

SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**FEATURED****SUBMIT A PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING / DUE OCTOBER 6**

AALL is [accepting program proposals](#) for the [2024 Annual Meeting & Conference](#) in Chicago, July 20-23. **The theme for AALL 2024 is Lead.Innovate.Transform.** This is your opportunity to advance the profession and establish yourself as a leader by submitting a program or workshop proposal.

BEFORE SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL

- Review the 30 "[must-have](#)" [program topics](#) from the IdeaScale site.
- [View an instructional video](#) on submitting a program proposal.
- [Watch the recording](#) of the "AALL Virtual Coffee Chat: Proposing a Program for AALL 2024" on AALL eLearning.
- Explore the [quick guide for getting started](#).
- View additional [resources for program proposers](#).
- Consult the [rubric](#) for program evaluation criteria and scoring.

The program proposal collection site will close next Friday, October 6 at 11:59 p.m. (PDT). For more information, please visit the Annual Meeting & Conference website. Contact elarning@aall.org with additional questions or for assistance.

QUICK LINKS

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AALL UPDATES**AALL 2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES' FORUMS**

The AALL Executive Board election starts on October 1, and two candidates' forums are scheduled ahead of the election. This is an opportunity for you to get to know the candidates before voting opens.

Members are encouraged to listen to the recording from the [Executive Board Members candidates' forum](#) and register for tomorrow's [Vice President/President-Elect candidates' forum](#). [Emily R. Florio](#), chair of the [2023-2024 Nominations Committee](#) and AALL past president, will serve as moderator.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Read the [Q&A with the candidates](#) from the July/August issue of *AALL Spectrum* and the [candidate biographies and statements on AALLNET](#).

AALL STAFF NEWS

Jennifer Wahl has joined AALL as the director of education and learning. Her responsibilities include overseeing the strategy and development of AALL's educational programs and activities. Jennifer holds a BA in Art from Northern Illinois University and is currently working on a Master of Business Administration from Benedictine University. She brings 19 years of CME/CE, instructional design, educational meeting, and

content/program development experience with nonprofit medical associations including the American College of Chest Physicians, American Academy of Dermatology, and most recently with the American College of Rheumatology. Jennifer is excited to be joining AALL and looks forward to working with membership to develop balanced and meaningful educational programs and activities. Her email address is jwahl@aall.org; please join us in welcoming Jennifer to AALL.



UPDATE YOUR AALLNET PROFILE

Please make sure to log into AALLNET and update your [AALL member profile](#). We encourage you to update your member profile regularly to ensure you stay informed of news and events and maintain the continuity of your member benefits. The information provided helps AALL maintain accurate demographic data of its members to help create more educational and networking opportunities and assist with important processes such as executive board nominations and the call for leadership volunteers. Log in and update your information today. Please contact AALL Membership Services at membership@aall.org, if you have any questions.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

AALL CALL FOR SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS / SELF-PACED COURSE ON EVOLVING COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

AALL is excited to begin work on its fourth self-paced eLearning course focused on collection development. To ensure the new course reflects the needs of law librarians and legal information professionals, we are seeking your expertise to serve as a [subject matter expert \(SME\)](#).

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

As an SME, you will:

- contribute substantially to the future of education in law librarianship.
- play an important role in supporting AALL's mission.
- showcase your skills as an expert on the topic.
- expand your leadership skills.
- meet new people in the profession.

APPLY

This is a volunteer position and is a great way to volunteer on a micro-level. If you are interested in serving as an SME for this self-paced course, [please complete this form](#). If you have any questions, please contact elarning@aall.org. **Applications will be accepted through 11:59 p.m. (PDT) on October 13, 2023**

UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS

AALL has several exciting coffee chats and webinars coming up next month, including the "[AALL Webinar: Making the Invisible Visible and the Unfindable Findable](#)," on October 26 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 elarning@aall.org. If you have any ideas or topics for a future coffee chat, please email Ashley Laverty at alaverty@aall.org.

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AALL MEMBER NEWS

- [Peter Van Brunt](#), who is new to the profession, joined the Washington University Law Library as a Research and Instruction Librarian & Lecturer in Law on September 1. Van Brunt obtained his MLIS from Western University in London, Ontario, Canada earlier this year. Previously, he earned his JD from Rutgers Law School in Newark, New Jersey, and practiced law for five years as a Deputy Attorney General at the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General.

AALL seeks more news about members' achievements, job changes, and connections with the legal information community. Please send your news to [Heather Haemker](#), AALL director of marketing & communications.

CHAPTER NEWS

- The [Chicago Association of Law Libraries \(CALL\)](#) held their Business Meeting on September 20. The speaker was Professor Steven Schwinn of UIC School of Law, who is a frequent commenter on issues related to constitutional law and human rights. He discussed under-the-radar cases in the upcoming Supreme Court term, recent trends in the Court's decision-making, and the Court's citations to uncommon sources. In conjunction with the September Business Meeting, the Community Service Committee encouraged CALL members to make a monetary donation to [SitStayRead](#), a Chicago-based nonprofit working to advance children's literacy skills using an engaging curriculum, certified dogs, and dedicated volunteers. On September 23, CALL participated in a community service project cleaning up Montrose Beach through the Alliance for Great Lakes organization.
- The [Western Pacific Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries \(WestPac\)](#) **2023 Annual Meeting** is September 28-30 in San Diego, California. AALL Executive Board Member [Kris Niedringhaus](#), will in attendance.

SIS NEWS

The [Foreign, Comparative & International Law Special Interest Section \(FCIL-SIS\)](#) invites all AALL members to join them for a series of webinars:

- ["Evidence-Based Instruction for Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Research"](#) **November 30 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)**
- ["Careers in Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Librarianships"](#) **December 6 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (CDT)**
- ["Collection Development in Foreign, Comparative, and International Law"](#) **March 21 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (CDT)**

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.

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