

## AALL NEWSLETTER

### MARCH 2020

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#### COVID-19 / WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER

As the world and country respond to the unprecedented and quickly-evolving COVID-19 crisis, we are all challenged to adapt to the disruptions occurring within our organizations, our communities, and our personal lives.

Even though the news changes every minute and we're practicing social distancing, please stay in touch with each other and offer your colleagues support. AALL Headquarters staff remain ready to assist members, and we will continue to keep you informed. Please know that you are not alone--your AALL community is always just a click away. We are stronger together, and we will see each other through this. You are also encouraged to visit our [COVID-19 Updates and Resources page](#). If you have questions or comments, please [contact AALL's Headquarters Office](#) at 312.939.4764.

#### MANAGING DISRUPTION

AALL has two upcoming events in Chicago: the 2020 AALL Leadership Academy and the CI Strategies & Analysis program. As the COVID-19 crisis continues, **we have decided to postpone the Leadership Academy to August 7-8, 2020**. We are also looking at options for the [CI Strategies & Analysis program](#), scheduled for early May; more details will be shared soon. We are following the latest updates and guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), the City of Chicago, and the State of Illinois.

#### QUICK LINKS

[AALL Events Calendar](#)

[AALL Career Center](#)

[AALL News](#)

#### STAY CONNECTED



#### CONTACT US

We encourage you to [send us](#) your suggestions and comments.

#### STAY INFORMED

AALL is committed to helping you manage the [COVID-19 disruption](#). Access AALL education resources to keep your skills sharp:

[Join](#) our mailing list.

- [Complimentary CALL access for AALL members](#)
- [AALL2go](#)
  - [Teaching Technology and Information Ethics](#)
  - [Leading, Energizing, and Developing Staff Through Times of Change](#)
  - [Showing The ROI of Your Law Firm Library](#)
  - and [more...](#)

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## UPCOMING AALL VIRTUAL MEETINGS

To maintain both necessary social distancing and the continuity of AALL's operations, the [Nominations Committee](#) meeting (March 25-26) and the [spring Executive Board meeting](#) (April 2-3) will be held virtually. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we continue to navigate this difficult situation. Please note that this change of format is ONLY applicable to the upcoming meetings due to COVID-19 and because of concerns over everyone's safety and also due to restrictions and recommendations that the federal and many local governments have implemented. This change is not an indication of how future AALL meetings will take place.

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## SAVE THE DATE / AALL CONNECTION

As part of AALL's ongoing commitment to keeping members informed of AALL's activities, we will be holding the next virtual update after the Spring AALL Executive Board meeting.

**Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020**

**Time: 12:00 p.m. (CDT) - 12:30 p.m. (CDT)**

[Register Now](#)

This session will be recorded and made available to members on AALLNET.

We encourage you to submit questions ahead of time to [leadership@aall.org](mailto:leadership@aall.org). You will also have the opportunity to submit questions via live chat, if time permits.

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## UPDATE ON AALL 2020 / JULY 11-14

*As we navigate the months ahead leading up to our Association's biggest annual event, we continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation. Currently, July's [2020 AALL Annual Meeting](#) will take place as planned. We realize that some of you may not be allowed to register because of restrictions from your institutions. To ensure that you have the opportunity to save once these restrictions are lifted, we have extended the early-bird registration deadline to June 15 (the original date was May 15). We are in regular communication with the [Louisiana Department of Health](#). The health and safety of our members, speakers, sponsors, and staff are of primary importance to us and will continue to guide our decision making during this difficult time. We appreciate your patience.*

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

### AALL ANNUAL MEETING GRANTS / DEADLINE EXTENDED

Did you know that [AALL offers grants](#) to cover registration costs for the Annual Meeting or preconference workshops? Special interest sections provide [additional grant opportunities](#) for their members, and some chapters do, too. **The deadline to apply has been extended to May 15, 2020.**

### POSTER SESSIONS

Have you pioneered a new program in your library? Perhaps you've created a set of best practices to apply in the workplace. [Poster sessions](#) are a popular conference feature, and this year's selections will once again be on display in the exhibit hall--your good idea could benefit your fellow colleagues. [Submit your proposal by April 24, 2020.](#)

### LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY TRAINING 2020 / HOW TO BUILD COALITIONS AND INFLUENCE LAWMAKERS

Effective advocates are made, not born. It takes practice, creativity, and a willingness to build relationships with lawmakers and allies to have a lasting impact on the legislative issues affecting the legal information industry.

Becoming an advocate is especially important during and after an election year as new lawmakers will enter office looking to learn more about the issues impacting their constituents. [This training will teach you](#) the skills you need to establish yourself as a trusted advocate,

promote access to justice, and contribute meaningful solutions to today's information policy issues. While there is no charge to attend this event, attendance is limited. [Register by June 15, 2020.](#)

[VIEW PROGRAMS](#)

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## UPCOMING WEBINARS / REGISTER NOW

*The March webinar, "Using Cognitive Theory to Boost Long-Term Retention of Legal Research Skills," has been postponed; more details will follow.*

## EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP WITH VIRTUAL TEAMS: TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

- Thursday, April 23, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- [Register](#) by Monday, April 20, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60



[REGISTER](#)

The working world has become increasingly global and law libraries are not exempt. Many of our work environments are incorporating or introducing aspects of a virtual team. This webinar will address virtual team leadership and the nuances of different types of virtual teams. Listen to real-

world success stories from legal information professionals and get practical tips and inspiration for making the most of virtual teams.

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## **WASHINGTON UPDATE**

### **FEDERAL RESOURCES FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE**

Federal agencies are publishing resources for libraries in response to COVID-19. The U.S. Government Publishing Office offers [COVID-19 guidance for federal depository libraries](#). GPO is also hosting a webinar with the National Library of Medicine, "[Pandemic! NLM Resources for Librarians to Assist Researchers and the Public in Understanding the Coronavirus and Influenza](#)." In addition, the U.S. Copyright Office has [published a blog post](#) about how copyright law affects distance education in light of the closure of many colleges, universities, and law schools.

### **AALL RESPONDS TO LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS'S CALL FOR PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING THE NEXT REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS**

AALL [sent a response](#) to Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden regarding her request for public input on the expertise needed by the next Register of Copyrights and the top three priorities for the next Register. The Register of Copyrights has the unique responsibility to lead the U.S. Copyright Office in fulfilling its core duties of registering works and providing impartial expertise on copyright law and policy. An effective Register must not only be deeply knowledgeable about copyright law; the Register must also be an effective administrator and strategic thinker. AALL believes the next Register should continue copyright modernization efforts in coordination with the Library of Congress; improve public access to historical copyright registration and recordation information; and take steps to demonstrate balance in the Copyright Office's approach to policy issues.

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## **VOLUNTEER FOR THE AALL SPECTRUM & LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARDS**

### **APPLICATIONS DUE NEXT TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

**AALL is seeking applicants to serve on the 2020-2022 AALL Spectrum Editorial Board, and 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 can only be selected for one.*

**Please consider lending your time and talent to AALL--submit your application by next Tuesday, March 24, 2020.**

**VOLUNTEER NOW**

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## **AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT / DEADLINE EXTENDED**

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 has been extended to May 15, 2020.**

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## **RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATIONS / DEADLINE EXTENDED**

The [AALL LexisNexis Research Grant Jury](#) is accepting applications through May 15 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 May 15, 2020**. Grants will be awarded and announced by the end of May.

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## **AALL'S NEW VOICES / JENNA PONTIOUS**

Member Jenna Pontious discusses her career transition from a public library to a public law library in her insightful [post](#).

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 thoughts on any aspect of law librarianship.

Submissions should be about 100-600 words. Accepted posts will appear on 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 CDT on Friday, April 10, 2020.

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## LEGAL INFORMATION UPDATES

### KNOWITAALL HIGHLIGHTS

#### MEMBER POSTS

Kyle K. Courtney wrote "COVID-19, Copyright and Library Superpowers" ([Part I](#) and [Part II](#)). Jean O'Grady [reported](#) that LexisNexis was offering subscription resources for free due to the coronavirus and Duke Law Library [provided](#) an excellent list of resources to use while social distancing.

#### OTHER LEGAL INFORMATION DEVELOPMENTS

The Sandra Day O'Connor Institute [announced](#) the release of its comprehensive digital library. Thomson Reuters [relaunched](#) *Abogado.com*, a free legal resource for Spanish speakers. It covers family law, labor law, immigration, personal injury, criminal law, real estate, business law and more. The National Freedom of Information Coalition [released](#) a free new bill tracking tool for open government legislation. The Free Law Project created a [new open database of court information, IDs, and parsers](#), made [improvements to citation depth data](#), and [compiled, collected, and analyzed the complete collection of precedential federal tax opinions](#).

#### ABOUT KNOWITALL

[KnowItAALL](#) 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.

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## AALLNET MONTHLY MEMBER PROFILE



In this month's member profile, [Marshall Voizard](#), reference supervisor at Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP in New York, New York, discusses the value of AALL membership and the resources it provides.

See more AALLNET Monthly Member Profiles and view [AALL Spectrum Member](#) and [Leader](#) Profiles on AALLNET.

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## COMMUNITY CORNER

- On February 25, a dozen California County law librarians attended an [informational hearing](#) of the California Assembly Committee on Judiciary and the California Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on Public Safety held at the State Capitol. The [hearing](#), *How Can California Improve Access to Justice for Unrepresented Litigants?* featured panelists from a range of California organizations involved with access to justice issues tasked with presenting the difficulties faced by unrepresented litigants in the courts and the community. The hearing included two panelists from the California Council of County Law Libraries (CCCLL)--AALL member Anne Bernardo, director of the Tulare County Public law library and Sandra Levin of the Los Angeles County Law Library. Although this hearing was informational and didn't address funding, CCCLL is now recognized as a necessary partner in providing access to justice. The Committee sought to better understand the services provided by court self-help centers, legal services, and county law libraries, and how they work together and independently to provide a wide range of information and services to unrepresented litigants of all kinds.
- The [Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association](#) (GPLLA) celebrated their 50th anniversary this year and plans are underway for an anniversary dinner to be held this May--stay tuned for additional details. On February 28, the [Philadelphia City Archives](#) hosted a program for GPLLA members where they viewed two new installations, *Lazaretto* and [Resistance: Philadelphia](#) in celebration of Black History Month, and were treated to a private tour of the archives.

- [Law Librarians of New England](#) (LLNE) member Colleen Hana from the Rhode Island State Law Library was this year's *Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly* "Unsung Hero" honoree.

AALL seeks more news and announcements from chapters and special interests sections that may be of interest to all members. Please send your news to [Heather Haemker](#), AALL director of marketing & Communications.

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## MEMBER NEWS

- **Ariel Scotese** has joined the University of Chicago's D'Angelo Law Library as associate director for user services. Scotese previously served as access services librarian and assistant director of the Cornell Legal Research Clinic, and adjunct professor of law at Cornell University Law Library.

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.

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## MEMORIALS

- **Edward S. Grosek** served as a tenured associate professor for library faculty at Northern Illinois University (NIU) in DeKalb, Illinois, until his retirement in 2010. He received his masters in library science from the State University of New York at Albany. Grosek began his professional career at the Wayne Public Library; he also worked at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Weiner Library before joining NIU in 1995. His work with international documents and other sources led to his interest in treaties. On the advice of a fellow professor in NIU's political science department, Grosek began to look at secret treaties as an area of research. For several years, he collected all sorts of information while researching secret dealings among kings, dictators, and heads of state and began indexing these treaties, many of which were in French, German, and Spanish. In 2006, after gathering more information, he contacted William S. Hein and Company Inc., and they published the second edition of his book, *The Secret Treaties of History*, which won [AALL's Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award in 2008](#). The book annotates 973 secret treaties and includes an annotated bibliography, as well as an important country index. During the course of his life he published a number of articles on government information. He passed away on March 4, 2020.

- **Ann Morris** served as head librarian at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom from 1984 until her retirement in 2015. She received her MA from the University of Chicago Graduate Library School in 1981. Her career as a law librarian began when she was in graduate school. Morris served as head of circulation at the University of Chicago Law School Library from 1976-1979. From there she began a long career in law firm libraries--she served as law librarian at Gardner, Carton & Douglas from 1980-1982, head librarian at Rooks Pitts & Poust from 1982-1984, and director of the library at Holleb & Coff, Ltd from 1983-1984 before beginning her role at Skadden. Her professional association memberships included the Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL), the Special Libraries Association, and AALL, which she joined in 1980. She was a co-founder of *Hot Wire Magazine* and a member of Artemis Singers (Chicago's lesbian feminist chorus). In addition, she served on the boards of the Thousand Waves Foundation and the Skokie Concert Choir. She passed away March 7, 2020.

The AALL eNewsletter lists brief announcements of members' deaths. Traditional memorials should be submitted to [Tom Gaylord](#), *Law Library Journal* editor.