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## AALL Weekly eNews

NOVEMBER 23, 2020

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM AALL

AALL wishes you a day filled with gratitude and happiness. We are thankful for your membership and continued support. Please note that the AALL office will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27. We will resume normal business hours on Monday, November 30.

### AALL SURVEY / THE CONTINUED IMPACT OF COVID-19

RESPONSES DUE NEXT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact both our personal and professional lives, AALL is [seeking input](#) on your current situation. **Please complete the survey by December 3, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. CST.** All responses will be kept anonymous.

[VIEW THE SURVEY](#)

We appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey. If you have any questions, please contact [Pam Reisinger](#), director of meetings.

### ONE WEEK LEFT TO SUBMIT PROGRAM PROPOSALS FOR THE 2021 AALL ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

DEADLINE IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

AALL is seeking your expertise--[propose a program or workshop](#) 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 as an in-person meeting--if anything 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.

#### QUICK LINKS

[AALL Events Calendar](#)  
[AALL Career Center](#)  
[AALL News](#)  
[AALL Voting Resources](#)  
[AALL COVID-19  
Updates & Resources](#)  
[AALL Anti-Racism,  
Diversity, Equity &  
Inclusion](#)

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.

## VOLUNTEER FOR AALL 2021-2022 COMMITTEES OR AWARD JURIES

DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 16

**AALL needs your leadership and expertise. Volunteer to serve on an AALL committee or award jury and contribute to the legal information profession as well as to your Association.** Please review the [committee and award jury charges](#) before applying. If you currently serve on an AALL Committee or Award Jury, **you are only eligible to apply for a 2021-2022 committee or award jury if your term ends in July 2021.** [The deadline to apply for a committee or award jury is Wednesday, December 16, 2020.](#)

**The call for [Annual Meeting Program Committee \(AMPC\)](#) volunteers is also included in this call for volunteers process.** If you are interested in serving on AMPC, you will be asked to answer additional questions on the form. Please review the [AMPC charge](#) and [content area descriptions](#) before applying for this Committee.

### WHY VOLUNTEER?

- Advance the legal information profession
- Enhance the value of AALL within the legal community
- Collaborate and grow with your colleagues

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### SELECTION PROCESS

In January, the AALL Vice President, Diane Rodriguez, and 2021-2022 AMPC Chair, Joe Lawson, will select volunteers to serve on the AMPC. All other volunteers (including those not selected for the AMPC) will be considered by the Appointments Committee to serve on a committee or jury when the Committee meets in February 2021.



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

## 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

[REGISTER](#)

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. Taryn also coordinated the recent joint SIS program, "[Active Steps to Increase Diversity & Address Racism: Lightning Talks & Discussion](#)."

## AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR AALL

- Wednesday, December 2, 2020 / 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CST)
- [Register](#) by Tuesday, December 1, 2020
- Members only; space is limited

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Interested in volunteering for an AALL Committee or Award Jury? Join this coffee chat to learn more about how your contribution impacts AALL and the legal information profession, the volunteer process, including dates to watch for. This session will be moderated by AALL President, [Emily R. Florio](#), and AALL President Elect, [Diane Rodriguez](#). Questions may be submitted in advance or during the coffee chat. You may send questions in advance to [leadership@aall.org](mailto:leadership@aall.org).

## THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR: THINKING STRATEGICALLY ABOUT DEMONSTRATING YOUR ORGANIZATIONAL VALUE AMIDST COVID

- Thursday, December 3, 2020 / 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (CST)
- [Register](#) by Tuesday, December 1, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60



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Anxiety about job losses, pay cuts, and furloughs during the pandemic is high among legal information professionals. Effectively conveying what you bring to the table is more important than ever, and your forward-thinking peers are here to help. Head into 2021 with a new approach for analyzing what you need to stop, start, and continue doing to deliver the highest value for your most important customers. Learn how your peers strategically answer these questions and

proactively communicate results. Speakers include [Kristina Niedringhaus](#), associate dean for library & information services and clinical professor of law at George State University College of Law, Molly Hagen, manager of research services at Robins Kaplan LLP, [Camille Broussard](#), associate dean for information services & director of the Mendik Library at New York Law School, and [Saskia Mehlhorn](#), US director of knowledge services at Norton Rose Fulbright.

## AALL WEBINAR: INTERVIEWING WHEN YOU CAN'T SHAKE HANDS

- Thursday, December 10, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)
- [Register](#) by Tuesday, December 8, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60



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As organizations hire and re-open many are conducting interviews virtually. How do you prepare when this may be your only chance to shine? Attendees will learn practical tips for preparing to interview virtually. This includes considerations for using technology, interview formats, and questions to ask potential employers considering the new working environment. Attendees will learn how to plan for uncertainties and gain insight into current interview practices. This webinar will be moderated by [Amy Carr](#), vice-chair of AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee. Speakers include [Jessica King](#), research services manager at Perkins Coie LLP and [Carla Wale](#), director of the MLIS Law Librarianship Program and associate teaching professor at the University of Washington.

## AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: LEADING WITHOUT TITLES

- Tuesday, December 15, 2020 / 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST)
- [Register](#) by Monday, December 14, 2020
- Members only; space is limited

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The past year has brought many new challenges, but in meeting those challenges, you might also be revealing new leadership possibilities. Maybe you've made the difference in an all-hands-on-deck project, or you just roll up your sleeves and dive in when you see a way to help. Maybe you've been mulling over an idea to improve a process, or envisioning something entirely new. Leadership opportunities abound, no matter your professional title. Join us for an informal conversation about identifying, maximizing, and communicating your own leadership potential, co-moderated by AALL Leadership Fellows: [Casandra Laskowski](#), Duke University School of Law; [Savanna Nolan](#), University of Georgia; and Karen Whitney, Perkins Coie LLP.

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## 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 a maximum of \$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."

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.**

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## THE LATEST NEW VOICES / SHARE YOUR INSIGHTS!

Members **Victoria Capatosto** and **Ian Reinl** [discuss](#) the collaborative process behind Howard University School of Law Library's new Social Justice Guide.

Get additional fresh perspectives on law librarianship with other recent [New Voices](#) posts from [Sarah Slinger](#), [Autumn Collier](#), [Nicholas Mignanelli](#), and [Ana Ramirez Toft-Nielsen](#).

**About AALL New Voices:** AALL welcomes all members to share their thoughts on any aspect of the legal information profession. If you would like to participate, please send your submission of about 100-600 words to [Megan Mall](#), AALL's director of content strategy. Please include "AALL New Voices" in the subject line.

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## COMMUNITY WEBINARS

### ALL-SIS WEBINAR: INCLUSION: TEACHING, TERMS, AND COMMUNITY

- Tuesday, December 8, 2020 / 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. (CST)
- [Register](#) by Tuesday, December 8, 2020
- Open to all AALL Members

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The ALL-SIS Continuing Education Committee is happy to announce **Inclusion: Teaching, Terms, and Community**, a series of webinars focused on how specific issues of equity and inclusion are being recognized and addressed by academic law libraries.

This webinar will feature perspectives from both within and outside the law library in order to identify the challenges and successes of remote teaching in the context of equity and inclusion. What does it mean to have an inclusive online classroom? How do we ensure equity and inclusion when moving from in person to remote instruction? What are we doing right, and what do we need to improve? This webinar will be moderated by [Ronald Wheeler Jr.](#), director of Fineman & Pappas Law Libraries at Boston University. Speakers include [Raquel Gabriel](#), director of the law library at CUNY School of Law, [Zanada Joyner](#), senior reference librarian at NC Central University School of Law, Joshua Abreu, director of the Center for Teaching & Learning Excellence and assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at Albertus Magnus College, and a law student.

### FCIL-SIS WEBINAR: ACCESS AND PRESERVATION OF LEGAL INFORMATION IN U.S. TERRITORIES

- Wednesday, December 9, 2020 / 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CST)
- [Register](#) by Wednesday, December 9, 2020
- Open to all AALL Members

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Historically, U.S. territories have faced numerous challenges in preserving and providing access to both their foundational and historical legal documents and their current laws—but there are solutions. During this webinar, [Aesha Duval](#) (U.S. Virgin Islands Branch Librarian, U.S. Courts for the Third Circuit), [Gina Gutierrez](#) (Head of Library Services, Administrative Office of the Court, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico), and [Geraldine Cepeda](#) (Compiler of Laws, Supreme Court of Guam and Executive Director/Librarian of the Guam Law Library) will discuss systemic issues and current experiences in preserving and providing access to their territories' legal materials. [Victoria Szymczak](#) (Law Library Director, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii) will describe a successful academic partnership at the University of Hawaii Law School that can serve as a model for law libraries in other jurisdictions.

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### **SHARE YOUR STORIES WITH AALL**

AALL is looking for positive stories of how members are helping their communities during the Black Lives Matter movement. 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.

**If you have any stories to share, please send them by 1:00 p.m. CST on Wednesday, November 25, 2020.**

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