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During the unprecedented challenges and changes over the last year your AALL community has remained dedicated to providing you with the support you need for continued success. Renew your membership today. Benefits include:

- access to an extensive network of peers, including multiple discussion groups
- the ability to join special interest sections on issues that interest you
- access to valuable publications, including the State of the Profession 2021 report and the Salary Survey
- a calendar of 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

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

APPLY TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE AALL SPECTRUM & LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARDS

APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 23, 2021

AALL is seeking applicants to serve on the 2021-2023 AALL Spectrum Editorial Board, and the 2021-2023 Law Library Journal Editorial Board.

Please read through the AALL Spectrum Editorial Board member job description and the Law Library Journal Editorial Board member job description before applying. For more information visit the AALL Spectrum and Law Library Journal Editorial Board profiles on AALLNET.
You may apply for both editorial boards, but can only be selected for one. Please consider lending your time and talent to AALL—submit your application by next Tuesday, March 23.

**VOLUNTEER NOW**

### UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS / REGISTER NOW

#### RE-OPENING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19
- Monday, March 22, 2021 / 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)
- Members only; space is limited

[REGISTER]

We have all been dealing with COVID-19 for a year now. With the vaccine on the horizon, more institutions and libraries look toward reopening. This informal conversation, co-moderated by Caroline Nevin (BC Courthouse Libraries) and Jenny R.F.F. Silbiger (Hawaii State Judiciary), is an opportunity to share protocols, ideas, and ask questions of your colleagues about this important safety topic.

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

[REGISTER]

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.

#### RECOGNIZING AND RESOLVING DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE
- Thursday, April 29, 2021 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

[REGISTER]

Are you facing racial or other types of discriminatory practices in your workplace? While workplace provisions may be in place, it can be challenging for those impacted to navigate the process. This webinar will provide attendees with 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
THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR / SUCCESSFUL TACTICS TO DEMONSTRATE VALUE TO YOUR ORGANIZATION AMIDST COVID

- Tuesday, May 18, 2021 / 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CDT)
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

Continuing the conversation from December's session “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 how to proactively create a strategy to earn the seat. In addition, 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).

WASHINGTON UPDATE

NEW COVID-19 STIMULUS LAW PROVIDES ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR LEGAL INFORMATION INDUSTRY

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), a $1.9 trillion COVID-19 stimulus package. The new law provides billions of dollars of funds to several federal agencies and programs that benefit law libraries and the legal information industry. This includes funding for the following agencies and programs:

- The Institute of Museum and Library Services received $200 million. Most of these funds will be allocated to State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAAs) using a population-based formula. Academic law libraries, public law libraries, and some private law libraries are eligible to receive these funds in most states. We encourage you to contact your state's SLAA for more information about your individual law library's eligibility.

- The new Emergency Connectivity Fund received $7.2 billion through the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) E-Rate program. Funds will be available to eligible schools and libraries, including public law libraries, to support the purchase of Wi-Fi hotspots, laptops, tablets and other devices to loan to patrons.

- The Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) received an additional $7.3 billion.

- The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) received $135 million. Academic law libraries and public law libraries are eligible for funds through the NEH's competitive grant process.

- U.S. territories, states, and local and tribal governments received $350 billion in funding. Law libraries may benefit from some of these funds, including through aid to small businesses and nonprofits and investments in education, government services, and broadband infrastructure.

ARPA also includes another round of stimulus checks for individuals earning up to $80,000 per year and couples earning up to $160,000 per year. The new law also provides $300 per week of enhanced unemployment benefits through September 6, 2021.
AALL continues to advocate for the needs of law libraries because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We will provide additional information about programs and funding opportunities related to COVID-19 that benefit your law libraries as it becomes available.

**AALL CONNECTION / REGISTER NOW**

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

- **Date:** Thursday, April 15, 2021
- **Time:** 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. (CDT)

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 SCHOLARSHIP OR ENCOURAGE A FRIEND OR COLLEAGUE TO APPLY**

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.

**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.

**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.

RECOGNIZING TOP CONTRIBUTORS ON AALL’S MY COMMUNITIES

Each month, AALL recognizes Top Contributors on My Communities. These active members help keep AALL My Communities vibrant by earning over 500 points through their posts and connections. Points are earned by posting messages, responding to discussions, and making connections with other members. The contributions these members have made to the community are outstanding. To see how many points you have earned, log in to My Communities, click on the dropdown arrow in the upper right-hand corner, go to Profile, and in the middle of the screen click on ‘My Contributions’ and then ‘Summary’. Below are our Top Contributors from February.

- Emily Janoski-Haehlen
- Christine Morton
- Fred Shapiro

Thank you for all that you do—we appreciate your contribution.

AALL NEW VOICES / EMILY OUMANO

After working in public, academic, and special libraries, Emily Oumano found she needed to develop a different service strategy as a law librarian. Emily shares these insights in the latest New Voices post.

ABOUT AALL NEW VOICES

AALL's New Voices is a place to share your story and expertise. Whether you recently joined AALL or are a longtime member aiming to become more involved in the Association, AALL is looking for your insights on any aspect of law librarianship. This is a one-time commitment.

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. CDT on April 9, 2021.

LEGAL INFORMATION UPDATES

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MEMBER POSTS

Members wrote about and led a variety of innovative and useful projects, including:

- Kate Peck and Dean C. Rowan of the University of California Berkeley created a timeline covering racial inequality in U.S. law.
- Alex Clay Hutchings of the University of Arizona wrote about the women of the Supreme Court.
- Joan Shear of Boston College played law book detective.
- Duke Law Library helped us prepare for tax season.
- Jean O'Grady explored LexisNexis's new Content Attorney Analytics portal.

OTHER LEGAL & GOVERNMENT INFORMATION UPDATES
• The CDC launched its improved VaccineFinder service to help the public locate available COVID-19 vaccines.
• ABA Journal reviewed the year in the courts, juries, and technology.
• Nature reported on scientists' efforts to determine which COVID-19 have been the most effective.
• UPI discussed the executive order expanding voting access and information about voter registration; the Brennan Center for Justice created a tracker for state voting bills.
• Justlaw shared plans to address the access to justice issue.

ABOUT KNOWITAALL
KnowITAAALL is a member benefit sent Monday through Friday. Subscriptions are available for nonmember individuals and institutions. Please email Megan Mall, director of content strategy, with your article and resource recommendations.

MEMBER NEWS

• Errol Adams was selected as the AALL Diversity & Inclusion Committee's February Librarian of the Month.

• Deborah Ginsberg is the faculty services manager at Harvard Law School Library. In her new role she will be responsible for the oversight and provision of all research services work in support of Harvard Law School Faculty and Programs. She will be working with research librarians and the renowned FRIDA document delivery service staff to develop new services for faculty research and scholarship. Ginsberg previously served as educational technology librarian at Chicago-Kent College of Law Library.

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.

AALLNET MONTHLY MEMBER PROFILE

In this month's member profile, Juan-Andres Fuentes, a student in the Master of Library Science Program at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas, discusses receiving the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship and the value of AALL's continuing education programs.

See more AALLNET Monthly Member Profiles and view AALL Spectrum Member and Leader Profiles on AALLNET.

MEMORIAL

• Virginia G. Monterosso was the library director at Kenyon and Kenyon Law firm (NYC) for over 20 years before retiring in 2005. Her career spanned more than 40 years in the library field, working for many years at Wagner College. Monterosso received her Masters from St. John's University. Upon retiring she lived in Delray Beach, Florida, and spent many years involved in local politics and various South Florida social functions. An AALL member from 1984 until 2004, she was a member of the Private Law Librarians & Information Professionals Special Interest Section. She passed away February 17, 2021.

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

GLL-SIS WEBINAR: SYSTEMIC RACISM, IMPLICIT BIAS & PRIVILEGE:
CULTIVATING CHANGE IN OUR WORKSPACES AND COMMUNITIES

- Thursday, April 8, 2021 / 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (CDT)
- Open to all AALL Members

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 that 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.

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