

# MEMBER PROFILE

# VANTAGE POINT

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### FAVORITE THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

The ultimate goals of our judicial system include providing public service and upholding the rule of law. As a reference librarian, I'm honored to play my role and be a part of an institution that's dedicated to imparting fairness, equality, and justice.

### A SKILL YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN?

I would love to learn American Sign Language (ASL). I'm even planning to enroll in some classes this coming semester.

### IF YOU WROTE AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY, WHAT WOULD ITS TITLE BE AND WHY?

*To the Books that Guided Me.* I would love to write a book about the books that have helped me become the person I am. Books and reading have been so influential and decisive in my upbringing and constant growing. To this day, I always find time to immerse myself in a good story to learn about others, as well as myself.

### WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT AND HOW HAS IT SHAPED YOU?

Coordinating three different panels for the AALL 2019 Annual Meeting. It allowed me to help shape the intellectual and practical conversations our community should be having about the latest topics and trends, and to liaise with experts in the field, with whom I have partnered on special projects and academic papers.

WINNER OF THE 2019  
AALL MINORITY  
LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT AWARD

### WHAT INSPIRES YOU MOST?

The students I get to interact with through our civics program in our Court's Learning Center inspire me the most. They are attentive, critical, and hungry for knowledge. Their enthusiastic and avid minds make me hopeful for the future of our country and the longevity of our democratic institutions.