

**JUNE 24, 2021**

## LIVE EDUCATION

### AALL'S EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE / JULY 28-29

The [AALL Executive Leadership Institute](#) will help you expand your skills and participate in open, dynamic, and strategic conversations on a wide range of topics. Join a network of directors to learn about inclusive leadership strategies and approaches to increase your leadership and soft skills.

#### TOPICS

- Leadership and Inclusive Communication
- From Unconscious Bias to Conscious Inclusion
- Collaboration and Leadership in Legal Information Services
- Leadership Across the Legal Spectrum
- Driving Change During Transitional Times
- Leadership Transitions and Looking Ahead to the Future
- Leading Well and Avoiding Burnout

**COST: AALL Members: \$349 / Nonmembers: \$523** (Price increases \$50 for members & \$75 for nonmembers after July 9.)

**Registration deadline is July 14, 2021.**

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## VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

### JOIN MORE THAN 1,100 OF YOUR COLLEAGUES FOR #AALL21 / JULY 19-23

The [Virtual Conference website](#) is now live—browse through comprehensive session and speaker details, check out the fun activities planned, and see the full list of current [exhibitors](#). If you have already registered for the Conference, use your AALLNET member login details for the Virtual Conference website.

Tune in to more than 45 [live and on-demand educational sessions](#) covering timely topics that explore expanding the concept of law libraries and law librarians, how generational differences can actually bring us together, managing up, down, and within, and more. On-demand sessions will be released on Monday, July 12 to jump-start your conference education. **New this year:** Join the on-demand session presenters for live, scheduled [video chat Q&As](#) during the week of the Conference.

**At just \$99 for individual members, \$49 for retired members, and complimentary for student and unemployed members**—AALL 2021 is an [affordable and accessible way](#) to put your professional development first and equip yourself with innovative and practical ideas for your personal and professional growth.

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## AALL'S NEW INNOVATION SHOWCASE / VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE INNOVATIONS

We are excited to unveil the [AALL Innovation Showcase](#)—a new opportunity to highlight members' innovative projects in their own libraries, and maybe even provide inspiration for your own solutions.

AALL members have created short videos categorized by three library types: law school, law firm, and government. **View the videos and vote for the innovation(s) you find most helpful by July 30, 2021—a \$1,000 prize will be awarded in each category.** Thanks to everyone who contributed to AALL's first Innovation Showcase.

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



VOTE NOW

## 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 newer members, introducing them to AALL and facilitating 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.**

Registration deadline is July 9.

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## CELEBRATE YOUR COLLEAGUES - REGISTER FOR THE AALL AWARDS PRESENTATION / JULY 14

[AALL Award winners](#) have played an essential role in championing the Association and the legal information profession during the past year. Celebrate your colleagues for their contributions to law librarianship by attending the AALL Awards Presentation on **Wednesday, July 14 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CDT)**, moderated by AALL President Emily R. Florio (2020-2021). The [Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award](#) recipients will also be recognized during this presentation; and Cornell H. Winston, AALL Treasurer, will emcee the Gallagher portion of the program.

Open to all AALL members.

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## COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS



### 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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## **BUILDING AN EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT CULTURE: USING EQ TO FUEL YOUR SUCCESS / JUNE 30**

Emotional intelligence is a set of emotional and social skills that collectively establish how well we perceive and express ourselves, develop and maintain relationships, cope with challenges, and use emotional information in an effective and meaningful way. Join experts

**Wednesday, June 30 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)** for an interactive, eye-opening, and engaging session as they discuss the importance of emotional intelligence in the workplace and strategies to build valuable skills that drive long-term personal and professional success.

**Cost:** Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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## **AALL COFFEE CHAT: TALES FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICES FRONT / JULY 12**

When working in a public library, unusual encounters with patrons can happen at any time, often challenging law librarians to dig deep into their empathy wells—with the reward of an interesting story to tell. Now's your chance. Join us **Monday, July 12 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45**

**p.m. (CDT)** to share your own tales from the front, reflect on what worked or could have gone differently, and perhaps even learn from someone else's kindred experience.

**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**

**EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON BUDGETING / REGISTER FOR AALL'S SELF-PACED COURSE**

Many of your colleagues have already registered for AALL's self-paced course, "[Introduction to Law Library Budgets](#)." Join them and learn the 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](mailto:elarning@aall.org) or 312.939.4764.

**Cost:** Members \$99 / Nonmembers \$149

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## WEBINARS NOW AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND

- [Breaking Through Public Speaking Fears \(Even After Failure!\)](#)
- [Learning from the Librarian Leadership Landscape](#)
- [Thomson Reuters Partner Webinar: Successful Tactics to Demonstrate Value to Your Organization Amidst COVID](#)

### PICK OF THE MONTH

*Selected by AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee*

#### [A CONVERSATION ABOUT CREATING EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN OUR METADATA](#)

The conversation around Library of Congress catalog subject headings has been a longstanding topic throughout academic libraries given the outdated terms used and the difficulty involved in updating them. This program focuses on what libraries can do to create more inclusive cataloging terms to support inclusivity while recognizing the sensitive nature of the changes and the possible political consequences involved in transitioning these outdated terms to more appropriate ones.

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

## COMMUNITY CORNER

### PROJECT 20/20: FROM TRANSITION TO TRANSFORMATION / JUNE 30

Since October, the Project 20/20 Series has had over 1,200 engagements with librarians from across the country. Each month has offered one program, one workshop, and one social networking event. Join us **Wednesday, June 30 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (CDT)** for this final month of the series, which concludes on another high note with a closing conversation with [Ashley C. Ford](#). A respected voice on topics ranging from popular culture and race to imposter syndrome and healthy boundaries, Ford uses personal experiences to impart lessons about navigating upheaval through the transformative power of imagination, and living an unapologetically bold, joyful, and authentic life.

**Open to all AALL members.**

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### 2021 PLLIP VIRTUAL SUMMIT / JULY 16

The [2021 PLLIP Virtual Summit](#), *Hindsight is 2021: Responding to Chaos and Change* will be held **Friday July 16, from 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (CDT)**, followed by a happy hour. The Summit will offer attendees an opportunity to learn how to deal with change; additional information will be forthcoming. If you have any general questions regarding the Summit, please contact [cbrown@littler.com](mailto:cbrown@littler.com).

**Cost:** \$25 for AALL members/nonmembers; \$25 for retired; \$0 for students and unemployed  
**Registration deadline is Friday, July 2, 2021.**

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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.

**Dennis C. Kim-Prieto**  
Reference Librarian  
Rutgers Law Library – Newark Campus



#### What does leadership mean to you?

Instantiating a vision is central, and it means allowing folks to find their excellence and contribute that distinction to the large endeavor. Often, I have found that mere acknowledgment can be a powerful motivator. For example, when I was leading the team that eventually articulated the AALL Principles and Standards for Research Competencies and Information Literacy, I was explicitly thinking of helping to establish a body of scholarship that others might pursue. However, outside of scholarship, the standard has influenced the larger policy question of testing legal research on the bar exam. We must allow folks to contribute their talents in a way that furthers the larger objectives, even if it is beyond our vision. The same is true of the Latino Caucus. I was there at the start, but its recent outreach on issues of COVID in the Latino community has made it bigger than I ever thought it would be.

#### How do you help others develop their leadership skills?

Because of my career path, I tend to see things through the lens of teaching. You must allow folks an initial "safe space" to fail to develop leadership skills. You must go through trial and error. I participate in local mentorship efforts across the university for diverse reasons. My large research university is highly siloed, and mentoring allows me to meet folks from other areas such as English and Linguistics, which helps diminish some of that "silo-ization," even if only slightly. To be effective, I listen, and I recognize that I need as much advice as I give. I find we have similar problems. There is a lot of "imposter syndrome" in the university and so having the mentoring program is useful.

#### What is one thing you've read about leadership that has stuck with you? Why?

While AALL has long taken an active role in developing its membership into leaders, and has done so rather successfully in my opinion, there is only so much that we can expect the Association to accomplish. We need to avoid "group think." Most of my ideas emerge from my study of the humanities. I believe readers in the humanities are more empathetic, and the humanities are the lab where ethical questions are posed. Ethics are more crucial to leadership than any other method of measuring a bottom line.

#### What is the best advice regarding leadership or being successful in your work that you've ever received?

The best advice I have ever received is "to follow your heart." I also believe in the need for teams; not everyone can think of everything all the time when confronting an issue.

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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