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THere’S STILL Time To REGISTER For Aall 2023

Join over 1,100 of your colleagues who have already registered for AALL 2023 for educational programs, a bustling exhibit hall with over 58 exhibitors, and many networking opportunities. Walk away energized with new strategies to benefit you, your library, and its users. Whether you are interested in honing your research techniques, mastering the latest legal technologies, such as ChatGPT, or developing leadership and management skills, there is a program for you.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

- AALL hotels are almost full, book your housing to receive the discounted rate. We are aware that some hotels are sold out for some nights. AALL will be adding more rooms to the block. Be on the lookout for more information on this.

- Informal "Discussion Den" chats (hosted by AALL members) will be held throughout the conference, and are a great way to meet and connect with peers who share similar interests. If you would like to host a discussion, sign up by June 2.

- Participate in the Annual Meeting Art Gallery. Please submit any interesting signs, advertisements, printouts, infographics, screenshots, etc., to Patrick Parsons and Dan Simmons. Submissions will be accepted through June 2.

- Showcase your great ideas, projects, and programs by submitting a poster session. Submit your poster ideas by June 5.

REGISTER NOW

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

AALL SELF-PACED COURSES / master these essential skills

Legal research, strategic thinking, and budgeting are all essential skills every law librarian and legal information professional needs. AALL’s three 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. Our newest course "Foundations of Legal Research" will provide you with the right tools needed to approach legal research.

Cost for each course: Members $99 / Nonmembers $149 *Discounts are available for AALL student members ($49) as well as nonmember students* ($79) for the "Foundation of Legal Research" course.

LEARN MORE & REGISTER

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. AALL Coffee Chats, an exclusive AALL members-only benefit, focus on timely issues in the legal information community.

UPCOMING CHATS & WEBINARS

- LexisNexis Partner Webinar: Navigating the AI Landscape: What to Know Now About Generative AI And Lexis+ AI™ for the Legal Industry / June 1
- AALL Webinar: Advocating the Value of the Law Library to Non-Librarian Stakeholders / June 20
- AALL Virtual Coffee Chat: Building and Strengthening Partnerships Between Libraries and Law Journals / June 27
- AALL Webinar: Applying an Equity Approach in Middle Management / September 12

LEADER IN YOU

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

Lindsey Carpino
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What does leadership mean to you?
Leadership is being the leader you would like to have. It means practicing compassion and grace. Everyone is human and makes mistakes. More importantly, your team likely has bigger commitments outside of work like their families, friendships, elderly parents, or young kids to care for. Leadership is allowing your team to step away for these life moments during the workday, knowing your staff will work twice as hard in appreciating the time spent in their personal lives. Leadership is promoting growth in your team. Due to budget and resource constraints, most institutions cannot send ALL team members to ALL conferences ALL the time. However, you can seek opportunities that are local or online that provide new growth opportunities while staying within budget. It also shows your team you are invested in their development. Leadership means calling out individual wins whether within your institution or promoting them to the law library community at large. Your teams’ wins should be celebrated, which also shows your interest in their future.

Is there a particular AALL product/program/article that was especially helpful for you as you developed as a leader?
I cannot say enough great things about the Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL). This is held the Saturday before the start of the AALL Annual Meeting & Conference. During CONELL, I was able to meet two of my mentors who I had been seeking advice from via phone and email in person! We had a mini reunion, and all hugged each other. Since then, this mentorship bond has grown into friendship through travel and good food. Getting to experience a new city with fellow CONELL members was a bond itself. The speed networking allowed me to connect with fellow members I am still in contact with today.

What is the best advice regarding leadership or being successful in your work that you’ve ever received?
Put yourself out there, get involved, and network. By stepping out of your comfort zone and networking in the profession, you are gaining valuable insight into those in a similar position as you. Additionally, now you have one more contact to reach out to if you have any questions regarding the day-to-day job duties or guidance on your future career trajectory. The legal information profession is so generous with sharing information and helping others get started in their careers, take advantage of it. Do not forget to give back when being called upon to share knowledge with our future generation of law librarians.

What are the most important attributes of successful leaders today?
Compassion, grace, supporting your team no matter the success or opportunity, delegating meaningful work, and determining and utilizing your team’s strengths. Having an open-door policy and creating a safe environment where you team feels comfortable coming to you for questions and career advice.

What is something you wish someone had told you about leadership early on in your career?
Even small professional development opportunities will define you as a leader. You do not have to be the manager or director of your department to lead. You don’t even need to lead any team members. You can develop these skills through project management and managing up. By being involved in your local AALL chapters and SISs you can develop valuable leadership skills that will flow right into your management style. Plus, while you get involved, you will get to network with fellow peers in the profession.

What advice would you give someone going into a leadership position for the first time?
Make the leadership position your own. Have your own sense of management, while staying true to the values of your institution. Check out the AALL Leadership Academy and the AALL Management Institute. Your organization may have specific leadership training as well. Seek out others who you admire and ask for their management tips. Our community is vast with expertise, so tap into it. Remember, your leadership style
will continue to grow with experience.

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.

ON-DEMAND LEARNING

UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS

AALL has several exciting coffee chats and webinars coming up next month, including the LexisNexis Partner Webinar: Navigating the AI Landscape: What to Know Now About Generative AI and Lexis+ AI™ for the Legal Industry, Thursday, June 1 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT). 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

- Look Up, Speak Up & Watch Them Follow
- Boost Your Legal Research Efficiency: Exploring the New & Valuable Features of IFLP
- Going Up: Creating Elevator Pitches That Work

PICK OF THE MONTH

Selected by AALL’s Continuing Professional Education Committee

GOING UP: CREATING ELEVATOR PITCHES THAT WORK
Jennifer Mart-Rice, Alan Keely, and Amanda Watson deliver an informative and engaging presentation on elevator pitches. This spectacular presentation helps learners focus their elevator pitches by focusing on:

- Who is your audience?
- What is your message?
- Present the story and key data.
- The pitch

The presenters include examples, anecdotes, and even roll playing that is relevant to law librarians. There are tips, tricks, and helpful reminders that really help tie everything together. These skills can be used for everything from promoting yourself to a program for your law library.

Find many more continuing education programs and webinars on AALL eLearning.

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