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AALL EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES FORUM

The AALL Executive Board election starts on October 1, and two candidates' forums are scheduled in advance of the election. [Learn more about the candidates before voting opens.](#) Members are encouraged to participate in the moderated forums by submitting questions in advance to candidatesforum@aall.org. Please indicate which candidate forum you would like your question directed to.

Members will also have the opportunity to ask a question during the forums via live chat. Greg Lambert, chair of the Nominations Committee and past AALL President, will serve as moderator for the forums.

Candidates Forum for President-Elect

September 14, 2020

12:00 p.m. (CDT)

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CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT



BETH ADELMAN



KATHLEEN (KATIE) BROWN

Candidates Forum for Executive Board

September 21, 2020

12:00 p.m. (CDT)

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CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD

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FORMAT

- Each candidate will make an opening statement
- Each question will be posed to each candidate
- Questions submitted [in advance](#) will be shared with the candidates prior to the forums
- Forums will be recorded and available on AALLNET

QUESTIONS

- Members are limited to one question each and will not be identified
- Questions should be related to AALL, law librarianship, and the candidate's work experience
- Questions can be submitted via live chat during the forum

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Read the Q&A with the candidates from the July/August issue of [AALL Spectrum](#) and the [candidate biographies and statements](#) on AALLNET.

VIRTUAL COMPETITIVE INTELLIGENCE STRATEGIES & ANALYSIS / REGISTER NOW

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

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With the global pandemic affecting all organizations, skills in competitive intelligence (CI) 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 approaching soon--register today!**

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RENEW YOUR 2020-2021 AALL MEMBERSHIP / DEADLINE APPROACHING

Renew your membership now before AALL's 90-day grace period ends. **Your benefits cease September 1, 2020.** Don't lose access to outstanding educational content, programs to grow professionally, carefully curated publications, a vast network of professional colleagues, committees, juries, My Communities, and more.

AALL also 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](#).



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UPCOMING COFFEE CHAT & WEBINAR / REGISTER NOW

VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: DATABASE EVALUATION

- Tuesday, August 25, 2020 / 1:30 p.m. (CDT)
- [Register](#) by Monday, August 24, 2020
- Space is limited



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Rapid changes in database functionality and shrinking budgets force us to justify our subscriptions. We need to compare options consistently and objectively. A recent *AALL Spectrum* [article](#) described a systematic method to evaluate databases. Join co-authors Mark Estes, University of San Diego Pardee Legal Research Center, and Jon Stock, independent law librarian, for a conversation about the method and implications for today and the future.

AALL WEBINAR: INTRO TO DATA SCIENCE FOR LAW LIBRARIANS

- Thursday, September 24, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- [Register](#) by Monday, September 14, 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? As individuals, we are consumers of data science in all aspects of our lives, and our professional lives are no different. 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 about how data science is 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.

AALL VIRTUAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY TRAINING 2020 / REGISTER NOW

- Tuesday, September 22, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CDT
- [Register Now](#)
- Free for AALL members only

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Becoming an effective advocate who can clearly articulate the needs of law libraries and the legal information industry is especially important during these uncertain times. This training will teach you the skills you need to establish yourself as a trusted voice in your community, promote equal access to justice, and contribute meaningful solutions to today's information policy issues. The training is free for AALL members.

CONGRESS.GOV VIRTUAL PUBLIC FORUM / THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

The Library of Congress will be hosting a [Virtual Public Forum](#) on Thursday, September 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EDT, that focuses on [Congress.gov](#) and the Library's role in providing access to congressional information. This forum is part of the Library's response to a congressional request to facilitate public input into the Library's legislative information services and how they could be improved.

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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 July.

- Jessica Almeida
- Yemisi Dina
- Cate Kellett
- David McFadden
- Kristina L. Niedringhaus

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

NEW VOICES

[AALL's New Voices](#) is seeking your insights! 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: diversity, inclusion and equity, recommending a favorite resource, 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 September 10, 2020.

LEGAL INFORMATION UPDATES

KNOWITAALL HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBER POSTS

Members created a wide variety of useful and innovative resources and content, including:

- The law librarians at the University of Maryland [developed](#) a guide covering bar exam updates in all 50 states, DC, and the U.S. territories.
- Dean Mason of Sidley Austin LLP [shared](#) his insights on how KM teams are driving business in law firms.
- The law librarians at Howard University [continued updating](#) their history of civil rights guide.
- Jean O'Grady of DLA Piper [defined](#) the 12 building blocks of a digital library for *Above the Law*.
- Andrew Christensen at Washington & Lee [recommended](#) books concerning racial justice.
- Amy Bruce of Boston College [provided](#) insights on HotShot Legal.
- Gerard Fowke of Georgia State University [highlighted](#) a range of productivity apps.
- Sarah Reis of Northwestern University [explained](#) how to access *The Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, and other premium publications through the library's databases.
- Marlene Gebauer of Greenberg Traurig and Greg Lambert of Jackson Walker [led](#) a discussion on the current state of the bar exam and diploma privilege on *The Geek in Review*.
- Neil J. Squillante [wrote](#) about the top five under-the-radar legal technology trends on *TechnoLawyer*.
- Brian Cassidy [introduced](#) Cleveland-Marshall's Center for Health Law and Policy Guide.
- Jocelyn Kennedy and Kevin Agrawal of Harvard University [discussed](#) the adaptations they have made-and continue to make-in order to meet their community's research needs.

OTHER LEGAL INFORMATION UPDATES

The U.S Court of Appeals [ruled](#) that PACER overcharged users. The Census Bureau [will halt](#) counting efforts on September 30-a month earlier than previously planned. Utah Supreme Court [approved](#) sweeping changes to legal services regulation.

New AI tool GPT-3 was [examined](#) through the lens of legal writing. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) [announced](#) the Presidential Libraries Explorer. ROSS Intelligence [released](#) a free browser extension to find case law support for online content. The University of Chicago [developed](#) Fawkes-a tool that tricks facial recognition software.

ABOUT KNOWITALL

[KnowItAALL](#) is a member benefit sent Monday through Friday. Subscriptions [are available](#) for nonmember individuals and institutions. Please email [Megan Mall](#), director of content strategy, with recommendations (including your own work!) or if you need assistance with delivery issues.

MEMBER NEWS

- **Karen Dibble** has been promoted to Director of Dallas County Law Library, following the retirement of David Wilkson this past April after serving in the position for 35 years. During the pandemic, the county law library has remained open providing references services to the citizens of Dallas County.

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.

COMMUNITY CORNER

- The [Foreign, Comparative & International Law Special Interest Section](#) created a [special newsletter](#) to remember longtime member [Daniel L. Wade](#), who passed away on May 28, 2020.

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.

MEMORIAL

Dr. Yvonne J. Chandler served as associate professor and director of the Law Librarianship and Legal Informatics Program in the Department of Information Science at the University of North Texas (UNT), where she taught for over 25 years. A graduate of Clark Atlanta University, she earned her MLIS from the Atlanta University School of Library and Information Studies and her PhD in Information from the University of Michigan. Her 1994 dissertation, "Professional Preparation Competencies for Law Librarianship-A Survey of Experts in Law Librarianship and Private Law Librarians," shows an early interest in law librarianship education. She was President of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, an AALL Representative to the Association for Library and Information Science, Texas Library Association President, and a member of the American Library Association (ALA) Presidential Task Force on Library Education. Dr. Chandler has received numerous educational training grants awarded by the Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS).



Through her efforts, more than 300 UNT master's degree students have received scholarships and other support from the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program funded by IMLS, with more than \$5.5 million received through partnerships with state, public, and academic libraries. All of her grants include funding for a minimum of 30 percent of recipients from diverse backgrounds or students of color. Dr. Chandler received the 2019 Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award for co-authoring *Celebrating Diversity: A Legacy of Minority Leadership in the American Association of Law Libraries*. She was the recipient of the DEMCO/ALA Black Caucus Award for Excellence in Librarianship from the Black Caucus of the American Library Association as well as the UNT President's Council Outstanding Teaching Award. She was the recipient of the [2020 Marian Gould Gallagher Award](#). Chandler passed away August 8, 2020.

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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