

DECEMBER 29, 2022**FEATURED****LAUNCHING IN JANUARY 2023 / AALL'S NEW SELF-PACED COURSE ON
LEGAL RESEARCH**

Legal research is a fundamental skill that all legal information professionals should possess. Legal research provides support for decision-making on complex issues and involves locating specific facts and legal precedent that allow you to produce complete answers for clients, patrons, and students. AALL is excited to announce the launch of its new self-paced course on legal research, which will be available early next month. Please be on the lookout for this course.

2023 AALL ANNUAL MEETING**AALL ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAMMING
UPDATE**

The [2023 Annual Meeting Program Committee](#)'s team leaders met in Chicago on December 9 to select and schedule programs for this summer's [Annual Meeting & Conference](#)—Map our Future—to be held July 15-18 in Boston. Program proposers will be notified by early 2023, and the program lineup will be announced in the spring. Stay tuned, registration is scheduled to open later this winter.

**PROFESSIONAL GROWTH****AALL MEMBER BENEFIT / COFFEE CHATS & 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.

UPCOMING CHATS & WEBINARS

- [AALL Virtual Coffee Chat: Thinking Out Loud: Putting Your Writing \(and Other Content\) on the Web](#) / January 24
- [Trellis Partner Webinar: Product Briefing: State Trial Court Research & Analytics - What's New @ Trellis?](#) / February 7
- [LSRD-SIS Webinar: OCLC Report on Reparative Justice in Cataloging](#) / February 14
- [JLLC Presents: Abortion Rights and Jewish Law](#) / February 16
- [ALL-SIS Webinar: Improving Access to Our Collections with Alternative Controlled Vocabularies](#) / February 21
- [Virtual Coffee Chat: Faculty Services – When You Can't Do It All](#) / April 4

LEADER IN YOU

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

Yan Yu
Assistant Director for Technical Services
University of Notre Dame
Kresge Law Library

What does leadership mean to you?

First, leadership means responsibility and commitment. A leader is responsible to their team, their department, and their institution. A good leader leads by example—like a saying we often hear: “talks the talk and walks the walk.” Second, leadership means inspiring and empowering others to work together toward a common goal. A good leader understands the strengths and weaknesses of their team so that talents can be better allocated. Leadership also means taking risks and making hard decisions. A good leader should be a risk-taker because some decisions have short-term impact, while others may resonate for years to come—particularly things like hiring new staff, adopting a new system, etc.



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

I cannot name just one particular AALL product/program/article, but I will say that attending AALL’s programs such as the [Annual Meeting](#), webinars, and SIS programs is very helpful. I owe a great debt to the AALL community. Its inspiring ideas and the support from peers have played a tremendous role in my career. I developed my leadership skills by learning from role models I met in the library profession and in other industries. I am very lucky to have witnessed first-hand how my former library director managed the library as the organization grew from regional to international. Her dedication to the profession continues to inspire me today. I also developed my leadership skills gradually by supervising small teams and leading working projects.

How has your leadership style developed or evolved during this time of constant change?

I consider myself a very adaptable person and a lifelong learner. These are my strengths, which help me during times of constant change. Most recently, I developed leadership skills in managing a team in a hybrid work environment.

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

Everyone can be a leader if you want to. Yes, we often hear that some people were born to be leaders, while others are followers. I don’t agree with that. A lot of leadership skills can be acquired and developed if you are willing to learn. Don’t set limits for yourself.

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

I would say “get a mentor,” be brave, and step out of your comfort zone.

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 of the Leadership Development Committee.

AALL GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT / DUE MAY 15

Does your chapter, special interest section, committee, or caucus have an educational event that needs funding? If so, consider applying 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 May 15, 2023.** AALL is excited to announce the most recent grant award winners. Congratulations to the following organizations that have been awarded grants.

- [Roger Skalbeck](#), University of Richmond School of Law (submitted on behalf of SEAALL): “Elevating Justice Institute”

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, 2023. For additional questions, please contact AALL at membership@aall.org.

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ON-DEMAND LEARNING

JUMP-START YOUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / REGISTER FOR AALL'S SELF-PACED COURSES

Strategic thinking and budgeting are two essential skills every legal information professional should have in their arsenal. 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

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UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS

AALL has several exciting coffee chats and webinars coming up next year, including the January 24 AALL Virtual Coffee Chat "[Thinking Out Loud: Putting Your Writing \(and Other Content\) on the Web](#)," from **3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST)**. Visit [AALL eLearning](#) 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 elearning@aall.org. If you have any ideas or topics for a future coffee chat, please email Ashley Laverty at alaverty@aall.org.

WEBINARS NOW AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND

- "[Saying Hello Doesn't Have an ROI](#)": Building Relationships to Demonstrate the Value of Your Information Service
- [2022 AALL Legislative Advocacy Training](#)
- [Thomson Reuters Partner Webinar: How to Use Company Analytics to Support Law Firm Growth Strategies](#)

PICK OF THE MONTH

Selected by AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee

THE NEW "STATE" OF THE LITIGATION ANALYTICS MARKET

This webinar discusses the newer market of litigation analytics in state courts. Panelists compare six different databases that deal with state court analytics and dockets, and discuss the difference between docket and document analytics, and further define default case criteria regarding motions, volume, firms, judges, and other analytics. Case types have been the most difficult issue in creating these databases for state court analytics and how they are tagged. The panelists compare the differences, strengths, and weaknesses of the six state court databases we have at this time.

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

COMMUNITY CORNER

UPCOMING SIS WEBINAR

Several of AALL's special interest sections (SISs) feature webinars every month that are open to all AALL members. Be sure to visit the AALL Calendar of Events page to stay up to date on future topics and to register. Upcoming webinars next year include the February 21 ALL-SIS webinar "[Improving Access to Our Collections with Alternative Controlled Vocabularies](#)."

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