AALL ENEWSLETTER
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AALL 2020 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE / REGISTER NOW

Registration for AALL’s Virtual Conference, July 13-17, 2020, is open. In addition to discounted rates for retirees and complimentary registration for student and unemployed members, you may register multiple people from your institutions in one transaction. The conference includes a virtual exhibit hall and more than 20 livestreamed sessions—covering topics of value to legal information professionals right now, including: enhancing research services, delivering more effective legal instruction, navigating remote work, and adapting to and preparing for a profession changed by COVID-19. In addition, numerous prerecorded sessions will be made available the week of July 20 with some live chat options.

The event kicks off Monday, July 13 with a partner solutions day where registrants may explore and connect with providers of legal information products and services via the Virtual Exhibit Hall. Livestreamed sessions begin on Tuesday, July 14, including an interactive discussion between AALL President Michelle Cosby and keynote speaker Jim Kwik, learning coach and advisor to many of the world’s leading CEOs and celebrities.

Find the updated schedule at-a-glance and an updated sponsorship brochure for exhibitors on AALLNET.

What does "Unmasking our Potential" mean? AALL President Michelle Cosby talks about this year's theme and the keynote, Jim Kwik.
2020 VIRTUAL BUSINESS MEETING & MEMBERS OPEN FORUM / SUBMIT RESOLUTIONS BY JUNE 26

The AALL Business Meeting & Members Open Forum will be held virtually Friday, July 17 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. CDT. This is open to all members, whether or not you register for the Virtual Conference. Any member may submit a resolution for consideration by the membership at the Business Meeting. The deadline to submit a resolution is next Friday, June 26. Resolutions may be submitted by any AALL entity or member on substantive matters.

During this year's Members Open Forum, AALL Executive Board officers will be available to respond to member questions regarding AALL, as well as its programs and activities. In addition to asking questions via chat during the live event, members may also submit questions in advance of the meeting to ambusmtg@aall.org.

If you have questions, please contact AALL's Headquarters Office at 312.939.4764.

REGISTER NOW FOR AALL'S VIRTUAL CI STRATEGIES & ANALYSIS

- Dates: September 9-30, 2020
- Register by August 28, 2020
- Cost: $395 - members / $589 - nonmembers

AALL's upcoming CI Strategies & Analysis in Chicago, Illinois has been redeveloped into a virtual program that will take place in September. This four-week virtual course is designed to build capabilities in performing critical competitive intelligence (CI) work. Attendees will learn skills core to growing a CI function, and will also have an opportunity to examine, practice, and discuss techniques with other professionals during the course and network with peers from various settings. Please visit AALLNET for details on the course and to register.

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RENEW YOUR 2020-2021 AALL MEMBERSHIP

Renew your 2020-2021 AALL membership today—don't miss out on the exclusive benefits that
being an AALL member provides. AALL is offering a 90-day grace period before your member benefits cease. The grace period runs from June 1, 2020 through September 1, 2020. Membership dues are $270 and include access to outstanding educational content, programs to grow professionally, carefully curated publications, a vast network of professional colleagues, and more—a total value worth more than $2,120.

In addition, AALL offers a discounted membership rate for members who are unemployed (verification required). If your employment situation has changed and you wish to receive this discount, please contact member services.

To renew your membership log in to your AALLNET account.

**AALL CONSULTING SERVICES IS LOOKING FOR EXPERTS IN DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND EQUITY**

AALL encourages experts in diversity, inclusion, and equity to apply for this new pilot project. The goal of this initiative is to connect organizations with experienced law librarians to solve strategic and leadership challenges. Other areas of focus include data analysis and predictive analytics strategy, law library assessment and guidance, legal research strategy, and strategic planning, benchmarking, and environmental scanning.

Members with 10 years or more of professional experience are encouraged to apply. Previous consulting experience is not required. Clients in need of these services are welcome to enroll. Please contact Megan Mall, director of content strategy, with questions.

**UPCOMING WEBINAR / REGISTER NOW**

**PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS IN THE LIBRARY**

- Thursday, July 23, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- **Register** by Monday, July 20, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

For some patrons, a visit to a law library can be difficult. This can lead to behaviors that are challenging for staff. In this session, learners will develop strategies for preventing and de-
escalating conflict, including use of body language, wording considerations, and equitably enforcing guidelines. Learn strategies for working on solutions, both for teams and solo librarians, and explore how to prepare for dealing with challenging situations while still taking care of yourself. This webinar will also provide tips for implementing these strategies while teleworking. Librarians who work directly with the public, especially in smaller institutions, administrators at courts, academic institutions, law firms, and other organizations are encouraged to attend.

WASHINGTON UPDATE

AALL MEMBER JENNIFER BRYAN MORGAN APPOINTED TO DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COUNCIL BY GPO

The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) announced the selection of the AALL’s nominee Jennifer Bryan Morgan as a new member of the Depository Library Council (DLC). Morgan, an AALL member for nearly two decades, is the government documents librarian, associate librarian, and lecturer in law at the Jerome Hall Law Library at Indiana University’s Maurer School of Law. She will serve on the DLC for the 2020-2023 term. AALL issued a press release announcing the selection.

AALL WASHINGTON EBULLETIN HIGHLIGHTS ADVOCACY FOR LEGAL INFORMATION INDUSTRY

AALL’s June Washington eBulletin highlighted AALL’s most recent legislative priorities, which have centered on advocating for the immediate needs of the legal information industry during this pandemic. Recent advocacy efforts include lobbying for law librarians and legal information professionals in the recent federal relief and stimulus packages passed by Congress. In addition, AALL’s legislative priorities include the need of balanced copyright laws and policies that allow law libraries to access and preserve information; advocating for greater access to government information, access to justice, and a more open government; and the privacy of library users.

AALL SUBMITS COMMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE U.S. COURTS REGARDING PACER AND OTHER ACCESS ISSUES

AALL submitted comments to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AO) on June 16, 2020 in response to the recently published "Electronic Public Access (EPA) Public User Group Meeting Summary - February 2020." The EPA Public User Group was established in 2019 by the AO to provide a venue for the AO to exchange information with external users and receive recommendations regarding public access issues within the federal Judiciary. In the comments, AALL encourages the AO to enlist a wide cross-section of public and private sector experts--including law librarians and legal information professionals--to provide ideas and feedback about improvements to PACER.gov, and to include law librarians and legal information professionals in its upcoming user assessment. AALL also expresses support for several of the EPA Public User Group’s recommendations for improving electronic public access services, including expanding PACER’s existing search capabilities; improving the PACER user experience; enhancing access to PACER for self-represented litigants; and establishing the User Group as a standing body.
RECOGNIZING TOP CONTRIBUTORS

Each month, AALL will be highlighting Top Contributors on My Communities. These active members help keep our community vibrant by earning over 500 points through their posts and connections. Points are earned by posting messages, responding to discussions, and by making connections with other members. The contributions these members have made to the community are outstanding. Below are our Top Contributors from April.

- John Edwards
- Andrea Guldalian

Thank you for all that you do—we appreciate your contribution.

NEW VOICES

June welcomed three additional New Voices posts. Dana Neacsu of Columbia University's Arthur W. Diamond Law Library described how her organization created and published a (free) ebook, *Law in the Time of COVID*; Sunil Rao of the University of Wisconsin discussed a resource that connects law and mysticism, and Rachel Evans of the University of Georgia provided effective strategies for unwinding during COVID-19.

ABOUT NEW VOICES

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. This is a one-time commitment.

Possible topics include: recommending a favorite resource, any aspect of professional development, go-to stressbusters, leadership, and starting a new role. Submissions should be about 100-600 words. Accepted posts will appear on the Members Open Forum, in the monthly eNewsletter, and on AALL's social media feeds (Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn).

If you're interested in being involved in the next round, please share your post with Megan Mall, director of content strategy, with the subject line "New Voices Project" by 5:00 p.m. CDT on July 9, 2020.

LEGAL INFORMATION UPDATES

KNOWITAALL HIGHLIGHTS
MEMBER POSTS
Members continued to write about, discuss, and create resources concerning a wide variety of meaningful subjects. Here is a sampling of this month's posts:

- Karen Wallace of Drake University created the Racial Justice in the U.S. LibGuide.
- Marlene Gebauer and Greg Lambert discussed race in the legal industry with Bryan Parker and Jonathan Greenblatt on The Geek in Review.
- Andrew Christensen introduced the latest Washington & Lee Law Journal Rankings.
- Mari Cheney provided resources for hearing-impaired educators and students for if/when everyone is wearing a mask.
- Alyson Drake shared her expertise on helping students with focus and motivation (Part I and Part II) on Legal Research Pedagogy.
- Minnesota State Law Librarian Liz Reppe explained and promoted her organization's services and value with Minnesota Lawyer.
- Dan Brackmann of the University of South Carolina wrote about The Practice, a legal research and commentary resource from Harvard.

OTHER LEGAL INFORMATION UPDATES
The American Bar Association introduced its collection on racial equity in the justice system. The American Association of Law Schools launched the Law Deans Antiracist Clearinghouse Project. The ACLU published a guide to protestors' rights in English and Spanish.

The Internet Archive is ending its National Emergency Library following the filing of a lawsuit by four publishers. The National Association for Law Placement published their findings on summer programs, recruiting, and OCI. The State of Washington will end its Limited License Legal Technicians program. ProPublica introduced a database tracking federal purchases to fight COVID-19.

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

AALLNET MONTHLY MEMBER PROFILE

In this month's member profile, Victoria Capatosto, Research and Instruction Librarian/Instructor at Howard University Law Library in Washington, DC, discusses webinars, toolkits, and her love of experimenting with recipes.

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

MEMBER NEWS

- Karen Wallace's article "Does the Past Predict the Future: An Empirical Analysis of Recent Iowa Supreme Court Use of Legislative History as a Window into Statutory Construction in Iowa," 63 Drake L. Rev. 239 (2015) was cited by the Iowa Supreme Court in their May 22, 2020 decision State of Iowa v. Jane Doe. This article was also cited by the Iowa Supreme Court in the 2017 decision Brakke v. Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Wallace is the Circulation/Reference Librarian at Drake University Law Library.

AALL seeks more news about members' achievements, job changes, and connections with the
MEMORIAL

Daniel L. Wade was the Curator for the Foreign and International Law Collection and a Lecturer at Yale Law School Lillian Goldman Library in New Haven, Connecticut. A member of AALL since 1981, Wade was a founding member of Foreign, Comparative & International Law Special Interest Section (FCIL-SIS) and a beloved leader in legal information community. Wade was also a member of the Legal History & Rare Books SIS. Through the years, he served as a mentor and great friend to many in the profession. He believed that his most significant professional achievement was in the training of the next generation of foreign and international law librarians. Wade passed away May 28, 2020 after a long battle with kidney disease and a recent struggle with heart failure.

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

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