

## **Black Caucus of AALL Annual Report 2014-2015**

### Caucus Officers for 2013-2014

The 2014-2015 Black Caucus of the American Association of Law Libraries (BCAALL) executive board members were: Michelle Cosby, Chair; Richelle Reid, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Janeen Goodman, Secretary; Trina Holloway, Immediate Past Chair; and Trezlen Drake and Janice E. Henderson, Members at Large.

### 2015 AALL Meeting Program Proposals

BCAALL submitted three program proposals for the 2015 AALL Annual Meeting — No programs were accepted.

- “We are Not an Island” The Ebola Epidemic and Emerging Global Health Law Concerns”
- “Implicit Bias: A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Dialogue on Race”
- “Changing Tides: An appraisal of Affirmative Action and the Impact of *Schuette v. BAMN*”

### Community Service Project

This year the Caucus sponsored a community service project in Philadelphia. The Community Service Committee selected Cradles to Crayons <https://www.cradlestocrayons.org/>. Cradles to Crayons “provides children from birth to age 12, living in low-income and homeless situations, with the essential items they need to thrive - at home, at school and at play.” They created a specific website for BCALL available at <https://www.cradlestocrayons.org/philadelphia/donate/BCAALL>. BCALL members donated supplies and monetary donations.

### Strait Scholarship Dinner

This year, BCAALL tried a new approach due to the traditional Strait Scholarship Dinner due to having no funds to reserve restaurants in Philadelphia. The Dine Around is a way for BCALL to raise awareness and funds for the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship. BCAALL hosted three Dine-Arounds at local area restaurants. Members from the Diversity Committee and other minority caucuses were invited and also attended this popular event.

### Bylaws

No changes were made this year to the bylaws this year.

### Marketing

The Caucus discussed submitting the BCAALL brochure for an AALL Award and decided to table it to next term. Additionally, the Committee contacted all library schools and sent the brochure to those schools. The brochure was created as part of the recruitment efforts for the Caucus and it is aimed at attracting people of color to the law librarianship field. The brochure is posted on the Caucus’ website.

### Website

The Caucus’ website continues to include member of the month and relative links of interest to those exploring librarianship. The website now contains more information on past committees

and officers. The committee section also includes brief descriptions of the committees. Minor clean-up of the website also occurred. The BCAALL Caucuses page at <http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Member-Communities/caucuses/caucus-websites/BLLC> was updated to include a link to the BCAALL website.

#### Other

This year the Chair created a job-search liaison position that posts positions of interest to the listserv. We lost an archivist, and these duties were assumed by the Secretary. The Caucus created a Shutterfly account as a place to keep pictures from Caucus events. The Caucus participated in tabling at the CONELL Market Place and in the Exhibit hall at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

#### Newly Elected Officers for 2014-15

The newly elected chapter officers for 2015-2016 are Richelle Reid, Chair; Lisa Goodman, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect; Janeen Williams, Secretary/Treasurer; Betty Wright and Janice Henderson, Members at Large and Michelle Cosby, Immediate Past Chair.

The Chair wishes to thank the outgoing officers and the committee members for their hard work and support. Everyone's contribution is greatly appreciated.

Michelle Cosby, Chair, 2014-2015