

AALS Section on Labor Relations and Employment Law
Call for Papers/Presentations for the 2016 AALS Annual Meeting

The Executive Committee of the AALS Section on Labor Relations and Employment Law is seeking abstracts for papers to be presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting. The section program is entitled “Local Laboratories of Workplace Regulation.”

The program will focus on local governments as sources of labor and employment regulation. In recent years, local governments across the United States have enacted labor protections, including mandatory paid leave, a higher minimum wage, and wage theft protections. In response, several state legislatures have passed laws designed to preempt such local regulation. May a local government, “if its citizens choose, serve as a laboratory” to try experiments in workplace regulation “without risk to the rest of the country?” For example, local “right-to-work” laws have been adopted in a dozen Kentucky counties, with similar efforts underway in Illinois. Are these local laws permitted by the National Labor Relations Act? Are they good policy in any event? This program will cover these and other issues raised by the rise of local workplace regulation.

A panel of leading scholars already committed to present will provide a multidisciplinary perspective on these questions. We are seeking one additional speaker who will present on a relevant topic, and we particularly encourage new voices to submit a paper abstract.

The AALS Section on Labor Relations and Employment Law program will take place on Friday, January 8, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. This program is co-sponsored by the Section on State and Local Government.

Deadline

Please submit an abstract of no more than 400 words and a resume to Section Chair Jason Bent at jbent@law.stetson.edu, by **August 15, 2015**.
