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AALL’S 2021 VIRTUAL INNOVATION BOOTCAMP / MAY 6-7

REGISTER TODAY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EARLY-BIRD PRICING

The disruptions of the past year continue to reveal new challenges and opportunities to rethink the way we work. The 2021 Innovation Bootcamp is the perfect event to attend if you are looking to innovate in your library.

- May 6-7, 2021
- Day 1: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (CDT) / Day 2: 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (CDT)
- Members $399 / Nonmembers $598 (Price increases $50 for members & $77 for nonmembers after April 15)
- Registration deadline is Friday, April 23
- Space is limited

This course is designed specifically for legal information professionals to create new value, gain momentum for ideas, and foster a culture of innovation—whether you’re early in your career and ready to give your solutions wings or a decision maker committed to maximizing the talents of your team. We’ve assembled a dynamic lineup of presenters comprised of AALL members and other thought leaders to deliver a customized learning experience.

This continuing professional education opportunity is sponsored by the American Association of Law Libraries in partnership with Thomson Reuters.

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR AALL 2021 / JULY 19-23

Register for AALL’s second Virtual Conference, Leading with Wisdom & Insight, to be held July 19-23. AALL 2021 will offer more than 45 educational sessions, as well as a virtual exhibit hall where conference participants and vendors can interact and discuss marketplace innovations—many of which were developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. On-demand sessions will be released ahead of the Conference with opportunities for live Q&As with presenters during the week of July 19.
At only $99 for members—retired members pay a reduced rate and student/unemployed members are free—the AALL Virtual Conference is an affordable way for you to enhance your professional skills and knowledge, network with thought leaders, and connect with marketplace partners—all from the comfort of your home or office.

REGISTER NOW

CONTINUE TO ENJOY AALL BENEFITS ONLY AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS / RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY

Your AALL community has remained dedicated to providing you with the support you need for continued success. Renew your 2021-2022 membership and continue receiving benefits including:

- access to an extensive network of peers, including multiple discussion groups on My Communities
- member discounts on valuable publications, including the State of the Profession 2021 report and the Salary Survey
- Virtual Coffee Chats (members-only, informal discussions) and monthly webinars on a range of topics
- access to essential professional development (discounted and free) on AALL's new eLearning platform
- and more great member benefits

RENEW NOW

JOIN A SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION

Connect with others that share your professional interests through AALL's 15 special interest sections (SIS's). Joining an SIS provides you with the opportunity to participate in groups dedicated to specialized areas of law librarianship, maximizing your membership.

If you have any questions about your membership renewal, please contact AALL Headquarters at membership@aall.org or 312.205.8022.

UPCOMING COFFEE CHAT & WEBINARS / REGISTER NOW

MENTORSHIP MATTERS

- Tuesday, April 6, 2021 / 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)
- Members only; space is limited

The mentor/mentee connection can be incredibly rewarding, and completely bespoke. Could you benefit from the advice of a more experienced colleague as you consider your next career steps or face new workplace challenges? All you need to become a mentor is the eagerness to help someone else and the knowledge to be able to do so. Join us for an informal conversation, co-moderated by student member Alexis Rae Branham, Sean Harrington (Arizona State University Ross-Blakley Law Library) and Allison C. Reeve Davis (Littler Mendelson, P.C.). Learn more about this unique professional opportunity, what it could offer, and what might be holding you back.

UPDATES TO LEGAL RESEARCH TECHNOLOGY COMPETENCIES
The Principles and Standards for Legal Research Competency were recently updated to include standards for technology competency. What does this mean for you and your library? Join us for an informal conversation, co-moderated by Susan Azyndar (Notre Dame Law School) and Theresa K. Tarves (Penn State Law). The discussion will be an opportunity to learn more about the updates, ask questions, and get tips for assessing technology competency.

RECOGNIZING AND RESOLVING DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE

It may be difficult to decipher microaggressions or other subtle yet harmful forms of racism or discrimination, or to effectively recognize and remedy these behaviors in ourselves and others. While workplace provisions may be in place, it can be challenging for those impacted to navigate the process. This webinar will provide attendees an opportunity to learn about the personal, practical, and legal aspects of dealing with discriminatory practices in the workplace. Moderators include Errol Adams (Hofstra University Law School Library), Andrew J. Christensen (Washington and Lee University School of Law Library), and Gail Mathapo (University of Florida Levin College of Law Legal Information Center). The speaker will be Afaf Nasher (New York Chapter of the Council on American Islamic Relations). This webinar is being offered in collaboration with AALL’s Diversity & Inclusion Committee and the Black Law Librarians Special Interest Section (BLL-SIS).

THOMSON REUTHERS PARTNER WEBINAR / SUCCESSFUL TACTICS TO DEMONSTRATE VALUE TO YOUR ORGANIZATION AMIDST COVID

Continuing the conversation from December’s webinar, “State of the Legal Market in 2021,” we dive deeper into the tactics your forward-thinking peers are using to drive additional value for their organizations. Walk away with tips on how to get a seat at the decision-making table and proactively create a strategy to earn the seat. Learn the mechanics of how these leaders proactively communicate the continuous value they create. Speakers include Camille Broussard (The Mendik Library at New York Law School), Molly Hagen (Robins Kaplan LLP), Saskia Mehlhorn (Norton Rose Fulbright), and Kristina Niedringhaus (George State University College of Law).

AALL CONNECTION / REGISTER NOW

To stay informed on what's happening with the Association, please register for the next AALL Connection.
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.

**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.”

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.

**MEMBER NEWS**

- **Steven Anderson**, director of the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library in Maryland was featured in an interview with *In Custodias Legis: Law Librarians of Congress*.

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.

**MEMORIAL**

*Jane Sánchez* served as deputy librarian for Library Collections and Services for the Library of Congress since June 10, 2019, in addition to serving as law librarian of congress. She received her JD from American University’s Washington College of Law and her MLS from Simmons College in Boston. Following her time at BNA, Inc., she also served as a business unit managing director at the U.S. Government Publishing Office, as an associate director of justice libraries in the Justice Management Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, and finally as departmental head of history and culture libraries at the Smithsonian Institution Libraries, before becoming chief of humanities and social sciences at the Library of Congress in 2014. Sánchez was a member of AALL since 2012, serving on both the Government Law Libraries Special Interest Section (SIS) and the Government Documents SIS. She passed away on March 26, 2021, after a battle with cancer.

The AALL eNewsletter lists brief announcements of members’ deaths. Traditional memorials should be submitted to Tom Gaylord, *Law Library Journal* editor.

**COMMUNITY WEBINAR**
Please join the Government Law Libraries SIS (GLL-SIS) for this 90-minute webinar/training that will provide an overview of structural racism, implicit bias, and privilege, including how these themes affect working institutions and spaces. Through a combination of presentation and audience participation, speaker Toussaint Romain (Appalachian State University Deputy General Counsel) will provide insight on how participants can address and cultivate a positive difference around these challenges with colleagues/peers, stakeholders (i.e., patrons who come into respective library spaces), and also provide an opportunity to think about how awareness around implicit bias and privilege can affect the wider systems within which we work.