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FEATURED NEWS

AALL EXECUTIVE BOARD TO MEET THIS WEEK IN CHICAGO

The AALL Executive Board will hold their fall Board meeting on Friday, November 5 and Saturday, November 6 in Chicago. The agenda and board book for the fall meeting may be accessed on AALLNET. Please be sure to attend the AALL Connection on Wednesday, November 17th to learn specifics on action items from the Board meeting as well as other AALL updates.

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR AALL’S 2021 VIRTUAL COMPETITIVE INTELLIGENCE FOUNDATIONS IS THIS FRIDAY

Competitive intelligence (CI) is quickly becoming one of the must-have skill sets at many organizations. Be the person who defines, gathers, analyzes, and distributes intelligence about products, clients, and competitors at your organization. Registration for the 2021 Virtual Competitive Intelligence Foundations (CI) course is due this Friday, November 5, 2021. CI Foundations is designed to prepare professionals to establish a CI function in their organization, and to create processes and learn effective analysis frameworks to maintain it.

- November 9-10, 2021
- Members $349 / Nonmembers $549
- Registration Deadline: This Friday; limited spots remain
- View session Coordinators/Speakers
- View the agenda

WHY ATTEND?

- Gain key CI concepts and methodology
- Learn how CI can be applied to the legal marketplace and distinguish between CI reports for business and those used in your organization
- Convert research information into analysis
- Understand what analytical techniques can best communicate the information to your audience
- Be able to establish, organize, and implement a CI function at your organization
- Discuss ways to align your CI practice with your organization's goals
- Identify the types of analysis that translate to your organization's opportunities and growth
- Integrate CI into strategic practice and goals

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AALL UPDATES

REGISTER FOR THE AALL CONNECTION / NOVEMBER 17

The AALL Executive Board will hold their first Board meeting for the 2021-2022 leadership year on November 5 and 6 in Chicago. The Board will also be working on the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan during this time. To stay informed on action items the Board voted on during the Fall Board meeting, including the main ideas of the next AALL Strategic Plan, please register for the next AALL Connection.

Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)

This session will be recorded and made available to members on AALL eLearning.

We encourage you to submit questions ahead of time to leadership@aall.org. You will also have the opportunity to submit questions via live chat, if time permits.

COMING SOON / THE CALL FOR COMMITTEE & AWARD JURY VOLUNTEERS OPENS NOVEMBER 15

The call to volunteer to serve on a committee or award jury will open Monday, November 15, 2021. The call for Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC) volunteers is included in this call for volunteers as well. Volunteers are essential in bringing forth new ideas, helping to get work accomplished, and greatly increasing our impact as an Association.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

- Advance the legal information profession and AALL
- Build on your leadership experience
- Expand your professional network

Please consider volunteering to serve on an AALL committee or award jury and contribute to the legal information profession as well as to your Association.

COMING IN NOVEMBER / THE RELEASE OF THE 2021 AALL SALARY SURVEY

The 2021 AALL Salary Survey is scheduled to be released on November 22, 2021. The digital edition is free to all current AALL members. Members can purchase print copies, and nonmembers can buy print and digital editions, as well as the print + digital bundle. Details are available on AALLNET.

The Economic Status of Law Librarians Committee revised the 2021 edition to capture COVID-related compensation information and updated position descriptions. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Haemker, AALL’s director of marketing & communications.

ORDER YOUR COPY OF AALL’S 2021 STATE OF THE PROFESSION REPORT

Designed to be used as a tool for organizational benchmarking, advocacy, and strategic planning, the 2021 AALL State of the Profession report provides a data-rich overview of law libraries and the legal information profession. The complimentary AALL State of the Profession 2021 Executive Summary provides an introduction to the full report. The report is 280 pages, 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.
AALL NEW VOICES / SHARE YOUR POST BY NOVEMBER 5

In the latest New Voices, member Rebecca Katz discusses starting a nonprofit aimed to provide access to legal information.

AALL's New Voices gives you the opportunity to share your story and expertise. Whether you recently joined AALL or are a longtime member aiming to become more involved in the Association, AALL is looking for your insights on any aspect of law librarianship.

Possible subjects include a legal interest of your choice, favorite resource, go-to stressbusters, starting a new role, leadership tips, and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Submissions should be about 100-600 words. Accepted posts will appear on Members Open Forum, in the monthly eNewsletter, and on AALL's social media feeds (Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn). If you're interested in being involved in the next round, please share your post with Heather Haemker, director of marketing & communications, with the subject line "New Voices Project" by 5:00 p.m. (CDT) on November 5, 2021.

AALL STAFF NEWS

Megan Mall, AALL's director of content strategy, will be leaving her position at AALL after five years of service for a new role, effective November 6, 2021, following the fall Executive Board meeting. Many of you have worked with Megan in some way during her time at AALL and she would like to share the following message with you:

"I have really enjoyed working with the fantastic AALL community and have learned a great deal during the past five years. I am very lucky to have worked with such a dedicated, insightful, and inspiring group of people. Thank you! I wish you all the best in your future endeavors."

Please join us in thanking Megan for her dedication to AALL and wishing her well in all her future endeavors. You can reach out to Megan directly at mmall@aall.org.

ADVOCACY UPDATES

NEW SECTION 1201 EXEMPTIONS ALLOW LAW LIBRARIES TO PROVIDE GREATER ACCESS TO CERTAIN COPYRIGHTED WORKS

The Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), 17 U.S.C. § 1201, prevents people from circumventing the technological measures that control access to some copyrighted works (e.g., books, movies, video games, and computer software). Section 1201 also directs the Librarian of Congress to adopt limited temporary exemptions every three years to allow for certain types of circumventions that provide access to these works. These temporary exemptions, many of which can be used by law libraries to provide access to copyrighted works, are created through a rulemaking process. On October 28, 2021, the U.S. Copyright Office (Copyright Office) and the Library of Congress published the final rule for this latest round of exemptions. All of the exemptions from the last rulemaking were renewed and several new exemptions were adopted, including to allow libraries, archives, and museums to circumvent the technological protections on DVDs in their collections for the purpose of preservation; to permit the use of short portions of motion pictures for various educational uses; and to allow for text and data mining of ebooks and DVDs. Importantly, the new exemptions also permit researchers to circumvent the technological protections on ebooks to allow greater access for people with disabilities, as AALL had requested in a petition to the Copyright Office last year.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

PROPOSE A PROGRAM FOR THE 2022 AALL ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE / DUE NOVEMBER 30

Contribute to and help advance the legal information profession while positioning yourself as a thought leader by submitting a program or workshop proposal for the 2022 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference—Advancing Justice for All—to be held July 16-19, 2022, in Denver, Colorado.

We are currently planning an engaging, in-person Conference in Denver, but proposers will be asked to indicate whether their program could be offered virtually as well. Please go through the quick guide for getting started, explore additional resources for program proposers (including the must-have program
Do you have a great program topic in mind, but are wondering what makes a strong proposal? Or do you have general questions about the proposal process itself? Be sure to register for tomorrow’s "AALL Virtual Coffee Chat: Proposing a Program for AALL 2022."

**APPLY FOR AN AALL LEXISNEXIS RESEARCH GRANT BY DECEMBER 1**

The AALL LexisNexis Research Grant Jury is accepting applications through December 1 for grants from the AALL Research Fund (An Endowment Established by LexisNexis). The jury may allocate $5,000 between one or more applicants seeking funding for research that advances AALL’s Research Agenda, which seeks to stimulate “a diverse range of scholarship related to and supportive of the profession of law librarianship.”

Established in July 2000, the grant funds research projects that create, disseminate, or use legal and library-related information. For inspiration, review the list of topics awarded grants in past years and explore the 16 broad research topics outlined in AALL’s Research Agenda. If you have a research project that may benefit from this grant, review the complete guidelines and apply. As the guidelines state, the research should be completed within one year and the final product published. Grants will be awarded and announced by the end of December.

**UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS**

**REGISTER FOR TOMORROW’S AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: PROPOSING A PROGRAM FOR AALL 2022 / NOVEMBER 2**

The AALL 2022 call for proposals is open through November 30—do you have a great program topic in mind? Perhaps you are wondering what makes a strong proposal, or you have general questions about the proposal process itself. Join Annual Meeting Program Committee Chair Joe Lawson tomorrow from 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. (CDT) for an informal conversation about putting together fantastic program proposals for next year’s conference.

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

**LAW LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WEBINAR: ORIENTATION TO LEGAL RESEARCH SERIES: U.S. FEDERAL STATUTES / NOVEMBER 4**

Join Margaret Wood, senior legal reference librarian for the Law Library of Congress, on Thursday, November 4 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (CDT) for an overview of U.S. statutory and legislative research, including information about how to find and use the U.S. Code, the U.S. Statutes at Large, and U.S. federal bills and resolutions.

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

Free and open to the public.
The late Law Librarian of Congress and Deputy Librarian for Library Collections and Services Jane Sánchez worked to advance the Law Library of Congress by advocating for new initiatives that helped expand the Law Library of Congress’ ability to assist patrons across the world. On Tuesday, November 9 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CST), AALL and the Law Library of Congress will cosponsor a webinar to honor Jane’s legacy by examining the future of law libraries and law librarianship with a panel of experts that draw on their experience as leaders in academic, government, and law firm libraries.

The discussion will be moderated by Law Librarian of Congress Aslihan Bulut. Panelists include Emily R. Florio, AALL immediate past president and senior research services manager at Hogan Lovells; Kurt Carroll, chief of the Law Library of Congress Collections Services Division; David Mao, chief operating officer of the Georgetown University Law Center and the former law librarian of Congress, deputy librarian of Congress, and acting librarian of Congress; Jennifer McMahan, deputy director of the United States Department of Justice Law Library; and Kim Nayyer, Edward Cornell Law Librarian, associate dean for library services, professor of the practice at Cornell Law School and Cornell University Library, and president of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL).

Cost: Free and open to the public.

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**THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR: A BETTER LEGAL NEWS EXPERIENCE: REUTERS LEGAL NEWS / NOVEMBER 16**

Reuters Legal News (RLN), available now at no cost, offers award-winning business and market news alongside deep legal practice area content—and new opportunities for business development and client engagement. Join us Tuesday, November 16 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CST) to learn about RLN’s onboarding portal and personalization features, and how to introduce your patrons to a legal news experience with business, market, and legal content, all in one place.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

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**AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: UNIVERSAL DESIGN PRINCIPLES IN YOUR WORKPLACE / NOVEMBER 17**

The Principles of Universal Design are defined as "The design of products and environments to be useable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design." How are those principles applied in your library? Join us Wednesday, November 17 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST) to share your challenges, questions, and improvements during this informal conversation.

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

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**LAW LIBRARIANS ARE TECH EXPERTS—WHETHER WE KNOW IT OR NOT / NOVEMBER 18**

Law librarians are constantly adopting new technology skills and enhancing existing ones—but how often do they take stock of these skills? Join us Thursday, November 18 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST) and learn how to use the skills law librarians already have to boost teaching and reference services. In addition, learn how to improve current
programs—from reference interviews to formal classroom instruction—and impress even the most tech-savvy administrator.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

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AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: UNPACKING THE U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT SURVEY QUESTIONS FOR LAW LIBRARIES / NOVEMBER 30

In November, U.S. News & World Report will roll out the survey questions for its 2023 Best Law School rankings. A task force (including liaisons from SALLD, NELLCO, AALS, and AALL) worked with U.S. News & World Report representatives to provide guidance and recommendations for the questions relating to law school libraries. How will the 2023 questions impact your library? Join Catherine Dunn, AALL's liaison to the U.S. News Joint Task Force, and Todd Venie, who co-led the Data Testing & Education Working Group, on Tuesday, November 30 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST), to learn more about this year’s questions, the methodology of the rankings, and the recommendations of the Joint Task Force.

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

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AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR AALL / DECEMBER 7

Interested in volunteering for an AALL committee or award jury? This informal conversation on Tuesday, December 7 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CST), moderated by President Diane Rodriguez and AALL President-Elect Elizabeth Adelman, is an opportunity for you to learn more about the volunteer process and how your contribution impacts AALL and the legal information profession. You are invited to submit questions in advance to leadership@aall.org.

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

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THE MOTH, AALL LEADERSHIP EDITION: UNLEASH THE POWER OF STORYTELLING / DECEMBER 15

This program will give a brief introduction to storytelling technique basics, and then have panelists share true stories as they remember them. Similar to The Moth podcast, anyone wishing to tell their story will need to pitch their idea, and the pitched stories need to relate to the theme of Leadership. Join us on Wednesday, December 15 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST) to watch masterful storytelling in action, share in the collective wisdom around leadership, and hone the essential leadership skill of telling compelling, meaningful stories.

If you would like the chance to share your story, then pitch it to us! In 100 to 200 words, tell us about your Leadership story. (Please don’t give us a cliff-hanger; you should summarize the whole story.) Great pitches will let us know what happened, what changed for you, and what was at stake. If it mattered to you, it will matter to us, too. Absolutely no storytelling or performance experience necessary. Bonus: Holly Riccio and Carol Watson will be available to support you as you practice your story. Today is the last day to submit your pitches; selected storytellers will be notified by November 8.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60
COMMUNITY CORNER

#WEAREAALL / GET TO KNOW BRANDI ROBERTSON

AALL has created a fun video campaign to get to know our members. These video spotlights provide an opportunity for members to share a little something about themselves, what they love about AALL, and their hopes for the profession. Watch the latest video featuring Brandi Robertson, assistant librarian at the Homer M. Stark Law Library in Gwinnet County, and AALL member since 2018. Robertson shares why attending CONELL (Conference of Newer Law Librarians) has been her favorite AALL memory to date and explains the benefits of attending the AALL Leadership Academy. If you'd like to participate in this project, please contact Heather Haemker, AALL's director of marketing & communications with the subject line "#WeAreAALL."

PEGA-SIS WEBINAR: LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES: SO, YOU WANNA APPLY FOR A PROMOTION? / NOVEMBER 19

When moving up in law librarianship there are different processes for each library type, but there are also some common issues and questions involved when applying for a promotion. Join Eliza Boles on Friday, November 19 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CST) as she speaks with a panel of four about their experiences in getting promotions and assisting people in that same goal. They will discuss topics such as preparing for the promotion application process, how to "make the case" for a promotion, things to be aware of during the process, and considerations for internal applicants. Panelists include an HR subject matter expert and law librarians in academic, firm, and government institutions.

Open to all AALL members.

SHARE YOUR POSITIVE STORIES WITH AALL

AALL is looking for positive stories of how members are helping their communities and each other. Stories may be related to mentorship, workplace camaraderie, AALL friendships, changes at your law library, COVID-19, diversity and inclusion, etc. If you have a story to share or have received any feel-good responses or feedback, please email Heather Haemker, AALL director of marketing & communications, and tell us about it. Your story may appear in a future Weekly eNewsletter. If you have any stories to share, please send them by 1:00 p.m. (CDT) on Friday, November 5, 2021.

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