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PLLIP-SIS MEMBER NEWS FOR JANUARY 2021

AALL PLLIP EVENTS, NEWS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2021 DIVERSITY SUMMIT**
 - PLLIP and BLL-SIS are excited to announce the inaugural [**Diversity Summit: From Difficult Conversations to Collaborative Action**](#). The year 2020 has been one of upheaval and change, but has made obvious that serious and important conversations need to take place regarding race, both in the world and in our profession. PLLIP Summits have historically been a place to explore ways to embrace change and we are excited to partner with the BLL-SIS to launch the first ever Diversity Summit, which was created to facilitate these discussions in order to find a call to action in which we can all take part.
 - The Diversity Summit will be held as a virtual event on Friday, February 26, 2021, so please save the date.
 - How to Register: To register for the 2021 Diversity Summit, please visit the AALL registration page [here](#). Registration for members of BLL, PLLIP, and any other diversity caucus is \$0. There is a promo code available on the site that must be entered using the online payment form to get that price. All other registrations are \$10. Registration deadline is **February 12, 2021**
 - *Please note that once you register for the 2021 Diversity Summit through AALL, you must then also register for the Zoom meeting, which is available via the thank you page and email*
 - More details about the day's programming will be forthcoming.
 - Call for Panelists
 - PLLIP and BLL-SIS are seeking panelists for the inaugural Diversity Summit: From Difficult Conversations to Collaborative Action, which will be held virtually on Friday, February 26, 2021. We invite prospective panelists to share personal stories of how Diversity and Inclusion, or the lack thereof, has affected their professional career. If you are interested in participating, please complete the [Call for Panelists form at this link](#)
- **GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR THE [2021 AALL VIRTUAL MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE](#)**
 - PLLIP is proudly offering two grants to PLLIP members for the March 23-24, 2021 Virtual Management Institute. The event is aimed at law library and legal information professionals in all organizational settings who wish to improve their management capabilities and skills.
 - Criteria for application for the grant are individuals in their five years of management or assistant management position with previous SIS activity. Please submit your resume and position statement by **February 15th** to Elaine Knecht <eknecht@barclaydamon.com>
- **NOMINATE AN EMERGING LEADER!**
 - The nomination deadline is **March 1st**. We encourage you to begin the process as soon as possible in order to meet the deadline. More details on the award, including a link to the Nomination Form, can be found here: [Emerging Leader Award](#)



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- **NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2021 INNOVATIONS IN TECHNOLOGY AWARD IS OPEN!**
 - This Award was established to honor technological projects/innovations that impact and benefit library users and/or the legal information community and that support the strategic goals and business objectives of the creators' organization. A nominee's use of technology must demonstrate how librarians or information professionals effectively and efficiently serve as the human connection between technology, the information, and the user experience.
 - Nomination applications and supporting documentation must describe 1) the application of technology, 2) how the application benefits library users and or the legal information community and 3) how the technology resource is an example of librarians and information professionals effectively and efficiently serving as the human connection between technology, information, and the user experience.
 - More information and a list of past winners is [available here](#)
 - The nomination form is [available here](#)
 - There are no restrictions on the number of entries an applicant may submit, but each entry must be submitted separately. The deadline is **March 1st**.
 - To submit a nomination, please email the nomination form and supporting documentation to Christopher Siwa, <csiwa@aallnet.org>
- **NOMINATIONS FOR 2021 PLLIP-SIS AWARDS**
 - It is time to nominate your colleagues for our 2021 Awards! Awards will be given in the following categories:
 - Distinguished Librarian
 - Hall of Fame
 - Innovative Professional of the Year
 - Best Blogger/Writer of the Year
 - Emerging Leader of the Year
 - Advocate of the Year
 - Vendor/Outside champion Award
 - Please review the descriptions and use the 2021 nomination form. While these awards are presented by the PLLIP-SIS, not all of them require membership in PLLIP. Nominations will be accepted until **March 19, 2021**. Self-nominations are accepted. ([All information here](#))

WHAT PLLIP MEMBERS ARE UP TO – NEW POSITIONS, ARTICLES, PRESENTATIONS

- **Allison C. Reeve Davis** (Library Manager, Littler Mendelson PC) co-wrote with **Janeen Williams** (User Services Librarian, Texas Tech University Law Library) “Successful Onboarding: Creating an Environment Where New Employees Can Succeed” in the January/February *AALL Spectrum* ([available here](#))
- **Richard Leiter** (Director of the Schmid Law Library & Professor of Law, University of Nebraska – Lincoln) was interviewed in the January/February *AALL Spectrum* piece entitled “Ask a Director / Leading During Times of Uncertainty” ([available here](#))



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- **Kevin Miles** (Manager of Library Services, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP) wrote “Practical Competitive Intelligence / Taking on CI in the Virtual World” in the January/February *AALL Spectrum* ([available here](#))
- **Shira Megerman** (Senior Legal Information Librarian, Boston University) and Marcelo Rodriguez (Research and Training Librarian, U.S. Courts for the Second Circuit) co-wrote “COVID-19: How Law Libraries Succeeded by Going Virtual During the Pandemic” in the January/February *AALL Spectrum* ([available here](#))
- **Maribel Nash** (Senior Research Services Analyst, Cooley LLP) and **Scott Vanderlin** (Student Services Librarian, University of Chicago D’Angelo Law Library) co-wrote “Reference Desk / Best Practices for Remote Instruction” in the January/February *AALL Spectrum* ([available here](#))
- **Steven Lastres** (Director of Knowledge Management Services, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP) penned the Editor’s Note entitled “A Call to the Next Generation of Leaders” in the January/February *AALL Spectrum* ([available here](#))
- **Emily R. Florio** (Senior Research Services Manager, Hogan Lovells US LLP) wrote the President’s Message “Finding Silver Linings” in the January/February *AALL Spectrum* ([available here](#))

UPCOMING WEBINARS

INTERVIEWING WHEN YOU CAN’T SHAKE HANDS (PART II): THE EMPLOYER’S PERSPECTIVE

Date: Thursday, January 28, 2021 (11am - 12pm US/Central)

Remote interviews may be the only way you will get someone hired. As follow-up to December’s program, Interviewing When You Can’t Shake Hands, the presenters will discuss the topic from an employer’s perspective. Topics include issues that arise from the format of the interview; scheduling the interview; technology; security; selling the organization; and assessing candidates. The panelists work in a variety of law library types and will provide practical ideas to make your next remote interview more successful.

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