

Teaching the Teachers Virtual Conference

Monday, December 7, 2020

- 10:00-11:15am EST: **Master Your Virtual Presence: Communication Skills for the Teaching Librarian**
Maria Truskey, Maryland Thurgood Marshall State Law Library
- 11:15-11:30am EST: BREAK
- 11:30-12:35pm EST: **Tech Talk: Technologies for the Virtual & Hybrid Classrooms**
- **Adding Digital Badges to an Online Course**, Kerry Lohmeier, University of Utah
 - **Nearpod**, Rebecca Kite & Eliza Fink, University of Tennessee
 - **Using Canvas Quiz Functionality to Create Unique Formative & Summative Assessments**, Matt Flyntz, UCI
 - **Using Kialo in Online Teaching**, Beth Jennings, University of Utah
 - **Using Sidecar in Online Teaching**, Suzanne Darais, University of Utah
 - **Using Springshare Forms for Direct & Indirect User Feedback**, Meredith Kostek, Lewis & Clark Law School
 - **Using Zoom Polls to Effect Cognitive Consolidation**, Jill Sturgeon & Aamir Abdullah, Univ. of Colorado
- 12:35-1:35pm EST: LUNCH & optional Book Club discussion, *Integrating Doctrine and Diversity: Inclusion in the First Year Law School Classroom*: Genevieve Tung, moderator
- 1:35-2:35pm EST: **Successes & Challenges Roundtables**
- Engagement Inside & Outside the Classroom: Matt Timko & Joel Noel, moderators
 - Group Projects & Activities: Heather Simmons, moderator
 - Assessment Ourselves & Our Students in a Virtual World: Theresa Tarves & Kristina Alayan, moderators
 - One-Off Instruction Trainings: Jennifer Allison & Anna Russell, moderators
- 2:35-3:20pm EST: **TiLTing the Law: Transparency in Teaching and Learning Legal Research**
Anne Burnett, TJ Striepe, & Stephen Wolfson, University of Georgia
- 3:20-3:35pm EST: BREAK
- 3:35-4:50pm EST: **Engagement & Activities In Virtual & Hybrid Classrooms**
- **Empowering Student Cocreators of Knowledge**, Cas Laskowski, Duke Law Library
 - **Increasing Engagement Through Storytelling**, Kimball Fontein, Cleary Gottlieb Stein & Hamilton
 - **Using Peer Assessment to Build Community in a Remote or Hybrid Learning Environment**, Amy Emerson, Villanova University
- 4:50-5:00pm EST: BREAK
- 5:00-6:00pm EST: **Integrating Diversity into Legal Research Instruction in the COVID Era: Tips and Techniques for Classroom Management**
Shamika Dalton, University of Tennessee; Raquel Gabriel, CUNY School of Law, & Clanitra Nejd, Vanderbilt University

Speaker & Moderator Bios



Aamir Abdullah, Law Library Fellow, University of Colorado William A. Wise Law Library

Aamir Abdullah was awarded the prestigious Law Library Fellow position on July 1, 2020. In this role, he provides reference service, acts as teaching assistant for legal research courses, and works on various initiatives that are promulgated by the William A. Wise Law Library. Prior to this position, Professor Abdullah practiced law for five years in the state of Texas where he handled both state and federal cases. He is passionate about access to justice and the intersection of law and technology.



Kristina Alayan, Law Library Director & Assistant Professor of Law, Howard University School of Law

Kristina Alayan is the Law Library Director & Assistant Professor of Law at the Howard University School of Law. She has taught both required and elective legal research courses since 2010. Like many law faculty, she taught her first full length course online as a result of COVID. In addition, she was tasked with building a program to help train and prepare law faculty for online instruction this fall.



Jennifer Allison, FCIL and Instructional Services Librarian, Harvard Law School Library

Jennifer Allison is a FCIL and Instructional Services Librarian at the Harvard Law School Library. Her scholarly interests include pedagogical methods for teaching foreign law students, law and language, critical librarianship, and the intersection between librarianship and social work. She holds a J.D. from Pepperdine Law School, and M.L.I.S. from San Jose State University, and an LL.M. from the University of Wurzburg in Germany.



Anne Burnett, Foreign and International Law Librarian, University of Georgia School of Law Library

Anne Burnett is the Foreign and International Law Librarian at the University of Georgia School of Law Library, where she provides research and instruction support to the FCIL faculty and students on the international journal and moot court teams. She regularly teaches courses in Advanced Legal Research and International Legal Research as well as occasionally teaching U.S. Law and Legal System for foreign-trained LL.M. students.



Shamika Dalton, Associate Director & Associate Professor, University of Tennessee School of Law Joel A. Katz Law Library

Shamika Dalton has dedicated her research and professional service to celebrating the contributions of law librarians of color, educating the profession about the importance of racial diversity, and advocating for cultural competency in legal research instruction. In July 2019, she received the Joseph L. Andrews Award for her book, *Celebrating Diversity: A Legacy of Minority Leadership in the American Association of Law Libraries (2nd edition)*. Dalton has presented and written articles about race and diversity in *AALL Spectrum*, *C&RL News*, and *Law Library Journal*. Most recently, Dalton co-authored a book chapter titled, "Navigating Tenure-Track as a Female Faculty of Color: Challenges, Insights, and Personal Experiences" in *Becoming a Practitioner-Researcher: A Practical Guide for Information Professionals*, edited by Lee Ann Fullington, Brandon K. West, and Frans Albarillo.



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Suzanne M. Darais is the Associate Director of the Faust Law Library at the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law. Suzanne teaches basic and advanced legal research courses as an adjunct professor at the College of Law and has taught courses in legal research for the Utah State Bar and Utah Library Association. Over the course of her 30 year career, she has utilized a variety of software programs and games in the classroom as part of her curriculum to engage students in the learning process. She can be reached at suzanne.darais@law.utah.edu.



Amy Emerson, Assistant Dean for Library and Information Services & Assistant Professor of Law, Villanova University Widger School of Law

Amy Emerson is Assistant Dean for Library and Information Services and Assistant Professor of Law at the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law. She teaches courses in law and technology, including *Leveraging Technology to Promote Access to Justice* and *Law Practice Technology*. She is active in several professional organizations, including currently serving as Vice Chair of the Government Relations Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), as past president of the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York, and as a founding officer of the International Legal Research Interest Group of the American Society of International Law.



Eliza Fink, Assistant Professor & Digital Resources Librarian, University of Tennessee

Eliza Fink is an assistant professor and digital resources librarian at the University of Tennessee. Her primary responsibilities include supporting the college's research and teaching endeavors, managing and promoting the Law Library's electronic resources and participating in the planning and teaching of Legal Research and Law Office Technology.



Kimball Fontein, Research and Content Librarian, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP

Kimball started her career as a historian and educator but quickly realized that librarian was the perfect fit. As a former educator, Kimball cannot help but continue to enhance the learning opportunities that her library offers; which might mean tweaking presentations, revamping orientations, introducing new teaching styles and tricks to her team or creating a book club in the midst of a pandemic.



Matthew Flyntz, Research Law Librarian for Instructional Services, University of California Irvine School of Law

Matthew Flyntz is the Research Law Librarian for Instructional Services at the University of California Irvine School of Law, where he develops and teaches a Legal Research Practicum course for 1Ls, and an Advanced Legal Research course for 2Ls and 3Ls.



Raquel Gabriel, Professor of Law and Director, CUNY School of Law Library

Raquel J. Gabriel is a Professor of Law and Director of the Law Library at CUNY School of Law where she teaches Legal Research and Advanced Legal Research. Her scholarly interests include integrating issues involving diversity into the pedagogy of teaching legal research as well as in legal education and law librarianship. From 2010 to 2013, she penned a series of columns in Law

Library Journal geared towards exploring diversity issues in the law library profession and Professor Gabriel was profiled in the book *Celebrating Diversity: A Legacy of Minority Leadership in the American Association of Law Libraries* (2nd ed). She is one of the co-editors of the upcoming book (Spring 2021) *Integrating Doctrine and Diversity: Inclusion in the First Year Law School Classroom*; the book is a collection of essays with practical advice, guidance, and reflections on ways to integrate diversity, equity and inclusion into the law school curriculum and includes a contribution by Professor Gabriel in the stand-alone chapter on Legal Research.



Beth Jennings, Assistant Librarian & Adjunct Professor, University of Utah, SJ Quinney College of Law

Beth Jennings is an Assistant Librarian and Adjunct Professor of Law at SJ Quinney College of Law, University of Utah. She started her career as a high school science teacher and library media specialist. In library school she was drawn to legal research and she left K-12 education to attend law school. Beth's experience in K-12 classrooms continues to impact teaching and learning in legal research courses.



Rebecca Kite, Reference Librarian, University of Tennessee College of Law

Rebecca Kite joined the University of Tennessee College of Law in January 2019 as a reference librarian. Her primary responsibilities include planning and teaching legal research, and providing assistance to students, faculty, and members of the public. Rebecca was licensed to practice law in Tennessee in 2012. She spent several years in private practice, working in the areas of real estate and bankruptcy, then as a staff attorney to the Chapter 13 bankruptcy trustee in Knoxville, before returning to the University of Tennessee to earn her master's degree in Information Sciences.



Meredith Kostek, Research & Instruction Librarian, Lewis & Clark Law School Boley Law Library

Meredith Kostek (she/her) is a research and instruction librarian at Lewis and Clark Law School's Boley Law Library. Meredith works in an outreach position making efforts to keep the school community up to date through the use of social media, special events, digital programming, and video content. Meredith's role allows her to use creativity to expand the library's libguide offerings beyond subject matter guides and create digital solutions to help the library get through COVID. Meredith also teaches research to 1Ls through the school's lawyering program, Advanced Legal Research, and various individual research workshops.



Cas Laskowski, Technology & Research Services Librarian, Duke Law

Cas Laskowski is the Technology & Research Services Librarian at Duke Law where she collaborates with other innovators and technology centers at the law school to foster student engagement with technology through training, networking, and access to emerging technologies. She is also part of Law by Design, a law school initiative to help foster students creative problem solving by teaching them design thinking methodology. Cas writes regularly about legal and library technology.



Kerry Lohmeier, Head of Reference and Student Services, S.J. Quinney College of Law

Kerry Lohmeier is the Head of Reference and Student Services at the S.J. Quinney College of Law. She teaches Legal Research, Advanced Legal Research, and International Legal Research as an adjunct professor at the College of Law. She enjoys learning about new technology and incorporating it into the classroom to make the material more engaging. She can be reached at kerry.lohmeier@law.utah.edu.



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Clanitra Stewart Nejdli is the Head of Professional Development and Research Services Librarian at the Alyne Queener Massey Law Library at Vanderbilt University. She is also a Lecturer in Law at Vanderbilt Law School where she teaches 1L Legal Research and Advanced Legal Research. Clanitra is an active member of the American Association of Law Libraries, the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries, and the Chicago Association of Law Libraries, among other organizations. Prior to becoming a law librarian, she practiced law in Georgia and South Carolina.



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Joe Noel is the Head of Access Services and Instruction Coordinator at the Tarlton Law Library at the University of Texas School of Law. Prior to joining the University of Texas in 2012, he worked for Skadden as a mergers and acquisitions, private equity, corporate governance, and securities lawyer in its Chicago office from 2006 to 2011. He currently teaches an advanced legal research course on corporate and securities law.



Anna Russell, Branch Manager, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Library, Alaska

Anna Russell manages the Alaska branch of the Ninth Circuit's Library program. She is a leader in diversity and access to justice issues for the 9th Circuit, currently leading trainings on this and other topics. Additionally, she is the co-editor of a book coming out this spring about integrating diversity into the law school curriculum. Prior to her work with the courts, she was an academic law librarian at the University of San Diego. She has extensive experience training lawyers from students to attorneys in a variety of settings, most recently in an online remote training format.



Thomas "TJ" Striepe, Associate Director for Research Services, University of Georgia Law Library

Thomas "TJ" Striepe is the Associate Director for Research Services at the University of Georgia Law Library. He previously acted as the Faculty Services Librarian and has been at the University of Georgia School of Law since 2011. He has taught 1L Legal Research, Business Legal Research, Advanced Legal Research, Legal Research and Writing for LLM's, and an undergraduate course entitled Legal Aspects of Entrepreneurship. He obtained a B.B.A. in accounting from the University of Iowa, a J.D. from Arizona State University School of Law and a M.L.I.S. from the University of Arizona.



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Jill Sturgeon is the Instructional Services and Research Librarian at the Wise Law Library at the University of Colorado Boulder's Wolf Law School. In this role, Jill teaches introductory and advanced legal research courses. After completing her J.D. at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Jill worked for several years as an attorney in Tucson, Arizona. Jill earned her M.L.I.S. from the University of Arizona and was previously a fellow at the Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library.



Theresa Tarves, Associate Director of the Law Library & Director, Legal-Tech Virtual Lab, Penn State Law

As Associate Director of the Law Library, Theresa Tarves is responsible for the management of day-to-day operations of the Law Library. She also teaches sections of the 1L Legal Research course and provides general reference and research support to library patrons. As Director of the Legal-Tech Virtual Lab, Tarves works with key stakeholders at Penn State and leading technology vendors to plan programming related to legal technology and provide students with exposure to legal technology tools to use in practice today. She was awarded the 2019 American Association of Law Librarians Innovation in Technology Award for her work with the Lab.



Matt Timko, Academic Technologies & Outreach Services Librarian and Assistant Professor, Northern Illinois University College of Law David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library

Matt Timko is an Assistant Professor at Northern Illinois University College of Law, and the Academic Technologies and Outreach Services Librarian in the David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library. He has worked in libraries his entire career (beginning in high school) and has been an instructional librarian for the last three years, teaching the First Year required Basic Legal Research course. He lives in the western suburbs of Chicago with his wife and three children.



Maria Truskey, Research and Instructional Librarian, Maryland Thurgood Marshall State Law Library

Maria Truskey is the Research and Instructional Librarian at the Maryland Thurgood Marshall State Law Library. Prior to joining the world of law libraries, she worked as an Informationist at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine where she was an invited lecturer within the graduate curriculums of both Public Health and Nursing. She has also delivered virtual instruction for global research audiences within international health and development. In addition to an MLIS, Maria has a background in Executive Communications from the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School and believes that anyone can be a powerful presenter and educator when given the right resources and knowledge.



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Genevieve Tung is the Associate Director for Educational Programs at the Biddle Law Library at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School. In this role, she works with her incredible colleagues to develop curricula and teach classes for 1L, upper-level JD, and LLM students. She received a JD from Fordham and practiced in New York before becoming a law librarian. An enthusiastic transplant to Philadelphia, Genevieve received her MLIS from Drexel and previously worked at the Rutgers Law Library in Camden, New Jersey.



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