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FEATURED NEWS

THINKING OF OUR MEMBERS IN LOUISIANA & IN NEARBY STATES

Over the weekend, Hurricane Ida made landfall on the coastline of southeastern Louisiana, unleashing damaging wind gusts and flooding rains impacting millions of people. To our members in the path of the storm, we are thinking of you and your families during this crisis and keeping you in our prayers. If there is anything that AALL can do, please reach out to us at 312.939.4764 or via email at leadership@aall.org.

If you would like to help, below are some recommendations.

- **Donate to Salvation Army.** Give a one-time amount to the Salvation Army and specify that you want the money to go to Hurricane Ida efforts.
- **Give to Feed the Second Line.** The Louisiana organization stated on its Instagram page that all donations they get in September and October will go toward helping people recover from Hurricane Ida.
- **Donate to Global Giving.** The website has a relief fund set up for Hurricane Ida victims. The site says money raised goes toward water, food, medicine, and other items that those affected will need.
- Animal shelters and rescue groups across the state have also struggled to keep homeless critters warm and fed. Smaller organizations are in particular need of aid, such as Louisiana SPCA

2021-2022 AALL MEMBERSHIP GRACE PERIOD ENDS THIS WEDNESDAY

The grace period for members who have not renewed their membership will end on Wednesday, September 1. We appreciate and value you as an AALL member and hope you will continue to be a member. Although the AALL membership year ended on May 31, 2021, AALL gave all members an additional 90 days to renew. Please renew your membership before Wednesday, September 1 to continue to have access to the AALL website, AALL communications, and other AALL benefits.

We hope you will continue to remain part of the AALL community. You may renew online with a credit card. If you need help renewing or would like to pay for a consolidated invoice, please contact AALL Headquarters at 312.205.8022 or membership@aall.org.

2021 AALL SALARY SURVEY / RESPONSES DUE SEPTEMBER 1

The deadline to submit responses for the 2021 AALL Salary Survey is this Wednesday, September 1. If you need an invitation or have any questions, please contact Megan Mall, AALL’s director of content strategy. We understand that many of you are juggling a lot right now, but to ensure that we have enough data to compile a complete report for AALL members, the participation of those in a director-level role who received the survey is essential. If you would like to designate another appropriate person to fill out the survey on your behalf—for example, an HR manager—please contact Megan Mall.
AALL 2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES’ FORUMS

The AALL Executive Board election starts on October 1, and three candidates' forums are scheduled ahead of the election. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about the candidates before voting opens. You may submit questions in advance to candidatesforum@aall.org. Please indicate which candidate forum you would like your question directed to.

Members will also have the opportunity to ask a question during the forums via live chat. Femi Cadmus, chair of the Nominations Committee and AALL past president, will serve as moderator for the forums.

Candidates Forum for Treasurer
September 8, 2021
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CDT)

Miriam Childs
Andrew Winston

Candidates Forum for Executive Board Member
September 13, 2021
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CDT)

Kristina J. Alayan
Andre Davison
Jane Larrington
Avery Le

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Candidates Forum for President-Elect
September 20, 2021
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CDT)

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FORMAT
- Each candidate will make an opening statement
- Each question will be posed to each candidate
- Questions submitted in advance will be shared with the candidates prior to the forums
- Forums will be recorded and available on AALLNET

QUESTIONS
- Members are limited to one question each and will not be identified
- Questions should be related to AALL, law librarianship, and a candidate’s work experience
- Questions can be submitted via live chat during the forum

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
Read the Q&A with 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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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 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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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

LAW LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: CONGRESS.GOV PUBLIC FORUM / SEPT. 2

Register for the Law Library of Congress webinar "Congress.gov Public Forum," this Thursday, September 2 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CDT). The Library of Congress is hosting a virtual public forum focused on public access to legislative information through Congress.gov. This event will provide an update on improvements to Congress.gov—the authoritative repository of U.S. congressional data—and the Library’s role in providing access to legislative information. The forum will also give Congress.gov users an opportunity to provide feedback on the site and how they use it.

Check out even more upcoming webinars from the Law Library of Congress.

Free and open to the public.

AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: INNOVATION SHOWCASE WINNERS & CREATORS OF “REVIEW-IT” / SEPTEMBER 7

This year’s AALL Innovation Showcase provided a new opportunity to highlight members' innovative projects in a collection of short videos. AALL members voted for the ones they found most helpful, and the winning entry was a sweep across all three type-of-library categories. Review-It is a crowd-sourced review platform that shares feedback on legal resource tools (electronic, print, software, etc.). Join its creators on Tuesday, September 7 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT) for an informal discussion to ask questions about their project and perhaps find inspiration of your own.

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 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.
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 that will simplify your research process.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

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AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: VIRTUAL INTERVIEWING AND ONBOARDING / SEPTEMBER 21

As a follow-up to recent AALL webinars on virtual interviewing from applicant and employer perspectives, as well as virtual onboarding, this coffee chat will focus on different strategies and approaches that have benefited or hindered law librarians when conducting remote interviews or onboarding. Join us Tuesday, September 21 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT) for an informal discussion on how to best conduct these vital functions of law libraries.

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

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WHEN ILLIAD BECOMES AN ODYSSEY: OBTAINING AND USING COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES / SEPTEMBER 30

This program empowers librarians to obtain materials from around the world while ensuring that the sharing of content abides by U.S. and foreign copyright laws. Join us Thursday, September 30, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT) to learn about challenges faced by librarians in obtaining materials from other countries, including perspectives and advice from librarians based in the U.S., Europe, and Africa.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

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AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN INFORMATION SCIENCE, LAW SCHOOL, AND PRACTICE / OCTOBER 5

Those teaching in law schools, library and information programs, i-schools, etc., are always working on ways to bridge the gap between law school and law practice. Have you tried various methods, and want a new perspective? Are you wondering what others are teaching, and how they are
achieving successes in their environments? Join us on **Tuesday, October 5 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)** for an informal discussion on what classes are being taught, the topics of interest, and what it all means for the legal information profession.

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

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**YOUR CRISIS IS NOT MY EMERGENCY: MINDFULNESS TECHNIQUES TO MANAGE STRESS / OCTOBER 28**

Many legal information professionals are busy with new students, attorneys, judges, and clerks. This is in addition to the regular stresses we encounter in our jobs, both internal and external. Join us **Thursday, October 28, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)** to learn a variety of mindfulness strategies and techniques to manage your stress, including some optional chair yoga. The webinar will also discuss the amendments to ABA Standard 508 regarding law student well-being resources.

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

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**COMMUNITY CORNER**

**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 continue 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.

**Open to all AALL members; registration is limited**

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