

JULY 26, 2021**FEATURED NEWS****A SUCCESSFUL AALL 2021 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

Last week more than 1,638 law librarians and legal information professionals from across the country and globe gathered for [AALL's second Virtual Conference](#) to learn from peers and partners in the legal information field. Later this week, **all conference registrants** will have access to any livestream sessions they may have missed, in addition to all the on-demand sessions released ahead of the Conference. Couldn't join us? You can still register to get access to more than 45 educational sessions. Missed the active discussions that took place during the Conference? Check out the discussion on Twitter at [#AALL21](#).

AALL 2021 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

All Conference registrants will receive an email soon with instructions on how to access and print their "Certificate of Completion" for the AALL Virtual Conference. If you need additional help locating the certificate within [AALL eLearning](#), please contact annualmeeting@aall.org for assistance.

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)**AALL SUMMER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING ACTIONS**

The AALL Executive Board met virtually on Thursday, July 15 and Friday, July 16, 2021. The Executive Board book and related materials are available on [AALLNET](#). The Executive Board had a packed agenda with reports, action items, and lots of discussion. The Board approved the following:

- The minutes from the April 8-9, 2021, Executive Board Meeting (**Tab 1**)
- Appointment of the 2022-2023 Annual Meeting Program Committee Chair and 2022-2023 Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chairs for the 2023 Annual Meeting in Boston
 - [Jessica de Perio Wittman](#), Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor of Law, University of Connecticut School of Law Library, Hartford, CT to serve as the Chair of the Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC)
 - [Meg Kribble](#), Research & Knowledge Services Coordinator; Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Boston, MA, **and**
 - [Shira Megerman](#), Senior Legal Information Librarian; Boston University, Boston, MA, to serve as the Co-Chairs of the Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee, for the 2023 Annual Meeting in Boston, MA (**Tab 2**)
- The FY2021-2022 operating budget for the Association (**Tab 4**)
- The 2020-2021 AALL Strategic Directions Action Plan (**Tab 5**)
- Discontinuing the Consulting Services Initiative Pilot Project, effective July 2021 (**Tab 9**)
- The revised AALL Guiding Principles for Public Access to Legal Information on Government Websites to replace the Principles and Core Values Concerning Public Information on Government Websites (Tab 10)
- Revisions to the charge of the Government Relations Committee (**Tab 11**)
- Revisions to the charge of the Copyright Committee (**Tab 12**)
- Revisions to the Use of the American Association of Law Libraries' Name Policy (**Tab 13**)
- Creation of the BLL-SIS Education Fund (**Tab 14**)
- The addition of one more voting member to the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee (**Tab 15**)
- Revisions to the description of the Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award (**Tab 16**)
- Revision to the Volunteer Service Award Jury stating the award does not need to be given out every year (**Tab 17**)

In addition to the above action items, the Executive Board did not approve the request from the Economic Status of Law Librarians Committee for an extension for the 2023 *Salary Survey* zip code data investigation

(Tab 8). The Board tabled two motions from the Volunteer Award Jury (Tab 17).

Additional reports included in the [Board book](#) are the Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Awareness (IDEA) Special Committee report (Tab 7), and the Law Librarianship as a Career Guidance Review Special Committee report (Tab 18).

DIANE M. RODRIGUEZ BECOMES PRESIDENT OF AALL

AALL announced today that Diane M. Rodriguez has taken on the role of president for the Association. Diane Rodriguez, whose term as president officially began at the conclusion of the organization's second [Virtual Conference](#) on July 23, is currently assistant director of the San Francisco Law Library in California. She has been a member of AALL for 26 years.



As AALL's 2021-2022 president, one of Diane's goals is to advocate for access to legal information which supports access to justice. According to her, law librarians and legal information professionals are in an excellent position to help close the growing access to justice gap by providing access to legal materials. Later this year, Rodriguez, along with the Executive Board, will begin working on the 2022-2025 AALL strategic plan. Additional priorities for AALL include continuing to build on the Association's diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. [Read the full press release.](#)

QUICK LINKS

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AALL UPDATES

AALL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

The AALL General Business Meeting was held virtually Friday, July 23 during the [2021 Virtual Conference](#). The meeting kicked off with reports from AALL President Emily R. Florio, President-elect Diane M. Rodriguez, Treasurer Cornell Winston, and Secretary Mary Jenkins. The Business meeting was followed by the members' open forum where the Executive Committee answered many questions from members. The passing of the gavel took place after the forum. The update included a recap of the Association's accomplishments this past year. Access the recording on [AALLNET](#).



2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES' BIOGRAPHIES & STATEMENTS NOW ONLINE

Online voting for the next AALL vice president/president-elect, treasurer, and Executive Board members opens October 1 and runs through October 31. The AALL members elected to the Board will represent you and your interests as law librarians. It is important to make an educated decision, and we encourage members to learn more about the candidates before voting opens. Read the Q&A with the candidates from the July/August issue of [AALL Spectrum](#) and the [candidate biographies and statements](#) on AALLNET.

AALL 2021 STATE OF THE PROFESSION REPORT / ORDER YOUR COPY

AALL released the second edition of the [2021 AALL State of the Profession](#) report, which provides a data-rich overview of law libraries and the legal information profession. It is designed to be used as a tool for organizational benchmarking, advocacy, and strategic planning—as well as your own personal professional development. Topics include the impact of COVID-19, diversity, budgets, user services, operations, collections, preservation, partnerships, technology, and an inventory of skills, expertise, professional planning, and job satisfaction.

The complimentary [AALL State of the Profession 2021 Executive Summary](#) provides an introduction to the full report. The report is 280 pages and includes full-color graphics and data tables, and is available in digital,

print, and a digital + print bundle. Pricing starts at \$149 for AALL members.

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RENEW YOUR 2021-2022 AALL MEMBERSHIP

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's new [eLearning platform](#)
- and [more great member benefits](#)

JOIN A SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION

Connect with others who share your professional interests through AALL's 14 [special interest sections](#) (SISs). *The Digitization & Educational Technology SIS is merging with Legal Innovation & Technology SIS for 2021-2022. 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.

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ADVOCACY UPDATES

2021 AALL VIRTUAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY TRAINING / SEPTEMBER 21

Legislative advocacy is essential to making a difference for the legal information profession. Join us on **Tuesday, September 21, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)** to learn skills to advocate for public policy issues, including broadband access and digital equity, balanced copyright laws, and greater access to official legal information. You will also learn how to build effective partnerships and influence lawmakers while contributing to solutions for current information policy issues.

Cost: Free and open to all AALL members.

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PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

AALL'S NEW INNOVATION SHOWCASE / CAST YOUR VOTE BY JULY 30

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 all the videos and vote for the innovation(s) you find most helpful by this Friday, 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 co-sponsored by the American Association of Law Libraries and LexisNexis.

[VOTE NOW](#)

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS ANNOUNCES GRANTS TO SUPPORT CONTEMPORARY CULTURAL FIELD RESEARCH WITHIN DIVERSE COMMUNITIES / APPLY BY SEPTEMBER 7

The Library of Congress is offering a new series of grants to individuals and organizations working to document cultures and traditions of Black, Indigenous, and communities of color traditionally underrepresented in the United States. In total, up to 10 grant opportunities are available in fall 2021 for up to \$60,000 each. The funding is part of the Library of Congress' new initiative, [Of the People: Widening the Path](#). **The application period closes on September 7, 2021.** Applicants may be nonprofit organizations, including institutions of higher education, colleges, and universities, as well as professional associations and community groups. For-profit applicants are not eligible. More information is available on the [Library of Congress' website](#).

UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS



AALL WEBINAR: ONBOARDING WHEN YOU CAN'T SHAKE HANDS / AUGUST 5

Onboarding is a vital component of hiring and retention, and onboarding remotely presents an additional layer of complexity to the process. Join us on **Tuesday, August 5, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)** to learn best practices and tips for onboarding new hires in a remote environment from presenters who come from different law libraries.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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AALL COFFEE CHAT: COPYRIGHT POLICIES FOR LAW LIBRARIES / AUGUST 10

Library staff are continually called upon to make difficult decisions about acceptable copying, document delivery, and e-reserves for faculty, students, and the public, especially in light of the abrupt transition to a virtual model required by the COVID pandemic. Join us **Tuesday, August 10 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)** to discuss our libraries' experiences with developing and revising internal copyright policies, from policy conception and drafting to working with stakeholders including the General Counsel's office, university and law school administration, and copyright experts.

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

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AALL TRELIS PARTNER WEBINAR: LEVERAGING LEGAL ANALYTICS IN STATE TRIAL COURTS / SEPTEMBER 14

Join us on **Tuesday, September 14 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CDT)** for an engaging session on how litigation analytics enables you to analyze the behavior and history of your judge, competitive counsel, prospects, and clients to gain crucial insights into litigation history and ruling tendencies. Leverage state trial court data to be more efficient, more

proactive, and achieve better results for your clients. You will also learn why you need litigation analytics to get ahead.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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AALL LEXISNEXIS PARTNER WEBINAR: HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR EXPERT WITNESSES (OR OPPOSING COUNSELS)? / SEPTEMBER 15

Learn how to complete common expert witnesses research tasks more efficiently, such as finding deep background on a potential expert witness, including challenges to past testimony, and how to assess an expert's knowledge, experience, and competence. Join us on **Wednesday, September 15, from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CDT)** to learn how to find potential experts for a new matter. In addition to exploring applicable LexisNexis products that support expert witness research, presenters will share valuable information and sources that are often overlooked as well as information about the LexisNexis Expert Witness Toolkit, providing task-based checklists that will simplify your research process.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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MEMBER NEWS

- **Lindsay Carpino**, Legal Content Services Supervisor at BakerHostetler in Chicago, Illinois, and AALL's Counsel of Chapter Presidents Chair and Past President of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries was recently interviewed by Jayne Reardon, Executive Director of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism for their "[Reimagining Law: The Importance of Law Librarians in a Digital World](#)" video series, which explores how legal professionals are adapting to the delivery of services to meet the needs of today's consumers. Carpino discusses innovations in the rise of digital information and the law, how firms should be leveraging their law librarians, and what the future of legal technology looks like for lawyers and law librarians.

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.

COMMUNITY CORNER

ASIAN AMERICAN LAW LIBRARIANS CAUCUS, RIPS-SIS & GLL-SIS WEBINAR / AUGUST 4

The Right to be Safe is an interactive workshop that will present a brief history of anti-Asian and xenophobic discrimination in the United States, followed by strategies to fight back against anti-Asian violence. Join us **Wednesday, August 4 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (CDT)** to learn about and discuss barriers to intervening, de-escalation strategies, CAE's Upstander approach, and self-defense techniques. The workshop is intended for people of Asian descent as well as allies. *This program is offered in collaboration with the [Asian American Law Librarians Caucus](#), [Research, Instruction & Patron Services Special Interest Section \(RIPS-SIS\)](#), and the [Government Law Libraries Special Interest Section \(GLL-SIS\)](#), and is made possible by a grant from the AALL/Bloomberg Law Continuing Education Grant Program.*

Open to all AALL members; registration is limited

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CONFERENCE ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION: LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN (CAI:LAC) / SEPTEMBER 2-28

After more than a year, the reality is that COVID-19 is still ravaging Latin America and the Caribbean. The consequences and impact of the pandemic continues to create a domino effect impacting all groups and all areas in the region. Since March 2020, our project members have been monitoring the changes and responses to the crises. Join us **every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (CDT) from September 2 through September 28** to continue the conversation and further collaborate. *This program is made possible by a grant from the AALL/Bloomberg Law Continuing Education Grant Program. Thank you to the University of Arizona Law School for their support in making this program possible.*

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