

Dear Colleagues,

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the AALS Clinical Conference in San Francisco, which will be the first time we have gathered in-person since 2019. We are coming back in a big way! You all are putting on approximately 100 concurrent, lightning and poster sessions. You have designed workshops, planned community gatherings, and will be sharing your scholarship at works-in-progress and Bellows presentations. As in the past, the Section will recognize the stellar work of three of our colleagues, convene and introduce our new clinicians and remember those who are no longer with us. We know the conference will not only provide the opportunity for reunions with friends and colleagues, but also deep reflection around our collective clinical pedagogy with this year's theme of hope and action. We are grateful to the Conference Planning Committee, the AALS staff and the CLEA Board for their hard work and partnership.

Beyond the Clinical Conference, the Executive Committee is busy at work. As we wrote to you in January, the Executive Committee has identified several priorities for our work over the upcoming year:

- continue to support the projects began by many in this community to strengthen anti-bias, anti-racism, and *equity in legal academia* and across law schools' curricula, including in the implementation of ABA Standard 303;
- support this community in ideating around the *expansion of experiential offerings*, particularly in preparation for the NextGen Bar Exam;
- broaden and deepen our *support of regional, in-person gatherings*; and
- focus on the Section's infrastructure by reinvigorating and supporting the work of our subcommittees and *improving our membership and dues practices*.

On this last point, please consider [paying your 2023-2024 annual dues](#) by June 1, 2023.

Finally, we have already started to plan our programming at the AALS Annual Meeting in January 2024. In addition to putting on a topical, interdisciplinary panel, we are also planning to make a call for papers. We hope some of you will consider presenting your scholarship at the Annual Meeting.

The other members of the 2023-24 Executive Committee are:

- Co-Chair-Elect: Kele Stewart (Miami)
- Co-Chair-Elect: Natalie Nanasi (SMU)
- Secretary: Sarah Shalf (UVA)
- Treasurer: Susan Hazeldean (Brooklyn)
- Immediate Past Co-Chair: Claire Raj (South Carolina)
- Immediate Past Co-Chair: Cindy Wilson (Northwestern)
- Member: Julie Dahlstrom (Boston)
- Member: Anne Gordon (Duke)
- Member: Allison Freedman (New Mexico)

Feel free to reach out to any of us with ideas, questions, thoughts or concerns. We want to hear from you!

On behalf of the Executive Committee, thank you for the work you do for your students, clients, and communities, which constantly inspires and brings us hope. Again, we look forward to learning and celebrating together soon in San Francisco.

Be well,

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