

**JUNE 29, 2023****FEATURED****THE COUNTDOWN IS ON / ONLY 17 MORE DAYS UNTIL AALL 2023**

Get ready for exciting innovations, inspiring discussions, and unforgettable connections at **AALL 2023** in Boston. The AALL Annual Meeting & Conference provides many opportunities to **connect, learn, and engage** with the brightest minds in the legal community. Carve out time to attend demos and connect with **over 60 exhibitors** to learn about the latest advancements in the legal market. Plus, take advantage of **exhibitor showcase sessions, discussion dens, poster sessions**, and fun events like the **Opening Reception** to make new connections and meet friends and colleagues. Not yet registered? **There's still time to register.**

Join the conversation! Let your Twitter network know you are attending, presenting, or exhibiting at the Annual Meeting using **#AALL23**.

**PROFESSIONAL GROWTH****AALL SELF-PACED COURSES / DEVELOP CRITICAL 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 / FREE CALI LESSONS**

AALL members have **free access to the full set of online lessons** hosted by the **Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI)**. Written by expert law professors and law librarians, CALI lessons are computer-based, interactive tutorials that cover narrow topics of law.

- over 600 lessons covering 32 legal subject areas
- ideal as a refresher or as an introduction to a new legal subject
- beneficial for law librarians in both academic and non-academic settings

AALL encourages all members to **use this valuable resource**.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPRING AALL GRANT RECIPIENTS**

Congratulations to the following members/organizations who have been awarded grants.

**AALL/Bloomberg Law Continuing Education Grant - Spring Recipients:**

- **Anna C. Blaine**, University of Idaho Law Library (on behalf of WestPac): "WestPac Annual Meeting"
- **Chi Hyon Song**, University of Maryland (on behalf of LLAM): "Legal Research Institute 2023"

## LexisNexis Research Grant - Spring Recipient

- **Caroline Osborne**, West Virginia University College of Law: "Scholarly Impact and Status Using an Empirical Study of Library Directors and Law Deans"

## LEADER IN YOU

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

**Tornayaa Milton**  
**Circulation Law Librarian**  
**OCIS-Southern University Law Center**  
**Oliver B. Spellman Law Library**  
**Southern University and A&M College**



### **What does leadership mean to you?**

My idea of leadership has been formed and inspired by the awesome professors, supervisors, and colleagues whom I respect and who have helped me develop into the leader I have become. To me, leadership is the ability to inspire and motivate others, especially toward a common goal. I believe this is best achieved through clear communication, inclusion, encouragement, and empowerment. Staying on top of trends and facilitating the development of others are also important leadership traits.

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

As a new law librarian, I am acquiring and developing leadership skills from observing my current supervisors at the Southern University Law School. My supervisors encouraged me to join the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). I am also learning from AALL programs and special interest sections (SIS) forums, in efforts to continue developing my leadership abilities.

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

I have become more open-minded and curious as a leader. The increase in remote interactions has caused my leadership style to evolve and I support colleagues and patrons virtually and in-person by leveraging electronic library tools and resources.

### **What are you doing to ensure your continued growth as a leader?**

I regularly participate in conferences and workshops to stay abreast of trends in library science, and I enjoy exchanging knowledge with others. For example, I recently completed an insightful eLearning course through AALL called [Foundations of Legal Research](#). Also, I engage with the community through outreach programs and forums to help build relationships and identify opportunities for partnership.

### **How do you inspire others while keeping yourself inspired about the organization's mission?**

I like to inspire others by acknowledging their contributions, encouraging them to lean into their strengths, and challenging them to identify areas which they would like to develop. I keep myself inspired by practicing what I encourage others to do. I am also inspired through continuous learning and collaborating with others who share my passion for books and reading.

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 this summer, including the [Virtual Coffee Chat: AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers: The Librarian as Author](#) **Tuesday, August 1 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 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](mailto:elearning@aall.org). If you have any ideas or topics for a future coffee chat, please email [Ashley Laverty](mailto:alaverty@aall.org) at [alaverty@aall.org](mailto:alaverty@aall.org).

### WEBINARS NOW AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND

- [Advocating the Value of the Law Library to Non-Librarian Stakeholders](#)
- [Thomson Reuters Partner Webinar: Generative AI and ChatGPT in the Law: What Does the](#)

Future Hold?

- [LexisNexis Partner Webinar: Navigating the AI Landscape: What to Know Now About Generative AI and Lexis+ AI for the Legal Industry](#)

## PICK OF THE MONTH

*Selected by AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee*

### LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES: SO, YOU WANNA... PRACTICE MINDFULNESS?

This webinar centers around the profound benefits and practice of mindfulness. Interviewee Heather Simmons, associate director for instruction and access services at the University of Georgia School of Law, certified Kuro Mindfulness teacher, and member of the [AALL Mindfulness Caucus](#) provides practical tips and available resources for practicing mindfulness. From actionable techniques such as simple breathing exercises, taking walks, or putting an end to multitasking, Heather conveys helpful tips to integrate mindfulness into our daily lives.

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

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