

# TUE. 7/15 2:45PM — J-1: LIFE ON A STICK: TRAVELING LIGHT WITH PORTABLE APPLICATIONS

---

## 2008 AALL ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

Date/Time: Tue, Jul 15 2:45pm - 3:15pm

Location/Room: OCC-F150/151

Alligator on a stick, fried Twinkies on a stick, and now, presenting ... life on a stick! Much of the food on a stick developed out of a need for convenience—eating while walking, for example—and the same idea now applies to computer software. Many librarians travel or use multiple computers in their work. Not all of these computers are configured to give them access to their familiar programs, bookmarks or documents. Carrying a laptop everywhere is clunky and not all librarians have a PDA or smartphone. Even for those that do, synchronizing various devices can be inconvenient, and sometimes, there is just no substitute for a computer. Portable applications on a USB stick or MP3 player allow you to use programs and settings without installing them on the computer at hand or leaving data footprints behind. This program will identify useful portable programs (such as e-mail clients, browsers, office software), inform librarians on ways to make nonportable programs portable and discuss methods of keeping information on portable devices safe.

Coordinator and Speaker:

Susan Boland - Northern Illinois University College of Law Library