

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION IN NEW SCHOLARS SHOWCASE
AALS SECTION ON LEGAL WRITING, REASONING, AND RESEARCH

The AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research (LWRR) is **seeking participants in a “New Scholars Showcase” session** on Thursday, January 4, 2018, from 3:30 – 4:45 p.m. during the 2018 AALS Annual Meeting in San Diego, California.

During this session, three newer scholars who teach legal writing and who have been selected through a competitive process described below will present their works-in-progress or recently completed article. Each scholar will have approximately 10-12 minutes to present, and the remainder of the session will be spent on questions and comments from the audience. The LWRR Section is seeking participation from both newer scholars and more experienced legal writing faculty.

Newer Scholar Participants

A “new scholar” is:

- (1) anyone who teaches legal writing and has been in the legal academy for seven years or fewer or anyone who teaches legal writing who within the last seven years has moved into a position or had their position converted to one that requires publication; and
- (2) who has a work-in-progress, an article accepted for publication (but not yet published), or an article that has been published since January 1, 2017.

A new scholar who meets the above requirements can apply to present that work at the New Scholars Showcase. That scholarship can be on any topic, using any method, at any level of controversy, and suitable for publication in any scholarly journal.

Applications from newer scholars will be due by **11:59 p.m. Central time, Friday, September 1, 2017**. Please submit your application by email to Scott Fraley, Program Committee Co-Chair, at scott_fraley@baylor.edu. Please include “New Scholars Showcase” in your subject line. Each application should include the following information: (1) the author’s name, school affiliation, and years teaching in the legal academy (and, if applicable, years in position that requires publication); (2) an abstract of the article; (3) the current draft of the article; and (4) an indication of your interest in being matched up with a scholarly mentor. Please use Microsoft Word or the equivalent, but do not use PDF. **By submitting an application, you are agreeing that you will appear at AALS in person to present your work.**

The LWRR Program Committee will then remove the identifying information from each application, review the applications, and select three applicants to present at the New Scholars Showcase session at AALS. All applicants who indicate an interest will be paired with a mentor, and we anticipate publicizing the other applicants’ scholarship through the session as well, to help provide additional opportunities for mentorship and feedback.

More Experienced Legal Writing Faculty Participants

We are also seeking experienced legal writing faculty to serve as mentors for the applicants. If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please email Scott Fraley, Program Committee Co-Chair, at scott_fraley@baylor.edu, to indicate your interest by **Friday, September 1, 2017**. Please indicate “New Scholars Showcase Mentor” in your subject line. We will contact you once we have received the applications to begin the process of matching applicants with mentors.

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