

**APRIL 24, 2025**

## **ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE**

### **JOIN US IN PORTLAND FOR AALL 2025 / JULY 19–22**

Make plans to be part of the [2025 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference](#) this July in Portland, Oregon! Leave inspired with practical strategies to support your work, your library, and the communities you serve. Whether you are exploring how to harness generative AI in legal research, preparing for the NextGen Bar, mastering serials cataloging, or implementing universal design principles, you will find [over 65 programs](#) tailored to your interests and goals.

If you need additional support securing approval to attend, the [Justification Toolkit](#) offers talking points and a sample memo to help you demonstrate the value of the Conference to your employer.

### **UPCOMING DEADLINES & OPPORTUNITIES**

- [Preconference Workshops](#) provide a deep-dive into practical topics like leveraging AI for business and legal research, drafting performance-based research tasks, training legal professionals on AI tools, and preparing promotion materials. **Attendance is limited and separate registration fees apply—be sure to register in advance of the June 27 deadline!**
- [Discussion Dens](#) will be held throughout the Conference and are a great way to exchange ideas and insights in informal, small-group settings. **Propose a topic by May 21.**
- Showcase your ideas, projects, and programs to fellow attendees by submitting a [Poster Session](#). **Posters should be submitted by June 4.**
- [Library Tours](#) are filling up—add one to your registration before they sell out!

[Book your stay](#) at one of AALL's contracted hotels to secure the discounted Conference room rate, and use the [airline discount codes](#) to save on travel.

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## **PROFESSIONAL GROWTH**

### **ATTEND NEXT WEEK'S 2025 AALL ADVOCACY TRAINING / APRIL 29**

Legislative advocacy is essential to making a difference for the legal information profession. The "[2025 AALL Advocacy Training: Legislative Advocacy Basics](#)," will be held **next Tuesday, April 29 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)**, and will teach you skills you need to advocate for public policy issues. In this training, you will learn how to build effective partnerships, influence lawmakers, and play an active role in shaping today's most pressing information policy issues. Whether you are new to advocacy or looking to sharpen your skills, this is a valuable opportunity to make a meaningful impact. **This training will be recorded, and registration is open to AALL members only.**

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### **REGISTER FOR AALL'S VIRTUAL MEMBERS OPEN FORUM / MAY 22**

If you would like to know more about upcoming events or to share a concern with the AALL Executive Board, be sure to attend the [Virtual Members Open Forum](#) on **Thursday, May 22 from 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. (CDT)**. This is your

opportunity to connect directly with Board members to learn more about AALL's activities and ask questions related to the Association. In addition to the live chat feature during the Zoom meeting, **you may also submit questions in advance through Wednesday, May 14** The Members Open Forum will not be recorded.

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## WEBINARS NOW AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND

- [AALL Webinar: Academic Law Library Collections: Looking to the Future](#)
- [AALL Webinar: Updates from the U.S. Copyright Office](#)
- [AALL Webinar: Racial Justice and Social Activism at the Intersection of Mental Health](#)

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

## BOOST YOUR SKILLS—ON YOUR SCHEDULE

Looking to grow in your role or take the next step in your law librarianship career? [AALL's self-paced courses](#) make it easy to build essential skills when it works for you. Whether you are eyeing a leadership role or just want to sharpen your day-to-day expertise, these courses are here to support your goals.

- [Evolving Collection Development in Law Libraries](#): Keep up with changing user needs and industry trends while learning how to adapt your collections strategically.
- [Foundations of Legal Research](#): Brush up on core research skills with practical tools and a fresh approach to legal research.
- [Strategic Thinking for Law Librarians](#): Lead with confidence—learn how to plan, prioritize, and move your projects forward.
- [Introduction to Law Library Budgets](#): Demystify budget planning and build your confidence managing library finances.

All courses are flexible, accessible, and designed with your busy schedule in mind. Invest in your professional development—on your terms.

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## GRANTS

### APPLY FOR A LEXISNEXIS RESEARCH GRANT BY NEXT THURSDAY

The deadline is fast approaching to apply for the [AALL LexisNexis Research Grant](#). Get funding that can help bring your ideas to life. [Review the guidelines](#) and [submit your application by next Thursday, May 1!](#) Grants will be announced at the end of May.

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### AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT / APPLY BY MAY 16

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](#). **The next deadline for grant applications is May 16, 2025.**

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## LEADER IN YOU

Each month the Leadership Development Committee highlights a librarian leader

and asks them a few questions about their leadership journey.

**Jennifer L. Behrens**  
**Associate Director for Administration & Scholarship**  
**Duke University School of Law**



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

Whether it is managing a project or people, leadership means demonstrating a vision and plan, clearly communicating expectations, and ensuring that team members have the skills and resources needed to achieve their goals. Often unglamorous work, but always important.

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

Books like *Academic Law Library Director Perspectives: Case Studies & Insights* (AALL Publications Series 77) and *Academic Law Libraries within the Changing Landscape of Legal Education: A Primer for Deans and Provosts* (AALL Publications Series 84) were a useful way to step back from learning on the fly and read a big-picture, holistic view of academic law library administration. I would recommend these titles to anyone considering this career path to gain a clearer understanding of the role's demands.

### **What is the best advice regarding leadership or being successful in your work that you have ever received?**

That you can be a "leader" no matter what your job title says. Thought leaders can be just as influential in an organization as someone with ten times the official supervisory authority, and others will look to them for cues about how best to contribute to the workplace.

### **Which leadership skills were the most difficult to develop?**

It may be easier said than done, but everyone benefits when we invest time in making meetings more effective. Library schedules are so packed with meetings that it can be hard for organizers to make sufficient space for the critical steps of advance preparation, agenda-setting and action item communication, and post-meeting follow-up, not to mention ending on time so everyone can make their next meeting.

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

Listen more than you talk, communicate clearly and respectfully, stay open to differing perspectives, recognize and celebrate others' contributions to successes, and take setbacks as learning opportunities.

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 [Ed Hart](#), chair of the [Leadership Development Committee](#).

## **ON-DEMAND LEARNING**

### **UPCOMING VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT**

Be part of the conversation! Register for **next Monday's AALL Virtual Coffee Chat: Doing It for the Likes: Promoting Faculty Scholarship via Social Media**, **April 28 from 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. (CDT)**. Visit [AALL eLearning](#) to stay up to date on future topics and to register.

Contribute to the growth of AALL's community of experts by sharing cutting-edge trends, best practices, and innovations spanning a diverse range of topics, igniting inspiration among your fellow professionals. Do you have ideas or topics for future coffee chats? **Please share your ideas with [elearning@aall.org](mailto:elearning@aall.org).**

### **SUBMIT A WEBINAR TOPIC**

Do you have an idea for a webinar? The [Continuing Professional Education Committee](#) is looking for fresh ideas to create engaging and relevant webinars—and we need your input! [Submit a webinar proposal](#) and share the topics that will support your professional growth. Your ideas will help shape upcoming programs tailored to your interests. Have questions? Please email [elearning@aall.org](mailto:elearning@aall.org).

### **UPCOMING WEBINAR**

Register for next month's [AALL Webinar: Free Legal Scholarship Repository](#), taking place **Wednesday, May 14 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CDT)**. Visit [AALL eLearning](#) to stay up to date on future topics and to register.

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