

Candidate Statement 2025 - LSRD-SIS Vice Chair / Chair Elect

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I first entered the world of law libraries in 2018, when I joined the staff at the Boston College Law Library as a copy cataloger. Six years, an MLIS, and two positions later, I am happy to still be at BC Law as the Digital Initiatives & Scholarly Communication Librarian. My work at BC Law, particularly as the manager of our institutional repository, has given me a front-row seat to appreciate the importance and intricacies of library systems and how they connect. Repositories, catalog systems, discovery layers, library websites and libguides: all of these platforms create a vibrant ecosystem that allows for effective information discovery and use. From my experience with LSRD-SIS so far, it is clear that this SIS offers a vibrant, welcoming community where legal information professionals can share information, resources, and expertise to support and improve our systems and services. As such, I am honored and grateful to be nominated for the position of Vice Chair/Chair Elect of LSRD-SIS.

While this would be my first chance to serve on a board for AALL, I am fortunate to have other leadership experience to draw on. My current roles as Co-Chair of the Boston College LGBTQ+ employee resource group, the Boston Library Consortium LGBTQIA+ Caucus, and the Boston Library Consortium Web Archiving Committee have taught me how to listen to and communicate with group membership, how to identify and organize programming of interest, and how to communicate with stakeholders of multiple varieties. It is my hope to be able to translate these skills to serve the membership of LSRD-SIS in the coming years, and I thank you for your consideration!

Brief Bio:

Avi Bauer (he/him) is the Digital Initiatives and Scholarly Communication Librarian at the Boston College Law Library. He holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering and Women's and Gender Studies from MIT as well as an MLIS from Simmons University, and is currently pursuing an MS in Data Science from Boston College.

Presentations:

Bearden, B., Bauer, A., Blackaby, D., Chen, S., Decker, R., Flaherty, B., and Seney, L. (2024, July 22). LSRD-SIS Roundtable: Taking the Mystery out of Discovery. AALL Annual Meeting 2024, Chicago, IL.
Bauer, A., Correia, J. D., and Simone, C. (2024, June 14).

A Call to Action: From Trans-Inclusive Theory to Trans-Inclusive Practice. Gender & Sexuality in Information Science Colloquium 2024, Princeton, NJ.

Bauer, A., Schuler, A., and Kijas, A. (2024, June 12). Web Archiving Institutional History Across BLC Libraries. Boston Library Consortium Forum 2024, Durham, NH.

Bauer, A., and Kim, S. (2024, April 12). Black History at BC Law School: The Making of a Digital Exhibit. Boston Digital Humanities 2024 Symposium, Medford, MA.

Davis, L., and Bauer, A. (2024, February 29). The Life & Library of Robert Morris, America's Second Black Lawyer. AALL Webinar, virtual.

Bauer, A. [moderator and coordinator], Dunn, M., and Jocelyn, K. (2023, July 16). Pronouns, Best Practices, and Gender Inclusivity in the Law Library - Understanding the Needs of Nonbinary and Trans Individuals. AALL Annual Meeting 2023, Boston, MA.

Bauer, A., Garity, S., and Kim, S. (2023, March 20). Making the Move: Migrating the Boston College Law School Institutional Repository and Law Review. New England Law Library Consortium Symposium 2023, virtual.

Bauer, A., Garity, S., and Kim, S. (2023, April 28). Making the Move: Migrating the Boston College Law School Institutional Repository and Law Review. Southern Mississippi Institutional Repositories Conference 2023, Hattiesburg, MS.

Davis, L., Bauer, A., and Szydlowski, N. (2022, July 17). Illuminating Robert Morris: Creating a Digital Exhibit to Celebrate America's Second Black Lawyer. AALL Annual Meeting 2022, Denver, CO.

Szydlowski, N., Bauer, A., Davis, L., Kebede, Y., Lowe, C., & Steffens, K. (2022, March 31). Tending to Neglected Histories: Using Exhibits to Re-Focus Institutional Narratives on Black Experiences and Communities. California Academic & Research Libraries Conference 2022, virtual.
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