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MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD / VOTE FOR AALL'S 2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD BY OCTOBER 31

[Online voting](#) for the 2021 AALL vice president/president-elect and Executive Board members is open and **runs through 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on Saturday, October 31.**

Members of the AALL Executive Board ensure that decisions made are consistent with [AALL's mission, vision, and strategic plan](#) while continuing to increase the value proposition of the Association. It's important to make an educated decision. We encourage you to learn more about the candidates by listening to the Candidates Forum recordings for [Vice President/President-Elect](#) and [Executive Board members](#), and reading their [biographies and statements](#), as well as the Q&As with the candidates featured in the July/August issue of [AALL Spectrum](#).

Vote today and help shape the future of AALL.

SUBMIT A PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR THE 2021 AALL ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

DEADLINE / MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

AALL seeks your expertise and encourages you to [submit a program or workshop proposal](#) for the [2021 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference](#). The call for proposals includes a question about whether presenters will be available to deliver the program in person, virtually, or both. As of now, the 2021 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference is scheduled to take place as planned. Any changes will be shared with all of you promptly.

Check out the [quick guide for getting started](#), explore additional [resources for program proposers](#) (including the [must-have program topics](#) identified by AALL members), and use the online [Program and Workshop Proposal Collection site](#) to develop your proposal. AALL remains committed to ensuring a dynamic and diverse lineup of programs designed to meet your needs. We look forward to seeing your proposals.

UPCOMING COFFEE CHAT & WEBINARS / REGISTER NOW

QUICK LINKS

[AALL Events Calendar](#)

[AALL Career Center](#)

[AALL News](#)

[Anti-Racism, Diversity,
Equity & Inclusion](#)

[COVID-19 Updates &
Resources](#)

[Voting Resources](#)

AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: MAINTAINING MEANINGFUL REMOTE CONNECTIONS / REGISTRATION CLOSES TOMORROW

- Monday, October 19, 2020 / 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)
- [Register](#) by tomorrow (Friday, October 16, 2020)
- Members only; space is limited



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Whether by design or by necessity, many people now interact with their co-workers online rather than in person. While technology can surmount many obstacles, it can't replace the impromptu exchanges and insights that occur naturally in the office. Or can it? How are you staying connected with your co-workers these days, finding the (virtual) space to really check-in with one another, and keeping the idea channels open? Join us for an informal conversation, co-moderated by [Ben Doherty](#), University of Virginia Law Library, and [Rachel S. Evans](#), University of Georgia.

AALL LEXISNEXIS DIGITAL LIBRARY PARTNER WEBINAR: REMOTE LAW LIBRARY EBOOK ACCESS IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 / REGISTRATION CLOSES TOMORROW

- Tuesday, October 20, 2020 / 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CDT)
- [Register](#) by tomorrow (Friday, October 16, 2020)
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60



[REGISTER](#)

As law libraries have been forced to restrict access to their facilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they are pivoting to ensure researchers continue to have access to the books they need. Join us to learn more about how your organization can stay connected with on-demand access to your library's eBook collection and hear first-hand success stories from clients who have benefited from this virtual solution. Speakers include Paige Hren, digital media specialist at LexisNexis, [Joseph D. Lawson](#), deputy director for Harris County Law Library, and [Jenny R.F.F. Silbiger](#), state law librarian for the Hawaii Supreme Court Law Library.

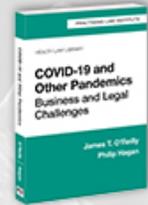
AALL WEBINAR: TRADITIONAL LAW IN A MODERN WORLD: RESEARCHING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' LAW

- Thursday, October 29, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)
- [Register](#) by Monday, October 26, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60



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As indigenous activists re-assert their legal rights, effectively researching indigenous legal issues has become an increasingly important skill. Businesses and attorneys that fail to understand and respect indigenous legal rights face an exponential wave of legal activism by indigenous communities, from the Pacific Islanders who successfully challenged the license of a hotel that violated their indigenous fishing rights, to the Mixe and other Mexican communities asserting their rights against fashion companies that appropriate their traditional designs, to the Standing Rock Sioux's fight against the Dakota Access Pipeline. This webinar will provide participants with the necessary resources and skills to research the laws and legal rights of indigenous peoples worldwide. This will benefit librarians whose firms are involved in litigation or transactional work involving indigenous peoples, government librarians whose courts and agencies are increasingly involved in lawsuits brought by indigenous groups and peoples asserting their legal rights, and academic librarians who are training students and faculty, and hosting courses and clinics involving foreign and international law, American Indian law, or both. This webinar will be moderated by [Caitlin Hunter](#), reference librarian at UCLA Law Library. Speakers include [Chris Dykes](#), head of public services at the University of Houston's O'Quinn Law Library, [Victoria Szymczak](#), associate professor and director of the Law Library at the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Dr. Jolande Goldberg, senior law classification specialist at the Library of Congress, and [Kurt Meyer](#), assistant director of Global Content Development & Preservation at LLMC Digital.

AALL LEXIS+ PARTNER WEBINAR: BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE NEW ERA IN LEGAL RESEARCH--AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT LEXIS+™

- Thursday, November 3, 2020 / 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (CST)
- [Register](#) by Friday, October 30, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60



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Get ready for an amazing new research experience that sets a precedent in design, simplicity, integration, search, navigation, and results. This webinar will explore new and unique tools such as integrated Practical Guidance, Search Tree, Missed and Must Include, Shepard's® At Risk, Code Compare, the new Brief Analysis tool, plus expansion of popular features such as search term maps, and much more. Join us and experience Lexis+ from a librarian perspective. Speakers include [Carolyn Bach](#), senior manager, faculty and knowledge & research program for LexisNexis and [Gayle Lynn-Nelson](#), senior knowledge & research consultant for LexisNexis.

AALL TRELIS PARTNER WEBINAR: HOW STATE TRIAL COURT RESEARCH & ANALYTICS WILL SAVE YOUR FIRM TIME AND BRING IN MORE MONEY

- Wednesday, November 4, 2020 / 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (CST)
- [Register](#) by Friday, October 30, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60



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This engaging webinar will cover how artificial intelligence (AI)-driven litigation analytics enables you to analyze the behavior and history of your judge, competitive counsel, prospects, and clients

to gain crucial insights into litigation history and ruling tendencies. Discover how state court legal teams are using AI for judicial analytics and legal research. This webinar will also highlight how to access and leverage state trial court dockets, tentative rulings, and filed case documents to gain insights into your judges, your competitors, and your cases. You'll learn why you need litigation analytics to get ahead to be more efficient, more proactive, and achieve better results for your clients. The speaker for this webinar will be Nicole Clark, CEO and co-founder of Trellis Research.

AALL CONNECTION / REGISTER NOW

To stay up to date on what the Association is working on to help you in your professional growth and what decisions were made during the virtual Fall Board meeting (November 6 and 7, 2020), please register for the next AALL Connection.

- **Date:** Monday, November 16, 2020
- **Time:** 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. (CST)
- **Register** by Thursday, November 11, 2020

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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. You will also have the opportunity to submit questions via live chat, if time permits.

AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT

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 is Friday, October 30.**

APPLY FOR AN AALL LEXISNEXIS RESEARCH GRANT BY DECEMBER 1

The [AALL LexisNexis Research Grant Jury](#) is accepting applications through December 1 for grants from the [AALL Research Fund \(An Endowment Established by LexisNexis\)](#). The jury may allocate \$5,000 between one or more applicants seeking funding for research that advances [AALL's Research Agenda](#), which seeks to stimulate "a diverse range of scholarship related to and supportive of the profession of law librarianship."

Established in July 2000, the grant funds research projects that create, disseminate, or use legal and library-related information. For inspiration, [review the list of topics awarded grants in past years](#) and explore the 16 broad research topics outlined in [AALL's Research Agenda](#).

If you have a research project that may benefit from this grant, [review the complete guidelines](#) and [apply](#). As the guidelines state, the research should be completed within one year and the final product published. **Grants will be awarded and announced by the end of December.**

RECOGNIZING TOP CONTRIBUTORS ON AALL'S MY COMMUNITIES

Each month, AALL will be highlighting Top Contributors on [My Communities](#). These active members help keep our AALL online 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. To see how many points you have earned, log in to My Communities, click on the drop down arrow in the upper right-hand corner, go to Profile, and in the middle of the screen click on 'My Contributions' and then 'Summary' to see how many points you have earned. Below are our Top Contributors from September.

- Susan Azyndar
- Johanna Bizub
- Trezlen Drake
- Joanne Kiley
- Erin Schlicht

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

NEW VOICES

Two members recently shared their insights in these New Voices posts:

- **Autumn Collier** provides guidance on [using gender-inclusive language](#).
- **Nicholas Mignanelli** explains the [Critical Legal Research's origins and application to legal information](#).

ABOUT NEW VOICES

[AALL's New Voices](#) is seeking your expertise! 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 subjects include: diversity, inclusion and equity, a legal topic of your choice, favorite resource(s), go-to stressbusters, leadership/culture tips, legal information competencies, 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. CST on November 10, 2020.

LEGAL INFORMATION UPDATES

KNOWITAALL HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBER POSTS

Members were responsible for many interesting, helpful, and innovative contributions, including:

- Aaron Kirschenfeld of the University of North Carolina [created](#) a *BuzzFeed* quiz--just for case law research.
- Sarah Lin of RStudio [talked to](#) Greg Lambert of Jackson Walker about information management and using data analytics to tell your story.
- John Edwards of Drake University [provided](#) insights on finding quality information about political candidates.
- Susanna Leers of the University of Pittsburgh [introduced](#) the Government Publishing Office's Collection Development Plan.
- Andrew Christensen of Washington & Lee wrote about [Ruth Bader Ginsburg: A Reading List](#).

- Michelle Buhalo of Jenkins Law Library [recommended](#) COVID-19 resources from legal databases.
- Rachel Evans, Geraldine Kalim, and Heather Simmons [expanded](#) the University of Georgia's meditation guide.
- David Whelan of the Law Society of Ontario [explored](#) the half-life of legal research.
- Debbie Ginsberg of IIT-Chicago Kent [taught](#) us how to improve our home internet connection.
- Jean O'Grady of DLA Piper [covered](#) Market Standards, a new tool from LexisNexis.

OTHER LEGAL INFORMATION UPDATES

Columbia University [introduced](#) the world's first database of carbon dioxide removal laws. USPTO [shared](#) its report on artificial intelligence and intellectual property policy. The United Nations [launched](#) their COVID-19 Global Gender Response Tracker. The Marshall Project [obtained](#) data on compassionate release for prisoners during COVID. Gavelytics [announced](#) new features and additional plans for expansion. *The State of Altmetrics: A Tenth Anniversary Celebration* was [released](#). *Knoco Stories* [designed](#) a personal learning matrix.

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).

MEMBER NEWS

- **Nicholas F. Stump** at West Virginia University has published a book with West Virginia University Press entitled [Remaking Appalachia: Ecosocialism, Ecofeminism, and Law](#). The book focuses on critical approaches to legal research as a means of addressing environmental and economic degradation in West Virginia.

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.
