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[PLLIP-SIS MEMBER NEWS FOR JANUARY 2023](#)

PLLIP NEWS

PLLIP-SIS is excited to announce the launch of its new pilot PLLIP-SIS Speaker Mentoring Program. Please consider joining us as a mentor or mentee – there is a minimal time commitment and participation will be a great asset and benefit to PLLIP-SIS members. This pilot program is intended to inform a future larger-scale rollout of this Speaker Mentor-Mentee program across the entire SIS groups and contribute to and create a supportive environment assisting our members in finding their authentic voices while speaking and presenting in the profession. If you are interested in either mentoring or being a mentee please contact [Barbara Fullerton](#), Committee Chair.

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

- **Janet Peros** (Senior Research Analyst, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP) wrote: [Experience at AALL's Course: "Managing Your Work Environment"](#) for On Firmer Ground ([available here](#)).
- **Connie Chang** (Knowledge Management Research Analyst, Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt) penned [Better Team Development and Interpersonal Skills: AALL Course on "Managing Your Work Environment"](#) ([available here](#)).
- **Bianca Randall** (Senior Research Librarian, Baker & McKenzie LLP) wrote [Excelling As an Entry-Level Law Librarian](#) in *AALL Spectrum*, Volume 27, Number 3 (January/February 2023), pgs 22-24 ([available here](#)).
- **Clarence Robertson** (Library & Conflicts Manager, Jackson Walker LLP) was profiled in *AALL Spectrum*, Volume 27, Number 3 (January/February 2023), pgs 30-33 ([available here](#)).
- **Elizabeth Guzman** (Director of Research & Intelligence Services, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP) wrote [Ask a Director: Qualities of a Strong Leader](#) in *AALL Spectrum*, Volume 27, Number 3 (January/February 2023), pgs 34-35 ([available here](#)) with **Leanna Simon** (Director, Research and Knowledge Management, Honigman LLP).
- **Michelle Trovillo** (Director of Information Resources, BakerHostetler) co-wrote with Ryan Metheny (Senior Librarian, Reference, Research & Legal Education, LA Law Library) and Scott Vanderlin (Student Services Librarian, University of Chicago D'Angelo Law Library) [Reference Desk: Gaining Valuable Leadership Experience Through Volunteering](#) in *AALL Spectrum*, Volume 27, Number 3 (January/February 2023), pgs 46-49 ([available here](#)).

UPCOMING WEBINARS

[DEIB LEADERSHIP AT EVERY LEVEL: LEADING YOUR LIBRARY WITH INTENTION](#)

Dates: Thursday, February 2, 2023 (11am- 12pm US/Central)

Dawn Smith will lead webinar attendees through a discussion of policies, activities, responsibilities, and opportunities for library leaders (and leaders to be) to promote the tenets of social justice and equity inside their organizations and with outside partners.

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PRODUCT BRIEFING: STATE TRIAL COURT RESEARCH & ANALYTICS - WHAT'S NEW @ TRELLIS? (TRELLIS PARTNER WEBINAR)

Dates: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 (2pm - 3pm US/Central)

This engaging webinar will cover the latest updates from Trellis and share how strategic legal research and analytics enables you to analyze the behavior and history of your judge, competitive counsel, prospects, and clients to gain crucial insights into litigation history and ruling tendencies. We will show you how to leverage state trial court and verdict data to be more efficient, more proactive, and achieve better results for your clients. You will also learn how to maximize state trial court legal research + analytics to add value to your firm while gaining a competitive advantage, win cases, and bring in more money when litigating in state trial courts.

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OCLC REPORT ON REPARATIVE JUSTICE IN CATALOGING (LSRD-SIS)

Dates: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 (2pm - 3pm US/Central)

Please join the Library Systems & Resource Discovery SIS (LSRD-SIS) on February 14 for this OCLC report. It will be a 10-15 minute presentation followed by a 40 minute panel discussion.

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VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: ALMOST THERE: FINISHING UP YOUR WRITING PROJECT

Dates: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 (3pm - 3:45pm US/Central)

Please join the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee on Tuesday, February 14 for a coffee chat with Dennis Kim-Prieto and Taryn Marks on the end of your writing process. In the final chat in this series, come hear and share editing methods, thoughts on sharing your work, motivation tips for getting from "almost done" to "done", and anything else that comes to mind. And then submit the paper you've finished to the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers by March 1! (May 15 for student division entries).

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

JLLC PRESENTS: ABORTION RIGHTS AND JEWISH LAW (JLLC)

Dates: Thursday, February 16, 2023 (12pm - 1pm US/Central)

The Supreme Court sparked controversy when it issued its decision in Dobbs this past year. With the influx of states passing new abortion laws, the debate swirling around abortion has largely centered religion, namely Christianity, as the Pro-Life justification for these laws. However, in June of 2022 the Congregation L'Dor Va-Dor in Palm Beach County sued the state of Florida, arguing that Florida's new abortion law violates Jewish religious freedom.

The Jewish Law Librarians Caucus is hosting a webinar which will feature a panel including Rabbi and Attorney Barry Silver, whose congregation initiated this lawsuit, and Linda Miklowitz, a retired attorney of 30 years and Chair of the Tallahassee National Council of Jewish Women Action Team. The panelists will answer questions about how Jewish law views abortion and the implications abortion laws may have on the religious freedoms of Jewish people. At the conclusion of the panel, the webinar will hold a brief Q&A session for any participants who wish to ask a question to the panelists. This webinar is open to everyone, so feel free to share the webinar registration widely.

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

IMPROVING ACCESS TO OUR COLLECTIONS WITH ALTERNATIVE CONTROLLED VOCABULARIES (ALL-SIS)

Dates: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 (1pm - 2pm US/Central)

Please join the Academic Law Libraries SIS (ALL-SIS) on February 21, 2023 for their next webinar. In recent years, libraries have begun work towards improving diverse subject access to their collections. A large part of this has been the integration of alternative controlled vocabularies into MARC records in addition to standard Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH). This webinar will introduce a brief history of alternative vocabularies to LCSH, present a case for the continued and retroactive use of these vocabularies, discuss how the use of such vocabularies in the library catalog can impact discovery layers and user experience, and showcase examples of the implementation of alternative vocabularies. No technical services experience is needed to attend this webinar.

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WHAT IN THE WORLD...IS HAPPENING IN HAITI? (BLL-SIS & FCIL-SIS)

Dates: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 (12pm - 1pm US/Central)

On February 22, 2023, the Black Law Librarians Special Interest Section (BLL-SIS) and the Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section (FCIL-SIS) are hosting the first webinar in a series of webinars on international events that may impact FCIL-SIS and the wider AALL membership. It is co-sponsored by the BLL-SIS and is a Black History Month event. This webinar will focus on the history of Haiti, the current situation, what the future may be, and a view of this issue from a librarian's perspective (i.e. finding resources relative to Haiti). The panelists are Stephanie Delia, Magalie Desince, and Irwin Stotzky, and it will be moderated by Lyonette Louis-Jacques.

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2023 DIVERSITY SUMMIT: ADVOCACY AND ALLYSHIP

Dates: Friday, February 24, 2023 (12pm - 4pm US/Eastern)

The Private Law Librarians & Information Professionals SIS (PLLIP-SIS) and the Black Law Librarians SIS (BLL-SIS) are excited to announce the 2023 Diversity Summit: Advocacy and Allyship. In the past two years, the Diversity Summit has started conversations about race and diversity in our profession and in our lives, and focused on intersectionality and its importance in diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) efforts. This year, we are focusing on DEIA advocacy and allyship, and what that means to us individually and as a profession.

We are planning an engaging keynote session with Michelle MiJung Kim, author of *The Wake Up: Closing the Gap Between Good Intentions and Real Change*, and an interactive virtual workshop facilitated by ReadySet. The workshop will be followed by a discussion session moderated by fellow law librarians.

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

INCLUDING YOU AND ME: CREATING INCLUSIVE LIBRARY INSTRUCTION SESSIONS AND CLASSROOMS (RIPS-SIS)

Dates: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 (1pm - 2pm US/Central)

Join the Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS (RIPS-SIS) and Dr. Kawanna Bright for an interactive session. Library instruction has a well-established standing within the hierarchy of important library services. With this well-established standing comes a series of standards, frameworks, and best practices typically designed to support successful library instruction. However, the need to ensure that library instruction is inclusive is not always well reflected within



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these standards, frameworks, and best practices. This workshop will focus on sharing methods for creating inclusive library instruction sessions and classrooms, with a particular focus on inclusive instruction within law library settings. To assist with the creation of a workshop that will provide the most useful information, attendees are invited to complete a short pre-session survey by February 6 to express areas of specific interest or concern.

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

DON'T SCALE CRAP: EFFECTIVE WAYS TO EXPAND THE COMPETITIVE INTELLIGENCE FUNCTION

Dates: Thursday, March 9, 2023 (2pm - 3pm US/Central)

You don't need anyone to tell you what CI is. You may even have produced some reports yourself. You're ready to move beyond basic reports. How do you engage with Marketing? How do you broaden and deepen your offerings? How do you deepen your offerings? What analysis can you provide and how do you provide it? How do you build out the CI function?

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2023 AALL ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

Dates: Saturday, July 15 - Tuesday, July 18, 2023 (Boston, MA)

AALL 2023 will bring together collaborators from across the legal information profession for three days of innovation, tailored learning, and networking. AALL 2023 is where the legal information community goes for the latest, cutting-edge professional development, peer-to-peer connections, and a place to gather and exchange ideas and best practices. You'll find educational programming, important announcements and updates, and discussions that directly impact law libraries, their roles, and their ongoing transformation.

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