

AALL Weekly eNews

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NEW YEAR, NEW GOALS

2020 was a year of unprecedented change. We struggled, we zoomed, we made it through. Now that 2020 is behind us, it's time to set new goals for 2021. What professional development goals do you have? What new things, either personally or professionally, do you want to achieve? Whether you want to publish your first article, participate in a coffee chat or webinar, or apply for a grant or scholarship, AALL is here to help you achieve your goals every step of the way.

JUMP START YOUR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH IN 2021

The start of a new year brings with it the possibility of new goals, new challenges, and new opportunities. Start 2021 off right by growing 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 a new skill--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

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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

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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](#)
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UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS / REGISTER NOW



JUST BREATHE

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

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Deep breathing should come naturally to us--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

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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

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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

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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. ([Listen to Part 1](#) on AALL's eLearning Platform.) 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](#) (BakerHostsetter), [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



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 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.

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](#).

AALL Body of Knowledge Domain: Professionalism + Leadership At Every Level



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