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AALL EXECUTIVE BOARD TO MEET THIS WEEK

The AALL Executive Board will hold its fall meeting virtually on Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7. The agenda and board book for the fall meeting may be accessed on AALLNET.

AALL CONNECTION / REGISTER NOW

To stay informed 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

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.

PROPOSE A PROGRAM FOR THE 2021 AALL ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

DUE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

AALL is seeking your expertise—submit a program or workshop proposal for the 2021 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference. There are still many uncertainties for 2021, but rest assured that we are on top of things and in continuous contact with the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland. AALL 2021 is currently scheduled to take place an in-person meeting--if anything

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changes we will let you know. The call for proposals includes a question about whether presenters will be available to deliver the program in person, virtually, or both.

Please go through 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.

**AALL SPECTRUM SURVEY / JOB SEARCHING DURING THE PANDEMIC**

**RESPONSES ARE DUE TODAY**

Today is the last day to participate in the AALL Spectrum Editorial Board’s short survey that seeks information about the job search/hiring process since the start of the pandemic. Have you interviewed for a new position or hired someone to fill an open position? Please take a few minutes to respond to this short survey. Data will be used to create the January/February 2021 "Trending" column in *AALL Spectrum*.

BEGIN SURVEY

**LAST CHANCE! HELP IMPROVE AALL'S SALARY SURVEY / RESPONSES ARE DUE NOV. 3**

The AALL Economic Status of Law Librarians Committee (ESLL Committee) is responsible for updating the AALL Salary Survey. They prepared this questionnaire for all members in order to gather feedback about the publication. The questionnaire should take about 15 minutes to complete. Please submit your response by tomorrow (November 3, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. Central).

BEGIN SURVEY

**WASHINGTON UPDATE**

**AALL WELCOMES NEW REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS**

AALL President Emily R. Florio wrote to Register of Copyrights Shira Perlmutter to congratulate her on her new role as the head of the United States Copyright Office. The letter also highlights AALL members’ interests in the work of the Copyright Office. Register Perlmutter previously served as Chief Policy Officer and Director for International Affairs at the United States Patent and Trademark Office from 2012-2020.

**UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS / REGISTER NOW**

**AALL LEXIS+ PARTNER WEBINAR: BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE NEW ERA IN LEGAL RESEARCH--AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT LEXIS+™ / LAST DAY TO REGISTER**

- Tuesday, November 3, 2020 / 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (CST)
- Register by today (November 2, 2020)
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60
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 TRELLIS PARTNER WEBINAR: HOW STATE TRIAL COURT RESEARCH & ANALYTICS WILL SAVE YOUR FIRM TIME AND BRING IN MORE MONEY / LAST DAY TO REGISTER

- Wednesday, November 4, 2020 / 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (CST)
- Register by today (November 2, 2020)
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

AALL THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR: IDENTIFYING LEGAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

- Tuesday, November 10, 2020 / 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CST)
- Register by this Friday, November 6, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

When it comes to legal news, it's about knowing what happened - and why that matters for the practice of law. The right legal news and analysis should be timely, comprehensive, and trustworthy. Thomson Reuters recently launched Westlaw Today, powered by Reuters which checks all the boxes. Get a tour of Westlaw Today and discover how the right legal news service can enhance your practice. Speakers include Rebecca Ditsch, manager, product development at Thomson Reuters and Zena Applebaum, director of market insights & proposition strategy for Thomson Reuters.
AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: TIPS & TOOLS FOR GETTING PUBLISHED

- Tuesday, November 17, 2020 / 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST)
- Register by Monday, November 16, 2020
- Members only; space is limited

Writing can be a compelling way to showcase your knowledge on a particular topic and grow your professional resume. *AALL Spectrum*, the official bimonthly magazine of AALL, is a great platform for those looking to break into professional writing. This informal chat is an opportunity to ask questions, share best practices, discuss emerging topics, and get publishing tips from your peers. Join us for this conversation, co-moderated by Steven A. Lastres, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP (current editor of *AALL Spectrum*), and AALL Spectrum Editorial Board members Cynthia Brown, Littler Mendelson, P.C., and Marcelo Rodríguez, U.S Courts for the Second Circuit.

AALL WEBINAR: 30 GOOGLE APPS TIPS IN 60 MINUTES

- Thursday, November 19, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)
- Register by Monday, November 16, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

You can use Google Apps at work and home to simplify all kinds of routine jobs. Need a cleaner email box? Try filters. Want to create a document with several authors without losing previous work? Version history in Google Docs can be a lifesaver. Once you use Google Forms for surveys, invites, and quizzes, you'll find more and more uses. We understand that some organizations may limit access to Google Apps, but you can still use these features in your home to help streamline daily tasks. The moderator for this session will be Mandy Lee, research & instructional services librarian at the Institute of Technology Chicago-Kent College of Law. Speakers include Debbie Ginsberg, educational technology librarian at the Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago-Kent College of Law and Emily Barney, technology training & marketing librarian at the Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago-Kent College of Law.

AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: BRINGING SOCIAL JUSTICE INTENTIONS TO LIFE

- Tuesday, December 1, 2020 / 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST)
- Register by Monday, November 30, 2020
- Members only; space is limited

As issues involving systemic racism and diversity/inclusion have come into sharp focus this year, many AALL members are taking action--and many more have questions about where to start.
This informal coffee chat is a chance for members who have recently launched special projects, written scholarship, taught courses, etc. in areas of D&I or racial/social justice to share their experiences, and to connect with those who are looking to do the same. Join us for this conversation, co-moderated by Taryn Marks, Stanford University, and Malikah Hall, Texas A&M University School of Law.

**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.

**JOINT SIS PROGRAM / ACTIVE STEPS TO INCREASE DIVERSITY & ADDRESS RACISM: LIGHTNING TALKS & DISCUSSION**

This joint program from AALL’s special interest sections (SISs) will focus on steps individual librarians have taken and can take to address racism and promote diversity in their libraries.

- **Date:** Thursday, November 12, 2020
- **Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (CST)
- **Register** by Monday, November 9, 2020

The 60-minute event will start with 3-minute lightning round talks by speakers who will highlight their ideas for continuing actions librarians can take to address racism and promote diversity in their institutions, followed by breakout rooms, in which the speakers will answer questions, discuss their ideas in more detail, and engage participants to explore how librarians can implement these ideas in their own institutions.

**MEMBER NEWS**

- **Michelle Wu** has been named a recipient of the 2020 Internet Archive Hero Award for establishing the legal basis for controlled digital lending. The annual award recognizes those who have exhibited leadership in making information available for digital learners all over the world.

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.

**SHARE YOUR POSITIVE BLACK LIVES MATTER STORIES WITH AALL**
AALL is looking for positive stories of how members are helping their communities during the Black Lives Matter movement. Below is just one example of how law librarians and legal information are making a difference.

- **Nicholas Mignanelli**, Reference & Instructional Services Librarian and Lecturer in Law at the University of Miami School of Law, has written a post for the RIPS Law Librarian Blog about his new course *(Re)Searching for Justice* - "Recently, I decided to create a specialized legal research course around 'Critical Legal Research,' the application of critical legal theory to the process of legal research and analysis. My hope was that this course would attract aspiring movement and cause lawyers, as well as students interested in social justice issues . . . To my knowledge, *(Re)Searching for Justice* is the first legal research course of its kind, but I hope it won't be the last. In light of the events of the last several months, law professors throughout the United States have begun searching for ways they can emphasize and address the role that inequality plays in the areas of law that they study and teach. As law librarians, we must resist the impulse to accept legal research as a neutral process insulated from the power structures--race, sex, sexual orientation, class--that shape our society. We must begin to examine legal research through a critical lens and teach our students to do the same."

If you have a story to share or have received any feel-good responses or feedback, please email Heather Haemker, AALL director of marketing & communications, and tell us about it. Your story may appear in a future Weekly eNewsletter.

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