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GPO Appoints AALL Member, State Librarian of Mississippi to Depository Library Council

CHICAGO – May 17, 2018 — The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) today announced the new class of the Depository Library Council (DLC), naming the [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) member Stephen Parks as a class member for the 2018- 2021 term. Parks is the State Librarian of Mississippi, overseeing the highest appellate court library in the state.

In this new role, Parks will aid the DLC in advising the GPO director and superintendent of documents on matters relating to the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), a network of more than 1,100 libraries committed to making government information freely available to members of the public through their local libraries.

“I’m honored to have been nominated for the opportunity to serve the FDLP as a member of DLC,” said Parks. “There is a tremendous amount of work to be done to ensure ongoing, permanent access to government information through the GPO. I look forward to working with my colleagues to address these challenges.”

Parks is a dedicated advocate for public access to government information and the FDLP. He has frequently been recognized for his work providing greater access to state legal materials. AALL has honored him with three separate awards for his work to make available to the public the opinions, case briefs and oral argument videos of the Mississippi Supreme Court and Mississippi Court of Appeals, as well as the floor debate of the Mississippi legislature. In September 2017, Parks testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration during their “Transforming GPO for the 21st Century and Beyond” hearings.

“Stephen will make a lasting contribution to DLC by applying his unique perspective as a state librarian, his commitment to greater access to information and his enthusiasm for FDLP,” noted AALL President Greg Lambert. “Everyone at AALL is extremely proud of Stephen, as he takes on this important leadership role with DLC.”

Parks earned his bachelor’s degree from East Carolina University, his juris doctorate from the Mississippi College School of Law and his master of library and information science from The University of Southern Mississippi. Parks joins two other AALL members on DLC, Erik Beck and Beth Williams.

About AALL

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) is the only national association dedicated to the legal information profession and its professionals. Founded in 1906 on the belief that people—lawyers, judges, students, and the public—need timely access to relevant legal information to make sound legal arguments and wise legal decisions, its more than 4,100 members are problem solvers of the highest order. AALL fosters the profession by offering its members knowledge, leadership, and community that make the whole legal system stronger. For more information, visit www.aallnet.org.