

**FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

## FEATURED NEWS

### **LAST CHANCE TO VOLUNTEER AS THE NEXT EDITOR OF AALL SPECTRUM**

Today is your last chance to apply to serve as the next editor of [AALL Spectrum](#). This is a volunteer position with a three-year term.

The Editor leads the [AALL Spectrum Editorial Board](#), whose charge is to develop, identify, and publish articles about current and emerging trends and practices within the profession that support AALL members in their work as legal information professionals. **The application period closes tonight, and interviews will be conducted via video call at the beginning of March.**

#### **TO APPLY**

Email your cover letter and resume to [Heather Haemker](#), AALL director of marketing & communications. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Haemker at 312.205.8038.

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POSITION

### **2022 AALL AWARD NOMINATIONS ARE DUE TOMORROW**

The purpose of the [AALL Awards program](#) is to recognize the achievements of law librarians, institutions, and partners for significant contributions and innovation in the legal information profession. Recipients are selected by the committees/award juries and will be recognized during the [2022 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference](#) in Denver.

**Tomorrow is your last chance to nominate yourself, a colleague, library, or company (including your own).** Nominations information and applications may be found on the individual award pages.

LEARN MORE ABOUT AALL AWARDS

## QUICK LINKS

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## AALL UPDATES

### **AALL 2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OPENS TOMORROW**

Renewal notices will be sent out via email tomorrow, March 1, 2022 with instructions on how to access your invoice and renew online. Be part of the premiere association for law librarians and legal information professionals. AALL benefits add up to over **\$2,000+ in value** for the year. Learn more about the [benefits of membership](#) and renew your membership early.

**FEEDBACK ON THE AALL STATE OF THE PROFESSION REPORT & SURVEY IS DUE THIS THURSDAY, MARCH 3**

The [AALL State of the Profession Report](#) is compiled from responses to a survey developed by the [AALL State of the Profession Report Committee](#). To help the Committee better understand and meet your research needs in preparation for the next edition of this valuable resource, we ask that you **please fill out this short survey by Thursday, March 3, 2022**.

Please contact [Heather Haemker](#), director of marketing and communications, if you have any issues or questions concerning this survey.

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## ADVOCACY

### AALL PARTICIPATES IN GPO'S NEW TRANSPARENCY ADVISORY GROUP

The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) invited AALL to participate in GPO's new Transparency Advisory Group, which met for the first time on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. The goal of the Transparency Advisory Group, established by GPO Director Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, is to create a forum for the GPO to provide updates about its transparency initiatives and for invited organizations and individuals to share feedback and ideas. AALL's participation supports our [legislative priorities](#) on equitable access to official legal information and government transparency.

## PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

### AALL CALL FOR SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS / SELF-PACED COURSE ON LEGAL RESEARCH

AALL is excited to begin work on its third self-paced eLearning offering focusing on legal research. To ensure the new course reflects the needs of our members, we are seeking your expertise to [serve as a subject matter expert \(SME\)](#).

#### WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

As an SME who participates in creating this course, you will:

- contribute substantially to the future of education in the legal information profession
- play an important role in supporting AALL's mission
- showcase your skills as an expert on the topic
- expand your leadership skills
- meet new people in the eLearning world

*"This was a new type of professional experience for me, so I really enjoyed getting out of my volunteer comfort zone."* **SME for AALL's course on strategic thinking.**

#### TO APPLY

This is a volunteer position. If you are interested in serving as an SME for this self-paced course, please [complete the form](#). You may also recommend a colleague. If you have any questions or concerns about logistics and timing, please contact [Fiore Barbini](#), AALL director of education & learning. **Applications will be accepted through 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on April 1, and any interviews will be conducted via video call in late April/early May.**

#### TO CONTRIBUTE IDEAS

If you are unable to participate fully as an SME, but would like to contribute ideas, content, or examples to the development of this course, please email [elearning@aall.org](mailto:elearning@aall.org). We appreciate and value your input.

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## UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS



## AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: PARENTING DURING THE PANDEMIC / MARCH 8

COVID-19 has strained communities and resources across so many sectors, but parents of young children continue to face unique (and often overwhelming) challenges. Join us **Tuesday, March 8 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST)** to find understanding—and maybe even some helpful ideas—among sympathetic colleagues.

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

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## START TO FINISH: SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTING A NEW TOOL, WARTS AND ALL / MARCH 16

Learn from your peers and business partners about a successful implementation of a new or updated library tool. Join us on **Wednesday, March 16 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)** where your peers will discuss their roadmap to a successful implementation of a library resource and how they collaborated across departments and with business partners to meet their goals.

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

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## THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR: TALENT MANAGEMENT 3.0 AND SMALL ACTIONS, BIG WINS: HOW TO RETAIN TALENT IN HYBRID WORK / MARCH 23

The future of work is changing quickly, and this future is here now. In 2022, understanding how blended work environments and a “remote-first mindset” influence key employees’ stay and leave decisions is a necessity, not a nice-to-have. Join us on **Wednesday, March 23 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (CDT)** to learn what these micro actions are and hear from forward-thinking peers and leaders on how policies and behaviors create productive, value-driving outcomes in hybrid work environments.

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

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## COMMUNITY CORNER

### PLLIP WEBINAR: THE BATTLE OF WORDS: DICTIONARY DEFINITIONS AND THE LAW / MARCH 3

Law librarians are frequently asked to locate term definitions from specific time periods or specialized information domains. How do courts ultimately use dictionary definitions? What titles are used most frequently? Join us **this Thursday, March 3 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CST)** where [Jonathan Germann](#) will tackle these questions and more as he shares his journey collecting, indexing, and exploring term meaning for the development of DictionaryArchive.com.

**This webinar is free and open to all AALL members.**

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## PEGA-SIS WEBINAR: SO, YOU WANNA CREATE AN INCLUSIVE WORKPLACE? PART 2: INVISIBLE DISABILITIES / MARCH 17

This is the second in a two-part series about creating an inclusive workplace, and the focus of this part is invisible disabilities. Join us **Thursday, March 17 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CDT)** for an engaging discussion where panelists will explore three questions:

- Why should you make your workplace more inclusive for people with invisible disabilities?
- How can you make your workplace more inclusive for people with invisible disabilities?
- What is the result of making the workplace more inclusive for people with invisible disabilities?

*This series is brought to you by the [Professional Engagement, Growth & Advancement SIS](#) and the [AALL Continuing Professional Education Committee](#).*

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

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## ALL-SIS WEBINAR: DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY: BEST PRACTICES AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR LAW LIBRARIES / MARCH 24

Join the ALL-SIS Continuing Education Committee **Thursday, March 24 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)** for a virtual panel discussion on best practices for law libraries in implementing and continuing digital accessibility initiatives. Topics to be covered include practical steps in making library-created content—including teaching materials—digitally accessible; obtaining institutional and staff “buy-in” for digital accessibility initiatives; and working with database vendors and e-book publishers to ensure their platforms are digitally accessible.

**This webinar is free and open to all AALL members.**

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