

JANUARY 30, 2023

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NEW! FOUNDATIONS OF LEGAL RESEARCH SELF-PACED COURSE

AALL is excited to announce our new self-paced course, "[Foundations of Legal Research](#)." This **60-minute course** will provide law librarians and legal information professionals—at any level—with the tools needed to approach legal research. Newer law librarians, seasoned law librarians who need a refresher, and anyone interested in legal research will find value in this course.

Discounts are available for AALL student members (\$49) as well as nonmember students* (\$79). If you know any students or new hires within your organizations who would benefit from this course, please encourage them to register. *Non-AALL student members will need to contact membership@aall.org to receive a promo code. Verification of full-time student status is required.

Cost: Members \$99 / Nonmembers \$149

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NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE 2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION /
DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 10

The [AALL Nominations Committee](#) is seeking candidates for the upcoming **2023 Executive Board election**. Members of the AALL Executive Board strategically lead the Association by adhering to its [mission, vision, and strategic plan](#), while ensuring the long-term financial stability and strength of the Association.

The Committee will choose two candidates for the position of **vice president/president-elect (2024-2025; serving on the Board until 2027)** and **four candidates for two positions on the Executive Board (2024-2027)**. [Access the nomination form](#) to nominate yourself or an AALL colleague. **Nominations are due Friday, February 10 by 11:59 p.m. (PST).**

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION
TODAY

QUICK LINKS

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AALL UPDATES

NEW LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL EDITOR

We are pleased to announce that [Benjamin J. Keele](#), associate director & lecturer in law at Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, has been appointed as the new editor of [Law Library](#)

Journal and chair of the [Law Library Journal Editorial Board](#), commencing with volume 115. He served on the Law Library Journal Editorial Board from 2018-2021 and as an *LLJ* Book Review editor for six years (2013-2018). Congratulations Ben!

We received six very qualified applications for the editor position; thank you to everyone who applied and showed interest in the position. All applications were reviewed and discussed by AALL President Beth Adelman, members from the editorial board, and AALL staff. Three applicants were selected for interviews, and Ben Keele was chosen as the *LLJ* editor.

AALL would like to thank [Tom Gaylord](#) for his guidance and dedication as *Law Library Journal* editor since July 2018. During this time, *Law Library Journal* moved from a subscription-based print/digital publication to a fully digital journal.



RECOMMEND A COLLEAGUE FOR A 2023 AALL AWARD / DEADLINE IS MARCH 1

Recognize an individual who has made a lasting impact on the profession by nominating them for a [2023 AALL Award](#). Recipients are selected by the committees/award juries and will be recognized this summer at the [2023 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference](#) in Boston.

Applications may be found on the individual award pages. **The deadline for nominations is March 1.**

LEARN MORE ABOUT AALL AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

ANNUAL MEETING HOT TOPICS / SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

AALL is surveying members to gather input about potential Hot Topic programs for the [2023 Annual Meeting & Conference in Boston on July 15-18, 2023](#). Hot Topics focus on current events, news stories, and other relevant topics that emerged after the initial submission timeline. **Your feedback will ensure that programs are covering the most recent issues impacting law librarianship.**

Survey responses are due February 24. If you have questions or need assistance, please email [Ashley Laverty](#), AALL's manager of conference programs & education.

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SURVEY

UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS

AALL has several exciting coffee chats and webinars coming up in February, including Thursday's AALL Webinar "[DEIB Leadership at Every Level: Leading Your Library with Intention](#)," from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 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 elarning@aall.org. If you have any ideas or topics for a future coffee chat, please email Ashley Laverty at alaverty@aall.org.

AALL GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

LEXISNEXIS RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 1

The [AALL LexisNexis Research Grant Jury](#) is accepting applications through Monday, May 1 for grants from the [AALL Research Fund \(An Endowment Established by LexisNexis\)](#)

Established in July 2000, the grant funds research projects that create, disseminate, or use legal and library related information. For inspiration, review the list of [topics awarded grants in past years](#). If you have a

research project that may benefit from this grant, [review the complete guidelines](#) and [apply](#). As the guidelines state, the research should be completed within one year and the final product published. **Grants will be awarded and announced by the end of May.**

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

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MEMORIAL

Julie Ann Thomas served as the technical services librarian and associate professor of law librarianship at Drake University for nearly 30 years. In her position at Drake, Thomas was responsible for selecting, ordering, and cataloging the library's resources. She was beloved by her library colleagues for her hard work, sense of humor, positive attitude, and superior writing and editing skills. Her contributions to the betterment of the law library and law school were countless and were always done in her quiet and unassuming way. During much of her tenure she also served as the library's acting assistant director, often filling in for the director. Thomas was a longtime AALL member, having joined in May 1991. She was a member of the [Mid-America Association of Law Libraries](#), and served as an editor for the association's newsletter, [MAALL Markings](#). She passed away on November 21, 2022 at age 65.



The AALL eNewsletter lists brief announcements of members' deaths. Traditional memorials should be submitted to *Law Library Journal*, please email [Heather Haemker](#).

COMMUNITY CORNER

SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH AALL

AALL wants to know what's happening within your specialized groups. If your caucus, chapter, or SIS has any news items, upcoming events, or would like to highlight members' accomplishments, please contact [Heather Haemker](#), AALL director of marketing & communications.

2023 DIVERSITY SUMMIT: ADVOCACY & ALLYSHIP

The [Private Law Librarians & Information Professionals SIS \(PLLIP-SIS\)](#) and the [Black Law Librarians SIS \(BLL-SIS\)](#) are excited to announce the "[2023 Diversity Summit: Advocacy and Allyship](#)," **February 24 from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** In the past two years, the Diversity Summit has started conversations about race and diversity in our profession and in our lives, and focused on intersectionality and its importance in diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) efforts. This year, the Summit will focus on DEIA advocacy and allyship, and what that means to us individually and as a profession. If you have any general questions regarding the Summit, please contact [Abby Dos Santos](#).

AALL Members: \$25.00 / Nonmembers: \$50.00

**** The registration deadline is February 17** (with zero exceptions). Please note, check payments will no longer be accepted after February 3 and any new registrations must be paid in full with a credit card.

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UPCOMING SIS WEBINARS

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 14 LSRD-SIS webinar "[OCLC Report on Reparative Justice in Cataloging](#)"

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