



105 West Adams Street, Suite 3300  
Chicago, IL 60603  
312.939.4764  
[www.aallnet.org](http://www.aallnet.org)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Contact:** Rod Hughes  
(610) 559-7585 Ext. 101  
[Rhughes@kimballpr.com](mailto:Rhughes@kimballpr.com)

## **AALL Honors Marcelo Rodriguez With 2019 Minority Leadership Development Award**

**CHICAGO – June 11, 2019** –The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) today announces Marcelo Rodriguez, research and training librarian at the United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, will receive the 2019 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.

“Marcelo has long shown strong promise as a future leader in the field of legal information,” said AALL President Femi Cadmus. “He was an outstanding candidate for the both the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship and the Alan Holoch Memorial Grant in 2016 and 2017 respectively, demonstrating significant potential and a sincere interest in contributing to the profession on critical issues relating to minority and underrepresented groups. I am excited to see how his long-term, positive contributions will impact our profession in the years to come.”

Prior to working at the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, Rodriguez served as a research librarian at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the nation's first and foremost civil and human rights law organization. He is also a member of multiple special interest sections (SIS), including the Government Law Libraries SIS and Social Responsibilities SIS.

“I'm extremely grateful to be honored by AALL with this year's Minority Leadership Development award,” said Rodriguez. “AALL has provided me with invaluable opportunities to contribute to and support diversity in the field of information science, and it is both a privilege and an honor to be recognized for those efforts.”

Rodriguez earned his bachelor's degree in geography from the University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras, followed by a certificate in library science from Rutgers University. He also earned a certificate in human rights law, international law and legal studies from Columbia Law School before completing his master's degree in library and information science at Queens College.

Rodriguez will be recognized for the honor at the upcoming 112th AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, to be held in Washington, D.C., from July 13-16, 2019.

For more information about the Minority Leadership Award, visit [bit.ly/AALL-minorityleader](https://bit.ly/AALL-minorityleader).

To learn more about the 2019 AALL Annual Meeting and to register, visit [www.aallnet.org/conference](http://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](http://www.aallnet.org).