



**GOVERNMENT LAW LIBRARIES
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EDUCATION COMMITTEE 2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT

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REPORT

Starting in September 2020, the Education Committee solicited proposals from fellow GLL members for the 2021 AALL Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC) allowed GLL to endorse two “Independently Produced Programs,” one of which would be a guaranteed program. The Committee received four strong proposals and offered feedback and support to the members who submitted proposals. The Committee ultimately decided to endorse two proposals, both from Miriam Childs: one on geofence warrants, and the other on legal deserts. The AMPC selected Miriam Childs’ proposal “Legal Deserts in America – What Is Meaningful Access to Justice for All?” as GLL’s sponsored program for the 2021 AALL Meeting.

The Committee also helped plan two webinars in Spring 2021. On February 11, 2021, we co-sponsored the presentation “Government Law Library Funding: Advocacy Training for Law Libraries” with the AALL Government Relations Committee. The webinar featured GLL Members Miriam Childs, Suzanne B. Corriell, and Jean Willis as speakers. More than 150 people registered for the webinar, and just over 80 were able to attend the live session.

On April 8, 2021, the Committee hosted another webinar, “Systemic Racism, Implicit Bias & Privilege: Cultivating Change in Our Workspaces and Communities.” This webinar was organized by Jenny Silbiger and featured speaker Toussaint Romain, Deputy General Counsel for Appalachian State University. The GLL Board graciously provided funds for an honorarium to Mr. Romain. More than 100 AALL members registered for this session, and 70 attended the live session. The recording of this presentation has been viewed 30 times as of writing this report. The Committee has received many positive comments on this webinar and is ready to support future webinar opportunities related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

I would like to thank the Committee for their efforts during this chaotic pandemic year. I would also like to thank the Executive Board for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Larsen, Chair