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2021 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

AALL 2021 CONFERENCE RECORDINGS NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS

At this summer's [AALL Virtual Conference](#), law librarians and legal information professionals gathered to learn and share knowledge. As an AALL member, you can now [access recordings](#) of the livestreamed and on-demand programs at no cost, whether you registered for the virtual conference or not. Easily watch sessions from your desktop or on the go—take advantage of this complimentary member benefit, just a few clicks away.

Find this and many more continuing education programs and webinars on [AALL eLearning](#).

ON-DEMAND LEARNING

LAUNCHING IN JANUARY 2022 / AALL'S NEW SELF-PACED COURSE ON STRATEGIC THINKING

In a constantly changing legal information landscape, strategic thinking can result in greater resources, more recognition, and potential career advancement. It allows us to consider where we are now, where we want to go, and how we are going to get there. AALL is excited to announce the launch of its new self-paced course on strategic thinking, which will be available in early January 2022. This course will introduce you to the concepts of strategic thinking and how it permeates our day-to-day lives—professionally and personally.

EXPAND YOUR BUDGETING SKILLS / REGISTER FOR AALL'S SELF-PACED COURSE

Many of your colleagues have already registered for and completed AALL's self-paced course, "[Introduction to Law Library Budgets](#)." Don't miss out—learn the fundamental skills that will help you address important issues such as identifying and managing competing priorities, explaining day-to-day operations, and connecting financial resources to meet goals.

Developed by subject matter experts who are your colleagues and fellow members, this course will provide you with the skills you need to become more confident when it comes to making and maintaining a budget within your organization.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS ARE SAYING

"I am new to the legal information field and this course was an excellent introduction on how to evaluate yearly costs and what questions to ask of management for future budgeting." – **Candy Good-Graupera; Librarian; Barley Snyder, LLC**

Cost: Members \$99 / Nonmembers \$149

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WEBINARS NOW AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND

- [The Moth, AALL Leadership Edition: Unleash the Power of Storytelling](#)
- [PEGA-SIS Webinar: So, You Wanna Practice Mindfulness?](#)
- [PEGA-SIS Webinar: So, You Wanna Apply for a Promotion?](#)

PICK OF THE MONTH

Selected by AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee

EXPAND YOUR CAREER AND ENGAGE WITH YOUR PEERS

If you have a keen interest in peer mentoring and networking, you might also think creatively about how to expand your circle. This webinar brings together academic, government, and firm law librarians to discuss ways in which they have grown professionally and expanded their own networks through involvement in things that may be slightly out of their comfort zones.

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LEADER IN YOU

Each month the Leadership Development Committee will highlight a librarian leader and ask them a few questions about their leadership journey.

Shira Megerman
Senior Legal Information Librarian
Boston University



What does leadership mean to you?

To me, leadership means understanding the strengths of co-workers, and using their strengths to meet team goals and the overall vision of the organization. Leadership means empathy for those around you. It requires listening to your team and understanding you may not always have the right answer. Have patience with your team and understand a work/life balance is important. A leader also gives people credit where credit is due.

Why did you commit to service to AALL so early in your career?

I was initially in a tenure-track position that required service. It instilled in me both the necessity of doing service and the opportunities that service provides. When I moved on to a non-tenure track position, I was so entrenched in AALL that I couldn't imagine not participating. Also, we function better as a profession when we participate where we can.

Have you ever been to an AALL Leadership Academy, and if so, what did you learn?

I attended both the AALL [Leadership Academy](#) and the Management Institute. My number one takeaway was how to process different people's communication styles. Maybe that seems obvious to a lot of people but knowing why people communicate differently is important, and I had not considered the "why" before attending. As somebody who is direct and talkative, I appreciate people who interact with me in that way, but that's not who everyone is. Understanding why people are slower to respond, or who may respond one way and then after they have thought about it, respond another way—has helped me to communicate better and get to a "common ground" with others. The Leadership Academy also taught me how to present myself differently to achieve positive outcomes. Honestly, it changed my whole work experience for the better.

Is there a particular AALL product/program/article that was especially helpful for you as you developed as a leader?

I would stress again the AALL Leadership Academy. I really appreciated being in an intimate setting with other people from across the country working in very different types of law libraries and sharing their experiences.

What is something you wish someone had told you about leadership early on in your career?

Say yes to opportunities to serve! I volunteered for a lot of different things, and one of the things I worked on was a white paper for the ALL-SIS Marketing & Outreach Task Force. Whenever the chair of the committee would ask for people to take on more, I always said, "yes." I didn't know where that would take me, but I understood that it was a unique opportunity. When the Task Force went from a white paper to a committee, the chair recommended me to serve as chair of that committee. That set me on the path to service and connected me to others in ways I am forever grateful.

Do you know a great leader? Recommend a leader for us to spotlight in the Leader in You column. Send your recommendation with a brief description of why you think they are a great leader to [Julie Pabarja](#), Chair, Leadership Development Committee.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

AALL MEMBER BENEFIT / FREE CALI LESSONS

Did you know that AALL members have [free access to the full set of online lessons](#) hosted by the Center for [Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction](#) (CALI)? Written by expert law professors and law librarians, CALI lessons are computer-based, interactive tutorials that cover narrow topics of law.

- over 600 lessons covering 32 legal subject areas
- ideal as a refresher or as an introduction to a new legal subject
- beneficial for law librarians in both academic and non-academic settings

AALL encourages all members to use this valuable resource offered to you as a member benefit

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COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS



AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: WORKING REMOTELY, PERMANENTLY / JANUARY 11

Remote work became the sudden, temporary norm for many during the pandemic, but some had been working remotely since long before then. Now, there are still others who are never going back to the office. Are you one of them? Join us on **Tuesday, January 11 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST)** to discuss working remotely on a permanent basis,

whether you've been doing it for a while or are planning to take the plunge.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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THE WAYFINDERS AMONG US: FIRST-GEN PROFESSIONALS IN AALL / JANUARY 19

First-generation professionals are the first in their families to cross a threshold into a professional career. Many face socioeconomic issues not experienced by their colleagues and can face a sense of isolation and a steep learning curve with regard to professional norms. Join us on **Wednesday, January 19 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)** to hear

from panelists who are first-gen professionals from academic, government, and law firm settings, who will discuss their triumphs and challenges, and provide insights into navigating their unique career paths. They will also discuss establishment of the [First-Gen Professionals Caucus](#), which serves as a vehicle for professional development, mentorship, and coordination of recruitment efforts for first-gen law and library students.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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GRANT FUNDING FOR LAW LIBRARIES / FEBRUARY 15

This program will provide tips and tools for how to identify, apply, and win grants to support your organization. Join us on **Tuesday, February 15 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)** to hear inspiring success stories from law librarians and legal information professionals who have received grant funding and gain insight about how to get the funding you need. You will also learn how to find potential grant opportunities at the federal, state, and local

levels.

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GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

AALL CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT / DUE MAY 12

Does your chapter, special interest section, committee, or caucus have an educational event that needs funding? If so, consider applying for an [AALL Continuing Education Grant](#). Grant requests are accepted at various times throughout the year. **The next deadline for grant applications is May 12, 2022.**

AALL is excited to announce the most recent grant award winners. Congratulations to the following organizations that have been awarded grants.

- 2022 Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL) Spring Institute
- Private Law Librarians & Information Professionals Special Interest Section (PLLIP-SIS) and Black Law Librarians SIS (BLL-SIS) 2022 Diversity Summit
- Customary and Religious Law Interest Group (CARLIG) Program: "Get Refusal & Domestic Violence in the Jewish Community: Culturally-Competent Services from Civil and Halachic Perspectives"

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APPLY FOR AN AALL SCHOLARSHIP OR SHARE WITH A FRIEND OR COLLEAGUE

AALL is committed to providing opportunities for your professional growth. Each year, the Association awards thousands of dollars in [scholarships](#) to law school and library school students as well as to AALL members.

The following [scholarships](#) are now open for applications:

- Library School Scholarships (for those with or without JDs)
- Law School Scholarships (for those with MLS/MLIS and those seeking dual JD/MLIS)
- Scholarships for Library School Graduates Seeking a Non-Law Degree
- LexisNexis John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship
- George A. Strait Minority Scholarship & Fellowship
- Marcia J. Koslov Scholarship for members to attend continuing education programs for state, court, or county law librarians

The deadline for applications is April 1, 2022. For additional questions, please contact AALL at scholarships@aall.org.

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COMMUNITY CORNER

PEGA-SIS WEBINAR: LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES: SO, YOU WANNA BE AALL PRESIDENT? / JANUARY 11

Sabrina A. Davis will interview current AALL President **Diane M. Rodriguez** as well as two past presidents of AALL to learn more about what's involved in assuming this leadership role. Join us **Tuesday, January 11 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CST)** and learn about all aspects of the process, including the path to being asked, the nomination process, how to get your employer to say "yes," crafting a compelling candidate statement, responsibilities of the job, getting the most out of the experience, and what life is like as an AALL past president.

Open to all AALL members

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