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The members of the FCIL-SIS Executive Committee for 2021-2022 were: Susan Gualtier (Immediate Past Chair), Hunter Whaley (Chair), Marcelo Rodriguez (Vice Chair/Chair-Elect), and Caitlin Hunter, (Secretary/Treasurer). In April of 2022, Hunter Whaley resigned as Chair and was replaced by Marcelo Rodriguez, with newly elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect Mike McArthur stepping into his new position several months early.

This was a transitional year for the FCIL-SIS, with many of its members returning to onsite or hybrid work environments, and with conferences and other learning opportunities beginning to move back toward in-person or hybrid formats. As with last year, the FCIL-SIS made the most of the pandemic by hosting a range of 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. Yemisi Dina received the Daniel L. Wade FCIL-SIS Outstanding Service Award for her lifetime service to the SIS. Alex Zhang and Katherine Siler received the Thomas H. Reynolds & Arturo A. Flores FCIL-SIS Publications Award for their new book, *Global Animal Law Research*, to which many FCIL-SIS members also contributed. Meredith Capps, David Isom, and Janet Kearney received the Spirit of the FCIL-SIS Award. The FCIL-SIS also recognized Jonathan Pratter for the Blog Post of the Year for his "From the Reference Desk" series on the DipLawMatic Dialogues blog; Janet Kearney for the Newsletter Article of the Year for her article, "Work-in-Progress: A Research Framework in FCIL Teaching?"; and Renu Sagreiya for the Interest Group/Committee Project of the Year for CARLIG's continuing education programs, *Canon Law 101* and *Get Refusal & Domestic Violence in the Jewish Community*. Finally, the Executive Committee created a new award, the Executive Committee Special Award for Excellence, to be awarded in years when a particular project, group, or individual merits special recognition for excellence in service to the FCIL-SIS. The inaugural Executive Committee Special Award for Excellence was given to the members of the FCIL-SIS Diversity Committee Task Force – Errol Adams, Dennis Prieto, Aamir Abdullah, Melissa Abernathy, and Erin Gow – for their work in drafting the purpose and charge of the new FCIL-SIS Standing Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

After receiving 17 applications, the Schaffer Grant Selection Committee selected Asha Moncrieffe, of St.



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Kitts & Nevis, as this year's Shaffer Grant recipient. Unfortunately, due to a backlog in visa applications, Ms. Moncrieffe will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting this year, but she will be invited to attend and to present at the conference in 2023.

The FCIL-SIS is currently preparing for the AALL Annual Meeting, which will be held onsite for the first time since 2019, in Denver, CO. Its business meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 18, at 5:30-7:00 pm Central Time.