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AALL EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

The 2021 AALL election for vice president/president-elect and Executive Board members closed on October 31--below are the results. This year, 883 AALL members (26.32%) voted.

VICE PRESIDENT / PRESIDENT-ELECT (JULY 2021-JULY 2022)

Beth Adelman

Director of the Law Library
Vice Dean for Legal Information Services
Charles B. Sears Law Library
University at Buffalo
Buffalo, New York

BOARD MEMBERS (JULY 2021-JULY 2024)

Michelle Hook Dewey

Legal Research Services Manager
BakerHostetler
Atlanta, Georgia

Kristina L. Niedringhaus

Associate Dean for Law Library & Information Services & Professor
Georgia State University College of Law Library
Atlanta, Georgia

Congratulations and thank you to all the candidates who ran during this election.

QUICK LINKS

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AALL CONNECTION / REGISTER BY THIS THURSDAY

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 this Thursday, November 11, 2020

REGISTER NOW

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

THREE WEEKS LEFT / DUE 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.

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.

UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS / REGISTER NOW

AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: TIPS & TOOLS FOR GETTING PUBLISHED

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

REGISTER

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 Rodriguez](#), U.S Courts for the Second Circuit.

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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



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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

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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.

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.

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

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

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 today (Monday, November 9, 2020)

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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.

COMMUNITY WEBINAR

LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES: SO YOU WANNA PUT ON A VIRTUAL CONFERENCE?

- Wednesday, November 18, 2020 / 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. (CST)
- **Register** by Monday, November 16, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60



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Conference attendance is an important part of any law librarian's professional development and ongoing education, as well as a great way to network and make connections with colleagues. Legal information professionals have opportunities to attend educational events both at the national and local level, and with programming that speaks to topics that have broad appeal, as well as those that are tailored to specific library types, tasks, or interests. In any given year, there is a multitude of conference experiences available to meet the needs of legal information professionals. So, what happens when conferences need to shift to an online, virtual format? What is necessary to still provide a high quality, valuable conference experience? When moving a conference online, what things change, and what things stay the same? In this series of *So You Wanna...?*, we hope to address all aspects of putting on a virtual conference by talking to some of our colleagues that have taken on the challenge this year: [Matthew Braun](#), [Mari Cheney](#), and [Christine Sellers Sullivan](#). This series is brought to you by the [Professional Engagement, Growth & Advancement SIS](#) and the [AALL Continuing Professional Education Committee](#).

MEMBER NEWS

- **AALL President Emily R. Florio** explained the important role learning management systems are playing during #COVID19 in a *Legaltech News* article titled "[Learning Management Systems Gaining Traction, but Budget, Staff Limitations Halt Wide Adoption.](#)"

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.

- **Ryan Greenwood**, Curator of Rare Books and Special Collections at the University of Minnesota Law Library, created with his colleague Patrick Graybill the exhibit [Law and the Struggle for Racial Justice](#) - "The exhibit aims to contribute to a series of Law School [initiatives](#) related to racial justice. These are part of the University of Minnesota Law School's longstanding commitments to social justice, and in response to recent events and continuing social and institutional inequalities we must work to address. I have also aimed to highlight issues related to social justice and human rights in digital exhibits related to [Magna Carta](#) and [Transitional Justice](#). The latter was in partnership with our [Human Rights Center](#). An upcoming digital exhibit, for release next spring, centers on a lead prosecutor at the Dachau war crimes trials, and aspects of the trials themselves. The exhibit will be focused on human rights and dignity, and accountability when these are violated."

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.
