

CALL FOR PROPOSALS
AALS SECTION ON LEGAL WRITING, REASONING, AND RESEARCH

The AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research (LWRR) is seeking proposals for the 2018 AALS Annual Meeting that is scheduled for January 3-6 in San Diego, California. The Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning and Research is seeking proposals for **two separate sessions** at the annual meeting. Each session is described below.

(1) **Tips from the Trenches: Teaching Students to Help Social Justice Practitioners. Co-sponsored by the Section on Clinical Legal Education**
Scheduled for Thurs., Jan. 4, 2018, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

While this topic may appeal to a wide-range of conference participants and may draw its presenters from a wider-than-usual range of participants, the Program Committee expects that proposals will help the LWRR community understand what it can do to help students help social justice practitioners. Examples of program ideas include, but are not limited to, (1) elaborating how legal writing programs or classes can (a) help law students working in clinics provide access to justice; (b) prepare law students to successfully provide access to justice after they graduate; or (c) make law students more inclined to provide access to justice after they graduate—either through career choices or pro bono work and the like, or (2) having guest speakers from legal aid organizations or pro bono attorneys discuss how law students and young lawyers can get involved with access to justice issues.

The program length is one hour and thirty minutes. (The last fifteen minutes of the program is reserved for the LWRR Section Business Meeting.) The Program Committee prefers programs with a panel of presenters. We also welcome participation by faculty of different experience levels. Your proposal can cover the entire time period with other presenters, or you can propose to cover a specific part of the panel discussion for a designated amount of time, and the LWRR Section Program Committee can put together the full panel. Ideally, at least one panelist would be a person from the clinical setting or from legal aid. Non-law school speakers will have their registration fees waived, and it's possible (though not guaranteed) that an out-of-town non-law school speaker may be reimbursed up to \$900 for travel. AALS will reimburse local non-law school speakers for parking or taxi.

Additionally, the Program Committee prefers presentations with an interactive component, such as breaking into small discussion groups or panelists leading a discussion with the audience. Selected presenters will work closely with a member of the Program Committee, who will serve as moderator, to prepare the program to ensure cohesion among presenters.

(2) **Designing Legal Writing Problems Incorporating “Access to Justice” (the Conference Theme)**
Scheduled for Sat., Jan. 6, from 1:30-3:15 p.m.

The LWRR Section is also seeking proposals for a second presentation, also one hour and forty-five minutes, on the topic of incorporating “Access to Justice” issues into legal writing assignments and problems. The Program Committee prefers programs with a panel of presenters.

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If you are interested in being part of either panel, please submit a proposal containing the following information:

- (1) Name, contact, and biographical information for each proposed presenter,¹ including designation of the primary contact person;
- (2) Identification of whether your proposal is for the main program or the secondary program;
- (3) A proposed title for your presentation;
- (4) A one-paragraph to one-page description of your presentation, including content and format (e.g., primarily lecture or will there be an interactive component, how will you allocate your time, etc.); and
- (5) A brief bibliography of materials relevant to your program topic.

Please note that by submitting a proposal, you are agreeing that you will be able to attend AALS to present in person. The deadline for proposals is **11:59 p.m. on May 26, 2017**. Please submit your proposal by email to Lisa Mazzie, Program Committee Co-Chair, at lisa.mazzie@marquette.edu. Please use Microsoft Word or the equivalent, but do not use PDF.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the email address above.

The Program Committee looks forward to receiving your proposals.

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¹ For each person included in your proposal, please include the participant's name, title, school affiliation, email address, telephone number, number of years of law school teaching, and whether the presenter has presented at an LWRR Section session within AALS in the last five years. It is not necessary to nail down every speaker; a rough idea of their roles or names is sufficient.

Dana Hill (Northwestern)
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