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FOREIGN, COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW (FCIL-SIS) ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

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LEADERSHIP

The members of the FCIL-SIS Executive Committee for 2022-2023 were: Loren Turner (Immediate Past Chair), Marcelo Rodríguez (Chair), Mike McArthur (Vice Chair/Chair-Elect), and Caitlin Hunter, (Secretary/Treasurer).

CONTINUING EDUCATION

This year, the FCIL-SIS Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee presented two webinars.

On March 7, 2023, it presented “What in the World ... is Happening in Ukraine?” The webinar examined the history and context of the war in the Ukraine, discussed the key legal issues and bodies of law implicated, and suggested useful resources for law librarians. The panel of speakers included Yale University Law Professor Oona Hathaway and Ukrainian American Bar Association Committee Chair, Victor Rud. University of Louisville Assistant Professor and Social Sciences Librarian Lidiya Grote moderated the discussion.

On February 22, 2023, the FCIL-SIS DEI Committee and the Black Law Librarians Special Interest Section co-presented a webinar that provided information on the history, current situation, and future of Haiti, as well as tips for locating Haitian legal resources. The panelists were Stephanie Delia, Magalie Desince, and Irwin Stotzky. Lyonette Louis-Jacques moderated the discussion.

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAMS

FCIL-SIS members were also active in presenting programs at the annual meeting.

Victoria J. Szymczak, Alexander Burdett, and Christopher Dykes presented a program titled “Researching the Implementation of Foreign and International Law on International Indigenous Peoples.”

Yemisi Dina moderated the program “Researching South African Government and Legal Information.” Presenters Sindiso Mnisi Weeks, Associate Professor of Legal Studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and Michelle Pearse, Senior Research and Data Librarian at Harvard Law School Library discussed unique characteristics of doing legal research in a mixed legal system.

Finally, FCIL-SIS was pleased to welcome our first Schaffer Grant recipient since 2019: Asha O. H.



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Moncrieffe, Law Librarian at the Office of the Attorney General and the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, in Basseterre, Saint Kitts and Nevis. Moncrieffe presented the results of a survey that she conducted of members of the Caribbean Association of Law Libraries (CARALL), about their challenges, achievements, and hopes for the future.

HONORING OUR MEMBERS

FCIL-SIS presented the following awards:

- The Daniel L. Wade FCIL-SIS Outstanding Service Award was presented to Gabriela Femenia.
- The Thomas H. Reynolds & Arturo A. Flores FCIL-SIS Publications Award was presented to Jennifer Allison for her article "[Source Citation in Legal Bibliography and Its Impact on Research: A Comparative Examination of Criminal Sentencing Discretion Law and Practice in California and Germany](#)" in *The Role of Citation in the Law: A Yale Law School Symposium* (Michael Chiorazzi, ed.: Hein Publishing, 2022).
- The Spirit of the FCIL-SIS Award was presented to Renu Urvashi Sagreiya, Juan Andrés Fuentes, and Erin Gow.
- The Blog Post of the Year Award was presented to Marcelo Rodríguez for his [Through the FCIL Lens](#) series.
- The Newsletter Article of the Year Award was presented to Erin Gow for her work coordinating the Electronic Research Interest Group's e-resources reviews.
- The Interest Group/Committee Project of the Year Award was presented to the FCIL-SIS Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee for its "What in the World" webinar series.

Finally, on a more somber note, FCIL-SIS was saddened by the passing of longtime members Duncan Alford and Stephen Wiles. Members shared their memories of Duncan and Stephen in a special [May 2023](#) in memoriam issue of the FCIL-SIS newsletter, honoring their contributions to the SIS and to the law librarian community.