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AALL 2020 is the premier educational and networking event for legal information professionals. This year’s robust agenda features more than 70 sessions presented by experts across the industry who will share solutions to the challenges you face every day—wherever you work.

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Learn the skills you need for professional growth, discover new tools and services to keep you at the top of your game, and network with colleagues who ‘get it’. No other event affords this kind of access to the legal information community. Make your case to attend.

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Nestled along the banks of the Mississippi, AALL’s headquarters hotel is ideally located in the Warehouse & Arts District, within walking distance of the French Quarter and Jackson Square. Reserve your room now at the Hilton Riverside (or another of AALL’s nearby hotels) through AALL’s housing agency for specially negotiated rates.
UPCOMING WEBINARS / REGISTER NOW

COMBINING INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL DATA SOURCES TO IMPROVE FIRM’S PERFORMANCE (THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR)

- Tuesday, March 10, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- Register by Friday, March 6, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

Law firms are increasingly relying on data to improve the business and practice of law. This session will explore how law firms can combine internal data and external data sources, such as Westlaw, to improve performance, as well as the challenges that come with this, and some best practices.

USING COGNITIVE THEORY TO BOOST LONG-TERM RETENTION OF LEGAL RESEARCH SKILLS

- Wednesday, March 25, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- Register by Thursday, March 19, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

Having a baseline understanding of cognitive theory and educational psychology is critical to ensuring students/patrons learn effectively. This webinar will discuss key concepts from cognitive learning science and give concrete examples of how librarians can incorporate these theories into their instructional choices.

CI STRATEGIES & ANALYSIS / REGISTER NOW

EARLY-BIRD PRICING ENDS MARCH 16, 2020

Competitive intelligence (CI) skills can be used throughout your organization to help increase your strategic advantage. Have you been looking to up your CI game? During AALL’s CI Strategies & Analysis, learn how to frame your CI reporting, how to communicate CI results and the role of data and data visualization, how to choose external vendors, and more—to take your CI skills to the next level.

- May 7-8, 2020 / 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (CDT)
- Sidley Austin LLP / Chicago
- Members $795 / Nonmembers $1,200 (Price increases $99 after March 16, 2020)
WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Law librarians and legal information professionals seeking to learn how to expand a competitive intelligence function at their organization (including firm, academic, government, and other organizations)

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VOLUNTEER FOR THE AALL SPECTRUM & LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARDS

APPLICATIONS DUE TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020


Please read through the AALL Spectrum Editorial Board member job description and the Law Library Journal Editorial Board member job description before applying. For more information visit the AALL Spectrum and Law Library Journal Editorial Board profiles on AALLNET. *You may apply for both editorial boards, but can only be selected for one.*

Please consider lending your time and talent to AALL--submit your application by Tuesday, March 24.

VOLUNTEER NOW

AALL MEMBER BENEFIT / FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

AALL is committed to providing opportunities for professional growth. Each year, the Association awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to law school and library school students and AALL members to assist individuals in meeting their educational goals in the field of legal information.

The following scholarships are awarded annually:

- Library School Scholarships (for those with or without JDs)
- Law School Scholarships (for those with MLS/MLIS and those seeking dual JD/MLIS)
- Scholarships for Library School Graduates Seeking a Non-Law Degree
- LexisNexis John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship
- George A. Strait Minority Scholarship & Fellowship
- Marcia J. Koslov Scholarship for members to attend continuing education programs for state, court, or county law librarians

The deadline for applications is April 1, 2020. To learn more about the scholarships, instructions, and applications process, contact AALL.

APPLY FOR AN AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT

Does your chapter, special interest section, committee, or caucus have an educational event that needs funding? If so, consider applying for an AALL/Bloomberg Law Continuing Education Grant.
Grant requests are accepted at various times throughout the year. The next deadline for grant applications is March 20, 2020.

**RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1**

The AALL LexisNexis Research Grant Jury is accepting applications through April 1 for research grants totaling up to $5,000 from the AALL Research Fund (An Endowment Established by LexisNexis). Established in July 2000, the annual grants fund large or small research projects that create, disseminate, or use legal and library-related information. The AALL Research Agenda offers suggestions for possible research projects that cover a wide range of professional interests. Access the complete guidelines and apply for a grant by April 1, 2020. Grants will be awarded and announced by the end of April.

**WASHINGTON UPDATE**

AALL met with members of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts' (AO) Court Services Office to discuss AALL's interest in the AO's new Electronic Public Access (EPA) Public User Group. The EPA Public User Group's mission is "to provide advice and feedback on the development, implementation, and enhancement of electronic public access services provided by the federal judiciary, including, but not limited to PACER, the PACER Case Locator (PCL), Multi-court Voice Case Information System (McVCIS) applications, and the availability of electronic court records." The User Group will hold its first meeting later this month. AALL will have opportunities to provide comments and feedback to this User Group.

AALL, the American Library Association, and the Association of Research Libraries met with the U.S. Government Publishing Office's (GPO) new Director Hugh Halpern, Superintendent of Documents Laurie Hall, and Senior Program Planning Specialist (Librarian) Cindy Etkin. Topics of discussion included the new director's vision for GPO, the library associations' interests in the agency's work, and opportunities to modernize GPO's Federal Depository Library Program.

**AALL’S NEW VOICES / GERALDINE KALIM**

In this thoughtful post, member Geraldine Kalim reflects on being a new librarian, a new University of Georgia employee, a new/returning resident of the state of Georgia, and a new mother.

AALL’s New Voices is just getting started! Whether you recently joined AALL or are a longtime member aiming to become more involved in the Association, AALL is looking for your insights on any aspect of law librarianship.

Submissions should be about 100-600 words. Accepted posts will appear on the Members Open Forum and in the monthly eNewsletter. Possible topics include: starting a new role, insights on professional development, recommending a favorite resource, providing an overview of an AALL webinar, or your take on an article from AALL Spectrum, Law Library Journal, or KnowItAALL. This is a one-time commitment.

If you're interested in being involved, please share your post with Megan Mall, director of content strategy, with the subject line "New Voices Project" by noon Central on Monday, March 16, 2020.

**LEGAL INFORMATION UPDATES**

**KNOWITAALL HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBER POSTS**
The law librarians at Rutgers introduced a collection of Constitutions, Constitutional Convention records, and other related documents for the constitutions of the 50 United States. Duke Law's The Goodson Blogson discussed PACER's day in court and CRIV Blog provided an additional update. Amanda Duke of the State of Oregon Law Library explored the mysterious return of long-gone materials and David Whelan took a deep dive into operational review. Jean O'Grady shared that Bloomberg Law's Brief Analyzer was now live.

OTHER LEGAL INFORMATION DEVELOPMENTS
ABA Journal reported that Arizona will start training nonlawyers to provide legal advice in the fall.

Thomson Reuters's Legal Executive Institute released a white paper titled Law Firm Leader Perception of the Value of Technology that is available for free after providing information about your role. UCLA Samueli School of Engineering and UCLA School of Law have joined together to launch the UCLA Institute for Technology, Law, and Policy.

The Law Library of Congress announced the release of The United States Supreme Court Nominations Web Archive and the International Monetary Fund made its eLibrary free for everyone. HeinOnline's World Constitutions Illustrated continues to expand and a new and improved PubMed debuted. Above the Law highlighted Legislative Insights, the new tool from Westlaw Edge.

ABOUT KNOWITALL
KnowITALL is a member benefit sent to members Monday through Friday. Do you have an article to recommend? Please email Megan Mall, director of content strategy.

AALLNET MONTHLY MEMBER PROFILE

In this month’s member profile, Annalee Hickman, faculty services librarian at the Howard W. Hunter Law Library at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, discusses why being a member of AALL makes her feel whole and why being of member of an SIS is so valuable.

See more AALLNET Monthly Member Profiles and view AALL Spectrum Member and Leader Profiles on AALLNET.

MEMBER NEWS

- **Rebecca L. Bearden** was appointed senior serials and metadata librarian at Boston University Fineman and Pappas Law Libraries last summer. She previously served as technical services librarian at the University of Connecticut School of Law Library.

- **Shamika Dalton** was selected as the AALL Diversity & Inclusion Committee's February Librarian of the Month.

AALL seeks more news about members’ achievements, job changes, and connections with the legal information community. Please send your news to Heather Haemker, AALL director of marketing & Communications.

MEMORIALS

- **Paul Gatz** served as a reference librarian at Ohio State University Moritz Law Library, where he taught both Advanced Legal Research and Legal Analysis and Writing I. He was also a frequent presenter at state and national law library meetings. He earned his JD from
the University of Illinois College of Law in 2010, and his MLS in 2014. While pursuing his library science degree, he worked at the Albert E. Jenner, Jr. Memorial Law Library at the University of Illinois. Gatz served as the references and student services librarian at the Texas Tech University Law Library before joining the staff at Moritz Law Library in 2015. A member of AALL since 1974, he was a member of the Research Instruction & Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS-SIS), where he was also a frequent contributor to the RIPS Law Librarian Blog. Fellow members of RIPS shared some wonderful memories of him on the RIPS Blog. He was also a member of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee. A trivia master, he enjoyed traveling and reading in his spare time. He passed away on January, 18, 2020 after a year-long battle with cancer.

- **Mary Kathryn Wilson** worked for St. Augustine's Catholic School in Washington, DC after leaving the federal government in 1994. She graduated from Dunbarton College of the Holy Cross in Washington with a degree in history in 1964 and later earned a master of library science from Catholic University of America, also in Washington. Wilson began her career with the federal government working during summers for the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, and later for the Civil Service Commission. She worked for a number of federal agencies, including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Comptroller of the Currency, and the U.S. Navy, during her career as a law librarian. She was a member of AALL from 1983-1988. She passed away on February 7, 2020.

The AALL eNewsletter lists brief announcements of members’ deaths. Traditional memorials should be submitted to Tom Gaylord, Law Library Journal editor.