

**GLL-SIS
Report of the Education Committee
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In the fall, the Education Committee solicited proposals from fellow GLL members for the 2020 AALL Annual Meeting. This year, the Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC) allowed for GLL to endorse two “Independently Produced Programs,” one of which would be a guaranteed program. The Committee received five strong proposals and offered support and feedback to all five proposal creators leading up to the AMPC submission deadline. After much discussion, the Committee decided to endorse two of these proposals: one proposal about teleworking submitted by Michele Masias, Jennifer Gonzalez, and Marie Kaddell, and another program about access to justice, submitted by Miriam Childs. The AMPC ultimately selected Miriam Childs’ proposal, “Loaves and Fishes: Providing Legal Assistance to SRLs When Resources Are Limited” as GLL’s guaranteed program for the 2020 AALL Annual Meeting.

In the spring, the Committee organized two webinars, both open to all AALL members. The first webinar that the Committee organized is titled “Practical Strategies for Managing Challenging Behaviors in the Library.” The webinar’s speaker is Erin Kelly, Librarian II and Assistant Manager for Information Services at Enoch Pratt Free Library/State Library Resource Center in Baltimore, Maryland. This webinar was approved by AALL for its July 2020 monthly webinar and will take place on July 23rd, 2020.

At the behest of Jenny Silbiger, the Committee speedily organized a second webinar, using funds donated to GLL by LexisNexis for speaker fees. This webinar is about COVID-19 safety and is titled “Reopening is Hard To Do.” This webinar will be moderated by Committee member, Sarah Mauldin, and will feature two speakers: Tim Kowalik, a virologist, and Andy Walsh, an epidemiologist. This webinar will take place on June 23rd, 2020. At the time of writing this, this webinar has over 220 registrants.

In addition to programming, the Committee revised its section of the GLL Handbook. The Committee undertook this revision with the aim to make the Committee’s mission and tasks more transparent, flexible, and friendly to both new and seasoned Committee members.

Thank you to the Committee for their wonderful efforts this year, as well as to the Executive Board for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

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