Call for Hot Topic Programs
for the 2016 AALS Annual Meeting

Proposals due: October 5, 2015

The Program Committee for the AALS 2016 Annual Meeting is pleased to request proposals for Hot Topic programs for the 2016 Annual Meeting to be held January 6-10, 2016 in New York City.

Description

Hot Topic programs focus on topics that emerged too late to be included in other types of programs. Hot Topic Program proposals that are selected by the committee will be assigned a program time slot and cannot be changed for accommodation of speakers because time and meeting space are limited.

Proposals should follow the general submission guidelines set forth below. In addition, Hot Topic proposals should include an explanation of why the program is "hot" and why it would not have been possible to have submitted the proposal in one of the other program categories (Crosscutting, Symposium, Academy) with an earlier deadline.

In reviewing proposals, the committee will consider the following:

- Whether the proposed topic is "hot" and could not have been submitted in one of the earlier program submission categories with an earlier deadline.
- The overall quality of the program. In considering overall quality, the committee will consider the following:
    - Is the program well thought out?
    - Is the proposal well-written and well-organized?
    - Is the proposed program likely to be of interest to Annual Meeting attendees?
- Is there a diversity of presenters, including diversity of schools, viewpoint diversity appropriate to the program, and diversity based on identity characteristics?
- Are junior participants included in the proposal?

General Submission Guidelines

Faculty members including adjunct faculty, fellows and administrators at AALS Member or Fee-Paid Law Schools are eligible to submit proposals. International faculty; visiting faculty (who do not retain a permanent affiliation at another law school); graduate students; and non-law school faculty are not eligible to submit proposals but may serve as presenters.

Because of timing concerns, Hot Topics proposals may not use a call for participation to select presenters.

Each proposal should include:

- The program title.
- The names and contact information of the program organizers.
- A detailed description of the proposed program, including (a) the format of the proposed program, (b) an explanation of the overall goal of the program
- Names of speakers to be invited including their full names and schools with a link to or copy of their curricula vitae.
- An indication of whether the program will be published, and, if so, where. Publication is encouraged but not required.

Program organizers should take the AALS Core Value of diversity into account when developing their proposal. Organizers are encouraged to include presenters who are junior and who come from a wide range of types of law schools.   Presenters should represent a diversity of viewpoints appropriate for the topic of the program. Viewpoint diversity might be unnecessary or even inappropriate for some programs.

Proposals should not address the same exact topic as a Section or other programs. Organizers should review the preliminary Annual Meeting program on the AALS website to be sure that there is no direct conflict between the proposed topic and a program already on the schedule. The Committee will narrowly construe this requirement and will try to avoid disqualifying proposals due to conflict with an existing program.

Hot Topic Program proposals are due by **October 5, 2015** and should be submitted using the online submission form **here.**   Questions should be directed to hottopic@aals.org