

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

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AALS Sections on Family and Juvenile Law, Children and the Law, & Aging and the Law

### **2018 AALS Annual Meeting - Joint Program** ***Keeping Up with the Changing Face of the American Family***

The AALS Sections on Family and Juvenile Law, Children and the Law, and Aging and the Law are pleased to announce a call for papers from which two to four presenters will be selected for the section's program at the AALS 2018 Annual Meeting in San Diego, California. We will have a joint, half-day program with two consecutive panels. The date and time of the joint program is Friday, January 5, 2018 from 9 am - 12 noon. The two panels will be divided based on general topics, such as caregiving, family formation and regulation, family dissolution, or structural legal policy impacting children, parents, the elderly or families as a whole.

Here is an overview of the panel subject matter:

The composition and structure of the American family has changed significantly in the last 65 years. From the decline of marriage and fertility to the increase in blended families, interracial relationships, and single parenthood, the face of the family is visibly different. The legalization of same sex marriage, the rise in the number of working women and fathers who share in household and childcare responsibilities, and the growing number of aging family members who need daily care has also impacted how families function. In some ways federal and state family laws precipitated these changes and opened the door for the new trends, but in other ways the law has been mired down in tradition, making it more difficult for the modern family to operate. This panel explores the ways in which family law and other related laws lie behind the curve in areas such as reproduction, custody, companionship, and caretaking. Panelists will also examine the various consequences of this gap between law and the realities of families today, as well as consider ideas and current efforts being made to close the divide.

We ask that submissions fall generally or specifically under the above topics. The papers will be published in a 2018 symposium volume of *Family Law Quarterly*, the scholarly journal of the American Bar Association Section on Family Law. **If you are interested in submitting your paper for consideration, please send it to [jdweaver@smu.edu](mailto:jdweaver@smu.edu) by August 21, 2017. Please use "AALS Call for Papers Submission" as the subject line of your email. We are particularly interested in submissions from junior faculty.** Papers should be no longer than 11,000 words and no more than 100 footnotes. Papers that have been accepted for publication are not eligible for consideration because panelists will be publishing their papers in the *Family Law Quarterly*.

A committee appointed by the section chairs will review the submitted papers and notify the authors of the selected papers by September 25, 2017. All panelists, including the panelists selected from this call for papers, are responsible for paying their own annual meeting registration fee and travel expenses. If you have any questions about the call for papers or the *Family Law Quarterly* symposium, please contact Jessica Weaver at [jdweaver@smu.edu](mailto:jdweaver@smu.edu).