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FEATURED NEWS

SUBMIT YOUR VIDEO TO AALL’S NEW INNOVATION SHOWCASE

The deadline is fast approaching to submit a video for the AALL Innovation Showcase. This is a great opportunity to share your ideas, help fellow members, and maybe even win a $1,000 prize. The video should be five minutes or less and needs to describe 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 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.

LEARN MORE & SUBMIT YOUR VIDEO

REGISTER FOR THE AALL BUSINESS MEETING

The AALL Business Meeting & Members Open Forum will be held virtually Friday, July 23 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (CDT). This is open to all members, and separate registration is required. The passing of the gavel will also take place during the Business Meeting.

Any member may submit a resolution for consideration by the membership at the Business Meeting. The deadline to submit a resolution is Friday, June 25. Please be sure to follow resolution submission guidelines.

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 or email leadership@aall.org.

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RENEW YOUR 2021-2022 AALL MEMBERSHIP TODAY

Your AALL community continues to provide you with the support you need for ongoing success. Renew your 2021-2022 membership today to continue receiving members-only 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
- 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 eLearning
- and more great member benefits

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 YOUR COPY 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 later this month, and is available in digital, print, and a digital+print bundle.

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ADVOCACY UPDATES

AALL MEETS WITH ACTING LAW LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS

On Wednesday, May 26, AALL met with the new acting Law Librarian of Congress, Aslihan Bulut, and her staff. Ms. Bulut, an AALL member, was named the acting Law Librarian of Congress after the passing of former Law Librarian of Congress Jane Sánchez on March 26, 2021. This meeting provided an opportunity to learn about the Law Library of Congress’ current projects and initiatives, share AALL’s recent activities, and discuss future opportunities for collaboration. Representing AALL were Emily R. Florio, president; Janet Peros, chair of the Government Relations Committee; Vani Ungapen, executive director; and Emily Feltren, director of government relations.

NEW IMLS AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANTS / APPLY BY JUNE 28

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is offering a new grant opportunity to provide direct support to museums and libraries, including eligible law libraries, to address community needs created or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Proposals to this grant program may continue, enhance, or expand existing programs and services, or they may launch new ones to address emergent needs and unexpected hardships. Additional eligibility information is available on IMLS’ website. The deadline for submitting applications is June 28, 2021.

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

Join over 625 of your colleagues who have already registered for AALL's second Virtual Conference. 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, 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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REGISTER FOR THE 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 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 evening of Tuesday, July 13 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (CDT).

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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. Come celebrate your colleagues for their contributions to law librarianship and the legal information profession by attending the AALL Awards Presentation on Wednesday, July 14 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CDT), moderated by Emily R. Florio, AALL President (2020-2021). The Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award recipients will also be recognized during this presentation; Cornell H. Winston, AALL Treasurer, will be emceeing the Gallagher portion of the program.

Open to all AALL members.

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UPCOMING 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.

**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)** to discover or share some tips and tricks for making the most of every meeting.

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

**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 on **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

**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 on **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

**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 on **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.
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.

COMMUNITY CORNER

ALL-SIS WEBINAR: COLLABORATION AND OUTREACH: SUPPORTING COMMUNITY LEGAL RESEARCH / JUNE 17

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 as panelists 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.

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.

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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