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AALL Honors Zanada Joyner With 2018 Minority Leadership Development Award

CHICAGO – June 12, 2018 —The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) today announces Zanada Joyner, digital services librarian at North Carolina Central University, School of Law Library, will receive the 2018 Minority Leadership Development Award.

Created in 2001 to nurture future leaders by introducing minority law librarians to leadership opportunities within AALL, the Minority Leadership Development Award includes travel, lodging, and registration to attend the AALL Annual Meeting & Conference; an experienced AALL leader to serve as a mentor; and the opportunity to serve on an AALL committee.

In addition to strong academic records and leadership potential, award recipients must have a master's degree in library/information science, fewer than five years of professional (post-MLS or post-JD) library or information service work experience, and membership in AALL for at least two years or two years of full-time, professional law library work experience.

Joyner earned this year's Minority Leadership Development Award through continuous displays of impressive leadership qualities recognized by her employer. Her continued commitment to improve access to information and ongoing dedication to help the students and patrons of the university's School of Law Library made Joyner a stand-out candidate.

"Zanada exemplifies the best of tomorrow's law library leaders," said AALL President Greg Lambert. "Her personality, dedication and knowledge have made her an invaluable resource. Zanada has also focused on the need for continued and increased diversity programming within our industry to ensure those who enter the field after her, along with her peers, continue to benefit from and foster more diverse and inclusive workplace environments."

"I'm honored to accept this award, and I wish to thank my colleagues, mentors and instructors for their unwavering support," said Joyner. "The work that we do in our law school communities is vital to supporting the increasingly diverse law school population and the public in fostering helpful, welcoming environments to meet their research needs. I look forward to continuing that work at North Carolina Central University."

Joyner earned her bachelor's degree in English from Loyola University in New Orleans, her master's degree in education from the University of Mississippi, her juris doctorate from Loyola University's New Orleans School of Law and her master of library and information science from Rutgers University.

She will be honored at the upcoming 111th AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, to be held in Baltimore from July 14-17, 2018.

For more information about the Minority Leadership Award, visit bit.ly/AALL-minorityleader.

To learn more about the 2018 AALL Annual Meeting and to register, visit www.aallnet.org/conference.

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.