JULY 2021

FEATED NEWS

AALL EXECUTIVE BOARD SUMMER MEETING

The AALL Executive Board will meet today and tomorrow. This will be the last meeting of the 2020-2021 Executive Board. You may access the agenda and board book for the summer meeting, as well as all past board books and the executive board meeting schedule, on AALLNET.

AALL 2021 KICKS OFF ON MONDAY / DON'T MISS OUT

AALL’s Virtual Conference is next week. Join over 1,500 of your colleagues for educational programs that will help you grow professionally and equip you with innovative and practical ideas for your personal and professional growth.

All conference registrants now have access to on-demand sessions. Browse through the Virtual Conference website to get comprehensive session and speaker details, check out the fun activities planned, and see the full list of exhibitors.

There's still time to register. At only $99 for individual members, $49 for retired members, and complimentary for student and unemployed members—the Virtual Conference is an affordable and accessible way to up your professional development.

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QUICK LINKS

AALL Events Calendar | AALL Career Center | AALL News | AALL COVID-19 Resources | AALL Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

AALL UPDATES

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's 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 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.

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**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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**2021 AALL SALARY SURVEY INVITATIONS / COMING JULY 27**

The *AALL Salary Survey* is a member benefit that provides detailed compensation information for positions in the legal information profession. It is the most complete report of its kind for law librarians. Members identified as being in director-level and other leadership roles are scheduled to receive survey invitations on **July 27, 2021**. Responses are due August 20, 2021.

The survey invitations will be sent from the survey@aall.org email address. To ensure you receive the invitation in your inbox, please add this email address to your Safe Senders List. If you are in a leadership role and do not receive your invitation on July 27, please check your spam folder. If you do not see the invitation there, please contact Megan Mall, director of content strategy.

**AALL AWARDS PRESENTATION / HONORING YOU**

Yesterday, over 100 members tuned in to honor their colleagues during the AALL Awards Presentation, which also included the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award winners. The recording is now available on AALL eLearning—check out all the award, grant, and scholarship recipients in the *2021 AALL Awards & Acknowledgements brochure*.

ACCESS THE RECORDING

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 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.

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**ADVOCACY UPDATE**

**U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE LEADERSHIP SPEAKS TO AALL COPYRIGHT COMMITTEE**

On Monday, July 12, the AALL Copyright Committee heard from the Register of Copyrights, Shira Perlmutter, and her colleague Christopher Weston, Senior Counsel for Policy and International Affairs. Register Perlmutter provided an update about the latest projects and initiatives at the Copyright Office. She also discussed her priorities, which include continuous modernization of the Copyright Office—also one of AALL’s legislative priorities—and making the Copyright Office and its activities more accessible to the public. Several members of the AALL Executive Board attended the meeting.

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**PROFESSIONAL GROWTH**

**AALL BUSINESS MEETING / JULY 23**

The AALL Business Meeting & Members Open Forum will be held virtually **next 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.

During the Members Open Forum, AALL Executive Board officers will be available to respond to member questions regarding AALL. 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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**AALL’S NEW INNOVATION SHOWCASE / VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE INNOVATION**

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 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.

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

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.

AALL TRELLIS 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 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

AALL LEXISNEXIS PARTNER WEBINAR: HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR EXPERT WITNESSES (OR OPPOSING COUNSEL)? / 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 which will simplify your research process.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

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KNOWITAALL HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBER POSTS

Members shared thoughtful and interesting content, including:

- Jaime Valenzuela discussed the University of Arizona’s “Rising From the Red” exhibit, which looks at *Jones v. Alfred H. Mayer Co.* and the Fair Housing Act.
- Alisa Holahan, Dan Radthorne, and Lei Zhang of the University of Texas created the Big Tech/Social Media Regulation Guide.
- Jennifer Allison shared Harvard University’s newly updated Legal Research Guide for India.
- Amelia Landenberger wrote about building a law library from scratch for *Slaw.*

OTHER LEGAL & GOVERNMENT INFORMATION UPDATES

- The *Library of Congress* added records dating back to 1799 to *Congress.gov*.
- President Biden’s July 9 executive order included action concerning the right to repair.
- NPR provided an overview of the recent Supreme Court term.
- In *The Atlantic*, Jonathan Zittrain wrote about link rot and digital preservation, particularly as it pertains to legal information.
- *Motherboard* shared its guide to steganography, which consists of hiding information in images.

ABOUT KNOWITALL

KnowItAALL is a member benefit sent Monday through Friday. Subscriptions are available for nonmember individuals and institutions. Please email Megan Mall, director of content strategy, with your article and resource recommendations.

MEMBER NEWS

- Camille Broussard was selected as the AALL Diversity & Inclusion Committee’s June Librarian of the Month
- Miriam Childs (Law Library of Louisiana, Louisiana Supreme Court); James E. Duggan (Tulane University Law School); June Hsiao Liebert (O'Melveny & Myers LLP); Katherine Lowry (BakerHostetler); Nicholas Mignanelli (Yale Law Library); Holly M. Riccio (California Judicial Center Library); Evan Shenkman (Fisher Phillips); and Jennifer Wondracek (Capital University Law School) were among the 2021 Fastcase 50 award winners. Created in 2011, each year the Fastcase 50 award honors a diverse group of lawyers, legal technologists, policymakers, judges, law librarians, bar association executives, and people from all walks of life, who are among the law's smartest, most courageous innovators, techies, visionaries, and leaders.

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.
In this month’s member profile, Alex Zhang, the Archibald C. and Frances Fulk Rufty Research Professor of Law, Associate Dean of Information Services, and Director of the Michael J. Goodson Law Library at Duke University School of Law, discusses attending the Foreign Law Selectors meeting during the AALL Annual Meeting, and why it’s the one meeting she would never want to miss.

See more AALLNET Monthly Member Profiles and view AALL Spectrum Member and Leader Profiles on AALLNET.

MEMORIAL

Jennifer Holland was born in London, England and spent a year in Barbados before her family emigrated to Canada in 1974 aboard the S.S. France. She spent a year at McMaster before moving to Western and completing her BA (with Honors) in Anthropology in 1994. In 1998, Holland enrolled in the Faculty of Law at Western University and completed her LLB before proceeding to Faskens in Toronto and then Dyer Brown in London, Ontario. Holland enrolled in the MLIS program at Western and graduated in 2001. After obtaining her MLIS, she joined the firm of WeirFoulds where she was the legal research and reference librarian. After moving to London, she was appointed as a research librarian in the Faculty of Law at Western, a position she held from 2007-2013. From 2014-2017 she was involved in immigration law issues with the firm of Price Waterhouse. Holland was a AALL member from 2001-2004, in addition to being a member of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries. She passed away July 3, 2021, at the age of 50.

The AALL eNewsletter lists brief announcements of members’ deaths. Traditional memorials should be submitted to Tom Gaylord, Law Library Journal editor.

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