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AALL Weekly eNews

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AALL'S REACTION TO VIOLENCE ON CAPITOL HILL

AALL strongly condemns the violence that took place at the U.S. Capitol last Wednesday, January 6, 2021. Many of us were shaken and outraged at the images that flooded mainstream media. We know AALL members on Capitol Hill and in Washington, DC may have been directly impacted by these shocking events. It is our hope that as a nation we come together to begin to heal, so that we can rebuild a stronger and healthier democracy. AALL believes that equitable access to legal information is a core component of a healthy democracy.

Processing your reactions and emotions to last week's events will take time. As a first step, we invite you to attend this week's [Virtual Coffee Chat: Just Breathe](#) to learn skills to cope with stress. As always, we want to hear from you. Please contact us at leadership@aall.org if you would like to share your thoughts about how AALL can assist you during these unprecedented times.

2021 AALL ELECTION / NOMINATE YOURSELF OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW FOR THE AALL EXECUTIVE BOARD

The [AALL Nominations Committee](#) is **seeking candidates for the upcoming Executive Board election**. Members of the AALL Executive Board ensure that all decisions made are consistent with AALL's [mission, vision, and strategic plan](#), and are passionate about continuing to increase the value proposition of the Association.

This spring, the AALL Nominations Committee will present to the membership a slate of candidates for the 2021 election. They will choose **two candidates for the position of vice president/president-elect** (2022-2023; serving on the Board until 2025), **two candidates for the position of Treasurer** (2022-2025), and **four candidates for two open seats on the Executive Board** (2022-2025).

For the 2021 election, **ballots will be distributed electronically to all voting members of the Association on October 1**. The ballots will be verified at AALL Headquarters at the beginning of November and election results will be announced once candidates have been notified.

QUICK LINKS

[AALL Events Calendar](#)

[AALL Career Center](#)

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[AALL Voting Resources](#)

[AALL COVID-19
Updates & Resources](#)

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

To nominate yourself or an AALL colleague, [access the nomination form](#) on AALLNET.
Nominations are due Friday, February 12, 2021 by 11:59 p.m. EST.

JUMP START YOUR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

With the new year underway, now is the time to grow your professional development. If you have ever wanted to learn more about budgeting and operations, AALL's new self-paced course "[Introduction to Law Library Budgets](#)" is a great way to expand your knowledge and learn new skills--all at your own pace!

Developed by subject matter experts who are your colleagues and fellow members, this course will help you address important issues such as:

- Identifying and managing competing priorities
- Explaining day-to-day operations
- Connecting financial resources to meet goals



- Members - \$99 / Nonmembers - \$149

[REGISTER NOW](#)

To register for the budgeting course, visit the [AALL eLearning platform](#). If you have any questions, please contact AALL at elarning@aall.org or 312.939.4764.

NOMINATE YOURSELF OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW FOR A 2021 AALL AWARD

DEADLINE IS MARCH 1

Recognize achievements in the legal information profession--nominate yourself or someone you know for a 2021 AALL Award. The purpose of the **AALL Awards Program** is to recognize the achievements of law librarians, institutions, companies, and partners for significant contributions and innovation in the legal information profession. Recipients are selected by the committees/juries and will be recognized during the [2021 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference](#).

The deadline to nominate a colleague, library, or company (including your own), or to self-nominate is March 1, 2021. Nominations/applications/entry forms may be found on the individual award pages.

- [Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award](#)
- [Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award](#)
- [Hall of Fame Award](#)
- [AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Award](#) (*Note: Deadline for Student Division applicants is May 14, 2021*)
- [Emerging Leader Award](#)
- [Excellence in Community Engagement Award](#)
- [Innovations in Technology Award](#)
- [Minority Leadership Development Award](#)
- [New Product Award](#)
- [Public Access to Government Information Award](#)
- [Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award](#)
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BE ON THE LOOKOUT / AALL STATE OF THE PROFESSION SURVEY TO BE SENT OUT TOMORROW

The [AALL State of the Profession Special Committee](#) is excited to announce the second iteration of the [AALL State of the Profession Survey](#). Requests to complete the survey will be sent to **all members working in law libraries and legal information groups tomorrow, Tuesday, January 12, 2021**. The purpose of the survey is to capture the information needed to reflect the current legal information landscape concerning COVID-19, technology, demographics, budgets, user services, operations, and more. Additional information is available on [AALLNET](#). AALL would also like to reach nonmembers who work in legal information settings. Please ask these individuals to contact Association Research, Inc., (ARI, AALL's consultant for this survey) at ari@associationresearch.com.

UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS / REGISTER NOW



JUST BREATHE

- Tomorrow (Tuesday, January 12, 2021) / 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. (CST)
- [Register Now](#)
- Members only; space is limited

REGISTER

Deep breathing should come naturally to us all--so why does your watch keep telling you you're not doing it enough? Too often, we get stuck in a cyclical state of stress and shallow breathing that can have a cascading effect on our health and wellness. For the first virtual coffee chat of 2021, we're going back to the basics--way back. [Dr. Laura Sangeeta Biagi](#), an accomplished educator, healer, and storyteller, will lead you through the fundamentals of deep breathing and introduce practices to help you start your new year with more mindfulness and less tension.



MAXIMIZING THE INDEX TO FOREIGN LEGAL PERIODICALS (IFLP) IN ALL LAW LIBRARIES

- Wednesday, January 13, 2021 / 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (CST)
- [Register Now](#)
- Free for members and nonmembers

REGISTER

As the world becomes even more interconnected, how do librarians keep up with the growing international and comparative legal information needs of today's increasingly transnational and multilingual legal professionals and law students? The [Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals \(IFLP\)](#), one of AALL's premier publications, can help meet the never-ending need for accurate and diverse information from around the globe. During this webinar, learn how to search *IFLP* effectively, how to utilize the *Index* when teaching and training others, and how to better understand *IFLP*'s potential as a low-cost/high-impact resource for your legal research toolkit. This webinar will be moderated by Kevin Durkin-Ortiz, *IFLP* managing editor at UC Berkeley. Speakers include [Charles Bjork](#), international and foreign law reference librarian at Georgetown University Law Library, [Marci Hoffman](#), associate law library director and foreign and international

law librarian at Berkeley Law, and [Kristen Rowlett](#), international law librarian at Texas A&M University School of Law.

AALL Body of Knowledge Domains: Information Management, Research + Analysis, and Teaching + Training



SUPPORTING STUDENTS' WELLNESS

- Tuesday, January 26, 2021 / 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. (CST)
- [Register Now](#)
- Members only; space is limited

[REGISTER](#)

The mental health vulnerabilities facing law students have been well documented, and law librarians are often uniquely positioned to help. For this informal discussion, moderated by [Katie Brown](#) (Charleston School of Law), we welcome back [Dr. Laura Sangeeta Biagi](#), a certified health and life coach, and an educator with extensive experience working with students. This coffee chat is an opportunity to share experiences, pose questions, and hear ideas for supporting students' wellbeing in the library, the classroom, and beyond.



INTERVIEWING WHEN YOU CAN'T SHAKE HANDS (PART II): THE EMPLOYER'S PERSPECTIVE

- Thursday, January 28, 2021 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)
- [Register Now](#)
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

[REGISTER](#)

As follow-up to December's webinar, "[Interviewing When You Can't Shake Hands](#)," the presenters will discuss the topic from an employer's perspective. Topics include issues that arise from the format of the interview; scheduling the interview; technology; security; selling the organization; and assessing candidates. The panelists work in a variety of law library types and will provide practical ideas to make your next remote interview more successful. This webinar will be moderated by [Sarah Mauldin](#) from the DeKalb County Law Library. Speakers include [Michelle Hook Dewey](#) (BakerHostsetler), [TJ Striepe](#) (Alexander Campbell King Law Library), and Elizabeth Osbourne (Library of Congress).

AALL Body of Knowledge Domains: Professionalism + Leadership at Every Level, Research + Analysis, and Management + Business Acumen



ADVOCACY TRAINING



GOVERNMENT LAW LIBRARY FUNDING: ADVOCACY TRAINING FOR LAW LIBRARIES

- Thursday, February 11, 2021 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)
- [Register Now](#)
- Free for members and nonmembers

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Government law libraries are funded in a variety of ways: through local, state, or federal budgets, court fees and fines, subscriptions, or a combination of all of those. Many court systems are currently re-evaluating the impacts of court fees and fines on members of the public, and government budgets are facing significant cuts due to the pandemic. Now more than ever, government law librarians and their allies must effectively advocate for full funding of their libraries. This webinar will empower participants with successful advocacy strategies they can implement at their institutions. This training will be moderated by [Jean L. Willis](#), assistant director for support services at the Sacramento County Public Law Library. Speakers include [Miriam D. Childs](#), director at the Law Library of Louisiana and [Suzanne B. Corriell](#), circuit librarian at the U.S. Court of Appeals Library for the Fourth Circuit.

AALL Body of Knowledge Domains: Professionalism + Leadership At Every Level, Marketing + Outreach, and Management + Business Acumen



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 May 13, 2021.**

APPLY FOR AN AALL LEXISNEXIS RESEARCH GRANT

The [AALL LexisNexis Research Grant Jury](#) is accepting applications through **May 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.

APPLY FOR AN AALL SCHOLARSHIP OR SHARE WITH A FRIEND OR COLLEAGUE

AALL is committed to providing opportunities for your professional growth. Each year, the Association awards thousands of dollars in [scholarships](#) to law school and library school students as well as to AALL members. The following scholarships are now open for applications:

- [Library School Scholarships \(for those with or without JDs\)](#)
- [Law School Scholarships \(for those with MLS/MLIS and those seeking dual JD/MLIS\)](#)
- [Scholarships for Library School Graduates Seeking a Non-Law Degree](#)
- [LexisNexis John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship](#)
- [George A. Strait Minority Scholarship & Fellowship](#)

- [Marcia J. Koslov Scholarship](#) for members to attend continuing education programs for state, court, or county law librarians

The deadline for applications is **May 1, 2021**. For additional questions, please contact AALL at scholarships@aall.org.

AALL NEW VOICES / SHARE YOUR INSIGHTS

[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 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 February 5, 2021**.

COMMUNITY WEBINARS

BLL-SIS & FCIL-SIS WEBINAR: THE ORIGINS AND PROGRESSION OF THE #ENDSARS2020 MOVEMENT IN NIGERIA

- Thursday, January 21, 2021 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (CST)
- [Register Now](#)
- Open to all AALL Members

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Please join the [Black Law Librarians Special Interest Section \(BLL-SIS\)](#) and the [Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section \(FCIL-SIS\)](#) for a webinar on the origins and development of Nigeria's #ENDSARS2020 movement, including information on government responses to the movement and background on police brutality in Nigeria. The webinar will feature panelists Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa (Chair, Nigerians in Diaspora Commission; Former member of the Nigerian House of Representatives) and [Femi Cadmus](#) (Associate Dean and Director of the J. Michael Goodson Law Library, Duke Law; Past President of AALL).

PEGA-SIS WEBINAR: LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES: SO YOU WANNA WRITE AN EFFECTIVE RECOMMENDATION

- Thursday, January 21, 2021 / 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. (CST)
- [Register Now](#)
- Open to all AALL Members

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Whether you're looking for a new job, applying for leadership positions, scholarships, awards, or grants, or supporting others in those efforts, writing persuasive letters is unavoidable for law librarians. How can you make your writing stand out and make the best case? In this month's "So You Wanna...?" series, [Savanna Nolan](#) will sit down to discuss recommendation letters and personal statements with recent AALL Awards Committee Chair, [Cathy Lemann](#). What makes a winning letter? What are some common pitfalls? Is there a way we can make the process as pain-free as possible? This series is brought to you by the [Professional Engagement, Growth & Advancement SIS](#) and the AALL [Continuing Professional Education Committee](#).

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