

EDUCATION UPDATE

APRIL 30, 2020

2020 AALL IN-PERSON ANNUAL MEETING CANCELED / VIRTUAL MEETING IN THE WORKS

In response to continued concerns related to COVID-19, the AALL Executive Board made the very difficult decision to cancel the in-person AALL Annual Meeting & Conference scheduled for this July in New Orleans. The Board's detailed decision is outlined in last Friday's [eBriefing](#).

Those who had registered early for the Annual Meeting in New Orleans have been sent a separate email regarding available options. Those options include a full refund or deferring your registration to the [2021 AALL Annual Meeting in Cleveland](#). If you made a hotel reservation for the AALL Annual Meeting within AALL's block of rooms, AALL will cancel this reservation.

Information for exhibitors and sponsors will be forthcoming.

VIRTUAL MEETING

The Executive Board and AALL staff are working with AALL committees, juries, and other entities--including New Orleans program coordinators and speakers--to develop a plan to provide a virtual meeting option during the summer months in lieu of the in-person Annual Meeting. Stay tuned--more details will be forthcoming.

AALL Headquarters staff is here to assist you and answer any questions you may have--please call AALL Headquarters at 312.939.4764 or email leadership@aall.org. We are #AALLin this together. Visit [AALL's COVID-19 webpage](#) for the latest information and resources.

VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: CHECKING IN WITH NEWER LAW LIBRARIANS

- Tuesday, May 5, 2020 / 3:00 p.m. (CDT)
- [Register](#) by next Monday, May 4 at 4:30 p.m. CDT (space is limited)



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If you're newer to law librarianship, you have a unique perspective on the path you've taken, what excites you most about the profession, and how you were prepared (or not prepared) for entering the field. Throw in a pandemic, and we're guessing there's plenty to talk about. Connect with your colleagues for our next informal virtual coffee chat, moderated by Jenna Pontious, Riverside County Law Library, and Geraldine Kalim, University of Georgia.

UPCOMING WEBINARS / REGISTER NOW

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LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES: SO, YOU WANNA LEARN CULTURAL COMPETENCE?

- Thursday, May 14, 2020 / 12:00 p.m. (CDT)
- [Register](#) by Tuesday, May 12, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60



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In recent years, law librarian scholars have brought discussions of cultural competence and implicit bias to the forefront. Now that we are aware of the issues implicit bias can raise, what do we do about it? This month, in our "So You Wanna...?" interview, we will speak with Michele A. L. Villagran and Shamika Dalton. Shamika Dalton is an associate professor and associate director of the Katz Law Library, and has led much of the discussion about implicit bias and law librarianship, presenting on the topic at recent workshops and conferences. Michele A. L. Villagran is an assistant professor at San Jose State University's School of Information and was named a "Leader of Today" in the second edition of *Celebrating Diversity: A Legacy of Minority Leadership in the American Association of Law Libraries* to which she contributed two chapters. This series is brought to you by the Professional Engagement, Growth & Advancement Special Interest Section and the AALL Continuing Professional Education Committee.

A NEW ENVIRONMENT OF CHALLENGES: HOW LAW LIBRARIANS AS TECHNOLOGY STEWARDS CAN DIRECTLY IMPROVE FIRM PROFITABILITY (THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR)

- Friday, May 15, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- [Register](#) by Wednesday, May 13, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60



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Unprecedented change in the legal industry is upon us, magnifying the financial impact of operational inefficiencies within law firms. More adoption of technology has occurred in the last month than in years prior. Librarians who adapt and become technology enablers will directly enhance their firm's financial bottom line. During this webinar, learn concepts for identifying and understanding the cost of firm inefficiencies, how a new frontier of data-centric technologies can streamline in-office/remote workflows, and how to create service-driven solutions for attorneys and clients.

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

- Wednesday, May 20, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- [Register](#) by Monday, May 18, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60



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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.

DIVERSITY DIALOGUES: BUILDING PIPELINES FOR DIVERSITY

- Thursday, May 28, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- [Register](#) by Tuesday, May 26, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60



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Dillard University won the 2018 American Bar Association Diversity Leadership Award for its collection of initiatives designed to build a pipeline for underrepresented students seeking to enter the legal profession. Adria Kimbrough, pre-law advisor at Dillard University will provide a quick background on Dillard's different programs, as well as discuss development opportunities and program effectiveness. Come prepared to engage with Kimbrough and learn strategies to implement in your own organization.

CALL FOR WEBINAR PROPOSALS

SHARE YOUR IDEAS

Do you have an idea for a webinar? Are you, or is someone you know, an expert on a subject important to legal information professionals? We want to hear from you! We're looking for programs on relevant and emerging topics, as well as current or cutting-edge best practices in legal information and library services. Webinar proposals should fall into one of the six [AALL Body of Knowledge \(BoK\) domains](#). [Submit a proposal today](#).

APPLY FOR AN AALL GRANT

AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT

Does your chapter, special interest section, committee, or caucus have an educational event (virtual or in-person) 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.**

AALL LEXISNEXIS RESEARCH GRANT

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.

AALL OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

AALL is committed to providing opportunities for professional growth. Each year, the Association awards thousands of dollars in [scholarships](#) to assist individuals in meeting their educational and professional development goals in the field of legal information.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

For those working in academic institutions, please encourage your students to apply for the following scholarships.

- **AALL Scholarships** (for MLIS /JD degree-seeking students or MLIS graduates seeking a degree in an area, other than law, which will be beneficial to the development of a professional career in law librarianship)
- **LexisNexis John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship** (for MLIS /JD degree-seeking students or MLIS graduates seeking a degree in an area, other than law, which will be beneficial to the development of a professional career in law librarianship)
- **George A. Strait Minority Scholarship & Fellowship** (for MLIS or JD degree-seeking students)

OTHER

- **Marcia J. Koslov Scholarship** (for state, court, or county law librarian AALL members to attend continuing education programs)

The deadline for all applications is **May 15, 2020**. To learn more about the scholarships and applications process, [please contact AALL](#).

COMPLIMENTARY AALL 2019 SESSION RECORDINGS

At last summer's [AALL Annual Meeting & Conference](#), attendees gathered to learn, network, and share knowledge. As an AALL member, you can [access the educational session recordings](#), whether you joined us in Washington, DC or not. Easily listen to sessions from your desktop or on the go--take advantage of this complimentary member benefit, just a few clicks away.

Find this and many more continuing education programs and webinars on [AALLNET](#).

AALL2GO

WEBINARS NOW AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND

- [AALL Connection: April 2020](#)
- [Effective Leadership With Virtual Teams: To Infinity and Beyond](#)
- [Live Interview Series: So, You Wanna Work Intergenerationally?](#)

PICK OF THE MONTH

Selected by AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee

#NOSCRIPT: USING RECORDINGS TO SAVE TIME AND IMPROVE LEARNING

We are all facing new ways to provide instruction to law students, attorneys, and other legal professionals. This webinar provides practical solutions to make quick, short recordings to get individuals the information they need. It is not necessary at this time to create storyboards,

scripts, or engage in heavy editing. The presenters do an excellent job of showing how to use popular recording platforms to make useful videos for your institutions.

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See what else is available on demand.

FOR THE LEADER IN YOU

One of the tasks that leaders are often called upon to do is motivate others. Motivating others is not just the work of management and is not just empty cheerleading. Some inspire others through relationship while others do so by focusing on purpose and mission. The following resources are about leadership and motivating others.

To learn more about motivating others as a leader, below are some suggested articles:

- "[Motivating Employees Is Not About Carrots or Sticks](#)" by Lisa Lai
- "[Six Motivational Drivers, and How to Unleash Them](#)" by Kerry Goyette
- "[What Motivates Employees? It's Not Just the Money](#)" by Harvey Schachter

Below are some more comprehensive reading suggestions on the topic:

- *[Payoff: The Hidden Logic That Shapes Our Motivations](#)* by Dan Ariely
- *[Start with Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action](#)* by Simon Sinek
- *[Multipliers: How the Best Leaders Make Everyone Smarter](#)* by Liz Wiseman

To encourage all of us to think about leadership, the Leadership Development Committee highlights short articles in the Education Update. Have a suggestion or request for a topic? Please email [Michelle Dewey](#).

