AALL Weekly eNews

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AALL EDUCATION AND COVID-19

With the increasing spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, or COVID-19, it should go without saying, that the health and safety of our members, staff, and conference attendees remain our top priority.

As registration is now open for the 2020 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 11-14, and several other education programs are planned in Chicago, AALL is following the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). AALL is also in regular communication with the City of New Orleans and following guidelines from the City of Chicago and State of Illinois.

The 2020 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference is currently scheduled to take place as planned. No federal restrictions are in place to prevent meetings and travel in the United States due to COVID-19 and there are no reported cases in New Orleans or in the State of Louisiana. The New Orleans Health Department states that the risk of the public getting COVID-19 in Louisiana is very low.

All AALL education programs coming up in Chicago (Leadership Academy, Competitive Intelligence Strategies, etc.) are also scheduled to take place as planned for now. While the world’s best scientists, medical professionals, and community health officials are working to manage and to treat the coronavirus, we encourage all of you to keep safe and monitor the COVID-19 updates.

Any changes/updates to this statement will be shared promptly. If you have additional questions or comments, please contact AALL’s Headquarters Office at 312.939.4764.

TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT GPO AND LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FUNDING

On March 4, 2020, AALL President Michelle Cosby testified in support of full funding for the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) and Library of Congress before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch.

AALL supports full funding for GPO and the Library of Congress because greater access to information supports access to justice and preserves the rule of law.

Now we’re asking AALL members to contact your members of Congress in support of full funding for these agencies.

Members of Congress listen to the needs and opinions of constituents to make decisions about
federal funding priorities. Please ask your members of Congress to support full funding for GPO and the Library of Congress in Fiscal Year 2021.

RENEW YOUR AALL MEMBERSHIP EARLY

The 2020-2021 renewal season is upon us. Renew today to:

- expand your network of peers
- receive valuable publications, including *AALL Spectrum*
- gain discounts and access to essential professional development
- and more great member benefits

When you renew your AALL membership early--by May 1--you will be entered in a drawing to win one of three complimentary 2020 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference registrations.

Hear what dedicated AALL Members have to say about what sets AALL apart:

If you have any questions about your membership renewal, contact AALL Headquarters at membership@aall.org or 312.205.8022.

REGISTER TODAY FOR AALL 2020 / JULY 11-14 IN NEW ORLEANS

Join the thought leaders, early adopters, advisers, and pathfinders in the rapidly changing world of legal information in the Big Easy this July. The AALL Annual Meeting features a wide range of programming (70+ educational sessions) presented by experts across the industry sharing solutions to the challenges you face every day. Discover new tools and services to keep you at the top of your game and network with colleagues. No other event affords this kind of access to the legal information community. Make your case to attend.

ATTEND A PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Preconference workshops are opportunities to boost your professional development before regular conference programming begins. Attendance is limited and separate registration is required--be sure to register well in advance of the June 12 deadline!
• Instructional Design for Law Librarians
• Demystifying Civil Legal Systems for a Common Law Audience: Historical Traditions, Modern Developments, and Practical Research and Instruction Applications
• CONELL (Conference of Newer Law Librarians)
• PLLIP-SIS Summit: Transformation 2020: Instrumental Tools for the Future

NOLA FUN FACT!

• Voodoo first came to Louisiana with enslaved West Africans, who merged their religious rituals and practices with those of the local Catholic population. Of the Louisiana Voodoo queens and kings who became spiritual and political figures of power in the 1800s, Marie Laveau, an herbalist, midwife, and free woman of color, was perhaps the most famous. You can even stay in the cottage she owned.

MARCH WEBINAR / REGISTER NOW

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.

EARLY-BIRD DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR AALL'S CI STRATEGIES & ANALYSIS

THIS PROGRAM WON'T BE OFFERED AGAIN UNTIL 2022

Harness your competitive intelligence (CI) knowledge and learn new strategic-level skills in a program designed specifically for legal information professionals. Make your case to attend AALL's CI Strategies & Analysis May 7-8, 2020 in Chicago before the remaining slots are filled! The early-bird deadline ends next Monday—don't miss out on this opportunity.

• 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,
APPLY TO SERVE ON THE AALL SPECTRUM OR LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARDS TODAY

APPLICATIONS DUE TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020

If you are interested in collaborating with colleagues on topics that are vital to legal information professionals, consider volunteering to serve on either the 2020-2022 AALL Spectrum Editorial Board or the 2020-2022 Law Library Journal Editorial Board.

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 will only be selected for one.

Submit your application by Tuesday, March 24, 2020.

EXECUTIVE BOARD NEWS

AALL's Finance & Budget Committee met March 6-7 in Chicago to review the Association's financial statements, listen and respond to presentations by representatives from AALL's audit firm and investment advisors, begin the budgeting process for 2020-21, and review the proposed budget guidelines.