

AALL Legal History and Rare Books Special Interest Section (LHRB-SIS)  
2020-2021 Annual Report

## **Membership**

The officers of LHRB-SIS for 2020-2021 were Linda K. Tesar, Chair; Heather Kushnerick, vice-chair/chair-elect, Christine George, immediate past chair; and Hannah Miller-Kim, secretary/treasurer. Laurel Davis remains our webmaster. Elections were held in May. Rob Mead was elected vice-chair/chair-elect. Membership in the SIS has remained around two hundred.

## **Annual Meeting**

Due to the pandemic, the LHRB presence at the virtual annual meeting in July 2021 was minimal. Only one program was submitted by an LHRB member this year and AALL rules would not allow us to put LHRB as a sponsor on it. We must have two submissions so that AMPC can choose for us. Thus, LHRB had no programs at the virtual annual meeting.

The pandemic and administrative issues also prevented the SIS from holding the annual Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Competition.

The board submitted a request for funding a virtual reception but the funding was denied. Instead of a separate event, the Board decided to extend the virtual business meeting to allow members to socialize.

## **Publications**

*LH&RB*, the SIS newsletter under the leadership of Kasia Solon Cristobal, Editor-in-Chief, produced a fall 2020 newsletter. *Unbound: A Review of Legal History and Rare Books* produced volume 12: no. 2 (winter/spring 2021) under the leadership of Mark Podvia, Publications Committee Chair.

## **Outreach**

The @lhrbsis Twitter account has increased its followers to 363. The account chiefly retweets articles of legal history interest. Linda Tesar attended the virtual CONELL marketplace during the annual meeting. She spoke to a number of new attendees who expressed an interest in the special interest section.

## **Miscellaneous**

The Executive Board voted to donate \$900.00 to the George A. Straight Minority Scholarship and Fellowship Fund in honor of Black Lives Matter.

In April, LHRB-SIS signed in support of the letter created by The Asian American Law Librarians Caucus regarding recent anti-Asian incidents.

LHRB had two notable members retire this year: Mark Podvia, Associate University Librarian at West Virginia University College of Law and Michael Widener, Rare Book Librarian, Yale Law School Lillian Goldman Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K. Tesar