

MAY 27, 2021

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

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

Join over 600 of your colleagues who have already [registered](#) for AALL's second Virtual Conference, to be held **July 19-23**. Enhance your professional skills and knowledge, network with thought leaders, and connect with marketplace partners, all from the comfort of your home or office. Tune in to 45 live and on-demand educational sessions, covering timely topics, including analytics for competitive intelligence, biases and ethics in artificial intelligence, library marketing and outreach, legal technology privacy and safety, and more—the [schedule of programs](#) is available on AALLNET. [Registration is affordable](#)—at **\$99 for individual members, \$49 for retired members, and complimentary for student/unemployed members**—you really cannot afford to miss out.

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SUBMIT YOUR VIDEO TO AALL'S NEW INNOVATION SHOWCASE

AALL is excited to announce the [AALL Innovation Showcase](#)—a new opportunity to share your ideas, help fellow members, and maybe even win a **\$1,000 prize**. All you need to do is submit a video (five minutes or less) describing a solution to a challenge.

Videos will be categorized by three library types: law school, law firm, and government. Late this summer, AALL members will be able to view the videos and vote for the innovations they find most helpful.

The deadline to submit your video(s) is Monday, June 14, 2021.

Questions? Please contact [Heidi Letzmann](#), education & programs manager.

This opportunity is sponsored by the American Association of Law Libraries and LexisNexis.



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AALL BUSINESS MEETING / RESOLUTIONS DUE JUNE 25

The AALL Business Meeting & Members Open Forum will be held virtually **Friday, July 23 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (CDT)**. This is open to all members, whether or not you register for the Virtual Conference. Any member may [submit a resolution](#) for consideration by the membership at the Business Meeting by **Friday, June 25**. Please be sure to follow [resolution submission guidelines](#). The passing of the gavel will also take place during the Business Meeting.

During the Members Open Forum, AALL Executive Board officers will be available to respond to member questions regarding AALL, as well as its programs and activities. In addition to asking questions via chat during

the live event, members may also submit questions in advance of the meeting to ambusmtg@aall.org.

If you have questions, please contact AALL's Headquarters Office at 312.939.4764.

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TEACHING LAW PRACTICE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP / JULY 27

This workshop will offer examples of law practice technology (LPT) curricula, lessons, and assessments, before jumping into a hands-on opportunity for participants to design their own instructional materials. Working in groups, workshop participants will develop their own LPT courses, their own lessons on individual LPT subjects, and assessments for LPT competencies.

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

Registration Deadline: Thursday, July 12, 2021

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

The [Conference of Newer Law Librarians \(CONELL\)](#), to be held **Wednesday, July 14 from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (CDT)**, is AALL's introduction to welcome newer members to AALL, and facilitate networking with peers. Attendees will hear from representatives of AALL and some of our special groups to learn firsthand how to get involved and maximize the benefits of AALL membership. CONELL includes a happy hour the evening of **Tuesday, July 13 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. CDT**.

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COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS

CALL FOR COFFEE CHAT TOPICS & MODERATORS

AALL Virtual Coffee Chats are a great way to connect with colleagues in an informal setting on topics that matter to you and the work you do every day. What timely issues would you like to discuss with your colleagues? Who do you know that can lead a chat on a topic important to law librarians and legal information professionals? Please send your coffee chat ideas and moderator recommendations to [Heidi Letzmann](#), education & programs manager.



REGISTER FOR NEXT WEEK'S AALL COFFEE CHAT: MAXIMIZING INTERNSHIPS / JUNE 1

Internship opportunities can mean extra support for library staff, new help to tackle special projects, fresh perspectives, and a potential pipeline to law librarianship—especially when resources are limited or a hiring freeze is in place. Are you curious about implementing an internship program, or expanding or revamping an existing program? Join us for an informal conversation on **Tuesday, June 1 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)** to get ideas for internships in different kinds of libraries.

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

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AALL COFFEE CHAT: MAKING MEETINGS BETTER / JUNE 15

Despite all the changes of the last year, meetings remain an essential—though often dreaded—component of our professional lives. Are you looking for ways to make meetings



more productive and a better use of everyone's time? Join us for an informal conversation on **Tuesday, June 15 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)** and discover some tips and tricks for making the most of every meeting.

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

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BREAKING THROUGH PUBLIC SPEAKING FEARS (EVEN AFTER FAILURE!) / JUNE 16

Through stories about their backgrounds in public speaking and performance, our panelists will reveal how their training has helped them confidently speak up at faculty meetings, emcee large staff events, and casually pitch ideas to law school deans. Join us

Wednesday, June 16 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT) to build your public speaking confidence, learn from critique without internalizing it, and speak up without fear of failure. Attendees will practice together in a safe and low-stakes environment.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR: LITIGATION ANALYTICS: HELPING LITIGATORS WIN / JUNE 24

We've all heard about analytics recently, but why are analytics essential to a legal practice? Analytics provide quantifiable data to support and supplement your experience in strategizing case decisions, managing client expectations, accelerating client service, and optimizing legal research. Join us **Thursday, June 24, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)** to learn why Litigation Analytics on Westlaw Edge delivers the highest quality and comprehensive source material, as well as the experienced editorial oversight you have come to rely on from Westlaw. The most recent enhancements will also be highlighted.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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AALL COFFEE CHAT: RETHINKING THE LIBRARY WORK MODEL POST-COVID / JUNE 29

"How to stay relevant" is a constant topic of conversation for libraries. Now, our community has an opportunity to adapt workplace policies for a post-COVID world. As libraries are opening again, what policy changes are being discussed for employees? How is your traditional work model changing after the experience of working from home? Join us **Tuesday, June 29 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)** to hear what other libraries are doing.

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

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AALL COFFEE CHAT: MEET THE 2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES / JULY 26



Come get to know the Executive Board candidates running for the AALL Executive Board during an informal chat on **Monday, July 26, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (CDT)**. This is a time for members to chat with candidates and ask questions. The chat will be moderated by Mary Jenkins, AALL Executive Board Secretary.

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

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QUICK LINKS

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ON-DEMAND LEARNING

RAISE YOUR BUDGETING IQ / REGISTER FOR AALL'S NEW SELF-PACED COURSE

AALL's self-paced course, "[Introduction to Law Library Budgets](#)," provides fundamental skills that will help you address important issues such as identifying and managing competing priorities, explaining day-to-day operations, and connecting financial resources to meet goals.

Developed by subject matter experts who are your colleagues and fellow members, this course will provide you with the skills you need to become more confident when it comes to making and maintaining a budget within your organization. If you have any questions, please contact AALL at elarning@aall.org or 312.939.4764.

Cost: Members \$99 / Nonmembers \$149

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WEBINARS NOW AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND

- [Learning from the Librarian Leadership Landscape](#)
- [Thomson Reuters Partner Webinar: Successful Tactics to Demonstrate Value to Your Organization Amidst COVID](#)
- [Recognizing and Resolving Discrimination in the Workplace](#)
- [Live Interview Series: So You Wanna Build Your Personal Brand?](#)

PICK OF THE MONTH

Selected by AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee

[RANSOMED! THE LIFE OF A SECURITY BREACH](#)

A recent ransomware attack on a pipeline operator causing gasoline shortages and panic buying throughout the eastern United States left many of us thinking about how an attack of this scale happened and what could have been done to prevent it. Using the example of an attack on Maastricht University, this program provides an overview of what ransomware is, how it enters computer systems, and what users can do to avoid falling prey to these increasingly common security breaches.

Find many more continuing education programs and webinars on [AALL eLearning](#).

COMMUNITY CORNER

ALL-SIS WEBINAR: COLLABORATION AND OUTREACH: SUPPORTING COMMUNITY LEGAL RESEARCH

The ALL-SIS Continuing Education Committee is happy to announce *Inclusion: Teaching, Terms, and Community*, a series of webinars focused on how specific issues of equity and inclusion are being recognized and addressed by academic law libraries. Ever wondered how you could support marginalized and low-income communities in your area? Join us **Thursday, June 17 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (CDT)** for a conversation and learn from law librarians doing just that. Panelists will share how they develop collaborations and nurture relationships with public libraries to provide needed legal research services to local communities.

Open to all AALL members.

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LEADER IN YOU

LEADER PROFILE

Each month the Leadership Development Committee will highlight a librarian leader and ask them a few questions about their leadership journey.

Heidi Kuehl
Circuit Librarian
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit



What does leadership mean to you?

Leadership in an organization and libraries requires passion, vision, mobilization of team members, and clear communication of goals and initiatives. To lead teams effectively, you must seek buy-in of your team members and celebrate successes. It's important to reflect on outcomes and acknowledge a job well done. Anyone can be a leader within a law library—it doesn't require the manager to lead every strategic planning goal; in fact, it typically invigorates the library to have other talented librarians and staff take the lead and implement goals with their collective skills and gifts.

How do you help others develop their leadership skills?

I enjoy fostering growth, being a cheerleader for others, mentoring, and providing tips to newer law librarians for long-term career growth. It's important to engage in networking during all stages of one's career and invest in the next generation of law librarians. I do that by championing other amazing law librarians privately and publicly and seeking out diversity of participation in professional development organizations. I enjoy contributing to conversations and learning from librarians from every stage of development and from myriad walks of life. I hope to give to others as much as I've learned from others who have been so generous to me in my professional life.

What resources do you recommend for those looking to build or improve their leadership skills?

I think that it's extremely important to hone public speaking and presenting skills to improve leadership. There's a synergy between effective presentations and organization of complex thoughts and effective leaders. Leaders are open to new ideas, conversations, and promote their talents without being boastful. Networking is also especially critical throughout the lifetime of one's career—you never know when someone you know will have you in mind for the next big opportunity.

Is there a particular AALL product/program/article that was especially helpful for you as you developed as a leader? AALL has been instrumental to my success and professional growth. I really enjoyed [CONELL](#) and met quite a few amazing lifelong friends along the way. I am also indebted to the Foreign, Comparative, & International Law Special Interest Section for my education, broadening of international law interests, and the generosity of members who facilitated my growth with a network of amazing colleagues.

What is the best advice regarding leadership or being successful in your work that you've ever received? Lean into your discomfort. Confronting fears and challenges will allow for growth. I tend to view every "pain point" or disappointment as a growth opportunity. I also subscribe to Maya Angelou's adage: "At the end of the day, people won't remember what you said or did, but they will remember how you made them feel." All interactions count, and it's wonderful to lift others up and recognize common humanity.

Do you know a great leader? Recommend a leader for us to spotlight in the Leader In You column. Send your recommendation with a brief description of why you think they are a great leader to [Kris Niedringhaus](#), Chair, Leadership Development Committee.

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