

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022**FEATURED EDUCATION****SUBMIT A PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING / DUE OCTOBER 11**

Contribute to the law librarianship profession while positioning yourself as a thought leader by [submitting a program or workshop proposal](#) for the **2023 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference—Map Our Future—July 15-18, 2023, in Boston**. Please go through the [quick guide for getting started](#), explore additional [resources for program proposers](#) (including the [must-have program topics](#) identified by AALL members), and use the [online Program and Workshop Proposal Collection site](#) to develop your proposal. AALL remains committed to ensuring a dynamic and diverse lineup of programs. We look forward to seeing your proposals.

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Strategic thinking and budgeting are two essential skills every legal information professional needs. AALL's two self-paced courses will help you master the fundamentals of these skills. "[Introduction to Law Library Budgets](#)" covers the concepts of managing a law library budget, and "[Strategic Thinking for Law Librarians](#)" will help you understand the essentials of strategic thinking and project implementation success.

Cost for each course: Members \$99 / Nonmembers \$149

**LEARN MORE &
REGISTER****UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS**

AALL has several exciting coffee chats and webinars lined up next month, including Monday's "[Virtual Coffee Chat: Future of the Federal Depository Library Program, Part 2: The Draft Report](#)." Be sure to visit the [AALL Calendar of Events](#) page to stay up to date on future topics and to register.

Is there a topic you want covered in an AALL webinar? Please submit the [webinar proposal form](#) or email Fiore Barbini, AALL director of education and learning at fbarbini@aall.org. If you have any ideas or topics for a future coffee chat, please email elarning@aall.org.

TUNE INTO AALL'S MICROLEARNING VIDEOS

[AALL's Microlearning Videos Series](#) are short-form-focused videos designed to cover an individual skill pertinent in the law librarian's world. Current videos discuss fair use, wine law, comparing red-lined versions in Microsoft Word, and our "day in the life" video series. Videos are available on [AALL eLearning](#); simply search "microlearning." Additional videos are planned to drop throughout the year.

Cost: Free for AALL Members

WEBINARS NOW AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND

- [LexisNexis Partner Webinar: Cracking the Code of Current Technologies - API, SSO, SAML, and Data Analytics](#)
- [The New "State" of the Litigation Analytics Market](#)
- [Shaping the Future of IMLS Programs with Law Library Needs in Mind](#)

PICK OF THE MONTH

Selected by AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee

AALL MICROLEARNING SERIES: FAIR USE

This microlearning video, presented by Stephen Wolfson of the University of Georgia Campbell King Law Library, gives a brief analysis of what is considered fair use. Fair use is an exhaustive process, but Wolfson helps set parameters for determining what is fair use. In this short video, you will discover a quick guide to ascertain the extent a work can be utilized in your presentation.

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

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Introduction to Law
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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.

Marcelo Rodriguez
Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Librarian
University of Arizona College of Law Library
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What does leadership mean to you?

Leadership means striving for a constant combination/cycle of vision and management. A leader is a skilled communicator (verbal and nonverbal) and can convince and motivate a team to follow them. To me, leadership means actively listening, challenging, and nurturing your team, and being self-aware of your own blind spots while remaining open to feedback.

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

I have been so lucky to have participated in several great webinars, Annual Meeting panels, and I have collaborated on multiple *AALL Spectrum* articles, thanks to AALL. The most valuable experience in AALL has been networking; meeting and learning from so many amazing people in different stages of their professional careers. Mentors come in all forms and at different times in your career. I'm glad to say AALL has been instrumental in allowing for these connections and meetings to take place and grow.

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

It's not so much about getting to places, but knowing how to sustain/maintain yourself in that position and then growing from there and bringing others on board. Many times, people achieve leadership positions (formally or informally) through a combination of different factors, most of which you might not even be aware of. The challenge then becomes what you do from the top of the mountain. To maintain a sustainable leadership position, you need to constantly seek and earn the trust of those who put you there and those on your team. It's a never-ending process that most leaders in positions of power (managers, directors, etc.) that I have met take for granted, and ultimately it becomes their demise.

What advice would you give someone going into a leadership position for the first time?

You can always be a leader no matter where you are if you are willing to listen and learn. There are so many

paths to leadership positions. This diversity of careers and roles can help you understand other ways of thinking and approaching things, which will help you grow as a leader. There will always be things to improve and learn. Never underestimate where that learning is coming from. We all have things to learn from each other.

What is the best advice regarding leadership or being successful in your work that you've ever received?

You can't ask others to do what you're not willing to do yourself. I think a big part of leadership is how much you're willing to do yourself—not just as the person in charge, but as a part of the team. As a leader, your role within the team is intrinsically different. However, your leadership should also include being willing to take on roles and projects from the perspective of another team member. It's a leadership style that I always try to emulate, and it has helped me understand the feasibility of what I'm asking people to do so I can be an integral and inspiring part of the team.

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 [Holly M. Riccio](#), Chair, Leadership Development Committee.

UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT

Does your chapter, special interest section, committee, or caucus have an educational event that needs funding? If so, apply for an [AALL/Bloomberg Law Continuing Education Grant](#). Grant requests are accepted at various times throughout the year. **The next deadline for grant applications is Monday, October 31, 2022.**

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AALL MEMBER BENEFIT / WEBINARS

AALL webinars cover a broad range of topics across the profession. Learn the skills, best practices, and trends you need to be successful and maintain a competitive edge within your career.

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- [Bloomberg Partner Webinar: Prepared to Practice? Data and Insights from Law Students and Practitioners](#) / October 4
- [Checking It Out: How the Copyright Claims Board Works for Libraries](#) / October 6
- [Thomson Reuters Partner Webinar: Westlaw Precision: The Next Evolution in Legal Research](#) / October 18
- [PLLIP-SIS Webinar: Better Together: Working with Contractors and Consultants as a Team](#) / October 18
- [2022 AALL Legislative Advocacy Training](#) / October 24

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