

MEMBER PROFILE

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ADVICE TO YOUR 20-YEAR-OLD SELF?

First, do not take things personally or find offense in what others say. Second, do not be embarrassed to ask for advice from more experienced individuals. It never fails to hear different perspectives on personal and professional issues, even ones that come off as superficial. Then, make your decision after weighing the pros and cons. Next, learn from your mistakes. Lastly, be patient; everything arrives at the right time.

WHAT MADE YOU FOLLOW THE CAREER PATH YOU ARE ON?

Professor Faye Jones from the University of Illinois College of Law, my mentor, advised me to explore becoming an FCIL librarian. She was kind enough to connect me with some wonderful librarians who helped me to make an informed decision. As an FCIL librarian, I am leveraging my educational background, foreign language skills, and professional experience practicing international law. Another important person in my career has been UNT Professor Edward Hart. My gratitude toward Faye and Ed is permanent. It is also a good moment to thank Mindy Kent and Jennifer Allison, my colleagues at Harvard Law School; Marcelo Rodriguez from the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona; and AALL as a whole. Being an AALL member has been a blessing.

WHAT IS ONE GOAL YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH IN YOUR LIFETIME?

I would like to be one of the best FCIL librarians in the U.S. I want to be remembered for the quality of my work and to inspire other Latinx to become FCIL librarians.

WHAT INSPIRES YOU MOST?

I am most inspired by resilient and honest people. Those who tirelessly work for their goals, respect the rule of law, and despite falling down many times, get up to continue fighting for their dreams.

IF YOU COULD HAVE DINNER WITH ONE HISTORICAL FIGURE, WHO WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

I would choose to have dinner with Winston Churchill because he was one of the greatest politicians of the last century. Among other achievements, he was a key player in the creation of the United Nations (UN) and the foundation of what is today known as the European Union, both of which are organizations that still have profound impacts on our daily lives. Undoubtedly, he believed that international law was a tool to achieve peace, freedom, and development.