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### **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES NAMES 2017 MINORITY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AWARD RECIPIENT**

*Illinois Law Librarian Will Serve on a Committee, Be Paired with a Mentor, and Attend  
AALL's Upcoming Annual Meeting & Conference*

**CHICAGO, June 13, 2017**—The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) officially announced today that Clanitra Stewart Nejd, reference and instructional services librarian at the David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library at Northern Illinois University College of Law in DeKalb, Illinois, will receive the 2017 Minority Leadership Development Award.

Created in 2001 to nurture future leaders by introducing minority law librarians to leadership opportunities within AALL, the Minority Leadership Development Award includes travel, lodging, and registration to attend the AALL Annual Meeting & Conference; an experienced AALL leader to serve as a mentor; and the opportunity to serve on an AALL committee.

In addition to strong academic records and leadership potential, award recipients must have a master's degree in library/information science, fewer than five years of professional (post-MLS or post-JD) library or information service work experience, and membership in AALL for at least two years or two years of full-time, professional law library work experience.

“Minority Leadership Development Award recipient Clanitra Stewart Nejd has participated in AALL's Diversity & Inclusion Committee, the Academic Law Libraries and Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Sections, and was one of our Leadership Academy fellows last year,” AALL President Ronald E. Wheeler Jr. said. “We are pleased to recognize her involvement and achievements with this award. We look forward to her taking on an increased role in the Association and the profession.”

“I am truly honored to be recognized as this year's Minority Leadership Development Award recipient,” Nejd said. “The opportunity to attend AALL's Annual Meeting and work with a



mentor will undoubtedly be an asset to my career development. I look forward to advancing my role within the Association and learning from its experienced leaders.”

Nejdl will be recognized at the upcoming 110th AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, to be held in Austin, Texas, from July 15-18, 2017.

For more information about the Minority Leadership Development Award, visit [bit.ly/AALLminorityleader](http://bit.ly/AALLminorityleader).

To learn more about the 2017 AALL Annual Meeting and to register, visit [www.aallnet.org/conference](http://www.aallnet.org/conference). Full conference registrants who are not AALL members will receive a complimentary one-year AALL membership.

#### **About AALL**

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) is the only national association dedicated to the legal information profession and its professionals. Founded in 1906 on the belief that people—lawyers, judges, students, and the public—need timely access to relevant legal information to make sound legal arguments and wise legal decisions, its nearly 4,500 members are problem solvers of the highest order. AALL fosters the profession by offering its members knowledge, leadership, and community that make the whole legal system stronger. For more information, visit [www.aallnet.org](http://www.aallnet.org).

#### **About the AALL Annual Meeting & Conference**

The AALL Annual Meeting & Conference is the premier educational and networking event for more than 1,500 legal information professionals. In its 110th year, the 2017 AALL Annual Meeting will be held in Austin, Texas—July 15-18, 2017—and offers three days of must-have educational programming featuring more than 70 sessions in six content areas. For more information, visit [www.aallnet.org/conference](http://www.aallnet.org/conference).

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