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## FEATURED NEWS

### FEEDBACK ON THE AALL STATE OF THE PROFESSION REPORT & SURVEY

The [AALL State of the Profession Report Committee](#) is looking for your feedback. The [AALL State of the Profession Report](#) is compiled from responses to the AALL State of the Profession Survey, which is developed by the AALL State of the Profession Report Committee.

The Committee is seeking feedback on the Survey and the Report in order to better understand and meet your information needs. **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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SURVEY](#)

### NOMINATE YOURSELF OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW FOR A 2022 AALL AWARD / DEADLINE IS MARCH 1

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.

**The deadline to nominate a colleague or company, or to self-nominate, is March 1, 2022.** Nominations information and applications may be found on the individual award pages.

## QUICK LINKS

[AALL Events Calendar](#) | [AALL Career Center](#) | [AALL News](#) | [AALL COVID-19 Resources](#) | [AALL Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion](#)

## AALL UPDATES

### VOLUNTEER AS THE NEXT EDITOR OF *AALL SPECTRUM* / APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 28

AALL is conducting a search for the next [AALL Spectrum](#) Editor—a volunteer position. The appointment has 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 will be open through February 28, 2022, 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.

## ADVOCACY

### IMLS IS LOOKING FOR LAW LIBRARIANS/LEGAL INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS TO BECOME PEER REVIEWERS

The [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) (IMLS) is looking for law librarians and legal information professionals to serve as potential peer reviewers for IMLS' grant programs. All proposals submitted for IMLS competitive awards are reviewed by library and museum professionals who understand the needs of communities, can share promising practices, and are well versed in the issues and concerns of museums and libraries. AALL members are encouraged to apply to become peer reviewers. Learn more about the IMLS peer review process and the requirements on the [IMLS website](#).

## PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

### 2022 ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE / REGISTRATION OPENING SOON

Mark your calendar—the 2022 [AALL Annual Meeting & Conference](#) is happening in person July 16-19 in Denver. We are excited to convene in person again! AALL 2022 will bring together collaborators from across the legal information profession for three days of innovation, tailored learning, and networking. It's where the legal information community goes for the latest, cutting-edge professional development, peer-to-peer connections, and a place to gather and exchange ideas and best practices. **Stay tuned—registration will open soon!**

### COMING THIS SPRING / COMPETITIVE INTELLIGENCE STRATEGIES & ANALYSIS

Expand your competitive intelligence (CI) knowledge and learn effective strategies to take your CI game to the next level with AALL's [Competitive Intelligence Strategies & Analysis](#). Build on the skills learned in AALL's [CI Foundations](#) course and gain the deeper market insight needed to make informed strategic decisions that give your organization a competitive edge. **Stay tuned—additional details, including registration, will be announced soon.**

### NEW! STRATEGIC THINKING COURSE FOR LAW LIBRARIANS

AALL's self-paced course, "[Strategic Thinking for Law Librarians](#)," will teach law library professionals—at any level—how to employ strategic thinking for impactful decision-making. Whether you are interested in preparing for a management role or are already in a leadership position, you will come away better equipped to confidently tackle any decision (large or small), make a compelling argument, and apply influence in your organization in a way that creates optimal conditions for success.

**Cost: Members \$99 / Nonmembers \$149**

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### CLOSED CAPTIONING OPTION AVAILABLE FOR AALL WEBINARS

Did you know you can request closed captioning services for any of our live webinars? If you have any questions or would like to request this service, please contact [elarning@aall.org](mailto:elarning@aall.org) two weeks in advance of the live webinar. If you missed a recorded webinar, you may also reach out to us to receive a transcript.

## UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS



## AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: A2J PROJECTS IN ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIES / FEBRUARY 23

The academic law library community can play a vital role in addressing the access to justice crisis, from digitizing and making sources of primary law freely available to hosting pop-up legal clinics to developing automated court forms—and so much more. Are you interested in finding innovative ways for your school's law library to provide underrepresented populations with better access to legal information? Join us **next Wednesday, February 23 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST)** to learn more about these efforts, and how you can get involved.

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

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## 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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## APPLY FOR AN AALL SCHOLARSHIP AND/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 available [scholarships](#) are listed on AALLNET.

The deadline for applications is **April 1, 2022**. For additional questions, please contact AALL at [scholarships@aall.org](mailto:scholarships@aall.org).

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## APPLY FOR A LEXISNEXIS RESEARCH GRANT BY MAY 1

The [AALL LexisNexis Research Grant Jury](#) is **accepting applications through May 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."

If you have a research project that may benefit from this grant, [review the complete guidelines](#) and [apply](#). Grants will be awarded and announced by the end of May.

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## 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.**

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## AALL NEW VOICES / SUBMISSIONS DUE MARCH 4

Member [Laura B. Wilcoxon discussed](#) job transitions within a three-year period, while member [Ariel Newman discussed](#) the challenges and rewards of working with fellow Gen Z law students.

[AALL's New Voices](#) is a place 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.

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. (CST) on March 4, 2022**.

## KNOWITAALL HIGHLIGHTS

### MEMBER POSTS

Members shared innovative content and started important conversations, including:

- Emily Janoski-Haehlen, the incoming dean of The University of Akron School of Law, [discussed](#) her career & vision for the school.
- Erin Grimes [discussed](#) the struggle of saying "no."
- Christy Smith [provided an overview](#) of LexisNexis Digital Library.
- Laura Ray [discussed](#) the CDC's updated COVID-19 guidance for institutions of higher education.
- David Whelan [examined](#) case law for judicial decisions and a potential new bill in front of Colorado legislature.

## OTHER LEGAL & GOVERNMENT INFORMATION UPDATES

- The librarians at Ross-Blakley Law Library [compiled](#) resources for researchers as well as information for demonstrators in their Racial Justice research guide to honor #BlackHistoryMonth.
- The Library of Congress made its growing [Coronavirus Web Archive](#) available to the public.
- The *CRIV Blog* [highlighted](#) black librarian voices.
- The ABA House of Delegates [considered](#) a series of changes to its law school accreditation rules.
- Inside Higher Ed [evaluated](#) the work various colleges and universities across the United States have done to successfully support FGLI (first-generation and/or low-income) students.

## ABOUT KNOWITALL

[KnowItAALL](#) is a member benefit sent Monday through Friday. [Subscriptions are available](#) for nonmember individuals and institutions. Please email [Heather Haemker](#), director of marketing & communications, with your article and resource recommendations.



### AALLNET MONTHLY MEMBER PROFILE

In this month's member profile, [Duane Strojny](#), associate dean for library and instructional support at Western Michigan University Cooley Law School Library in Lansing, Michigan, discusses what he values most about his AALL membership and shares his favorite AALL memory.

See more [AALLNET Monthly Member Profiles](#) and view [AALL Spectrum Member](#) and [Leader Profiles](#) on AALLNET.

## MEMBER NEWS

- [James G. Durham](#) was named [director](#) of the Maryland Thurgood Marshall State Law Library, effective February 9, 2022. Durham was the first deputy director of the Law Library and has served in the role since 2011.
- [Suzanne Miller](#) joined Georgetown University Law Library as a research services librarian. Miller previously served as a law librarian at the Federal Communications Commission.
- [Maureen Moran](#) joined the Georgetown University Law Library as the collection development librarian. Moran previously worked as the research and faculty services librarian at the University of Richmond Law Library.

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.

## COMMUNITY CORNER

### PEGA-SIS WEBINAR: SO, YOU WANNA CREATE AN INCLUSIVE WORKPLACE? PART 1: CULTURAL DIVERSITY / FEBRUARY 23

This interview will explore how managers, supervisors, and employees can make the workplace more welcoming for all. Join us **next Wednesday, February 23 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CST)** for an engaging discussion with topics that include: (1) defining diversity, inclusion, and culture; (2) the power of assumptions and curiosity; and (3) unspoken cultural cues. *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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### PLLIP-SIS & BLL-SIS 2022 DIVERSITY SUMMIT: THE POWER OF INTERSECTIONALITY / FEBRUARY 25

After a successful inaugural summit exploring conversations about race and diversity in the profession and in our lives, the second annual Diversity Summit, to be held **Friday, February 25 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

(CST), will delve into the concept of intersectionality and focus on its importance in diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility efforts. If you have any questions, please contact [Abby Dos Santos](#). *This program is made possible by a grant from the AALL Continuing Education Grants Program and Bloomberg Law.*

**The deadline to register is tomorrow, February 18, 2022.**

**Cost: AALL members \$25 / Nonmembers \$50**

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## **CARLIG & JLLC WEBINAR: GET REFUSAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY: CULTURALLY-COMPETENT SERVICES FROM CIVIL AND HALACHIC PERSPECTIVES / FEBRUARY 28**

This program, jointly organized by the Customary and Religious Law Interest Group (CARLIG) and AALL's Jewish Law Librarians Caucus (JLLC), will feature guest speakers from prominent female-led Jewish nonprofits who will discuss domestic violence in the Jewish community, from both civil law and religious law perspectives. Join us **Monday, February 28 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)**, to learn about the crisis of get refusal, which has unfortunately been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as how to go about conducting legal research in this niche and complex area of the law. *This program is made possible by a grant from the AALL Continuing Education Grants Program and Bloomberg Law.*

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

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