

EDUCATION UPDATE

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VIRTUAL COMPETITIVE INTELLIGENCE STRATEGIES & ANALYSIS / TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER

- **Dates:** September 9-30, 2020
- [Register Now](#)
- Cost: \$395 - members / \$589 - nonmembers

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Things are changing across all our workplaces, and having skills in competitive intelligence (CI) can set you up to expand your career with new insights. Kick your expertise into high gear by attending AALL's upcoming [CI Strategies & Analysis](#) four-week virtual course.

Learn skills essential to growing a CI function, examine, practice, and discuss techniques with other professionals, and network with peers from various library settings. **The deadline is tomorrow--register today!**

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UPCOMING WEBINARS / REGISTER NOW

AALL WEBINAR: INTRO TO DATA SCIENCE FOR LAW LIBRARIANS

- Thursday, September 24, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- [Register](#) by Monday, September 21, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60



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Data science is everywhere these days, but what exactly is it? How do you "do" data science? Is it something law librarians could or should learn? What relationship, if any, is there between data science and artificial intelligence? We are consumers of data science in all aspects of our lives. This session will explain what data science is, how it is done, and how it relates to hot topics such as big data and artificial intelligence. Attendees will get an understanding of how data science is

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relevant to their jobs, how it is used in empirical legal research to optimize the business of law, and how it underpins current legal research products.

BLOOMBERG LAW PARTNER WEBINAR: A YEAR OF UNCERTAINTY: REACTION, RESPONSE & LOOKING AHEAD

- Tuesday, September 29, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- [Register](#) by Friday, September 25, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60



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A pandemic. A global economic downturn. The presidential election cycle. This year has brought much uncertainty. As we close out 2020 and enter a new year, businesses and their law firm advisors are still facing unprecedented issues, both far-reaching and complex. Attend this webinar to learn how Bloomberg Law is addressing these issues and get a preview of what's to come in 2021.

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](#).

ACCESS AALL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

The AALL 2020 Virtual Conference reviews are in:

- "Completely enjoyed this program. I cannot wait to watch the recording to see it again."
- "Excellent program with many practical ideas to take away and adapt."
- "I learned a great deal in this session, and I plan to recommend this session to several of my team members."

Did you attend? Registrants have access to more than 40 educational sessions (both livestreamed and prerecorded), [available on demand](#). Catch up on anything you might have missed, or relive some of your favorite sessions.

AALL2GO

PRESENTATIONS/WEBINARS NOW AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND

- [2020 RIPS-SIS Instructional Design for Law Librarians](#)
- [Cultivating Leadership in the Next Generation of Law Librarians](#)
- [Maximize Your Efficiency with Westlaw Edge](#)

PICK OF THE MONTH

Selected by AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee

PERSONAL STRATEGIC PLANNING: CREATING A VISION-DRIVEN CAREER

We all have been involved with strategic planning for our institutions. It is also important to do strategic planning for your career. Having a plan in place will help identify what is most important to you and what success means to you in your professional and personal life. This webinar discusses an effective way to create a personal vision statement, develop guiding principles, properly set goals for yourself, and focus your energy to achieve them.

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



See what else is available on demand.

FOR THE LEADER IN YOU

This month, the Leadership Development Committee is unveiling a new format for the Leader In You column. Each month we'll be highlighting a librarian leader and asking them a few questions about their leadership journey. We hope you enjoy the new format.

LEADER PROFILE



PATRICK PARSONS

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Previous Leadership Roles: Chair, PEGA-SIS (2019-2020); President, ALLA (2018-2019)

What does leadership mean to you?

When you are a leader, it is important to understand that you are managing multi-faceted obligations. For example, if you are chair of a special interest section (SIS) you are simultaneously acting as the leader of the SIS, the Board, and the membership. Your obligations to each may be different, and sometimes even conflicting, so it is important to learn to address those interests transparently.

How do you help others develop their leadership skills?

I include them in decision-making. I always appreciate having input on issues that seem above my role in the organization. Being a part of the decision-making process has helped me to see things from other perspectives and at least simulate how I would solve problems way above my pay grade.

What resources do you recommend for those looking to build or improve their leadership skills?

In library school, I read *Getting It Done: How to Lead When You're Not in Charge* (Fisher & Sharp). It helped me think about my role as a leader from anywhere in the hierarchy. Just because you're not the boss doesn't mean you shouldn't weigh in and effect change.

Is there a particular AALL product/program/article that was especially helpful to you as you developed as a leader?

The [AALL Leadership Academy](#) was a great opportunity to interact with people I normally wouldn't. It also gave me confidence in my ability to take on new leadership roles.

What is the best advice regarding leadership or being successful in your work that you've

ever received?

There are three aspects to this. *Pay attention to people you think are good leaders.* What makes them good and why do you like their leadership? *Pay attention to yourself.* Reflect on your effectiveness as a leader or in a particular situation. What went well and what didn't? Why? *Pay attention to poor leadership.* What didn't work and why wasn't it effective? Even when you aren't in a leadership role you can learn a lot by watching other people.

READY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LEADERSHIP?

- [Anyone Can Be a Leader - Even Those Without \(Actual\) Authority](#), (AALL Webinar, May 2019)



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