

AALL Digitization and Educational Technology Special Interest Section 2019-2020 Annual Report

At the 2019 AALL Annual Meeting, the well-attended and well-received DET-SIS independently produced program was “[Virtual Reality in the Law Classroom \(A1\)](#).” At the 2019 AALL Annual Meeting, we also conducted the “[DET-SIS Roundtable: The Electronic Classroom on a Budget](#).”

Advised by DET-SIS officers and the Education Committee, the DET-SIS Chair selected two program proposals for the 2020 Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC) to consider as the 2020 DET-SIS independently produced program. [“Creating Effective Videos: Unmasking Your Inner Spielberg” and “Unearthing the Early State Records Collections.”] The AMPC selected “Unearthing the Early State Records Collections.” After the physical 2020 Annual Meeting was cancelled, our program was selected as one of the Virtual 2020 Annual Meeting [prerecorded sessions](#).

Per the usual annual AALL procedure, on 10/11/2019, we formally requested that AALL seek \$900 sponsorship to cover AV and Internet needs for the DET-SIS Roundtable at the AALL 2020 Annual Meeting. Per past practice, a sponsor would receive recognition signage and acknowledgment at the Roundtable. Suggested sponsors were [bepress/Digital Commons](#), [Crowley Company](#), [DLSG](#), [e-imageData](#), [LLMC](#), [NMS Imaging](#), [Scannx](#), and [TIND](#). Unfortunately, a sponsor was not secured.

On 6/11/2020, the DET-SIS Chair posted to the DET-SIS community list about the AALL Black Caucus open letter to the AALL Executive Board “regarding the lack of a statement from AALL about the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery that have sparked and renewed protest and social unrest in our country and around the world.” AALL members were welcome to sign the Open Letter to Stand in Solidarity with the Black Caucus. DET-SIS members were also asked to comment on how our SIS should respond to the critical social justice moment. At the 7/2/2020 DET-SIS Virtual Business Meeting, a motion was approved to donate \$900.00 to the AALL [George A. Srait Minority Scholarship & Fellowship](#). In late July 2020, DET-SIS members will be asked to approve this donation via a vote conducted on the DET-SIS community list.

The call for 2020-2021 Chair-Elect nominations was made via the DET-SIS community list 3/30/2020-4/17/2020. The Chair-Elect election was conducted via the DET-SIS community list 4/27/2020-5/17/2020, and William T. Monroe was elected the 2020-2021 Chair-Elect.

Throughout the 2019-2020 term, DET-SIS officers engaged in discussion with CS-SIS officers about a possible merger of our two SISs. On 2/19/2020, the DET-SIS Chair posted to the DET-SIS community list about a possible merger with the CS-SIS. The post included documents of descriptions and histories of the DET-SIS and CS-SIS. DET-SIS members were encouraged to comment on a possible merger, on or off list. Discussion will continue with DET-SIS members and CS-SIS officers into the 2020-2021 term.

The DET-SIS 2019-2020 Officers were:

Laura E. Ray, Chair
Margaret Kiel-Morse, Chair-Elect
Jesse Bowman, Secretary/Treasurer
Ryan Overdorf, Past Chair

Respectfully submitted by Laura E. Ray, 2019-2020 Chair