



# MAALL Markings

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## MAALL Meets in Des Moines Next Month: *Back FOR the Future*

As MAALL mascots Marbury and Madison have been touting, our first in-person annual meeting since 2019 is in Des Moines October 12-14. The [MAALL website](#) provides all the details. This meeting promises to be one of the more affordable MAALL conferences since all the sessions will be held at Drake University Law School. As for meals, the Hilton provides a free hot breakfast each morning and your registration will cover Thursday’s lunch and reception as well as Friday’s lunch. Friday night will be dine-arounds (and you can [sign up](#) now).

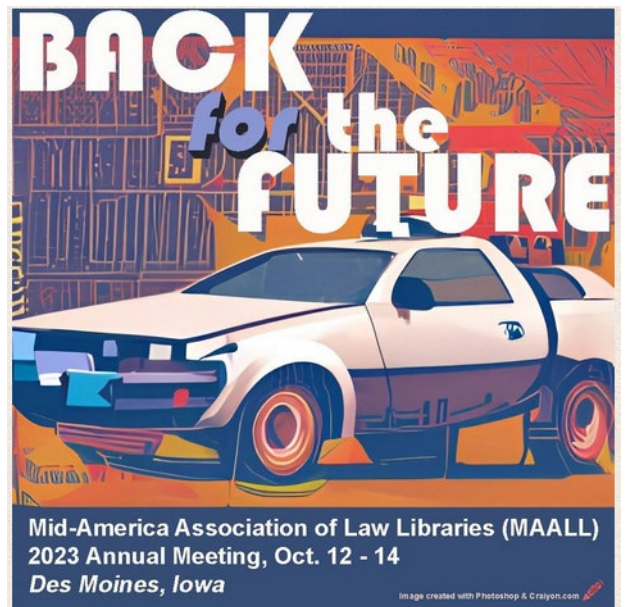
A review of the [program listings](#) shows a wide range of sessions covering areas of current interest to law librarians. Some of the topics include: legal research, teaching legal research and advanced legal research, building relationships, technology, generative AI, marketing, collection development, public patrons, the NextGen Bar, DEI, visioning, and preparing for the future (the underlying theme of the conference). The Education Committee has selected a slate of programs that should appeal to law librarians from every type of MAALL library.

The conference begins on Thursday morning with various roundtables hosted by the Mid-America Law Library Consortium (MALLCO). Following the opening luncheon, attendees can choose from four program offerings in two time slots before heading for the opening reception. Friday offers a full day of ten programs from which to choose. Saturday morning continues with a strong program lineup with the conference ending at noon.

[Registration](#) closes October 4 so be sure to register soon. The convention hotel is [Hilton Home2 Suites](#), which is just a stone’s throw from Drake University Law School where meetings will be held.

Please check the [MAALL website](#) for additional information, or feel free to contact Local Arrangements Co-chairs [Lexi Brennan](#) or [John Edwards](#). We’re looking forward to seeing everyone in Des Moines October 12-14.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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The first in-person MAALL Annual Meeting in four years arrives less than one month from the time this message reaches your inbox. The location, programs, and comradery promise to make this a fantastic professional and social opportunity.

Members also elected new officers to the Executive Board in August. Thank you again to those who ran. As my year as President wraps up, I want to share highlights and future plans.

Gratitude must first be paid to all of the volunteers who keep the wheels of our association turning. They welcome new members, publish this newsletter, plan the Annual Meeting, propel us toward increased DEI, award grants, connect with library students, and so much more. Please review our [Committees](#) webpage and identify your interests. After the Annual Meeting you will receive a call for volunteers and we'd be glad to have your talents on our team.

This year's Board was also a delight to work with. Thank you, Chris Steadham (Past President), Le'Shawn Turner (Vice President), Sarah Kammer (Treasurer), Cindy Shearrer (Secretary), Shannon Kemen (Member at Large), and Barb Ginzburg (Member at Large). You brought fun, wisdom, and energy to the Board's many projects throughout the year.



*Allison Reeve Davis, Laura Wilcoxon, and Jessie Burchfield with the MAALL poster at the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston.*

As you know, many of us celebrated getting together at the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. We enjoyed a meal together and member Melissa Serfass won the second Des Moines swag bag. Another highlight was the gathering at the MAALL poster. Shoutout to Laura Wilcoxon and the PR Committee who put together a fantastic spotlight of MAALL plus Marbury and Madison stickers for attendees.

We're all excited to gather again and with even more of you in Des Moines.

Members, serving as MAALL President has been an honor and I look forward to continuing in the Past President position. The Past President serves as Chair of the Nominations Committee. Please reach out to me with your interest in serving on the Executive Board. There are several fulfilling roles that are absolutely worth your time. I am also committed to identifying ways to bring

our different institution types together for collaboration and discussion. The possibilities are endless when we work together. During the next year, expect to hear me knocking on your door to join the conversations.

See you next month!

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# MAALL BOOK TO ACTION

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Since 2015, the MAALL Book to Action project has focused on selecting a social justice-themed book to be discussed at the MAALL Annual Meeting and a book collection drive for an organization assisting those in marginalized communities.

Co-coordinator Matt Timko and I have selected what looks to be an important and timely book for this year's discussion: [\*Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives and on the Health of Our Nation\*](#) by Linda Villarosa. This critically-acclaimed and well-researched book tells a comprehensive story of racial health disparities in America, revealing the toll racism takes on individuals and on the health of our entire nation. According to Villarosa, our healthcare system causes Black people to "live sicker and die quicker." Villarosa, an award-winning writer at the *New York Times Magazine*, has written a compelling and thought-provoking book that was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. We hope you will join us as we discuss "Under the Skin" at the MAALL Annual Meeting.

In addition, we are excited this year to sponsor a book drive to benefit the Gregory and Suzy Glazer Burt Boys and Girls Club. The club, located on the Drake University campus, provides services for young people to help ensure they are all "on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle." [Read more about the impact of the Boys and Girls Club on their website.](#)

Books can be purchased to benefit the children served by the Boys and Girls Club from the bookstore Reading in Public. Once again, we are thrilled to be partnering with a local, independent bookstore in our host city for the book drive. Whether or not you have time to read the book and whether or not you can attend the Annual Meeting this year, you can still support the book drive. [More information can be found on the website of Reading in Public Bookstore and Café.](#)

Thanks in advance for donating books to this worthy cause. I hope to see many of you at the book discussion at the MAALL Annual Meeting.



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# FROM THE MAALL DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) COMMITTEE

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## **DEI AT ALL**

I was able to attend several great sessions at the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. I was unable to attend all the sessions I wanted to, and I'm guessing there are many MAALL members who also missed some sessions. On behalf of the MAALL DEI Committee, I am sharing some summaries of the programs I attended where there was either a DEI focus or theme.

### *A More Inclusive Classroom: Considerations for the Legal Research Professor Teaching Neurodivergent Students*

This was the first session of the conference and was in the running for my favorite of the entire conference. The presenters did a terrific job of laying the foundation for what it means to be neurodivergent and how classrooms are easily adapted to ensure that any and all students are able to receive the information, process it, and ultimately learn it. It presented a wonderful example of meeting students where they are to include them, rather than requiring all students to fit into the standards demanded by the professor. I came away encouraged by some of the practices I had already instituted, as well as others that I would be able to incorporate in the coming semester and beyond.

### *Diversity and Inclusion Symposium: Are We Neglecting "Inclusion"?*

The annual symposium always presents interesting topics for attendees to discuss and is always so lively; this year was no exception. I also appreciated the fact that the session deliberately addressed the topic of inclusion: typically, in DEI analysis, diversity is often stressed (which was a theme of the session) while inclusion and equity (not specifically relevant here) are not as readily assessed. The session provided several great perspectives about what it means to feel included or excluded, and how that impacts not just the work environment, but also the larger legal culture, pipelines to the profession, and professional development opportunities. This is a session that was best to attend in person but listening to the recording (once it is available) will provide many great insights as well.

### *Words Matter: Incorporation of "Wise" Techniques in Critical Feedback for Better Learning Outcomes in Legal Research Curriculum*

The [Wise Technique](#), described in this session, provides a novel and eminently useful approach to instructor feedback, specifically for students of color. In many instances, constructive feedback is articulated in a way that can present or perpetuate negative stereotypes. The Wise Technique is a way to present critical feedback in a way that is more deliberate, intentional, and empathetic. The examples given provided me with great tools to practice in my course this semester.

This was not only a great session, but also demonstrated the power of networking: I met the presenters of the session at the Bloomberg party the night before when I went to talk with Laura Wilcoxon (MAALL member and incoming Member at Large on the Executive Board) who was at a table with them. When they spoke about their presentation I was intrigued and promised I would attend, even though it had not previously been on my radar. This was my other choice for the best session and taught me a valuable lesson about not confining myself to “comfortable” or familiar topics.

Honorable mentions also go out to:

- The **BLL-SIS/RIPS-SIS Joint DEI Roundtable**, which was well attended and offered a wonderful discussion on upstander options in a work environment, as well as confronting toxic work environments where people are deliberately excluded.
- **Planning Welcoming Spaces with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Mind**, in which I presented and offered techniques to make the physical spaces of the library better through DEI practices and principles.
- **Get Out the Map: Finding Our Way Toward a Stronger Professional Pipeline**, which focused on recruitment into the profession using the tools and values of DEI to make sure the profession is representative of the country and our patrons.

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## AALL RECAP

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### **DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION SYMPOSIUM: ARE WE NEGLECTING "INCLUSION"?**

After attending many DEI trainings in the past year, I found the AALL Program “Diversity and Inclusion Symposium: Are We Neglecting 'Inclusion'?” to be a breath of fresh air. The panel discussion was coordinated by Kelly Leong, and featured speakers Raquel Gabriel, Mike Muehe, Jenny Silbiger, and Josh LaPorte. One of the main ideas was that, in treating diversity and inclusion as a numbers game, we lose out on what it really means to be inclusive. The panelists emphasized that inclusion in the workplace should not be solely the responsibility of HR or managers but should be a part of everyone’s job.

Two key questions that really stuck with me were:

1. What would be the most helpful for any employee/student/etc.?
2. Does this (specific change/arrangement/policy etc.) make the environment more or less inclusive?

I have found myself asking these questions of myself more and more as I prepare for the fall semester.

Another really great point was that accommodation should be treated as the norm, and not something special, and that we should not question or judge others’ accommodation.



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One great example was people who color or knit in meetings. Some may view this as unprofessional, or that they are not paying attention. But for a neurodiverse person, this may actually help them stay more focused and productive.

Overall, I really enjoyed this program. It was thought provoking, but also gave good practical advice, like the questions above. Another great suggestion the panelists made was to check out the Stanford Space Assessments for evaluation of physical spaces.

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## BUSY IN BOSTON

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Less than seven months ago, I packed up my life in Georgia—the only life I ever knew—and moved halfway across the country to start a new position in Kansas City. As someone new to the midwest and MAALL, I was unsure what to expect when I applied for the MALLCO grant to attend the 2023 AALL Annual Meeting. When I received the email that I had been selected, the wave of gratitude I felt for this new community cannot be understated. With this financial assistance, I was able to head back to the East Coast (albeit many miles north of my home state) for the annual meeting.

As a newer law librarian who began my career in December 2020, this was only my second in-person AALL conference. You can imagine that I was still just as wide-eyed and excited as the year before. There were a few sessions I attended that really resonated with me: A More Inclusive Classroom: Considerations for the Legal Research Professor Teaching Neurodivergent Students; What You Need to Know About the Next Gen Bar Exam; and A Robot Wrote This Session Proposal. All of these sessions were well-attended and provided incredible insights on teaching, learning, and technology.



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I also had the wonderful opportunity to be a presenter at the Cool Tools Café session, where I spoke with other enthusiastic law librarians about the usefulness of Mentimeter (an awesome presentation tool; look it up!). This was an excellent way for me to get a feel for what it's like to present at the annual conference. After the session ended, I felt invigorated and was so glad I took the leap to present. I know I will be keeping an eye out for ways to be involved in other programming at future meetings.

Of course, the annual meeting is not complete without roaming the exhibit hall and making an appearance at vendor parties. While wandering the exhibit hall, I slowly filled my bag full of goodies while learning about AI in legal research and updates to popular databases. I attended both the Bloomberg Law reception at the Boston Public Library and the Thomson Reuters Customer Appreciation Party. At both events, I was able to network with other law librarians and foster budding friendships.

Whether I was sitting in the audience at a session, exploring booths at the exhibit hall, or eating ice cream out of a plastic baseball cap next to former colleagues, I felt comforted to know I was surrounded by other people just like me. I know others say this all the time, but I am so grateful to be part of an amazing community of law librarians. With so much to learn and so many new people to meet, the annual meeting is nothing short of a marathon—one I will gladly attend year after year. I am thankful to MALLCO for the grant that allowed me to experience this whirlwind yet again, and I am excited to continue to settle into both MAALL and AALL as my journey continues.

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## MANAGER TO MANAGER: TIPS TO KEEP YOU SANE AND EFFECTIVE

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### **MAKING SURE YOU COMPLY WITH LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL DISABILITY LAWS**

As I write this, we are nearing the end of July, which has been designated Disability Pride Month in the United States. Disability Pride Month exists in part to raise awareness that people with disabilities are represented by all ages, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, religions and socio-economic backgrounds. People with disabilities may very well be represented in your library's workforce and among those who apply to work at your library. It is important to make sure that office policies and hiring practices conform to existing laws prohibiting discrimination against people with disabilities.

Disability discrimination in the workplace occurs when a person is treated less favorably on the basis of their disability. It manifests in all aspects of employment and also prohibits harassment (harassing a person either with derogatory remarks or actions in relation to their disability).

As a manager, make sure you know the requirements of the law under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and also under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 if you work at a federal government library, receive federal funds or are a federal contractor. For a good practical guide on this topic, I recommend the resource "Combating Disability Discrimination in the Workplace" from Project WHEN.<sup>1</sup> Also make sure to check what laws your state and municipality have on this topic.

Without going into all the details of what the law requires (which you likely are aware of or can easily research), here are a few preliminary things to keep in mind in an effort to make sure your workplace, and the people you supervise who may have a disability, are being treated fairly, lawfully and with respect.

- Ask an employee with a physical disability to be open with you about any barriers they are seeing in the workplace that need to be addressed; this could be something such as a need for more open space or ramps so they can more easily get around; or it could be a website that is easier to read for someone with a visual impairment. Take these suggestions seriously and see what can be done to address them.
- If an employee comes to you who is dealing with a mental health issue and needs accommodation, do your best to accommodate this need. This could be something like building in more break times for the employee, allowing work from home, or a temporarily reduced workload.

Also make sure that you know in advance what questions you can or cannot ask when interviewing potential job candidates. A good resource on this topic comes from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.<sup>2</sup>

During Disability Pride Month and every month, do what you can to make sure all of your staff members, including those with any physical or mental health issues, feel welcome, accommodated and appreciated!

<sup>1</sup> Project WHEN, *Combating Disability Discrimination in the Workplace*, [https://projectwhen.org/resources/combating-disability-discrimination-in-the-workplace/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwiZqhBhCJARIsACHHEH822gf1vgmil51eOUUqjy90lyF7eVSuyXxXjuaMPNKEqODmku\\_LAnQaAhpjEALw\\_wcB](https://projectwhen.org/resources/combating-disability-discrimination-in-the-workplace/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwiZqhBhCJARIsACHHEH822gf1vgmil51eOUUqjy90lyF7eVSuyXxXjuaMPNKEqODmku_LAnQaAhpjEALw_wcB) (last visited Sept. 1, 2023)

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Equal Emp. Opportunity Comm'n, *Job Applicants and the ADA* (Oct. 7, 2003), <https://www.eeoc.gov/laws/guidance/job-applicants-and-ada>

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## AFFIRMATIONS

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### **RESEARCH USING DOCKET INFORMATION**

I have been doing legal research for over a decade, and I've been asked countless questions where I didn't even know where to begin. But every head-scratcher is an opportunity to learn about a new resource or exercise a new research method. One of my earliest challenges had to do with docket research, and, at the time, I did not even know what a docket was. Now, docket searching is part of my regular repertoire of tools that is useful for all sorts of tasks.

Dockets are the records for court proceedings that contain the details about a case, including the parties involved, the presiding judge, and the list of events and filings in the case. Several vendors have tools to assist with docket searching: Docket Alarm, Westlaw, Courtlink, Lex Machina, Bloomberg, PACER, and likely others that I do not have room to mention. Each of these platforms has different features that have advanced docket research past simple searches on the docket text and document retrieval into searches that reach into the very text of the documents. These advanced searches are often assisted by metadata tagging and filtering. With these developments, docket searching can help you find much more than you probably expected. Below are some examples of information that can be discovered using docket searching.

- 1. Documents, both common and unique.** Dockets have always been used to find case pleadings, motions, and orders, but hidden within the attachments and exhibits, you may find private agreements, settlement details, or rare publications.
- 2. Sample filings.** When your in-house work product bank does not have any recent examples of a motion, order, or jury instruction that your attorneys are looking to file, you can find documents making the same arguments, even before the same judge, to give an attorney a template to work from.
- 3. Expert witness information.** An expert's name may not be mentioned on the face of the docket, but keyword searching can help you find the documents containing their affidavits, reports, and testimony, as well as any filings and orders challenging their views.



4. **Fees and rates for attorneys, arbitrators, or mediators.** These rates are sometimes impossible to find, but there may be a filing out there that contains a rate or range that can provide attorneys with some intelligence on the potential players in their proceedings.
5. **Corporate disclosures and other intelligence.** Corporate disclosures can give clues about a corporation's structure and incorporation, and filings can provide information about who serves as their general counsel or is a popular choice for outside counsel.
6. **Business development.** Tracking new case filings can help attorneys stay up to date on particular topics as well as cases involving VIP clients and competitors.
7. **Litigation history and analytics.** Data from dockets can help attorneys learn what kind of experience their judge and opposing counsel have in particular cases.
8. **Motion and trial analytics and outcomes.** Analytics platforms go beyond compiling docket data to providing statistics on decisions and dispositions for motions and trials.

With all these excellent uses for docket searching, it's important to remember there are still some limitations to the research method.

1. **Court coverage varies per platform.** Remember to check your platform's scope before performing your search.
2. **Information availability varies by court.** Different courts may not include full caption data, or may have unique phrasing that will make their dockets difficult to search. Some courts may not make their documents available online so the filings in those cases cannot be included in your search.
3. **Search may not touch current dockets.** Depending on the platform, dockets may not be kept up-to-date and may not be automatically updated with your search.
4. **Search capabilities vary by platform.** Depending on the jurisdictions you're working in and the depth of searches, be sure you choose a platform that supports your research.
5. **Document fees may be prohibitive.** Some platforms still sport a per document fee, not to mention the fees they pay to pull documents in their systems.
6. **Full coverage outside of District Courts is in progress.** If your practice includes appeals, state courts, or administrative decisions, there may still be a bit of a wait for docket search platforms to include data from these areas.

Docket research tools are continuing to develop to cover some of these limitations, so new opportunities to use dockets in your research will emerge. Take some time to try out your docket and analytics tools and see if you can discover some of your own hidden treasures.

# MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

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## REFLECTIONS

Often certain words seem like keywords and I mentally start running a search in my head. I cannot help it, I am a librarian. I am also a fan of music. Just as often, certain words make me think about songs that I love. *Reflections* by The Supremes. I love that song. It always elicits feelings of hope for the future and reverence of the past.

As I reflect on the year that is ending (both the calendar year and my year as MAALL VP), I remember the uncertainty that came to mind when I considered throwing my hat into the ring to serve as Vice-President/President Elect of MAALL. I wondered if I was up for the challenge. Am I even qualified to be an officer? Can I handle being in a leadership role in such an active organization? All of my doubts and questions were answered when I spoke to the past and current officers of MAALL. They were confident in my abilities and my dedication. I appreciated their faith in me and moved forward excited about what the future holds.

I reflect on the ideals and actions of MAALL as an organization that strives to move our profession forward while reaching out to our communities. My goal is to maintain those ideals and standards as we grow in numbers. I want to see more students exposed to our profession and welcomed into the MAALL family. I want all of our members to feel supported from the moment they begin to work as a law librarian to the day they retire. The support should include access to resources for classes, seminars, career advancements (or lateral moves), and partnerships with other types of libraries.

At this time next year I will be reflecting on what a wonderful annual meeting we had in Des Moines and looking forward to the next meeting! Please join us in Des Moines, IA this October to go *Back for the Future*. Bring a student, a colleague, and your enthusiasm! Come see all that Des Moines has to offer. The programs are set. The hotel is beautiful. Come hang out with Madison, Marbury, and the rest of the MAALL family to learn more about law librarianship!

While you are singing along to *Reflections* (because I know the song will be trapped in your head now), remember to reflect on life, time, and happiness!



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# DAZED & INSTRUCTED

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## **TENURE LEVEL ACHIEVED**

I have recently completed the tenure process, thankfully successfully. I am not only lucky to be at an institution where law librarians are tenured/tenure-track, but also to have wonderful leadership in the law library as well as terrific colleagues in the library and law school. This is not to mention all of the support that I received from MAALL and other law library organizations offering paper workshops, presentation opportunities, and other collaborative opportunities that have helped me achieve the service and scholarship requirements needed for successful tenure. While working on the needed requirements and going through the process was difficult, I never felt like I was all alone in the process and that helped it not be overwhelming!

However, this column is not meant to be self-congratulatory (though I am) nor to fish for congratulations from all of you (though I want them 😊). Rather I want to comment on the process of research and scholarship, and some of the pros and cons therein. It was so helpful to have publications that were specifically targeted toward law librarianship like *Law Library Journal* and *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*. While I was able to publish articles in other law journals, the two works I am most proud of and worked the longest on were published in these titles, and it made the process a little easier knowing they would value the focus on law librarianship. Similarly, writing competitions, awards, and symposia created a wonderful accountability for me by providing deadlines.

Unfortunately, the written requirements for scholarship described by my institution were not very clear, with vague references to “how much” and the “type” of scholarship being published. This is where the leadership at my institution was so helpful, with my directors telling me I was on a good path and not to worry; though it is impossible to take that advice while going through the process, I appreciated it nonetheless.

Also, resources like *MAALL Markings*, *the CALL Bulletin*, and the *RIPS-SIS Law Librarian Blog* proved to be great working grounds for ideas, writing samples, and constructive feedback. However, I was a bit discouraged about the scholarship environment in AALL and MAALL; not because these institutions did anything negative, but because it is impossible to incentivize scholarship unless (1) writers are self-motivated, or (2) required to produce scholarship as part of their job. This is where I recognize how lucky I am to be at NIU: I have always wanted to write and produce scholarship, but I recognize that without the motivation from the tenure process I would probably not write anything since other obligations would take over my time. This makes it difficult to try to motivate others at other institutions to work on scholarship, understanding that nothing their institutions can do or offer will be as impactful as tenure, which not everyone has the opportunity to get.

Overall the most stressful part of the tenure process was the length of time between submitting my packet and final confirmation, rather than the work that I had to do to get there. That was made infinitely easier due to the support from my library and the law library community that helped make my work better and more manageable during the last six years. Thank you to everyone who helped, and for those going through the process, hopefully you have a similar experience; if I can be of assistance or guidance, please reach out and I would be happy to “pay it forward”!

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# STATE MEMBER NEWS

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## Northern Illinois University

Heidi Frostestad is the new Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the Northern Illinois University College of Law. Heidi is still very much a part of the life of the law library, but now gets to share her talents even more with the law school. We think Heidi is a wonderful fit for the Associate Dean position and look forward to supporting her work in any way we can in the law library. Congratulations Heidi!



## Law Library Association of St. Louis

The Law Library Association of St. Louis recently received a grant from the Saint Louis Bar Foundation in the amount of \$3500. This grant will support various projects connected to access to justice at the library. The Law Library Association is thrilled to be a recipient of this grant!



## Littler Mendelson

Littler Mendelson is thrilled to welcome Dena Shaw as our newest Knowledge & Research Coordinator. Dena contracted with us in the summer of 2022 and it was great timing to bring her in with a new opportunity.

Allison Reeve Davis moderated the following panels at the AALL Annual Meeting: PLLIP Summit Panel, *Pin Drop Orange: The View from my Window* and *Get out the Map: Finding Our Way Toward a Stronger Professional Pipeline*.

We are celebrating Christine Sellers Sullivan's time served as President of PLLIP-SIS.

## Saint Louis University

In August, Matthew Braun joined Saint Louis University School of Law as Director of the Vincent C. Immel Law Library and Assistant Library Professor of Law. Of course, Matt is well known to the membership for his contributions to and leadership of MAALL. The faculty and staff of Saint Louis University School of Law were pleased and excited to welcome him in his new role. Matt's new email is [matthew.braun.1@slu.edu](mailto:matthew.braun.1@slu.edu).

## University of Missouri Law Library

After many years of service, Randy Diamond is retiring from the University of Missouri Law Library. He will stay on as Emeritus Library Faculty and will teach Electronic Discovery and Professional Responsibility. Cindy Bassett will become the next director of the Law Library at that time and is exceedingly grateful for the time and effort that Randy has given to help prepare her for the next stage of her career. And that he will be nearby for consultation! Cindy Shearrer, the rock upon which the Law Library rests, has once again pitched in for the team and moved from her role as head of all things public service to become the Associate Librarian for Collection Management. She is busy learning the ins and outs of the acquisitions processes. Last, but not least, we welcome Abdulrahman Alzahrani as our new Reference and Electronic Services Librarian. Abdul recently finished dual master's degrees from Syracuse University in Library and Information Science and Applied Data Analysis. He is looking forward to meeting MAALL colleagues at the Annual Meeting.



The Schmid Law Library is happy to announce that Arfa Kaiser is our new Head of Cataloging and Resource Management and our newest member of MAALL.

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To all our other members:

*We hope no news is good news! Please let us know of any future news items by contacting Hyla Bondareff ([bondareh@wustl.edu](mailto:bondareh@wustl.edu)), State Member News Editor.*

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