American reader, the book provides insights into the English justice system and criminal procedure. Also following the saying that misery loves company, the book is a mirror that reflects many problems we see here with our American legal system.

## FCIL-SIS Member Recent Publications Roundup

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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