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PLLIP-SIS MEMBER NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

UPCOMING ELECTION

2021 Executive Board Election will take place in October 2021. Candidates are presented in the July/August 2021 issue of *AALL Spectrum*.

Candidates include PLLIP Members: **Meg Kribble** (Research & Knowledge Services Coordinator, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP), **June Liebert** (Director of Information Services, O'Melveny & Myers LLP), **Andre Davison** (Research & Information Operations Implementation Manager at Orrick LLP), and **Avery Le** (Director of the Law Library, Homer M. Stark Law Library).

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

- **Lindsey Carpino** (Legal Content Services Supervisor, BakerHostetler) & **Annie Mentkowski** (United States Railroad Retirement Board Library) won the AALL Innovation Showcase in all three categories: Law Firm, Law School and Government with their tool called [Review-IT](#).
- **Clanitra Stewart Nejdil** (Head of Professional Development and Research Services Librarian at the Alyne Queener Massey Law Library, Vanderbilt University), **Victoria de la Torre** (Researcher, Akerman LLP), and **Marcelo Rodriguez** (Foreign, Comparative and International Law Librarian, University of Arizona College of Law Library) have co-authored a chapter entitled “Navigating Your Career Goals: Government, Private and Academic Law Librarianship.” The chapter is published in *Introduction to Law Librarianship*, an open-access law librarianship textbook ([available here](#)).
- **Sarah Hooke** (Librarian-Information Analyst, Bernstein Shur), has been appointed to the AALL PLLIP Education for the 2022 Annual Meeting Committee.
- **Jayse Sessi** (Reference Librarian, Alston & Bird LLP) and **Janet Peros** (Senior Research Analyst, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP) co-authored a chapter in *Introduction to Law Librarianship* titled “Non-Legal Research for the Law Firm Librarian” ([available here](#)).
- **Cynthia Brown** (Senior Director of Research Services, Littler Mendelson, P.C.) co-wrote [Facilitating Motivation: Academic & Firm Settings](#) with **Jennifer Wondracek** (Director of the Law Library & Professor of Legal Research & Writing, Capital University Law Library) in the September/October 2021 Edition of *AALL Spectrum* ([available here](#)).
- **Clanitra Stewart Nejdil** (Head of Professional Development and Research Services Librarian at the Alyne Queener Massey Law Library, Vanderbilt University) was awarded the 2021 AALL Emerging Leader Award.
- **LiMin Fields** (Manager of Research and Knowledge Services, Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox) and **Courtney Keaton** (Research Specialist, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP) have volunteered to be the new Co-Chairs for the IP Caucus.
- **Lauren Gluckman** (Senior Research Analyst, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP) is back in the private sector after 15 years with Penn State Law and previous experience in government and private firms.
- **Patrick Flanagan** (Legal Research Services Manager, BakerHostetler) was promoted to Legal Research Services Manager.

- **Cynthia Brown** (Senior Director of Research Services, Littler Mendelson, P.C.) co-wrote How to Surf the Labor Disruption Tsunami with **Caroline Nevin** (CEO, BC Courthouse Libraries) and **Amanda Runyon** (Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library, University of Pennsylvania Law School Biddle Law Library) in the September/October 2021 Edition of *AALL Spectrum* ([available here](#)).
- **Diane Rodriguez** (Assistant Director, San Francisco Law Library) was featured in the September/October 2021 Edition of *AALL Spectrum*'s Leader Profile: Advancing Access to Justice for All ([available here](#)).
- **Beth Williams** (Senior Director of the Library & Senior Lecturer in Law, Stanford University), **Kathleen Agno** (Director, Resource Innovation, Greenberg Traurig, LLP) were interviewed for this issue's Ask A Director: Innovation After Covid in the September/October 2021 Edition of *AALL Spectrum* ([available here](#)).
- **Andre Davison** (Research & Information Operations Implementation Manager at Orrlick LLP), **Miriam Childs** (Director, Law Library of Louisiana, Louisiana Supreme Court), **Scott Vanderlin** (Student Services Librarian, University of Chicago D'Angelo Law Library) co-wrote Reference Desk: Bringing Innovation to your Organization in the September/October 2021 Edition of *AALL Spectrum*.
- **Clanitra Stewart Nejd** (Head of Professional Development and Research Services Librarian at the Alyne Queener Massey Law Library, Vanderbilt University) was awarded the 2021 AALL Spectrum Article of the Year Award with Edna Lewis for their article "Academic Law Libraries & the Early Days of the COVID-19 Pandemic."
- PLLIP Picks: What We're Reading: **Rita Young** (Law Librarian, K&L Gates), **Alexis Branham** (Legal Content Specialist, Baker Hostetler), **Irene Chang** (Research Librarian, Paul Hastings LLP), and Erik Adams (Research Analyst, Sidley Austin LLP) shared their reads ([available here](#)).
- **Maureen Burns** (Research Services Manager, Godfrey & Kahn) wrote AALL Executive Leadership Institute: Listening a Key Component of Leadership available On Firmer Ground ([available here](#)).
- AALL Annual Meeting Session Recap- Legal Deserts in America: What is Meaningful Access to Justice for All? was recapped by **Stephanie Huffnagle**, (Instructor of Paralegal, Erie Community College). Stephanie was one of this year's recipients of a Private Law Librarians and Information Professionals (PLLIP) grant for the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Annual Meeting ([available here](#)).

PLLIP COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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UPCOMING WEBINARS

AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN INFORMATION SCIENCE, LAW SCHOOL, AND PRACTICE

Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 (3pm - 3:45pm US/Central)

Those teaching in law schools, library and information programs, i-schools, etc. are always working on ways to bridge the gap between law school and law practice. Have you tried various methods, and want a new perspective? Are you wondering what others are teaching, and how they are achieving successes in their environments? This informal conversation, co-moderated by



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Ana Ramirez Toft-Nielsen (Littler Mendelson, P.C.) and **Barbara Fullerton** (Dentons US LLP), will focus on what classes are being taught, the topics of interest, and what it all means for the legal information profession.

[\(Click here to register.\)](#)

YOUR CRISIS IS NOT MY EMERGENCY: MINDFULNESS TECHNIQUES TO MANAGE STRESS

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

Many legal information professionals are busy with new students, attorneys, judges, and clerks. This is in addition to the regular stresses we encounter in our jobs, both internal and external. This webinar will provide you with a variety of mindfulness strategies and techniques to manage your stress, including some optional chair yoga. The webinar will also discuss the amendments to ABA Standard 508 regarding law student well-being resources.

[\(Click here to register.\)](#)

A BETTER LEGAL NEWS EXPERIENCE: REUTERS LEGAL NEWS (THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR)

Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 (2pm - 3pm US/Central)

Attend this session to be introduced to Reuters Legal News, available now at no cost. Get award-winning business and market news, alongside deep legal practice area content.

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LAW LIBRARIANS ARE TECH EXPERTS—WHETHER WE KNOW IT OR NOT

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021 (11am - 12pm US/Central)

Law librarians are constantly adopting new technology skills and enhancing existing ones—but how often do they take stock of these skills? This program will focus on recognizing the knowledge of technology that law librarians already have, and how to use that skill set to boost teaching and reference services. Moreover, by identifying and building upon these skills, librarians can improve current programs and services—from reference interviews to formal classroom instruction—and impress even the most tech-savvy administrator.

[\(Click here to register.\)](#)