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FEATURED NEWS



REGISTER FOR THURSDAY'S AALL WEBINAR: RECOGNIZING AND RESOLVING DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE / APRIL 29

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. Join us this **Thursday, April 29, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)** where attendees will have an opportunity to learn about the personal, practical, and legal aspects of dealing with discriminatory practices in the workplace. *This webinar is being offered in collaboration with AALL's Diversity & Inclusion Committee and the Black Law Librarians Special Interest Section (BLL-SIS).*

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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APPLY FOR AN AALL SCHOLARSHIP BY MAY 1

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 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 ANNUAL MEETING GRANT BY MAY 1

Did you know that [AALL offers grants](#) to cover registration costs for the Annual Meeting? Special interest sections [provide additional grant opportunities](#) for their members, and some chapters do, too. But you'll need to act fast--**applications are due May 1.**

APPLY FOR AN AALL LEXISNEXIS RESEARCH GRANT BY MAY 1

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](#).

QUICK LINKS

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AALL UPDATES

RENEW YOUR 2021-2022 AALL MEMBERSHIP TODAY

Renew your 2021-2022 AALL membership today—don't miss out on the exclusive benefits that being an AALL member provides. Membership dues are \$276 and include access to essential professional development (discounted and free) on [AALL's new eLearning platform](#), access to an extensive network of peers, including multiple discussion groups on My Communities, a vast network of professional colleagues, and more—a total value worth more than \$2,000. In addition, AALL offers a discounted membership rate for members who are unemployed (verification required). If your employment situation has changed and you wish to receive this discount, please contact member services. To renew your membership log in to your [AALLNET account](#).

JOIN A SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION

Connect with others that share your professional interests through AALL's 15 [special interest sections](#) (SISs). 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.

RENEW TODAY

2021 AALL STATE OF THE PROFESSION / PRE-ORDER TODAY

The second edition of the *AALL State of the Profession* is available for pre-order on [AALLNET](#). The *AALL State of the Profession Report* provides an overview of the landscape in law libraries and in the legal information profession. It is intended to be used as a tool for organizational benchmarking, advocacy, strategic planning—as well as personal professional development. Topics include the impact of COVID-19, diversity, budgets, user services, operations, collections, preservation, partnerships, technology, and an inventory of skills and expertise. This publication is scheduled to be published in June 2021, and is [available](#) in digital, print, and a digital+print bundle.

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NEW LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERS SELECTED

The [Law Library Journal Editorial Board](#) has selected three new members to serve for a two-year term starting in July 2021. The purpose of the editorial board is to help shape, solicit, and curate content for [Law Library Journal](#).

- **Peter Hook** Associate Director; Notre Dame Law School; Kresge Library; Notre Dame, IN
- **Heidi Kuehl** Circuit Librarian; U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit; Chicago, IL
- **Michael Whiteman**; Associate Dean of Library Services, Director, Robert S. Marx Law Library; University of Cincinnati College of Law; Robert S. Marx Law Library; Cincinnati, OH

Current board members serving their final year are:

- **Janeen Byron** Reference Specialist; Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz; New York, NY
- **Shaun Esposito** Head of Public Services & Professor of Practice; University of Arizona; College of Law Library; Tucson, AZ
- **Sarah Hooke** Librarian/Information Analyst; Bernstein Shur; Portland, ME

Tom Gaylord will continue to serve as *Law Library Journal's* Editor and as the board's chair. Thank you to outgoing editorial board members **Benjamin J. Keele**, **Edward T. Hart**, and **I-Wei Wang** for their hard work

and service these past two years on the editorial board.

ADVOCACY UPDATES

AALL TO SPEAK ON UNIFORM LAW COMMISSION WEBINAR ON UELMA & ACCESS TO JUSTICE

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated challenges for states to provide access to legal information. The [Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act](#) (UELMA) is a uniform law that helps states expand access to justice by ensuring access to official, authentic, and preserved electronic legal information. Advocating for enactment of UELMA has been and continues to be a [priority for AALL](#).

Join the free webinar hosted by the [Uniform Law Commission](#) (ULC) on **Tuesday, May 11 from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. (CDT), featuring AALL President Emily R. Florio; AALL past president Barbara Bintliff**, who served as the reporter for ULC's UELMA Drafting Committee; and members of the ULC's UELMA Enactment Committee. Learn how adoption of UELMA contributes to greater access to justice, how organizations including AALL are advocating for its adoption, and how you can help to enact it in your state.

Cost: Free and open to AALL members and nonmembers.

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ALA COVID LIBRARY RELIEF FUND / DEADLINE IS MAY 20

The American Library Association (ALA) is now accepting applications for the [ALA COVID Library Relief Fund](#). The new fund will provide \$1.25M in emergency relief grants to public, school, academic, and tribal libraries that have experienced substantial economic hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic. Law libraries may be eligible to receive funds if they are part of a qualifying library or library system, such as a municipal public library or university. Additional eligibility information is available on [ALA's website](#). **The deadline for applicant submissions is May 20, 2021.**

AALL MEMBERS ALLEN R. MOYE & RICHARD A. LEITER APPOINTED TO DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COUNCIL BY U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) announced the selection of AALL nominee Allen R. Moye along with fellow AALL member Richard A. Leiter as new members of the Depository Library Council (DLC). As members of the DLC, Moye and Leiter will provide guidance to GPO's leadership on issues related to future trends and innovations in libraries, public access to government information, and the evolving needs of libraries in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). They will serve on the DLC for the 2021-2024 term. AALL issued a [press release](#) announcing the selection.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

REGISTER FOR AALL 2021: LEADING WITH WISDOM & INSIGHT / JULY 19-23

Register for AALL's second Virtual Conference, July 19-23. AALL 2021 will offer more than 45 educational sessions, covering timely topics, including furthering access to justice, the future of collections, wellness of students and law librarians, conducting legal research from a DEI perspective, and more—the [schedule of programs is now available on AALLNET](#). New to the virtual conference platform are networking capabilities that enable attendees to do peer-to-peer text and video chats. Attendees can schedule meetings, host a discussion, or just say a quick hello.

The [virtual exhibit hall](#) is 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.

The AALL Virtual Conference is an opportunity 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.

Registration is affordable—at \$99 for individual members, \$49 for retired members, and complimentary for student/unemployed members—you really can't afford to miss out.

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REGISTER FOR CONELL - FREE FOR AALL MEMBERS / JULY 13-14

The [Conference of Newer Law Librarians \(CONELL\)](#) is AALL's orientation to welcome newer members, introduce them to AALL, and facilitate networking with peers. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from representatives of AALL and some of our special groups to learn firsthand how to get involved and maximize the benefits of membership. CONELL includes a happy hour the evening before the program.

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AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT / MAY 13

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.**

UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS



AALL COFFEE CHAT: MAKING THE TYPE-OF-LIBRARY SWITCH / MAY 4

There are a lot of commonalities across law librarianship, but depending on whether you work in a law school, law firm, or government library, there can be a lot of differences, too. Have you recently made a type-of-library job change, or are you curious about what that might look like? Join fellow AALL members on **Tuesday, May 4 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)** for an informal conversation about what's been surprising, challenging, and rewarding.

Cost: Free and open to AALL members only; space is limited.

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AALL COFFEE CHAT: STAYING CONNECTED IN RETIREMENT / MAY 17

While retirement is defined as “withdrawal from one's position or occupation or from active working life,” many AALL members are keen to stay active in the professional communities they've belonged to for much of their careers. Are you approaching retirement and wondering what opportunities are available? Join us for an informal conversation on **Monday, May 17 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)** to learn how to stay connected and involved.

Cost: Free and open to AALL members only; space is limited.

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THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR: SUCCESSFUL TACTICS TO DEMONSTRATE VALUE TO YOUR ORGANIZATION AMIDST COVID / MAY 18



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. Join us **Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CDT)** and 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.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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AALL WEBINAR: LEARNING FROM THE LIBRARIAN LEADERSHIP LANDSCAPE / MAY 20

This program will feature a moderated panel of library leaders—from the legal landscape and beyond—who will share their perspective and experience on leadership over the course of their careers. Join us **Thursday, May 20 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)** to hear “leadership stories” that will give AALL members insight into essential skills to manage complex organizations with varying departmental needs, how they've implemented innovative services and programs to achieve organizational success, and how the pandemic has affected them as leaders.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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COMMUNITY CORNER

DON'T MISS TOMORROW'S PEGA-SIS WEBINAR: SO YOU WANNA BUILD YOUR PERSONAL BRAND? / APRIL 27

Creating a personal brand puts you in control of your narrative and is consistent across all of your actions and interactions, both in person and virtual. Join us **tomorrow, Tuesday, April 27 from 2:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CDT)** to learn about all of the moving parts and components that make up one's personal brand, and how everyone can identify and develop those for themselves. Join subject matter expert Donna Payne as she shares proven strategies and tips on building your brand that will help elevate your confidence and be your best. *This series is brought to you by the [Professional Engagement, Growth & Advancement SIS](#) and the [AALL Continuing Professional Education Committee](#).*

Cost: Open to all AALL Members

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